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# The Wisconsin Light

## Support Groups Offered In Wake Of Mass Killings

[Milwaukee]- A special series of support groups, aimed specifically at Gays and Lesbians in the aftermath of the Jeffrey Dahmer murders, will be offered by agencies in both Milwaukee and Madison.

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee will be offering a free, drop-in group for all members of the Gay and Lesbian communities to discuss their fears and anxieties and to help begin the healing process. The Counseling Center promises a safe, secure place in which to sort through feelings and experiences.

The supportive discussion group will begin on Sunday, August 11, and will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Additional sessions will be offered on August 18 and 25. The groups will meet at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue and will be facilitated by staff and trained volunteers from the Counseling Center's Women's and Men's Support Group Programs.

Gays and Lesbians interested in attending any of the sessions are asked to just stop in. For more information, call Cheryl Orgas or Tim Baack at (414) 271-2565.

Meanwhile, in Madison, the United will be sponsoring similar drop-in support groups for the Gay and Lesbian community there. Sessions are scheduled for Sundays, August 11 and 18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the United, 310 E. Wilson Street.

The Madison support groups will be facilitated by Gay and Lesbian therapists and will focus on the grieving process and fears and anger felt in the wake of the mass murders. All interested Gays and Lesbians, especially those having a difficult time dealing with the terrible tragedy, are encouraged to attend.

For further information on the Madison support groups, call the United at (608) 255-8502.

## Colders Asked to Drop Belling Sponsorship

[Milwaukee]- WISN Talk Radio host, Mark Belling, is under fire again from Milwaukee minority communities for his controversial views. The groups involved, which include Gays, Lesbians and African Americans, are asking his largest sponsor, Colders Furniture, to pull its advertising from his late afternoon show.

Many involved are reportedly outraged by Belling's recent characterizations of murders, allegedly committed by Jeffrey Dahmer, as the "logical extension" of the Gay lifestyle and of the victims as being responsible for their own deaths. (Belling has described the victims as people who made bad decisions and suffered because of it.)

A flyer that was distributed at the August 5 candle light vigil for the murder victims urged people to call Colders' advertising department at 476-1574 and ask them "Why Colders wants to be linked with Belling's ignorant and irresponsible views."

The flyer also refers to a show broadcast earlier this summer, during which Belling proposed that all Gay males be stamped as potential health risks because of the large number of HIV positive Gay men.

According to the flyer, "unanswered prejudice leads to discrimination, segregation and, ultimately extermination. Milwaukee need not tolerate this attempt to legitimize bigoted and homophobic ideas."

Last fall, Dan Fons helped organize ACT UP's successful campaign to get an on-air correction of some AIDS misinformation that was broadcast during one of Belling's shows. Fons called this current attempt to pressure WISN "right

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## Shock and Skepticism Greet Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel



Rev. Jesse Jackson visited the Oxford Apartment building on August 7 in Milwaukee with Shirley Hughes whose son, Tony, was a victim in the Dahmer murder case.

## Rev. Jesse Jackson Offers Support To Gay and Lesbian Community

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- "The people of conscience must come together. There must be a rainbow coalition of conscience that will include Gays and Lesbians and Blacks and Jews and all minorities," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson in Milwaukee on August 7, 1991.

Jackson spoke at a press conference at Milwaukee's Hyatt Regency Hotel attended by approximately 75 members of the local media. Jackson was in Milwaukee to meet with public officials, and to hold a service of healing for the grieving families of the mass murder victims and for members of the community at large.

Asked to address the Lesbian/Gay community in particular, Rev. Jackson did not hesitate to speak about the concerns of the Lesbian/Gay community and use the "G" and "L" words even as he had not hesitated to use them at the last Democratic National Convention.

In Milwaukee, he told the assembled press, "Lesbian people and Gay people" were victims of the "sin of indifference" of which, he said, "nothing is more damaging." He maintained that the serial murders committed in Milwaukee were "a logical conclusion of indifference."

Konerak Sinthasomphone, Jackson said, was a victim of indifference. "If Konerak were not Laotian, not brown, not [perceived as] Gay," Jackson said, "he would still be alive."

Speaking softly, Rev. Jackson roundly condemned the indifference to which he sees the Lesbian/Gay community subjected to from many outside its ranks.

