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## State Official Cancels Meeting With ACT-UP

[Madison]- According to a press release issued by ACT UP/Madison and ACT UP/Milwaukee, Patrick Fiedler, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC), canceled a meeting he had requested with ACT UP on July 22, 1991. The meeting was to be held to discuss ACT UP's continuing protests regarding the refusal of the DOC to implement the recommendations of Governor Tommy Thompson's HIV/AIDS Technical Advisory Committee. (see article, this issue)

Five members of ACT UP arrived at the DOC building and were shown to a conference room. A video documenter, who has been present at previous meetings between ACT UP and the DOC, accompanied the activists.

ACT UP has not released the tapes of previous meetings at DOC to the press, and had no intention, the group said, of making this one available.

The purpose of taping the meeting was to provide both sides with an indisputable reference document. ACT UP said they viewed the tape as a tool to facilitate open, good faith negotiations.

Upon seeing the video equipment, Patrick Fiedler refused to proceed with the meeting he had requested. Fiedler said the presence of the video camera would "inhibit his ability to negotiate." He also accused ACT UP of wishing to turn the meeting into a "media event," despite the fact that ACT UP had invited no representatives of the press to attend and had not issued a press release regarding the DOC's request for a top-level meeting. ACT UP offered to make available to the DOC a copy of the tape should the meeting proceed. This was unacceptable to Fiedler.

Unable to accept the presence of the camera, Fiedler broke off the meeting.

ACT UP has stated that it is willing and anxious to meet with Fiedler, but that ACT UP's commitment to openness and verifiability cannot be suspended to accommodate Fiedler.

In a letter sent to Fiedler and signed by ACT UP/Madison and ACT UP/Milwaukee, the groups reaffirmed their belief in "an indisputable audio/video reference" and pointed out that "Similar documentation has taken place in our previous meetings with DOC."

The two groups also reaffirmed their desire to meet with him. "We recommend meeting in a neutral space where your penchant to patronize will not hamper good faith dialogue."

## Gunderson Labels His Critics 'Crazy People,' 'Pathological Liars'

By Jamakaya

[La Crosse, WI] - In his first public response to allegations that he is a closeted Gay, Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI, 3rd District) accused those "outing" him of being "crazy people" and "pathological liars." His comments were reported in the July 21 *La Crosse Tribune*.

On June 30, Gunderson was accosted in a suburban Washington, D.C. Gay bar by Michael Petrelis, a Queer Nation activist, who reportedly threw a drink at the Congressman and challenged him to "come out of the closet."

Witnesses say Gunderson replied: "I am out. I'm in this bar, aren't I?" Gunderson's spokeswoman, Jennifer Koberstein later denied the Congressman made that remark.

During an Independence Day parade in La Crosse, Gunderson was again confronted with the issue. Tim Campbell, editor of the *GLC Voice* of Minneapolis and a proponent of outing, distributed hundreds of flyers that mentioned the bar incident and urged Gunderson to "come out for Gay rights" and to "join the sponsors of the Gay and Lesbian rights bill in Congress."

## Community Stunned by Murders, Angered By Press Coverage

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee] - Allegations of "homosexual overkill," which first emerged at a murder trial in Racine County on July 19, have been reiterated by authorities and the media in reference to the separate and more recent mass murder discovered in Milwaukee on July 22. The multiple murders uncovered that night are the worst such crimes ever recorded in the history of Milwaukee.

Jeffrey L. Dahmer, 31, is being held by Milwaukee police as the primary suspect in at least eleven grisly homicides. The skulls and severed heads of eleven people, along with numerous organs and limbs in varying states of decomposition, were discovered in Dahmer's apartment at 924 N. 25th Street late in the evening of July 22.

Police were alerted to the murders by a man who had apparently fled Dahmer's apartment that night. The man, who had a handcuff locked around one of his hands, hailed a police car and led officers back to the scene of the alleged crimes.

After a July 24 hearing before Judge Frank T. Crivello determined that there was probable cause to hold and charge Dahmer, bail was set at \$1 million. Formal charges were expected to be filed on Thursday, July 25. (The *Light*'s press deadline for this issue was 6 p.m. on July 24.) Gerald Boyle, Dahmer's attorney stated that his client was cooperating with police and helping to identify the victims.

Police and medical authorities believe that all of the victims were men and it is

likely that all were African-American or men of color. Dahmer is white. The first victim to be identified was Oliver Lacey, 23, of Chicago.

According to an affidavit filed in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Dahmer met individuals at taverns and shopping malls and induced them to return to his home by offering them money so he could take photos of them. Patrons in several of Milwaukee's Gay bars claim to have seen Dahmer in those establishments.

The relatives of Tony Hughes, 21, who disappeared in Milwaukee on May 24, fear that he may be one of the victims. Hughes was last seen leaving Club 219, a Gay dance bar on Milwaukee's south side.

Police reported that along with the human remains confiscated at Dahmer's apartment were photos of mutilated bodies, body parts and homosexual acts. Police were quick to label the murders "homosexual overkill," and that phrase was again reported throughout the local print and broadcast media.

The term "homosexual overkill" was first employed only days before at the Racine County trial of another alleged murderer. The phrase was repeatedly used by Milwaukee County Medical Examiner Jeffrey M. Jentzen and Racine County District Attorney Lennie Weber in the murder trial of Joachim Dressler, 43.

Dressler is accused of murdering and dismembering the body of James Madden, 24, on June 27, 1990.

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## Waupun Prison Inmate With AIDS Dies In Suspicious Circumstances

[Madison]- According to ACT UP/Madison, another Person With AIDS (PWA) living in a Wisconsin prison has died under suspicious circumstances.

Ricardo Thomas, 31, a PWA incarcerated at Waupun Correctional Institution, died June 27, 1991 at University Hospital 6 hours after he was admitted. In the days leading up to his death, Thomas was being held in isolation in the Health Service Unit (HSU) of the prison.

"Why was Mr. Thomas held at Waupun until six hours before he died and only then transferred to UW Medical?" asks Dan Savage, prison issues spokesperson for ACT

UP/Madison. Savage went on to say that "Mr. Thomas was extremely ill in the days leading up to his death. Why wasn't he transferred sooner? The HSU at Waupun is not equipped for caring for terminally ill inmates, yet Mr. Thomas was held there until he was too sick to live, and only then transferred to the hospital."

An issue paper submitted by the Governor's HIV/AIDS Technical Advisory Committee to Governor Tommy Thompson and the Department of Corrections (DOC) in May, 1990, states that the prison HSUs "...are ill equipped to provide care to persons with terminal illness..." They provide "routine ambulatory care services, including health assessments, management of minor injuries, routine monitoring of chronic diseases, and referral for specialty care."

Regarding the HSU at Waupun, the report goes on to state: "The physical facility... is over one hundred years old and is inadequate to provide skilled nursing care." The report describes the staff at prison HSUs as lacking the skills "specific to caring for seriously and terminally ill inmates."

ACT UP/Madison has been protesting the treatment of PWAs in Wisconsin prisons since April 17, 1991. ACT UP states that it would like to see the DOC enact all of the recommendations of the Governor's HIV/AIDS Technical Advisory Committee. These recommendations concern issues of treatment; access to health care; education for guards, staff and inmates; compassionate early release; distribution of condoms and communication between prison HSUs and outside care providers.

ACT UP/Madison has called for an investigation to resolve what it regards as the questions surrounding the circumstances of Mr. Thomas' death.

Steve Kronzer, administrator of program services for the DOC, said that "inmates receive the best care available."

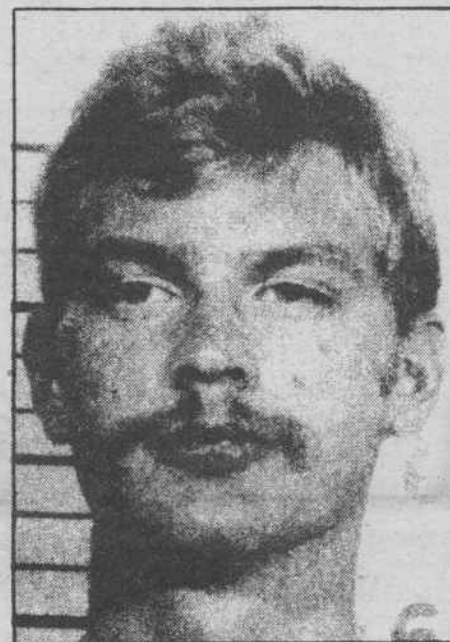
However, Savage said, "The DOC

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By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- Members of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community, both political leaders and average bar patrons interviewed by the *Light*, have reacted with wide-spread shock, sorrow and dismay at the news of the grisly murders/dismemberments discovered on Monday, July 22, 1991. The mass killings are believed to be the worst such crimes ever perpetrated in the city of Milwaukee.

Anger was also expressed over the fact that the media was seen by most as labeling the crime as being brought about, in part, by homosexuality.



Jeffrey Dahmer in a 1982 Police File Photo.

"I'm disappointed with the press for the 'homosexual' angle," said Stan Straka. "They were so quick to take off with it. There's been over 90 murders in our city this year and none of them was labeled 'heterosexual.' This type of reporting just brings more hatred towards our community."

Tim Grair, a member of Queer Nation/Milwaukee commented that to him it was "a horrifying and frightening experience." Grair went on to add: "To me this whole situation makes grotesquely clear that it is imperative that we recognize the importance of self-awareness training and I hope this spurs more people into action with the street patrol."

Scott Gunkel, President of the Lambda Rights Network, expressed stunned shock over news reports and added that "there can be no excuse for blaming the whole Gay community for this deranged act."

Gunkel said that Lesbian/Gay organizations would be holding a strategy session on Thursday, July 25, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street, to voice the community's concern and position.

Karl Olson condemned the "accusations that the murders are examples of 'homosexual overkill,' which seems to imply that all Gay men are culpable. As a community," Olson said, "we need to rise up in pride and counter the insinuations that underlie this act."

Olson urged Gays to "affirm the power of coming out" so that Lesbians and Gay men can free themselves as well as teach others that Gays and Lesbians are "not the monsters some fear us to be."

Olson went on to say he believed that if "this man Jeffrey Dahmer, the suspect in the crimes had been a self-affirming, openly Gay man who loved himself and others, Milwaukee would very likely have been spared this tragedy."

Olson concluded saying, "We the Gay community — with the rest of the community — mourn the senseless loss of life and deplore the manner of their deaths."