The indifference to the fate of anyone, no matter that they are different, must stop, he said. "You are not your brother's keeper," he said. "You are his brother." He added, "Love covers all."

Jackson urged Gays, Lesbians, Blacks and all minorities afflicted by the system "to build bridges, band together," pointing out that people had to do this themselves.

His message, he said, was one of "Review, Reconciliation and Renewal," and in this process Gays and Lesbians

have a part to play.

However, he said, in our efforts we must not rely completely on help from officialdom. "When you march from Egypt to Canaan, you can't do it on a grant from Pharaoh," he said.

Much of what troubles Lesbians and Gays and all minorities, he noted, is lodged in a society that "breeds and feeds violence everyday as a way to solve problems."

Jackson also condemned the wide variation in resources given to the education of youth in the inner city and in the suburbs. "Six thousand dollars per young person in the city vs. \$12,000 for a suburban youth," he said. "One leads to UWM, the other to Waupun."

Afterward, one Gay activist present at the news conference said of Rev. Jackson: "Wouldn't it be nice if we had somebody like him in Milwaukee? We could sure use him."

## New AIDS Care Clinic to Open In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- On August 23, 1991, Milwaukee will join the ranks of cities like Chicago, San Francisco, New York and others when a new HIV/AIDS clinic opens. The clinic, called AIDS Care Enhancement Health Institute (ACE-HI), staffed by volunteer practitioners from the community, will offer alternative complimentary therapies to those battling HIV/AIDS.

The co-founder and Director of Therapies is Arthur Shatluch, a board certified and licensed acupuncturist from Chicago who recently founded that city's Northside HIV Treatment Center (NHTC). Over the past five years, he has treated hundreds of people in the Windy City with HIV both in his clinical and private practice.

Co-founder and clinic administrator will be Bill Sparks of Milwaukee, a veteran HIV warrior since 1985. He has served as a buddy for the Milwaukee AIDS Project and, since 1987, a Brady East STD Clinic HIV counselor.

The new clinic is located at 1240A East Brady Street, (gate entrance) on the second floor. Initial clinic hours will be Fridays from 9:00-5:00 p.m. and will expand according to client needs and clinic resources. For more information or to make an appointment, call (414) 449-4939

By Terry Boughner  
and Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]- Lesbian and Gay community activists expressed surprise and shock upon hearing of the make-up of Mayor John O. Norquist's nine-member "Blue Ribbon" Commission on Police-Community relations. The names of the commission members were announced at City Hall on Tuesday, August 6, 1991.

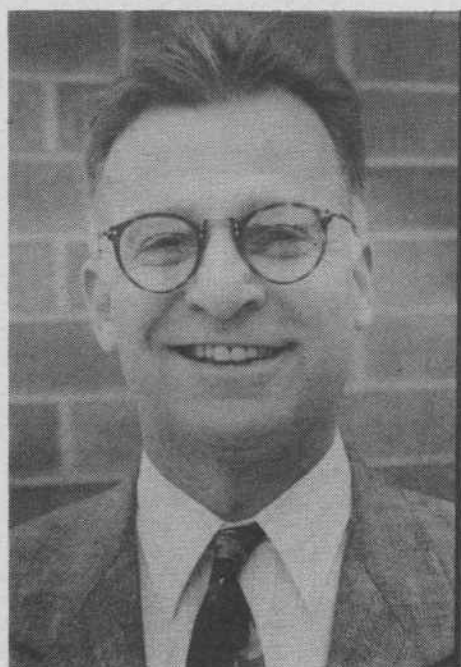
"I am thoroughly disappointed in the Mayor's response to every aspect of this whole horrible situation," said Kitty Barber, spokeswoman for the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, reacting to the make-up of the Commission and the aftermath of the mass murders here.

"It's obvious that we have a lot of work to do, not only with the politicians, not only with the general public, but with the Mayor's office as well," said Barber.

The Commission was formed by Mayor Norquist in response to questions raised about police-community relations after the disclosure that three officers had returned 14 year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone to the apartment of serial murder suspect Jeffrey Dahmer on May 27, 1991. Other charges of racism and homophobia have been leveled against the Milwaukee Police Department for its failure to fully investigate the disappearances of so many of Jeffrey Dahmer's victims.

The Commission is to examine the Police Department's service to the public, particularly in the area of responsiveness and sensitivity to minorities in the community. It is also expected to make recommendations regarding reforms in police training and procedures.

Among those named to the Commission was Gary Hollander, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and a UW-Milwaukee lecturer. Hollander has been a Board member of the Milwaukee AIDS Project for three years and is currently serving as its Vice-President.



GARY HOLLANDER

Hollander, who is openly Gay, earned his Ph.D. from UW-Milwaukee in 1990 and wrote his dissertation on HIV disease and depression. He lives with his partner of seven years on Milwaukee's East side.

Reached by the Wisconsin Light on the evening of his appointment, Hollander said: "I'm very pleased to be appointed. I've been very disturbed by what's been going on in our community for some time and have been working through a lot of different channels to make changes."

Hollander said that as a member of the Commission, "I hope I can make some of those contributions more directly and be heard, which is always a concern."

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Pentagon Spokesman 'Outed'

[Washington, D.C.]—Michael Petrelis, the Queer Nation activist who recently threw a drink in the face of Wisconsin Rep. Steve Gunderson (R) and demanded that he come out of the closet as a Gay man, has done it again. This time his target is chief Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams. Williams was the Pentagon's 'point' man, presiding over dozens of news conferences during the Persian Gulf conflict.

Said Petrelis: "Pete Williams, an openly closeted Gay man, hypocritically remains silent in his job as Pentagon spokesman while the Department of Defense continues its irrational policy of rejecting thousands of Gays and Lesbians from the armed services."

Petrelis issued this challenge to Williams: "Either come out and use your position to end this groundless and harmful Pentagon hypocrisy, or stop enjoying the fruits of the Gay and Lesbian community while contributing nothing in return."

Williams, whose job it is to be accessible to the public on Pentagon issues, has refused to respond to Petrelis' allegations. (Cheney responds, see p. 11)

### Federal Judge Berates 'Queers'

[Beaumont, TX]—A federal judge recently used the phrase "a bunch of queers" to describe Gay prison inmates during the trial of a civil rights case about overcrowding in the Jefferson County Jail.

U.S. District Court Judge Sam B. Hall, Jr., 67, made the homophobic remarks in front of the jury while questioning a witness about possible segregation of inmates by sexual orientation. Hall asked whether the plaintiff had been thrown in with "all that other bunch of queers in that tank?" He referred to homosexuals as "their kind." After court recessed, Judge Hall offered his opinion about Gays to reporters. He said: "I don't like them."

Two days later, a formal complaint alleging judicial misconduct was filed by activist Ray Hill. That complaint said: "Judge Hall's misbehavior constitutes conduct prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts."

Federal judges are appointed for life and can only be removed for "high crimes and misdemeanors." Texas State Rep. Glenn Maxey, a Gay man, said: "That probably doesn't include bigotry."

### Needle Exchange Activists Acquitted

[New York, NY]—Eight AIDS activists, who were arrested last year for distributing free, sterile hypodermic needles to addicts in order to prevent transmission of the disease, have been acquitted by Judge Laura Drager who ruled that their actions were justified because of the AIDS emergency.

Judge Drager ruled: "While the defendants' actions alone would not end the epidemic, it is reasonable to believe their actions served to avert risks of infection for some individuals. This court is satisfied that the harm the defendants sought to avoid was greater than the harm in violating the statute [prohibiting needle possession]. Hundreds of thousands of lives are stake in the AIDS epidemic."

Judge Drager ruled that illegal conduct is not criminal when it is an "emergency measure to avoid an imminent public or private injury."

### Gay-On-Gay Vandalism in S.F.

[San Francisco, CA]—The residence of San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg and Municipal Judge Mary Morgan was vandalized July 26 while the couple's son was having a slumber party for his sixth birthday, according to the **San Francisco Sentinel**.

Stickers relating to Achtenberg's position on AIDS funding and the current budget debate in the city were placed on the house, apparently by Gay activists unhappy with Achtenberg's views on those issues.

Barbara Cameron, who is Executive Director of Community United Against Violence, told the **Sentinel**: "It seems to indicate there are some very thoughtless people in our community. Why is it that Lesbian and Gay people feel it is OK to intimidate and threaten other Lesbians and Gay men? I don't understand those who feel this is legitimate in any sense."