Kitty Barber, spokeswoman for the

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Killers Thought Victim Was Gay

[Pensacola, FL]- Three teenagers have been arrested and charged with murder for the beating death of a married father of four who they believed was Gay, according to police authorities in Pensacola.

The youths were arrested in June for the slaying of John L. Braun, 43, a Southern Bell Telephone technician. Braun suffered multiple blows to the head with a blunt instrument. He was killed in a wooded area near the shore of Escambia Bay.

"The original motive was to beat up a homosexual, and it escalated into murder," said Sergeant Perry Knowles. The men also stole Braun's wallet, which contained \$13.

Jason Gueder and Christopher Reynolds, both 18, and a 17 year old minor have been charged with murder and armed robbery. Gueder and Reynolds are being held without bond.

### Award to Hudson's Lover Upheld

[Los Angeles, CA] - A California Appeals court has upheld the \$5 million award a jury had ordered Rock Hudson's estate to pay the actor's lover Marc Christian because of the fear that Christian might still develop AIDS.

The court said Christian was living with "the ultimate in personal horror — the fear of slow, agonizing certain death." In 1989, the jury had ruled that Hudson engaged in "outrageous conduct" by concealing his AIDS diagnosis from Christian during the time the men engaged in sexual relations.

Christian, 38, has tested negative for HIV. He plans to donate some of the money to AIDS services.

### Gay Ministers Appointed, Ousted

[Washington, D.C.] - Despite objections voiced during her ordination ceremony, Elizabeth Carl, 40, was ordained into the Episcopal priesthood in Washington, D.C. on June 5. Carl became the first open Lesbian to serve as an Episcopal priest. Her investiture brought this comment from the nation's most famous Episcopalian, President George Bush: "Perhaps I'm a little old-fashioned, but I'm not quite ready for that."

On June 13, the Western Pennsylvania Congress of the United Methodist Church, by an almost unanimous vote, defrocked the Rev. James Hawk, 27, because he is Gay. The United Methodist Church has banned Gays from the ministry for six years.

Hawk said: "It's very sad to have grown up in the United Methodist Church and to have known these people all of my life and loved them and cared for them...and, today, to realize that they really don't love me."

Meanwhile, the Rev. Scott Alexander, a Gay man, has been installed as senior minister of the largest congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston. Unlike other denominations, Unitarian Universalists have always welcomed Gays as both members and ministers. Said Alexander: "We're saying that God loves everyone while the others are saying God loves some of us."

### Frat Suspended for Homophobia

[Syracuse, NY] - A fraternity at Syracuse University has been suspended by its national office after selling t-shirts with anti-Gay slogans, including one that advocated Gay bashing.

All 54 members of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity were permanently suspended. There is an appeal process that may allow those exonerated to re-group at a later time.

The University's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Association complained to officials about the t-shirts. On the front, the shirts said: "Homophobic and Proud of It!" The back read: "Club Faggots, Not Seals," with the picture of a muscled crow, the fraternity's symbol, holding a club and standing over a prone faceless figure. Next to them is a seal raising a mug of beer.

### Cemetery Vandals Charged in Ind.

[Cicero, IN] - Charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass have been filed against two youths for the most recent desecration of the grave of AIDS activist Ryan White. Jeanne White, Ryan's mother, had offered a \$500 reward for information about the vandals and phone tips led to the teenagers.

The youths gave no explanation for toppling the huge gravestone. Hamilton County Sheriff's Detective Thomas Anderson said: "It was not premeditated. It was just spur-of-the-moment."

It was the third time White's grave has been vandalized. In previous incidents, the stone was also toppled, flowers were uprooted and slurs were spray-painted on the stone and markers.

"I'm trying to go on and complete Ryan's battle to teach those who don't understand," said Mrs. White. "I'm just sick about it. My daughter Andrea and I have had enough of this... It's a quiet cemetery and I don't know why they can't leave him to rest."

### Sperm Donor Seeks Child Custody

[Davis, CA] - Superior Court Judge Donna Petre is expected to rule soon on whether a Gay man who donated sperm to a Lesbian couple to conceive a child may claim paternity and joint custody of the boy who is now one year old.

California law states that donors who provide semen to a licensed physician for use in artificial insemination cannot claim paternity. But the law may not apply in this case since the donor gave his semen directly to the women who then performed the insemination themselves.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that an Oregon law, similar to California's, could not prevent an Oregon sperm donor from suing for custody. That case was settled out of court.

Andra and Mary Northup, who share their last name, said they did not utilize a licensed sperm bank because their doctor advised them that fresh sperm increased Andra's chance of pregnancy. They also performed the insemination on their own because they preferred being able to tell the child where he came from. Andra Northup conceded: "We tried to provide a more humane approach and maybe that was real stupid."

### Police, FBI Confer on Murders

[Indianapolis, IN] - Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) met with Indiana and Ohio police recently to share information and develop a strategy to solve a rash of slayings that has claimed the lives of ten Gay men.

The investigators reviewed all of the clues and similarities in the crimes. Larry Swihart of the Preble County, Ohio Sheriff's Department, said: "New things come in weekly and it's been quite a while since we put our heads together."

The bodies of four men were dumped in Preble County between 1985 and 1990. The bodies of six other Indianapolis men have been found in central Indiana and west central Ohio. All of the victims were known to be Gay or had ties to the Gay community. Eight of the ten victims had been strangled.

### S.F. Cop Guilty of Brutality

[San Francisco, CA] - The San Francisco Police Commission has found Captain Richard Cairns guilty of brutality and misconduct stemming from a violent police "sweep" through Castro Street during an ACT UP protest in 1989.

Cairns was convicted of the unprovoked clubbing of two women and the false arrest of one of the women for allegedly assaulting an officer. The 22-year veteran of the department led the tactical unit that charged into the demonstrators to break up the protest.

Cairns could be suspended or terminated, but sentencing will be delayed until related charges against four other officers are resolved. Witnesses at the incident likened the cops' behavior to a "police riot."

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.

## Groups Advise Dane County Inmates That HIV Testing is Voluntary

[Madison]- In a letter sent to every resident of the Dane County Jail, those living there were advised that "Testing for HIV is voluntary."

The letter was dated July 9, 1991 and was signed by representatives of the Madison AIDS Support Network, ACT UP/Madison, the Women's Jail Project, the AIDS Legal Services Project of the

Center for Public Representation and the Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons Program.

Prisoners were warned that "you are told by the staff that testing is confidential," but "This does not mean that no one learns the results of your test." The letter went on to say that "Currently, the administration does not allow anonymous testing in Wisconsin jails or prisons. The results of your test are available to the prison staff."

Under these circumstances, the letter advised prisoners "Do not get tested while in jail" because "harassment and discrimination" take place.

Instead, people were advised to be tested for HIV once they have been released and were given a list of several places in Madison where anonymous HIV testing is available.

## Teen Charged In Sex Assault Of Fellow Youth

[Beloit, WI]- According to the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, a 16-year-old Beloit boy may be tried as an adult on a charge of sexually assaulting a younger boy whose hands were tied with telephone wire.

The Rock County District Attorney's office is seeking a waiver to adult court because the boy is mature, and his potential for responding to treatment within the juvenile justice system is "minimal or non-existent."

Police said the youth admitted the assault, telling authorities he was bored, lonely and "wanted to, like, hurt him any way I could."

The teen was charged on July 12 with first-degree sexual assault and false imprisonment for tying and gagging the 14-year-old boy and forcibly having sex with him, police said.

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## Bud and Sue Selig Named Co-Chairs Of 10K Wisconsin AIDS Walk

[Milwaukee]- The Second Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk will be led this year by yet another surprising community leader who courageously is stepping forward to join in the important struggle in the AIDS epidemic.

President and owner of the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team, Bud Selig, and his wife, Sue Selig, have been named as honorary co-chairs of the popular 10K Walk to be held on September 22 on Milwaukee's Lake Front.

"We are delighted to participate in this year's important AIDS Walk," said Bud Selig. "The seriousness of this epidemic disease and the fact that it touches all segments of our community deeply concerns us," Sue Selig added.

Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) Executive Director Doug Nelson praised the Seligs commitment and said, "They are enormously helpful to us in securing broad-based community involvement in the Walk."

Nelson said that the Seligs will attend the community leadership breakfast prior to the Walk and will lead the more than 3,000 walkers who are expected to participate.

The honorary co-chairs of the first Wisconsin AIDS Walk in 1990 were Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and his spouse, Susan Mudd. Nelson said that the high profile leadership offered by the Seligs would continue to draw new and important participation to the walk which

has become the largest AIDS fundraiser in Wisconsin.

"Because of Bud and Sue Selig's dedication to the fight against AIDS, we surely are looking forward to the involvement of other leaders from the professional sports community."

The new Walk posters and registration forms are now available from MAP and the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project in Kenosha.

Because the Walk is a pledge walk, Nelson urged everyone to secure pledge forms early from MAP, begin to collect pledges, and to promote the development of Walk teams.

"The prizes once again will be fabulous, so I urge everyone to get an early start on collecting pledges," Nelson said.

MAP, MASN, and SWAP are working together to promote the Walk and are expecting to raise at least \$285,000 through the efforts of at least 3,000 pledge walkers. Once again the Walk will originate at Urban Park on Milwaukee's Lake Front with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. with Walk starting at 12:30 p.m., Sept. 22, 1991. MAP, MASN, SEWAP and nine other AIDS service agencies will receive proceeds from the Walk to fund crucial support services for people with AIDS. More information, call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

## Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project Hosts Lake Geneva Cruise Aug. 18

[Kenosha, WI]- On August 18, 1991, 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 programs of 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 9:30 a.m. 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 10:00 a.m.

"SEWAP 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, SEWAP's Director.

Seating capacity on the steamer is limited to 255 passengers. Individuals are encouraged to contact SEWAP, (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. The day will culminate in a fabulous lighted boat parade on the lake.