### Minister Opposes P-FLAG Meeting

[Charlotte, NC]—Fearful that Charlotte could turn into a "homosexual mecca," the Rev. Joseph Chambers and his religious group, Concerned Charlotteans, are pressuring the Omni Charlotte Hotel to cancel its booking of the annual conference of the International Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). About 500 people are expected to attend. The hotel has stood by the reservation.

Chambers described the Federation as "blatantly and viciously pro-homosexual all the way" and warned that Charlotte might someday be subjected to huge Gay Pride parades like the one in San Francisco in which he saw half naked Lesbian bikers.

"There will be no parade," Nila Bailey, President of Charlotte's P-FLAG chapter, told the Associated Press. "There will be no naked people. Just parents trying to help each other and help our children."

### Ceremony Unites 150 Couples

[Phoenix, AZ]—The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, conducted a mass commitment ceremony that united 150 Gay and Lesbian couples in Phoenix on July 18.

The ceremony took place as part of the denomination's biennial conference. Rev. Perry recited the vows, the couples' responded and then were encouraged to embrace and kiss to seal the commitment.

The mass wedding of Gays and Lesbians was in stark contrast to the debate raging at the governing convention of the Episcopal Church which was also meeting in Phoenix that week. The Episcopalians rejected a proposal stating that sexually active Gays and Lesbians could become ministers, and reaffirmed their stand that sexual relations should be restricted to heterosexual marriage.

### Gay News Stories Spur Threats

[Fort Worth, TX]—Members of the Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TCLGA) received 45 anonymous hate calls beginning the very day that an article about the Gay community appeared in the Fort Worth **Star Telegram**.

Among the messages recorded by TCLGA's answering machine or received by members were those saying "A good fag is a dead fag" and "You should be burned like the Jews."

Meanwhile, a June 29 article about Todd Allen, Miss Gay South Dakota, that appeared in the Sioux Falls **Argus Leader**, prompted more than 100 angry letters and phone calls from the paper's readers. Many cited God's alleged proscription against homosexuality, and one reader said she hoped the city editor would get AIDS for running the story.

### S.F. City College Gay-Friendly

[San Francisco, CA]—After a shake-up of its administrative structure, the City College of San Francisco, the largest community college in the country, has appointed four members of the Gay and Lesbian community to important administrative positions.

"These individuals represent the city," said Chancellor Evan S. Dobelle, "from government and education to business and communities. We hired San Francisco."

Jennifer Biehn and Stephen Hammer were appointed Deans of Student Services. Lawrence Klein was appointed Director of Employee Relations and Frederic Sonenberg was named Director of Institutional Development.

San Francisco City College boasts a Department of Gay and Lesbian Studies which offers up to ten courses in history, anthropology, literature, film and other subjects each term. Department Chair Jack Collins praises the administration at City College: "I met with nothing but enthusiasm and good vibes. It's incredible. I was expecting support, but I have enthusiastic support." (Info from S.F. **Sentinel**).

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.



Queen Hyler, founder of Milwaukee's Stop the Violence organization spoke August 5 at the candlelight vigil which remembered the victims and families of the Dahmer mass murders.

### Amnesty International Lobbied To Include Gay, Lesbian Prisoners

[Washington, D.C.]—Gay and Lesbian groups lobbied Amnesty International USA's General Meeting in Washington recently, seeking change in Amnesty's controversial policy toward Gay and Lesbian prisoners.

Called "Human Rights in the 21st Century," the conference was noteworthy for the high visibility of Gay and Lesbian activists, the candid remarks made by top Amnesty officers, and the promises made by Amnesty USA to lobby for change within an organization that has resisted adopting homosexuals.

By "adopting" a group, Amnesty takes on the charge of defending those in the group persecuted or imprisoned for who or what they are.

Inclusion of Gays and Lesbians in Amnesty's mandate and the decision to defend Gays will be put before the organization for a vote of its international conference in September in Japan. If the vote is negative, the Gay & Lesbian Task Force to Change Amnesty International — a newly formed coalition of groups — will call for a major boycott of Amnesty.

Members of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force to Change Amnesty International

include: ACT UP, GLAAD, Gay and Lesbian Watch, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Queer Nation/Queer Planet.

One top Amnesty executive, Michael Schelew, stunned conference-goers by citing homophobia as the reason for his recent resignation from the prestigious position as chair of Amnesty's Mandate Review Committee. Schelew, a lawyer from Toronto, Canada, said that homophobia among high-level Amnesty administrators was "appalling."

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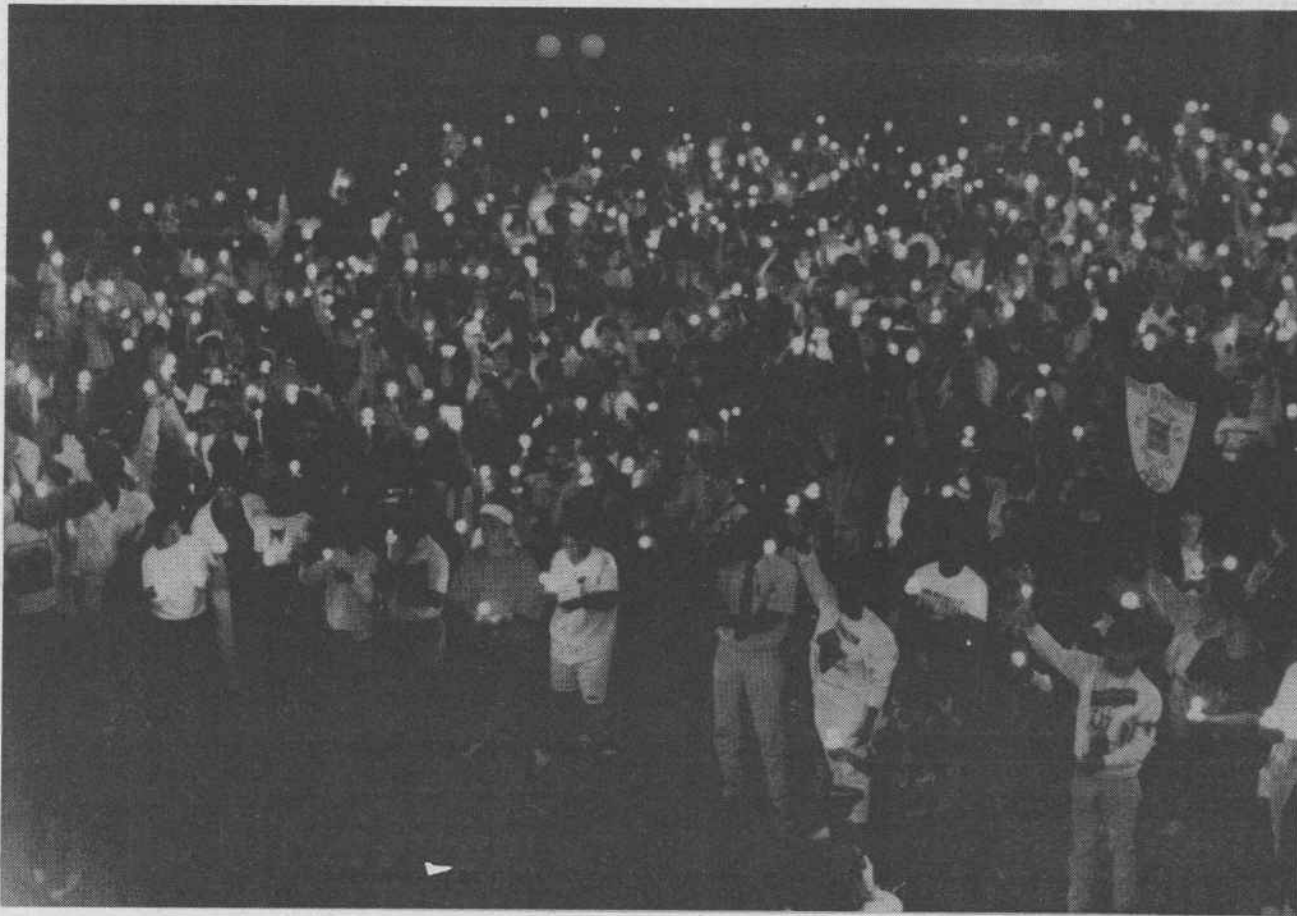
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Over 1,000 people were present in front of the Milwaukee County Courthouse on August 5 to remember the victims and families of the Dahmer mass murders. Lit candles could be seen throughout the crowd.