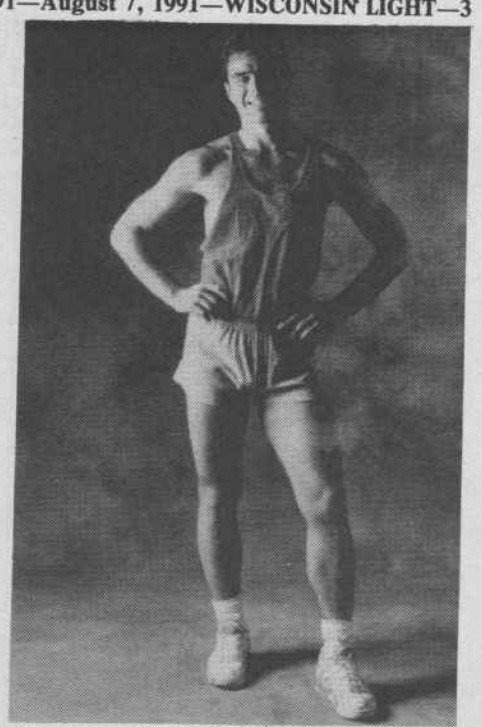
Individuals who are unable to attend the cruise, but would like to help out, are encouraged to sponsor a ticket for a person with AIDS.

## CCF Seeking Applicants for Scholarships

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) has announced the opening for applications for the second annual John M. Cowles Memorial Scholarships. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded for the upcoming (1991-'92) academic year, which may be used by the recipients for tuition and other academic expenses.

The scholarships were initiated by 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. Applicants must be entering full-time education in their Junior or Senior year, or post-grad education, at an accredited college or university in the Metro Milwaukee area, and must have a 3.0 GPA, have a demonstrated interest in the Gay/Lesbian



Allen Naparalla, Mr. Windy City — 1990, will appear at Milwaukee's Triangle Bar on Saturday, July 27 at 11 P.M. where he will autograph posters and his new exercise video, "Butts and Guts." The video will also be on sale with a portion of all sales going to the Milwaukee AIDS Fund.

community, and be a U.S. citizen and Wisconsin resident.

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

## Garden Party Fundraiser For Clarenbach Set For August 15

[Milwaukee]- Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner of Wisconsin Light and Ron Geiman of Wisconsin In Step will be holding a fundraiser for State Rep. David Clarenbach on Thursday August 15, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The fundraiser will be held at 1843 N. Palmer with beverages, munchies and a good time for all.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED. THERE IS NO SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATION.** The reason being, that this fundraiser is truly for **EVERYBODY**. It will give you a chance to meet and talk to a man who has done more than any other legislator for this, our community and for people suffering from HIV and AIDS.

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will, with pride and honesty, carry forth the fight on issues that are important to us. As a sign of his support, Rep. Clarenbach has received the endorsement of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

We also need in Congress a man like Rep. Clarenbach whose knowledge on a broad range of issues and years of legislative experience such as he has.

Come to the Fundraiser on August 15. This man has given of himself to the fight for civil liberties again and again. Now we can give our help to him.

## OBITUARIES

### Richard T. Mitch: Gay Activist, ADVOCATE Co-Founder, Dies at 65

[Los Angeles, CA]- Richard T. Mitch, co-founder, former publisher and managing editor of *The Advocate* died of cancer at the home of his sister in North Syracuse, NY on May 17, 1991. Mitch was 65.

After being arrested in a random Los Angeles Police Dept. raid of the Yukon Bar in 1966, Mitch joined the newly formed militant Gay organization, Personal Rights in Defense and Education (PRIDE), and became the editor of the group's newsletter.

In 1967, the newsletter became *The Los Angeles Advocate* and, in early 1968, was taken over by Mitch, his partner, Bill Rau and Sam Winston, after PRIDE sank beneath a debt load brought on by police actions.

Mitch and Rau adopted the pseudonyms "Dick Michaels" and "Bill Rand" so they could continue to publish the new publication while holding their regular jobs under their given names. Rau was working at ABC radio network in the typing and mimeo department and it was there that the early editions of *The Advocate* were printed clandestinely at night.

By May, 1969, the "Los Angeles" was dropped from the name and Mitch and Rau had quit their jobs to devote full time to it. By 1970, the magazine was being distributed nationwide and in foreign countries.

In the early July, 1969 edition, *The Advocate* gave extensive front page coverage to the Stonewall Riot when it rated no more than a paragraph in local newspapers.

*The Advocate* steadily expanded, going from a three-room suite in Hollywood to a two-story house. Mitch and Rau regularly

put in 15-hour days. Finally, in 1975, they sold the magazine to San Francisco millionaire David Goodstein. By that time, it was circulating a 56 page bi-weekly edition to 48,000 readers nationwide.

Following his retirement, Mitch wrote a column by-lined "Dick Michaels" for *Update* and the *Philadelphia Gay News* during 1984-85, offering a conservative viewpoint on what he considered out-of-control Gay activism.



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### Roundtree Killer Sentenced To Life In Prison

[Milwaukee]- In an update on the story in the June 27, 1991 issue of *Light* concerning the trial of Charles E. Jackson convicted of being a party to the murder Charles "Ricky" Roundtree, on July 18, 1991, Jackson was sentenced to life with the earliest parole in 2041, plus a nine months consecutive term for carrying a concealed weapon.

The trial of Patrick Harden, the second accused party in the case, will begin on July 29, 1991.



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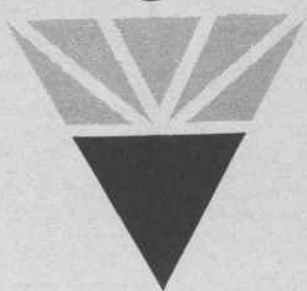


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## EDITORIAL

# Mass Murder: Human Phenomenon, Transcends Cultures, Sexualities

By Terry Boughner

The hysteria surrounding the recent revelations of grisly murders and mutilations in the city of Milwaukee (see front page stories) is all the more reason to try and keep things in some sort of perspective.

For example, the use of the term "homosexual overkill" by the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner, Jeffrey M. Jentzen, in relation to the Dressler case in Racine is, at best, an unfortunate choice of words. At worst, it is grossly unfair, escaping definition for meaninglessness. We have to ask, is there "heterosexual overkill?" The point is, that if sexual orientation is a necessary descriptive term in cases such as these, then heterosexual and homosexual must, of necessity, be used equally.

We should also keep in mind, that there is absolutely nothing to indicate that violence is in any way a characteristic of Lesbians and Gays more than of any other groups. Nothing.

Violence and other brutalities, unfortunately, are human phenomena, present throughout history in all societies at all times. We sometimes seem to think that such gruesome acts are due to instability in society; a breakdown in values — however they are interpreted. Yet historically that just doesn't work out. Some of the most hideous crimes in history have been committed in the most stable and self-assured of cultures — Jack the Ripper, for example in Victorian England.

The fact seems to be that mass murderers are a phenomenon unto themselves. They can be kings or paupers, nobles or churls, heterosexual or homosexual.

Thus, our community must, I think, in no way set about blaming itself or thinking less of itself. Regardless of the hysteria, of scurrilous radio talkshow hosts who, in a snarling pursuit of ratings, don't care who they hurt, we as a community should ignore that and other inconsequential ravings.

We must abhor the crime, feel sorrow that it happened and offer compassion to the families of its victims.

We must also, I think, strive ever harder to break the bonds of ignorance and discrimination that bind us.

We must increase our efforts at education, letting the public at large know the enormous contributions we have made to society and culture throughout history. We must let them know that those who were Lesbians and Gays — many quite open — created much of what is defined as Western Civilization.

We must also increase our self-awareness for our own protection. We must gird ourselves as Lesbians and Gay men to fight even harder, with the consciousness that violence, prejudice, hatred and ignorance are the true sources of evils in this world and that we, as a community, are at the forefront of the battle against them.

These horrible crimes are not a homosexual issue. They are not a heterosexual issue. They are a human issue, an issue of someone demented, and on that level we can feel sorrow. There but for the grace of the divine go any of us, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or straight.

## Straight Society Creates The Climate Encouraging "Homophobic Overkill"

By Dan F. Schramm

Mass murder has as much to do with sexual orientation as rape does with love, or child molestation does with affection.

If either suspect in these gruesome murders had sex with their victims has not been established. And if one or both did, what does that prove? Does it prove they were homosexual? Evidence in the current trial portrays the suspect as a loving family man, a good husband and father. In other words, a straight man. The attempt by the press to label him a homosexual in order to shift blame from their own violence consumed reality is not only an insult but a sham.

Regardless, these two suspects certainly were not and are not Gay. Being Gay is being proud. It is the ability to love a person of the same sex, to share love, affection and life. If sex was involved, it was not a matter of making love. It was a matter of violation, like rape, and child molestation, an assault bred of anger, of hate, of corrupt power, of humiliation, and of intense homophobia. It was not "homosexual overkill," it was homophobic overkill.

Violence, murder and dismemberment — the ultimate violation of the human body — is not the product of love, of being an 'out' and proud Gay person. It is the product of hate. It is the product of a society that fears two men loving each other, but accepts the widespread depiction of murder and complete barbarity on the small and silver screen. It is the product of self hatred engendered through the oppression of Gays by a society and church that wants sexual conformity at any cost. It is the product of violence on the streets and dysfunction in the home. It is, quite simply, the product of a society that heterosexuals have forced upon us.

Gay people have not created the society in which we all live. We have not created a society that drives thousands of Gay and Lesbian teen-agers to commit suicide. We have not created the society that causes gangs of heterosexuals to go out to find Gays to brutally attack and murder. We have not created the society that looks away when heterosexuals rape Lesbians to "make them straight." We have not created the society that forces people to hide in the closet or face rejection by their families, loss of their jobs or assault in the streets. And most certainly, we have not created the society that turns out mass murderers. We have been the victims of it. The facts in these two cases, when they fully emerge, will prove we are the victims of it still.

## LETTERS

### Censorship

#### TO THE EDITOR:

**Editor's Note:** The following letter was sent to Bryce Combs and to Barbara Holmes, President of the Milwaukee Area Technical College.

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 Gays' 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.

—Scott D. Gunkel  
President, LRN  
—Chris Ahmuty  
Chair, Legal Committee

## 'Tongues Untied'

THE FOLLOWING IS A REPLY TO LRN'S  
LETTER TO CHANNELS 10/36

Thank you for your letter concerning "Tongues Untied." You are correct, we do serve all of the communities in southeast Wisconsin and we do have the record for not avoiding controversial programming. We are proud to broadcast many programs that serve a diverse audience and we will continue to do so. As you mentioned, your organization's honoring award to "Smith & Company" confirms our pledge to broadcast diversity to many audiences.

One point of clarification, we do not broadcast "British" programming for an aristocratic audience nor do we broadcast "Gay" issues only for a Gay audience. Our audience research shows we have a broad based audience watching "Masterpiece Theater" and "Smith & Company."

Our community research also contends that vivid language including most of the explicit language in "Tongues Untied" is appropriate — if noted and flagged at the beginning of the program — for broadcast to our community. But, the explicit language in "Tongues Untied" illustrating a sexual act is not within our community standard — whether the illustration is homosexual or heterosexual. In our opinion, this short scene is presented for shock value, not for any true understanding of the Black, Gay culture. That is the reason "Tongues Untied" was not broadcast on 10/36. The producer was asked to change this short scene, but he refused.

Broadcast is the key to our reasoning. Unlike theatrical releases, who control their audience by age limitations, broadcast TV has children watching at all hours. Yet, we are able to provide a diverse and sometimes controversial programming service to many peoples of many age groups. We cannot broadcast all things because of this measured community standard that we are required to follow. Our signal is voiced in most all of the homes in our service area and the Federal Communications Commission states we must know our community standard and be this steward to our broadcast audience.

It would be unfortunate and unjustified to consider our reluctance to broadcast one program as the end of our long record of diversity of programming. Please continue to look to 10/36 for continued commitment to presentation of diverse and thought provoking issues. I am,

—Wm. Bryce Combs  
Acting General Manager  
Channels 10/36  
Milwaukee

## Rep. Gunderson

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Why is activist Michael Petrelis of Queer Nation/D.C. so angry at Congressman Steve Gunderson [R-WI]? What could the Congressman possibly have done to warrant being doused with a glass of cola?

Presumably, it's because Congressman Gunderson has not signed on as a co-sponsor of the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill. But does this make Gunderson an enemy of the Lesbian/Gay community; deserving of attacks by activists?

Absolutely not! The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force reports that Gunderson has a 94% voting record on Lesbian and Gay and AIDS issues. The Human Rights Campaign Fund gave Gunderson a 100% voting record for his votes in the 101st Congress.

It is true that Congressman Gunderson did not co-sponsor the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill. Neither did any other representative from the Wisconsin delegation, Republican or Democrat, except Jim Moody. Senator Kohl did not co-sponsor the Bill in the Senate and, in fact, has a 90% rating from HRCF for the 101st Congress. Like it or not, amending the Federal Civil Rights Laws of 1964 and 1968 by adding the terms "affectional or sexual orientation" is viewed by some as unnecessary and inappropriate. This is a legitimate legislative position.

So, I ask again, what is Petrelis' problem? The only argument for "outing" that seems at all reasonable to me is the one that suggests that any individual who benefits by attacking the Gay community, or homosexuality in general, and is himself or herself Gay or Lesbian, deserves to be exposed for their hypocrisy.

Is Congressman Gunderson guilty of such behavior?

Hardly! Gunderson has done a great job representing the needs and interests of his largely rural conservative constituency while being very fair, and, in fact, quite helpful on Lesbian/Gay and AIDS issues.

The Third District and the Gay and Lesbian community are well served by a Congressman like Gunderson, but apparently not according to activist Michael Petrelis and some of his other inside-the-Beltway activist friends who adhere to an all-or-nothing philosophy. Perhaps they'd be happier if the Third District residents were to send to D.C. a Congressman like William Dannemeyer or one who thinks like Senator Jesse Helms.

I sincerely hope the Third District residents continue to support Congressman Gunderson despite the obnoxious intrusions and accusations of activists who purport to speak for the Gay community. I hope the Lesbian and Gay community continues to support the Congressman as well.

And Michael, if this letter angers you and you feel like dousing me in something, please make it a Miller Beer.

—Scott H. Evertz, Chairman  
East Side Republican Club  
Fifth Congressional District  
Milwaukee



# MAPFEST Scheduled September 1

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) sixth annual MAPFEST, sponsored by Miller Brewing Company, is scheduled for Sunday, September 1, 1991, at Schlitz Park, N. 3rd St. and Cherry St. in Milwaukee. Festival goers expect to raise \$30,000 for AIDS care and education. At least 2,000 people are anticipated to attend.

"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.

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.

Mapfest is this year's third special fundraising event produced by MAP. Make A Promise, held in March, the Art For AIDS auction held in June, and the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, to be held September 22, must raise nearly \$375,000 in 1991 in order for the agency to ensure a comprehension continuum of AIDS-related services for people throughout Wisconsin.

## Help Take Back Our Streets

This is a request from the newly formed Community Block Watch which is being sponsored by the Lambda Rights Network, Queer Nation and the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

If you are tired of living in fear everytime you go out to the bars; if you avoid the bars, but would rather be there; or if you just want to make it safer for everyone, then join in the fight to take back our streets.

The Community Block Watch meets every 2nd and 4th Monday night at

7:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Public Library downtown in the first floor conference room. So far, the Block Watch has met with police, Alderwoman McNulty, Alderman Henningson and the Mayor's assistant as well as most of the bar owners and Gay/Lesbian organizations.

Things are getting done. Now, all we need is YOU!

Get involved with your own life.

Help STOP the hate!

## MURDERS

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Madden was canvassing for an environmental group and was last seen in the area of Dressler's home in the town of Raymond in Racine County. Portions of Madden's dismembered body were discovered two days later in plastic bags in nearby farm fields.

Jentzen, the medical examiner, testified on July 19 that Madden was killed by a gunshot to the back of the head. His body had been cut in half at the waist. Madden's arms and hands had been severed. Internal organs and genitalia had been removed with what Jentzen described as "surgical precision."

"This is what we call 'homosexual overkill,'" said Jentzen. "There was more here than that was done than is necessary to stop a person from breathing." Jentzen called such frenzied violence typical of "homosexual overkill" murders.

In his admittedly "limited" experience, Jentzen claimed to have seen five cases of "homosexual overkill." He theorized that the perpetrators reacted angrily out of deeply repressed homosexual feelings and attacked their lovers in a frenzied rage.

The only apparent evidence linking Dressler to homosexuality were pornographic photos and videos confiscated at his home and the admission, by his wife, that Dressler communicated over a computer bulletin board used by Gay men.

Jentzen's "homosexual overkill" theory was widely reported in the print and broadcast media. The theory was reinforced by District Attorney Weber who is prosecuting the case. Weber has used the phrase many times, according to sources monitoring the case for the *Light*, sometimes using it almost interchangeably with the actual criminal charge of first degree intentional homicide.

Repeated attempts by the *Light* to reach Dr. Jentzen, in the hope of clarifying his definition of "homosexual overkill" and understanding what credentials entitle him to proclaim such motives, were

unsuccessful.

Less than a day after completing his testimony at the Dressler trial in Racine, Jentzen was called to the scene of the mass murder in Milwaukee.

Gay activists in Milwaukee have criticized the casual use of the term "homosexual overkill" in both cases and throughout the media. (See accompanying article.) They have questioned the validity of such a concept and warned that it could inflame the public and lead to further violence against Gays and Lesbians. Some believe the very idea is based in homophobia — the irrational fear and hatred of Gay people.

Gay and Lesbian community leaders were scheduled to meet on July 25 to plan a strategy for responding to the recent events and, specifically, to the allegations of "homosexual overkill."

## DAHMER

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Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, was concerned about the racial implications of the crimes. She commented: "How can so many African-American men disappear, and no one knows about it? If these disappearances had occurred in a white suburb, the headlines would have screamed about it all along."

Barber noted that the victims of serial murderers are most often women, children, people of color and Gay men. "We are the despised and the disposable."

"This is an issue of race, class, gender and sexual orientation. Where were the police? Where were they? That's what I want to know," said Barber.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project said, "It's very important for all of us in the Gay/Lesbian community to stand together in solidarity during this critical time. We must work to calm public fear and elevate a strong plea for protection of all people from violent crime."

Similar thoughts and feelings were expressed by people in local Gay bars.

Tuesday night is not generally a Gay bar night in Milwaukee. The bars were not crowded between 9:00 p.m. and half

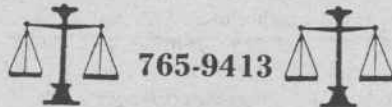
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past midnight. But those who were there, from the Wreck Room and M&M, south to the Boot Camp, gave pause to talk about their concerns over the grisly scenes of murder, dismemberment and possible cannibalism being played across the media, crimes for which Dahmer was being questioned.

These concerns seemed not to be for personal safety, or of heightened fears of going with strangers (although these fears and the need to take care were voiced), but more, to focus on anger over the "sensationalism" that people believed they heard being expressed in the major media over what several people called "the Gay angle."

At Club 219, one bar patron said he thought "sensationalism was taking over" and added, that the media and others should be aware that "We're going to have to live with your sensationalism."

At the Boot Camp, four people — two women and two men — voiced general and angry agreement that the use of terms like "homosexual overkill" and the overall "honing in" on sexual orientation would only add fuel to the fires of homophobia. This concern was echoed by people in the other bars as well.

One of the women at the Boot Camp, a member of DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression), wanted to know what "homosexual overkill" meant. "Is there a 'heterosexual' overkill?" she asked in derision.

Fears were also voiced at the Boot Camp, the Triangle and La Cage, as elsewhere, that the sensationalism over the case would increase the anti-Lesbian/anti-Gay violence that was already, as one person said, "a fact of life around here."

When told that the major media were seeking Gay comment on the case, a man named Rick at La Cage said he'd "never talk" to a reporter because, "the major media don't know anything about us anyway." Rick was not alone in his opinion. Not only did his friends nod in agreement, but the same distrust of the media was expressed by many in other bars as well.

An owner of one of the bars said that if he discovered a reporter from the major media in his bar, "I'd kick him out of

here." Several people voiced the opinion that "something had to be done" to counter what Tom L. called "insensitive reporting" by the major press and its effect on the community at large. Others denounced the reporting as verging on "the hysterical."

A number of people throughout the bars thought that the community as a whole should take some action to counter what they thought would be the rise in homophobia and violence as a result of "using us as a scapegoat," as Jim T. remarked. However, no one seemed to know what it was that could be done.

At C'est La Vie, early in the evening, around 9:00 p.m., a mug shot of Dahmer was shown. No one present seemed to be familiar with him. Since others in the other bars had not seen the picture of Dahmer, bar patrons were unable to say if they knew him or not, although at least one opined that he did and, in fact, had been approached by Dahmer. Several people at the Triangle, who asked not to be named, said that they had seen Dahmer in the Phoenix and Club 219 and that he "looked suspicious," but they could be no more definite than that.

There was speculation about people who were missing or believed to be missing. John Clayton, owner of C'est La Vie, said that he knew of two young men who had been missing for "6 months to a year," and he feared that they might be among the victims.