## Prayers, Memories and Demands Aired at Somber Candlelight Vigil

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]- More than 1,000 concerned citizens — Gay and straight, Black and white, young and old — linked arms and sang "We Shall Overcome" at an emotional Candlelight Vigil August 5 to honor the memory of the many victims of the recent mass murder here.

The vigil began with speeches in Juneau Park, after which participants marched west on Kilbourn Avenue through downtown Milwaukee to continue the gathering at MacArthur Square.

Prayers, poems and reminiscences about the victims were shared and charges of racism and homophobia against the Milwaukee Police Department for its failure to detect Jeffrey Dahmer's murder spree were voiced by many speakers.

"Please, don't hold hatred in your hearts," said Shirley Hughes, the mother of victim Tony Hughes, "Trust in the Lord to carry you through."

Mrs. Hughes, who was understandably distraught, wore a picture of her son and was assisted to the microphone by other family members. She said: "I loved my son, regardless of what his lifestyle was — or anyone else's lifestyle. It's nobody's business but theirs."

A close friend of Curtis Straughter's, a 17 year old named Vernell, declared: "I'm Black and I'm proud and I'm Gay and I'm proud," to the cheers of the crowd. Vernell said of his friend, known to many as Demetra: "I lost a dear friend. He never hurt anyone. He was a true friend to me, to all of the Gay community...In spirit, I know he's here with me tonight."

Richard Guerrero's sister said: "For three and a half years we searched for my brother. We told the police we suspected something wrong and they just let it aside. Because he was just another minority missing, they didn't give a shit...This never should have happened if the police were doing their job."

Queen Hyler, Director of Stop the Violence, lambasted the city of Milwaukee for its institutional racism and homophobia. "We must face the cold, hard fact that racism is still very much alive in this city in 1991. African-Americans, Gays and other minorities are simply treated as second class citizens."

Hyler invoked the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said: "We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools. We must always remember that this nation was founded on the principle that all men are created equal and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

"God must have a master plan for something good to come out of so much evil, so much pain, so much suffering and so many senseless deaths," Hyler said. She then made this vow: "Let me say to the city of Milwaukee: these victims' deaths **must not** and **will not** be in vain."

Mayor John O. Norquist addressed the crowd and was interrupted several times by hecklers. Many attending the vigil believe he has not responded adequately to community problems in general, and the immediate crisis brought on by the mass murder in particular.

"It is vitally important to the future of this community that we rally against violence, against disrespect for individual people based on race or the way they live," said Norquist.

Norquist stumbled over the last words of that sentence, and several Lesbians near the stage expressed disgust at the Mayor's apparent inability to use the words "Gay" or "Lesbian."

"All the law-abiding citizens of Milwaukee should respect each other," said the Mayor. "And everyone who works for the government of Milwaukee should respect all the law-abiding citizens of Milwaukee."

Jeannetta Robinson, Director of Career Youth Development, offered comfort to the families of the victims.

## City Seems To Bow Its Head During Beautiful Memorial Vigil

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- Like theatres in mourning, the lights dimmed and went out at This Is It, Club 219, La Cage and the 3 B's; a solemn gesture made as over 1,000 people gathered in Juneau Park for a vigil of remembrance, peace and healing held Monday evening, August 5, 1991 in memory of the 17 young men dead by a murder's hand.

Walking about the crowd, looking at faces, overhearing words, I learned of the tremendous anger present in so many. There were those who wanted to cry. Those who wanted to shout and everywhere, people expressed the need to vent, to relieve their feelings of frustration, pain and ire. Some did, calling out to Alderman Paul Henningson or Mayor John Norquist. Those two took it verbally on the chin.

But, for the most part, the crowd stood silent simply, I think, glad for the opportunity provided by the organizers to be together; to find catharsis in each other's company.

Following the speeches by Queen Hyler and others, the march began. Flanked by the police on motorcycles, the marchers, many trying to keep their candles lit, left, heading down Kilbourn toward MacArthur Square that stretches out before the Roman facade of the Milwaukee County Court House.