One, Clayton identified as "Steve," was white, short in stature and small-boned, and "The Sheik," a Black man, tall, very thin who wore a turban.

In what has to be an entirely subjective impression, people in the Gay bars seemed as horrified and confused about the case as everyone else. There were all kinds of rumors and speculations. But the overriding fear or concern seemed to be with the way the case was being reported in the media and its repercussions on the community.

## Dykes To Watch Out For



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## FILM



Kathleen Turner displays her gunslinging skills as well as her gorgeous gams as private investigator V.I. Warshawski in the film **Warshawski**, which opens at theaters everywhere on Friday July 27.

## “Warshawski:” Star Vehicle For Sexy, Funny Kathleen Turner

By Jamakaya

“I think my women are consistently intelligent, consistently not victims, women who try to do something about whatever situation they’re in, be it Matty Walker or Peggy Sue.”  
Kathleen Turner in **Premiere**

Add Sara Paretsky’s fictional detective, V.I. Warshawski, to Turner’s growing list of intelligent and independent movie heroines. Turner has struck another blow for strong women in Hollywood as the title character in the new film **Warshawski**.

Paretsky’s private investigator, featured in several volumes of detective fiction (**Blood Shot, Killing Orders, Burn Marks**), is smart, tough, witty and sexy. So, who else but Kathleen Turner to play her?

The film **Warshawski** is something of a composite, drawing elements from a number of Paretsky’s books. Happily, Warshawski’s wit and grit remain intact. The plot has Warshawski taking charge of Kat, the 13 year old daughter of a murdered client. The “female dick,” as her detractors call her, has to uncover why the girl’s father was slain and why the killers are now after the girl.

Along the way, Warshawski encounters a number of brutal and buffoonish goons — most of whom she handily dispatches with her quick wits and skill in the martial arts. It turns out Kat’s own sleazoid family members are the bad guys/gals, trying to off the kid who, because of daddy’s demise, controls the assets to a multi-million dollar development on Chicago’s waterfront.

The plot is fairly routine, similar to your average TV mystery, but the delivery — the quick pacing, the cartoon-like characters and the smart, witty dialogue make the movie quite enjoyable. The movie has a hip, catchy musical theme, and the visual images of Chicago — its skyline, skyscrapers, streets and lakefront — do the Windy City proud.

**Warshawski** is unquestionably a star vehicle for Kathleen Turner and I’m thrilled to report that she delivers the goods with great panache. Turner exudes a confidence and sexuality that is almost

palpable. She is in top comedic form and much of her character’s sparkling dialogue is strongly feminist in tone. At one point, Warshawski surmises: “Never underestimate a man’s ability to underestimate a woman.”

After getting seriously beat up, a frustrated Warshawski asks her assailant: “Do you know how hard it is to get blood out of cashmere?” To a guy who brags he has slept with 500 women, she offers this delicious put-down: “Can’t get the hang of it, huh?” To another creep: “You’re about as deep as formica.” And her sage advice to Kat: “When in doubt, hesitate.”

Running gags about Warshawski’s shoe fetish and what her initials “V.I.” stand for elicit a variety of equally witty responses. The dialogue is true to Paretsky’s original writing.

Thank you, Kathleen Turner, for not playing victims. Thank you also for being intelligent and witty and gorgeous and a hell of a lot of fun in this movie.



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## Mr. & Miss Black Gay Wisconsin To Be Cablecast August 20, 27

[Milwaukee]- 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 TV). To help remedy the error, the Pageant program will be recablecast on the last two Tuesdays in August, on the 20th and 27th, from 9:00-10:00 p.m.

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 and 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 seen 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 Clarke at the downtown Ramada Inn in March. They also produce the award winning “Yellow On Thursday” and the issues oriented Gay & Lesbian program “The New Tri-Cable Tonight.” Those programs are regularly cablecast on Sunday and Thursday evenings, 10:30-11:00 p.m. on Warner channel 14.

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee’s Gay & Lesbian charitable organization.

## Madison’s August ‘Nothing To Hide’ Program Guide

9:00 p.m. — Wednesday

**August 7** Black & White Men Together National Conference, San Francisco, 1990; “The Media & the Gay/Lesbian Community: Who looks at us? How does the media cover our issues?” (part 8).

**August 14** Real Eyes Realize Real Lies with Jay Hatheway: “Why George Bush may attack Cuba right before the next presidential election.”

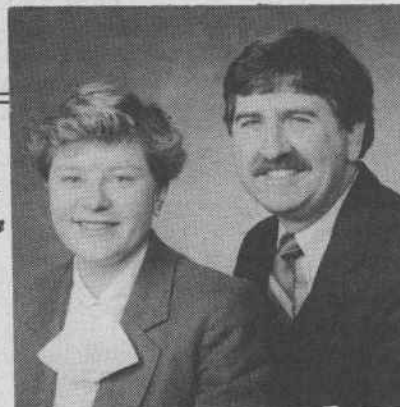
**August 21** Conversations of Sam Day with his Friends

**August 28** Black & White Men Together National Conference, San Francisco, 1990: “Two Who Dared: Phyllis Lyon & Del Martin: The founders of the Daughters of Bilitis and co-authors of **Lesbian Women and Lesbian Love and Liberation** (part 9)

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## Disorderly Conduct Charges Against Queer Nation Dropped by D.A.

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee Assistant District Attorney Gregory O'Meara, chose not to press charges against Milwaukee Queer Nationals, (QN) Tim Grair, Stan Straka and Christopher Fons on July 24, 1991.

Grair, Straka and Fons had been arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for disrupting the offices of the Milwaukee County Clerk of Courts on

June 17, 1991 when officials there refused to acknowledge the Gay couples who had come to apply for marriage licenses.

According to a QN press release, O'Meara did not press charges because of "his belief in first amendment rights." QN also said that O'Meara expressed "great concern" over the recent rise in violence against the Gay community.

## Women Against Racism Announces Programs for August, September

[Milwaukee, WI]- Part One of a series on "Training in Overcoming Racism" will take place on Sunday, August 11 from 2-4 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue.

The Women Against Racism Series, sponsored by the Counseling Center, is a monthly discussion group of women of all racial and ethnic backgrounds working together against racism and its effects.

All women are welcome to attend. A donation of \$2 is requested.

The meeting on Sunday, September 8 will feature a showing of Spike Lee's award-winning film *Do the Right Thing*, followed by a discussion of its themes. The program is scheduled to run from 1p.m. to 4p.m. For more information, call Cheryl Orgas at the Counseling center: 271-2565.

### GUNDERSON

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knee-jerk response of a politician who has been exposed as a fraud. It doesn't change the factuality of our story."

Asked directly if he is a homosexual, Gunderson told the *Tribune*: "I can't answer that because I can't prove it to you.... It is not anybody's business. Being single, I have been accused of being a womanizer by some, abstinent by others. I can't prove any of them."

Gunderson insisted on his right to privacy: "Nothing in my personal life is legitimate discussion unless I am breaking the law or using my position for it."

Gunderson was defensive about his presence in the Gay bar. "Yes, I was in a Gay-owned restaurant to get dinner. There are lots of Gay-owned businesses in Washington. I would take my parents there; there was nothing wrong with being there."

"Yes, I was in a Gay bar. I have Gay friends, Black friends, women friends, Jews; anyone who knows me knows I am a strong advocate of civil rights for everybody," said the Congressman.

In early June, however, Gunderson cast a "no" vote against the 1991 Civil Rights bill. The bill passed but was vetoed by President Bush. Gunderson is not listed as a sponsor of the federal Gay rights bill.

Despite these apparently contradictory positions, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) reports that Gunderson has voted favorably on 94% of

Gay and AIDS-related legislation in the current Congress.

But Campbell criticized NGLTF's score-carding on the issues as "narrow," ignoring abortion rights, affirmative action, Supreme Court nominees (Gunderson supported conservative Robert Bork) and even the federal Gay rights bill.

According to Campbell, Gunderson has voted against National Endowment for the Arts funding for Robert Mapplethorpe's work and opposed de-criminalization of the District of Columbia's sodomy statute.

Rep. Gunderson's interview with the *La Crosse Tribune* is apparently the first step in a campaign of damage control in his home district where constituent reaction to all the media coverage of his outing is still unclear. Campbell noted that while passing out his flyers at the July 4 parade, people reading them did not seem surprised at the allegation that Gunderson is Gay.

While distributing his flyers on July 4, Campbell was arrested by La Crosse police and charged with two counts of littering. He believes the arrest was an attempt to prevent him from passing out the flyers. Campbell called it an example of police harassment and an infringement of his freedom of speech. Police confiscated 300 copies of the leaflets.

Campbell will contest the charges (which carry \$61 fines) in La Crosse municipal court on August 29. He has asked the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union to assist in his defense.

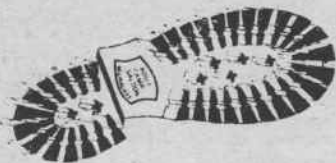
a sandwich wrapped in a towel to Governor Thompson's office every day since April to protest the death of Donald Woods and the treatment of Roger Hillman. ACT UP charges that Mr. Woods was murdered by guards who, it is alleged, held a towel over his mouth. ACT UP charges that Mr. Hillman is not getting the diet prescribed for him by his physician.

The Governor's office staff, upon seeing 35 activists coming down the hall carrying a casket and being led by "Death," quickly shut the door. In the vestibule outside the office, the activists chanted "Shame" and "Prisoners With AIDS Under Attack, What Do We Do? ACT UP! Fight Back!"

The chanting attracted people from all over the building, coming to see what the uproar was all about. Observers said the on-lookers seemed taken aback to see the figure of "Death" knocking on the Governor's door.

Unable to take the sandwich and towel into the Governor's office, one activist shoved them in under the door.

ACT UP/Madison wants Governor Thompson to issue an executive order compelling the DOC to enact the recommendations of his own committee.



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## Madison Couple Responds to Homophobic Rantings of Minister

[Madison]- According to a recent *Newsletter* published by The United, the Rev. Dick Pritchard circulated a letter titled "An Urgent Memo To Madison Citizens Who Are Concerned." What citizens are supposed to be concerned about, according to Pritchard, is "topless swimming" which "only whets the appetite for more gratification," abortion and the "gay lifestyle," all of which are connected.

In response, Mike Cvitanich and Rick Roemer wrote a letter to the editor of *The Capital Times* which was reprinted in The United's Summer *Newsletter* and deserves repeating:

"The Rev. Dick Pritchard uses the word 'Gay lifestyle' numerous times.