I put myself near the front, hurrying along, marveling at the diversity of the people with me. There were Blacks, Asians and Hispanics. There were people I knew. Lesbian people. Gay people. There were women and men, young and old. There were little children, all a wonderful cross-section of the Milwaukee

"To the bereaved families, I want to say I know how you feel. My children were brutally murdered too. But I want to tell you Mrs. Hughes, that God's grace is sufficient for you. I want to tell you Mother Miller, that He said: 'He that suffers with Me, shall also reign with Me.'"

Robinson declared: "It is the duty of everyone here to make sure some good comes out of this tragedy. It is **we the people** that must stand up and do it for ourselves...We are going to demand justice!"

Scott Gunkel, President of the Lambda Rights Network, said: "These victims, most of whom were Black Gay males, were loving, caring individuals who touched some of us in our daily lives and have become representative of a system that has failed us all."

Gunkel reiterated the call for an independent probe of the police department "to know just how deep this prejudice runs."

He concluded: "Do not forget the anger. Do not forget the rage. Use it to keep yourself involved. Use it to keep the powerful in check. Use it to never forget what happened and, most of all, use it to remember the victims."

community brought, at last, together by tragedy that had affected us all.

Then, to the rear, the crowd began to sing the old civil rights hymn "We Shall Overcome." I can tell you true that shivers ran up and down my spine. It was beautiful. I was close to tears.

I reached Cass Street and looked back. From what I could see, the line of marchers, 6-7 abreast in most places, stretched back to the Juneau Park. There was little talk as we went, but a lot of solemn singing like a group of people, a city, coming together in all our variety to heal ourselves — as it should be. I can remember thinking how much I hoped that unity would last.

Darkness had fallen by the time we reached MacArthur Square. People blew the little whistles that had been handed out earlier. The candles, flairs and flashlights glowed like lights on a Christmas tree; not the most appropriate metaphor, I guess, but that's what I thought.

People gathered close about the steps

to listen to the speakers. I saw Kevin and the staff from 219, moisture glistening on their cheeks. That's not just poetry. That's what I saw. I saw Nicholas from The Triangle, George Prentice solemn faced, very sad.

I wandered over to the other side where Sue Burke was standing and asked her where Jeffrey Dahmer was. I didn't know.

She said, "Right there," and pointed to a massive gray building just to the side.

I felt the strangest kind of feeling come over me. He was right there, in that jail overlooking all these mourners. As the families and friends of some of the young victims began to speak I went over to the building to take a closer look.

High up I could just make out the dark figures of people standing, pressed against the bars, looking down, watching and a chill ran down my back. Good Lord, I thought, one of them could be him. I didn't know and don't know, but it is possible. Even if I let my imagination run away with me, there was enough energy in that sorrowing crowd to have reached him, no matter where he was in the bowls of that jail.

I left then, walking slowly, heading back. I can't fathom Jeffrey Dahmer. I won't understand him, get into his head, if I live to be a million. But all I could think about as I went along, were those 17 young men, those beautiful young men, cut off in the prime of their blooming youth.

Those 17 young men, some, at least, who were as I am, Gay, were loved and gave love; had dreams, hopes, thoughts of their own homes. They had so much, so very much to contribute and now we, all of us, have to go on without them. I felt very dark about that, full of night inside.

I looked back at the crowd. There was a sea of little lights shining in the night. I looked at Milwaukee's tall buildings, many of their windows all lit up. I know it's only subjective, but right then, because of that beautiful, moving vigil, I could believe and did that the whole city had bowed its head; could believe that the lights were votive lights and that those young men could see all that had just gone on.

## Models Sought for OBSESSIONS, STYLE Magazines

[San Diego, CA]- Klinger Group photographers, Roy Dean and Matt Oxley will be searching for male models in Toronto, Canada and Chicago within the next few months.

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## EDITORIAL

### Lavender Ribbon Panel Required To Address Gay, Lesbian Issues

The appointed Blue Ribbon Panel named by Mayor John O. Norquist to study the reaction and level of sensitivity to minorities by police does not, in our opinion, best represent Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Community.

The one Gay member of the panel is not seen as being an active, involved member of our community. Many of us feel left out and worry that our needs and concerns will not be served.