"We have been in a committed relationship for nearly eight years. This is our 'lifestyle'."

"Up at 5 to 5:30 a.m. Coffee, shower, walk the dog. To work by 7 or 7:30 a.m. Put in nine to 10 hour days. Fall asleep in

front of television by 9 or 9:30 and to bed by 10 p.m.

"Weekends taken up by yard work, house cleaning, grocery shopping, with barbecues in the summer and soup-making in the winter. Throw in periodic bike rides around the lake and an occasional movie. Family and friends visit over the holidays. We give to charities, buy Girl Scout cookies, recycle, and are passionately involved with environmental issues..."

"We realize, of course, that the general public does not want to hear much about people like us. That would totally invalidate their perceptions that we are somehow 'dangerous' and 'undesirable' when, in fact, our supposed 'lifestyle' is not a hell of a lot different from anyone else's."

If you have any further comments about the "Gay lifestyle", you can let the Rev. Pritchard know at 902 Mohican Pass, Madison, WI 53711.

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### ACT UP

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repeats 'best care available' like some sort of mantra. Steve Kronzer thinks that if he says it enough, it must be so. Being allowed to waste away in insolation in a prison infirmary that is not staffed or equipped to handle terminally ill patients is not the best care available by any stretch of the imagination."

To protest Mr. Thomas' death, ACT UP/Madison staged a demonstration at the DOC building in Madison on July 1, 1991. Activists set a casket on the sidewalk in front of the building and a "die-in" was presided over by one activist dressed as Death. The 35 "dead" activists lay on the ground in front of the building observing 5 minutes of silence. At the end of that time, the activists, from their prone positions, began chanting "DOC You Can't Hide. We Charge You With Homicide" and "Enact The Recommendations."

"Enact The Recommendations" is not a catchy chant, but it's what we are here to say," said Joe Policarpio, a member of ACT UP/Madison.

During the demonstration, press releases were distributed by Mr. Kronzer detailing Mr. Thomas' criminal record.

"The message would seem to be," Savage said, "that if you have done something that lands you in prison, the DOC has every right to murder you."

Savage charged that "They're trying to say that we shouldn't be here protesting today because Ricardo Thomas was a criminal and deserved to die. The DOC does not understand that an attack on one PWA is an attack on all PWAs or people suspected of being at risk for AIDS, and we won't let them get away with it."

After the demonstration at the DOC, the activists walked over to the Capitol building to deliver the daily peanut butter and jelly sandwich to the Governor.

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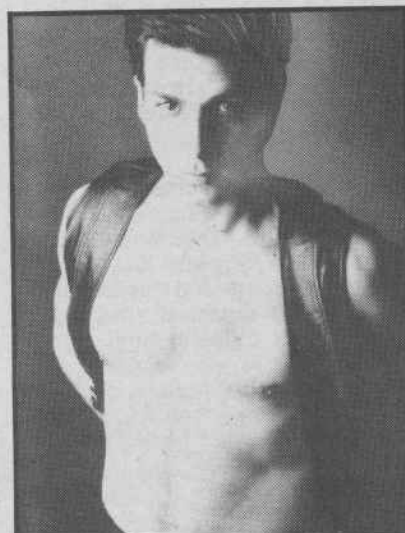
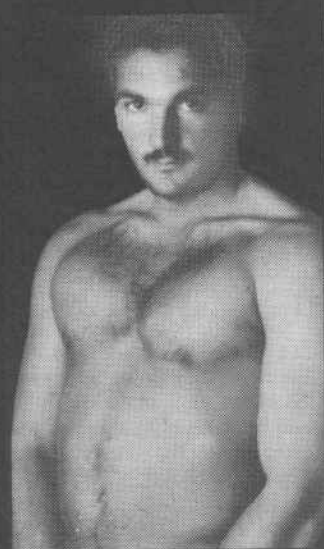
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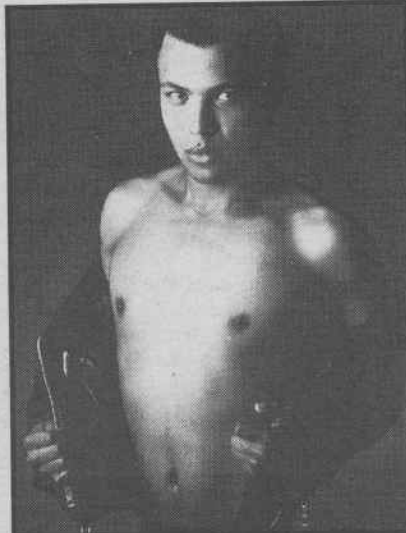
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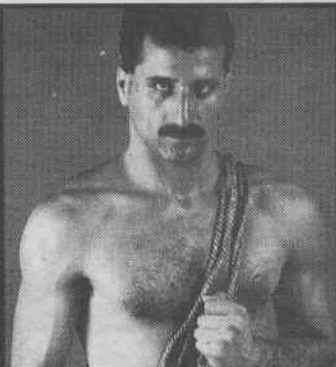
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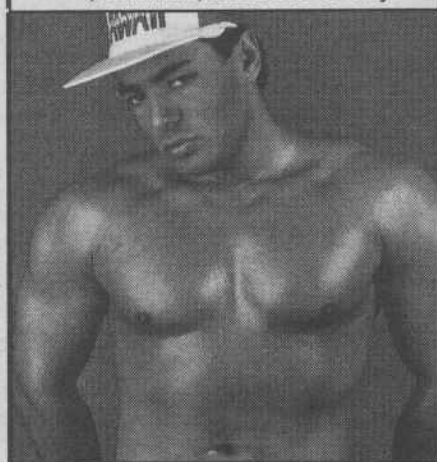
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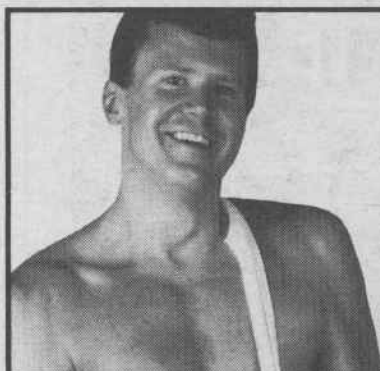
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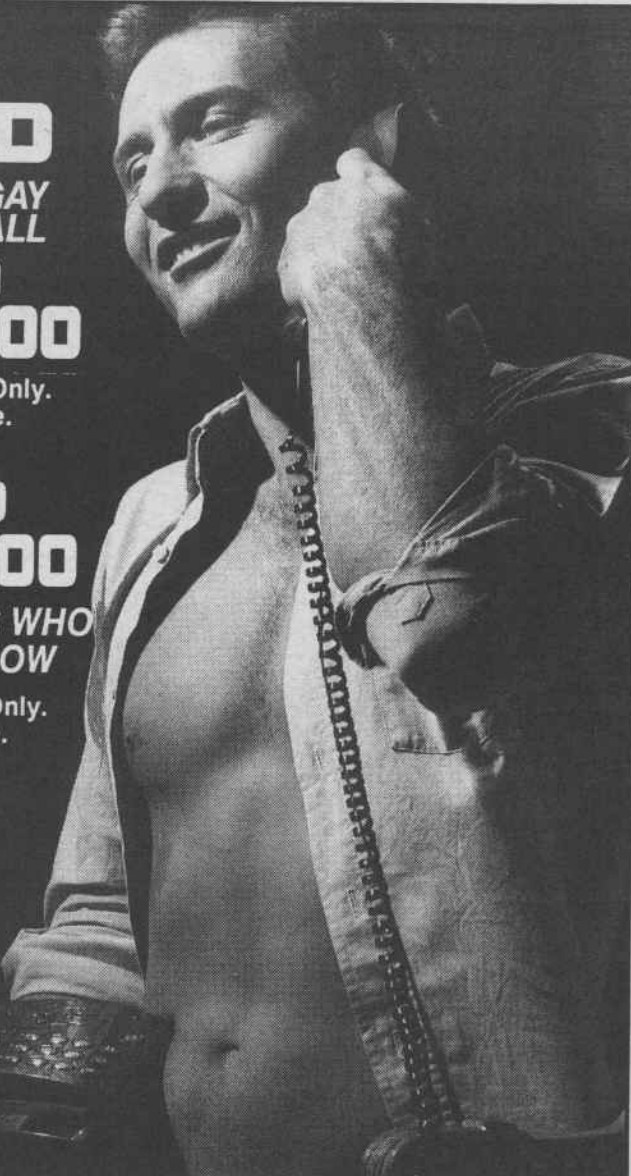
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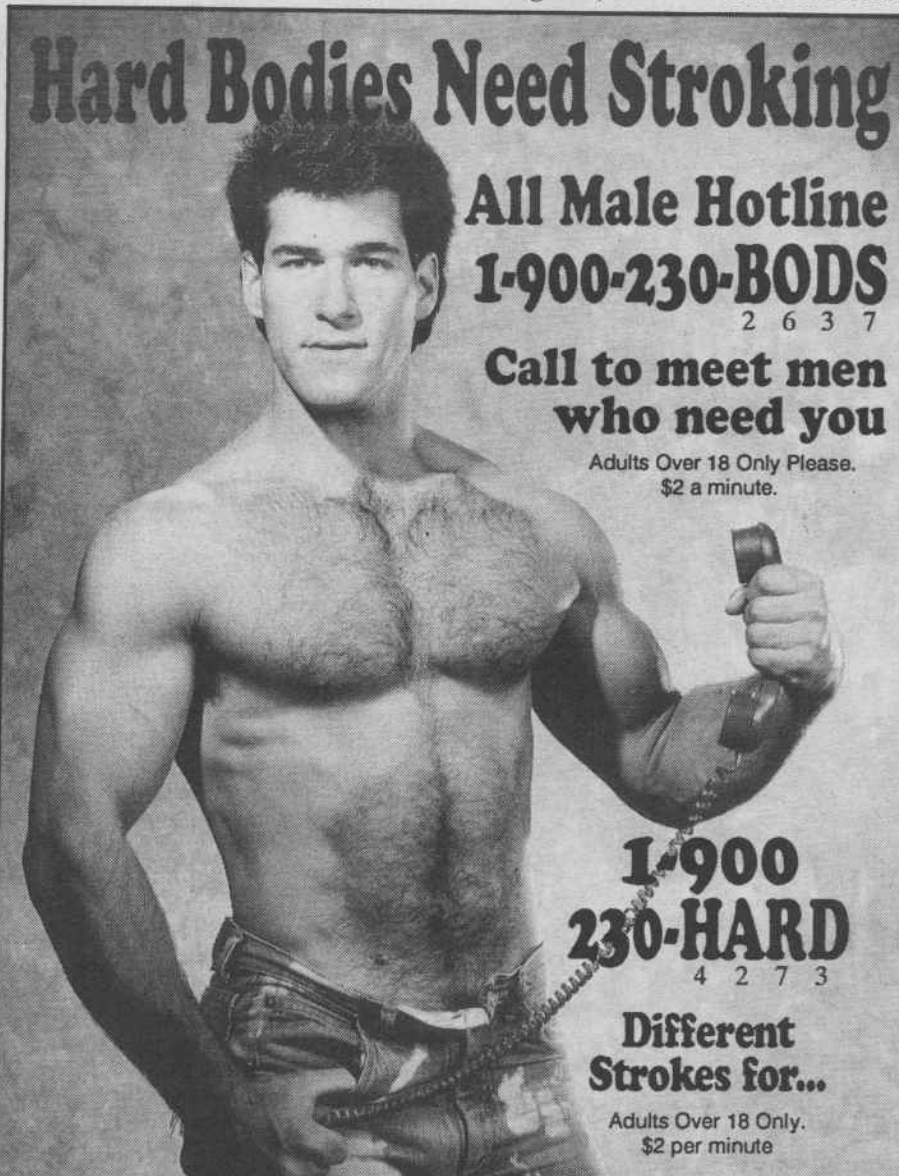
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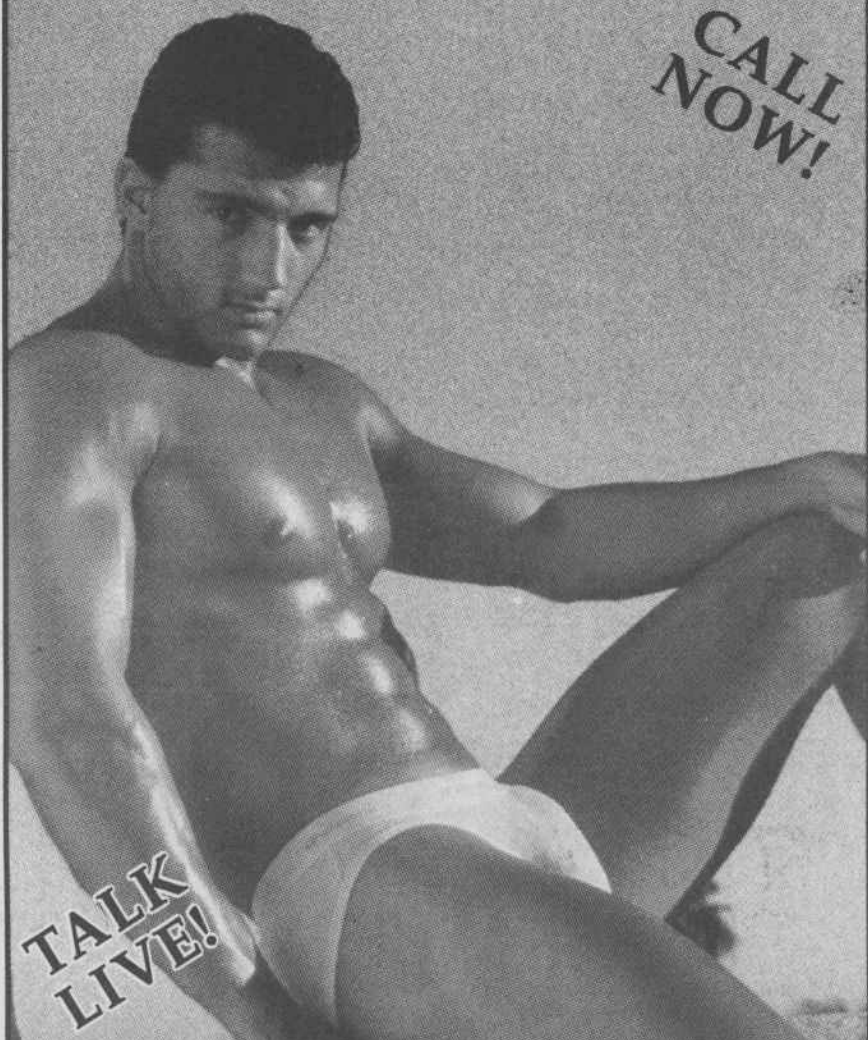
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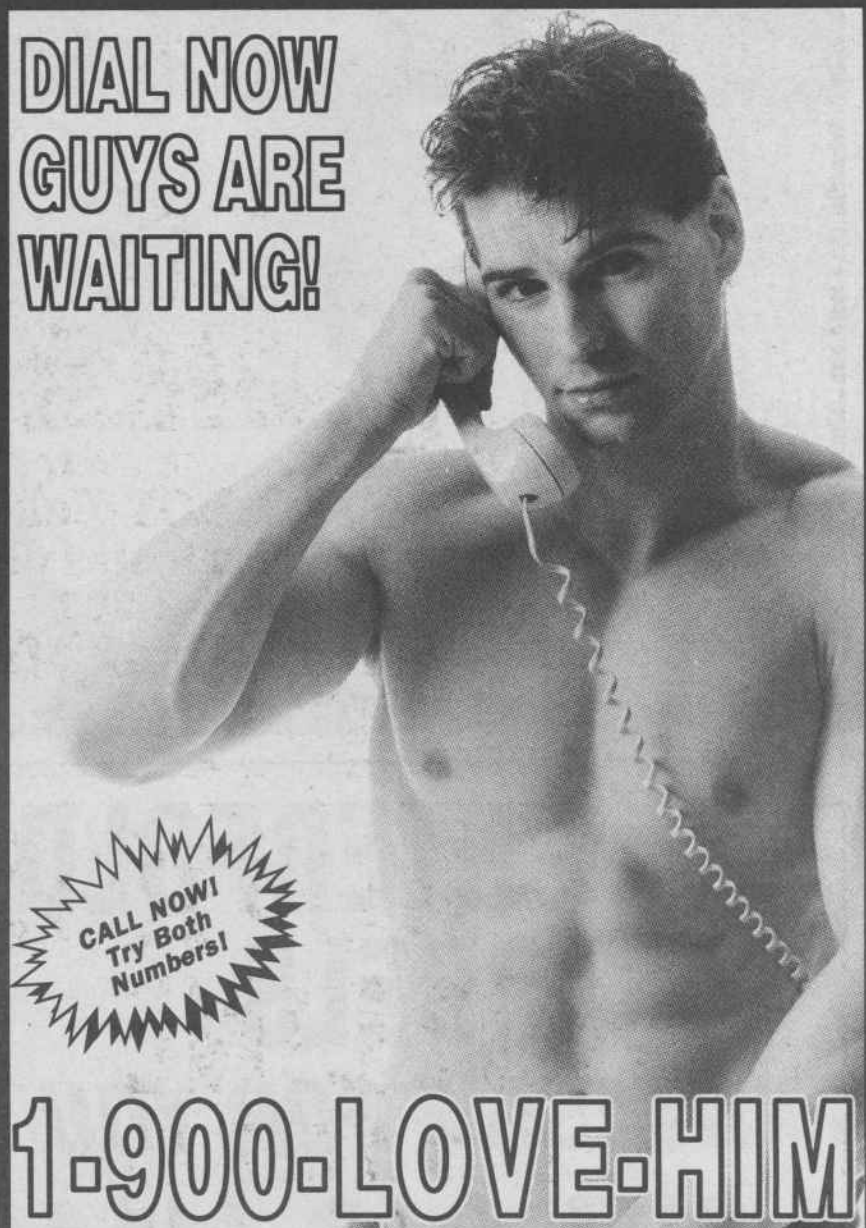


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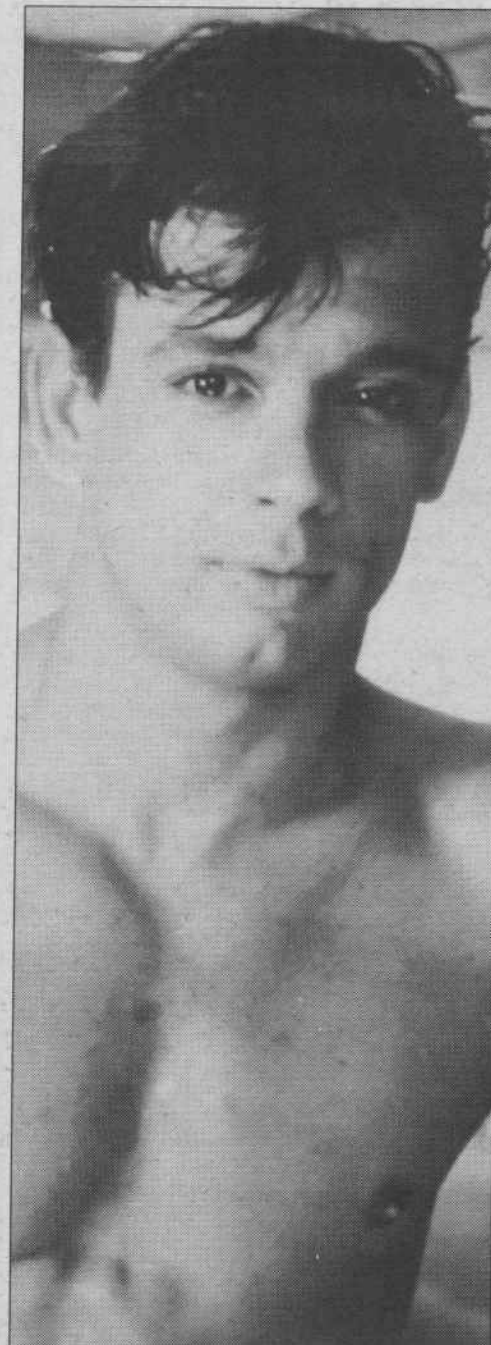
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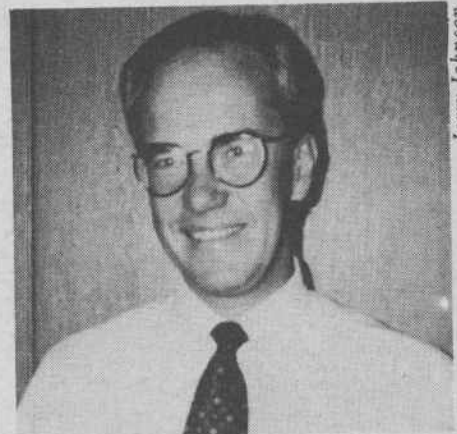
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## MAP Director Expresses Concern Over Dangerous AIDS Fears

[Milwaukee]- "The recent hysteria that Milwaukee has experienced on HIV testing for health care workers and for patients is a major setback in the long struggle to achieve enlightened management of the AIDS epidemic," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

"We only make progress against AIDS with very small steps over long periods of time," Nelson added. "It's disheartening to be pushed back by several steps as a result of the gross over-reaction of health care leaders, politicians, and the news media to the singular case of a physician with AIDS in our community."



Doug Nelson

In an exclusive interview with *Wisconsin Light*, Nelson referred to the recent announcement that Dr. Robert Marek, a dermatologist practicing at the Medical Associates Clinic at Menomonee Falls, a Milwaukee suburban community, has AIDS and has ceased medical practice. The announcement included information that the Clinic informed 6,000 of Dr. Marek's patients via a special letter that Dr. Marek was diagnosed with AIDS, but that his patients were not at risk for transmission of HIV.

"The news of Dr. Marek was the lead story in the media for two days running and calls to the Wisconsin AIDS Line at MAP increased ten-fold as a result of very concerned patients," Nelson reported. "The community response bordered on the hysterical and the result has been decreased public confidence in the health care system and heightened public fear about AIDS."

"Our health care leaders failed to lead and permitted business considerations and political judgments to cloud fundamental scientific facts about HIV transmission that the public needs and has a right to know," Nelson said.

"The disastrous result of this failure of health care leadership is the politicization of the HIV testing issue. When confusion is communicated from the health care establishment, politicians will react with alarm and policies are promoted that are reactionary and without a basis in scientific fact," Nelson continued.

Nelson said that the initiative by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) calling for prison terms for HIV infected dentists and surgeons is an outrageous throwback to long-gone eras of quarantine and is demagoguery in its worst form on the health issues of AIDS.

Nelson said that he was "immensely disappointed" that both Wisconsin Senators Kasten and Kohl voted for the Helms bill.

"AIDS policy in Wisconsin is among the most enlightened in the country and we have worked hard to achieve that reputation," Nelson emphasized. "All of us who care deeply about the AIDS epidemic are entitled to be outraged that both our senators from this progressive state have identified themselves with the most reactionary and destructive national forces that are thwarting the nation's effective response to the AIDS epidemic," Nelson said.

Nelson said that the failure of health care leadership and political demagoguery have created a public hysteria on the crucial of HIV testing.

"The reality is that there is virtually no risk that a patient can be infected with HIV from a health care provider delivering health care services. The hallmark of the American health care system is the use of the highest standards of infection control that guarantees to the public that in any health care setting patients are protected from infectious disease including HIV," Nelson said.

These infection control procedures were upgraded and universally implemented 10 years ago when the AIDS epidemic began. Since that time there has not been one documented case of a

surgeon transmitting HIV to a patient during the course of a health care procedure. In New York and California where well over half of all AIDS cases originate and where the epidemic has raged the longest, health care professionals have relied exclusively on the highest standard infection control to protect the public. There has not been any need for either routine or mandatory testing of health care workers and patients.

Nelson said that there is far greater risk to patients from physicians or dentists who are alcohol or drug-impaired, who are sleep deprived due to absurd residency requirements, who are psychologically distressed, and who are fundamentally incompetent.

"To require a health care provider to have an HIV test in order to deliver health services is a gross and unwarranted over-reaction to the risk of HIV infection. If such a policy is established, there is even greater need to require breathalyzer tests, drug tests, psycho-analysis, and annual competency testing for all health care workers because the risk of harm to patients from these failings are far, far greater than the risk from HIV infection," Nelson said.

Nelson harshly criticized the concept of routine testing of patients as equally inappropriate and counter-productive. "There is no medical necessity to test all patients for HIV who undergo elective surgery at Waukesha Memorial Hospital is now doing," Nelson said.

"Every hospital must treat every patient as if the patient were HIV infected, and that is the fundamental premise of infection control and universal precaution procedures. Consequently, there is no justification for obtaining an HIV test of a patient when all patients are presumed to be infected," Nelson emphasized.

Nelson said that such testing is an enormous waste of resources that are better spent on delivering care and support for people with AIDS. He estimated that Waukesha Memorial does at least 20,000 elective surgeries each year and that an HIV test at an average cost of \$25 for all surgeries would result in \$500,000 of unnecessary cost to health care consumers.

"In Waukesha one half million dollars will go a long way toward delivering outstanding support services to people with AIDS in that community and in preventing the spread of the epidemic," Nelson emphasized.

"We cannot afford to waste these resources on unnecessary and unproductive HIV testing when we don't have enough money to manage the increased pace of the AIDS epidemic in Wisconsin. It is important for the public to know that no one is obligated to consent to an HIV test in order to receive health care services. Wisconsin is fortunate to have its unique law which prohibits all health care providers from discriminating against patients based on their HIV status."

The hysteria that has surrounded the HIV testing issue in Milwaukee and in other metropolitan areas around the country has been a tragic political diversion from the enormously difficult work of sensitively managing the AIDS epidemic, Nelson explained.

"We have much, too much, work to do in the years ahead to be sidetracked by political issues that divert us from our mission," Nelson emphasized.

Nelson said there were five steps that need to be taken immediately to eliminate the hysteria of recent weeks:

- 1) Remove the issue of HIV testing from the political arena; 2) Seek the counsel of health care professionals who are highly knowledgeable about HIV disease; 3) Establish HIV testing policies based on scientific fact rather than public fear; 4) Guarantee that the highest standards of infection control are implemented in all health care settings through audit teams if necessary; 5) Reassure the public that the health care setting is safe and offers no risk of HIV infection.

"We can both protect public health and protect the rights of people with HIV and neither interest needs to be sacrificed," Nelson said.

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## A Challenge to the Community: Get Involved Against Gay Bashing

By Scott Gunkel and Stan Straka

Once again violence has reared its ugly head in the Gay/Lesbian community. Gay bashing is on a serious rise; reports of physically violent acts come into Lambda Rights Network (LRN) and Queer Nation (QN) weekly. And these acts are becoming more violent than ever.

For example, someone was pulled from his car by four or five people with baseball bats and bricks, then beaten almost to death while onlookers screamed out "Fag!" and cheered things on. This person received 120 stitches in his face and head.

Another person was attacked in front of a bar at closing time by four men who jumped out of a car and started to beat this person to a bloody pulp. A woman came from the bar and was hit in the face. The thugs drove off and were not apprehended.

So, once again the community asks the Gay and Lesbian organizations: "What Are You Doing About This?"

Well, LRN, QN and the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) have, for the last two months, been working on a "Community Block Watch." We have contacted and worked with: The Milwaukee Police Department, the Mayor's Office, Alderwoman Mary Ann McNulty, Alderman Paul Henningson and most of the bar owners. Everyone of the above people have expressed concern and a willingness to do whatever it takes to "STOP THE HATE" towards our community.

However, one key factor has been missing in all these meetings. YOU! The average bar patron.

## Bicycling Network Schedules August Trips

[Milwaukee]- The Gay Bicycling Network plans three major August excursions. The weekend of August 2-4, 1991 a camping/biking outing will be held in Door County. Over fifteen campers will set-up their tents on Friday night at Potawatami State Park. Various biking groups will cruise the peninsula on Saturday and Sunday on routes ranging from 19 miles to 61 miles. The cost is \$10 plus transportation, camping equipment, food and beverages. Open to all levels of skill and stamina.

On Sunday, August 18, the more avid bikers will encircle Milwaukee County on the '76 Trail. That's 76 miles of parkways, trails and less-traveled paved roads. The group will start at the corner of Farwell and Bradford Avenues in Milwaukee at 9:00 a.m.; with breaks, we'll be done by 4:00 p.m. — which gives time to relax our tired legs before Lavender Hill's 6:30 festivities.

During the week of August 23-31, Milwaukee bikers will be joining a group from the Twin Cities for five days of biking and camping in western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota. Our camp base will be Perrot State Park (near La Crosse); one two-day trip to Elroy, WI is planned. Bikers will not need to carry camping gear.

All three events are open to the Wisconsin Gay community. The Gay Bicycling Network is sponsored by Milwaukee GAMMA. Call Bob at (414) 963-9833 to make reservations for or to obtain more information about any of these three events.

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So far, very few people have gotten involved with this. Only those who work within LRN, QN and MLGPC have volunteered their time to help change this situation. Once again it looks like a few have been asked to do all the work for the many.

The lack of concern that permeates the bar scene is sickening.

Do you care so little about yourself that you are willing to allow yourself to be beaten, even possibly killed, just because you are Gay?

We are wasting this opportunity to work together to STOP THE HATE that is eating our community up alive.

Those of us who work in organizations to try to improve the community are sick of hearing complaints from people in the bars about what is or isn't going on in this community; when all these swill-drinking bar people think about is cock and cocktails or labia and libations.

When are you people who just sit and drink your lives away going to wake up, get off your barstool butts and really do something to help those few of us who work ourselves senseless trying to help you? Why we do this, we really are beginning to wonder.

Can't you people see that you are an important part of the entire community of Milwaukee and have the same rights as anyone else when it comes to being able to go out and enjoy yourselves without the fear of being beaten or killed?

The people in the bar scene need to change many of their habits which lead to the violence in our community. People should not be parking in dark places, walking alone, having sex in the parks or drinking yourselves into oblivion. If people change these habits, they will be less a target for those who wish to eliminate us.

You must take responsibility to change yourself, and you must be willing to help change the community or we will continue to be victimized forever.

## MASN Sponsors July 27 Picnic In Madison Park

[Madison]- There will be a community picnic on Saturday, July 27, 1991 from Noon until 3:00 p.m. at Brittingham Park. There will be free food, health information, prizes, a DJ and lot's of fun.

The event is being sponsored by the AIDS Community Team (ACT). ACT is a community group that includes the Madison AIDS Support Network, Madison Public Health Department, Madison Inner City Council on Substance Abuse, Madison Urban League, Centro Hispano, Blue Bus Clinic and Mental Health Center of Dane County.

For additional info about the picnic, contact Dave at 238-6276. Come join us for lots of food and fun.

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