We therefore call for the creation, by concerned members of our community, of a Lavender Ribbon Panel to present a list of our demands and concerns and questions to the so-called Blue Ribbon Panel.

The African-American Community also feels poorly served by the Mayor's Commission and has called for a Black Ribbon Panel. We share their concerns over unmet needs.

We urge that the Lavender Ribbon Panel be created immediately. The Panel will be you and your concerns. Those of you with suggestions for improving our relationship with the Milwaukee Police Department and other city and county agencies may contact **Wisconsin In Step** by writing to the magazine at 225 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204 or calling (414) 278-7840. Contact the **Wisconsin Light** at 1843 N. Palmer Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212, or call the paper at (414) 372-2773. We will forward your comments and suggestions to the Mayor's Commission.

—Ron Geiman

**Publisher/Editor, In Step**

—Terry Boughner

**Executive Editor, Wisconsin Light**

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is no editorial, nothing even resembling an editorial. It is just a short note — well, maybe short — to give a few, very subjective impressions of these last two weeks or so.

To put it mildly, on one level, it's been a zoo. Jerry, Jamakaya, Dan and I put out the first "Extra" in our history, a job, I for one, never want to do again. Still, the volume of material and the rapidly changing nature of things surrounding the Dahmer case, seemed to warrant it, so it was done.

In these weeks too, our community here in Milwaukee has been put under unbelievable pressures and strains. For one thing, there's been the major media putting us under a microscope. Personally, I talked to **Time** magazine, the **New York Times**, the **Philadelphia Inquirer**, the **Atlanta Constitution**, CNN, CBS, Canadian National Radio, the Italian press, St. Louis, Chicago — and that doesn't even begin to mention the local press, TV and radio.

**Light** staff members also played a heroic role in getting the word out to Gay and Lesbian papers across the country. Time and time again, we were told that the straight media in other cities did a very inadequate job in covering the many Gay angles to the murder story. We were glad and proud to be of assistance. Under extraordinarily stressful circumstances, we rose to the occasion. We had to.

You get to a point where you know you've said it all before, but I can say one thing. It's been an opportunity to maybe educate people a little about what it's like

to be Gay.

Other activists here have been through the same thing and more, fighting homophobia as it rears its demonic head more terrible than any dragon. That's no exaggeration. But there's a good side.

Our community has had chances to build bridges of understanding and sympathy with other minority communities, reaching out to them, saying that we all have many of the same problems and we need each other to solve them.

I think we've also learned, as a Lesbian/Gay community, the urgent need we have to come together, to unify. I think it will happen. I know it is happening.

So here's a word to a few politicians: election time's coming next year for a lot of you, and those of you who think you can ignore us, I'll tell you this. If I have to go out and drag every Gay and Lesbian I know or can find to the polling places, I'll do it. Believe me, believe me very hard, that I and we will all remember in November when we vote.

This is still a terrible time for us here. The hideous tragedy of those young lives, taken away in the full bloom of their youth, stabs into us like hot knives. We will mourn for them for a long, long time to come. Thing is, in mourning there is healing. Tears are a kind of balm and we will heal. But now we cover our heads and sorrow. It is right and just that we do.

We are a great community. We are a loving community — and powerful in our love.

—Terry Boughner

## LETTERS

### Nazism on Rise?

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I was rather intrigued to read in the **New York Times** that a swastika had appeared on a door of one of the inner offices of the headquarters of the Milwaukee Police Department. I should rather have expected one on the flag pole. In the 1970's Milwaukee young men in brown uniforms would often bring swastika flags into the downtown shopping district and stand for hours at a time on street corners, probably trying to intimidate Milwaukee's fast-growing Black population. (It should be remembered that a formerly prominent American Nazi leader hails from suburban Wauwatosa).

I would not bring these unpleasant memories of the "Great Place on a Great Lake" (or Bad Dream on a Bad Stream", depending on which side of "boosterism" you support) except that the Jeffrey Dahmer case which shares headlines with the Joseph Dressler trial, has brought to the fore a widespread homophobia that infects Milwaukeeans and especially the local press.

On Tuesday, 30 July, local television station WISN reported on a young man who had had a close encounter with Jeffrey Dahmer. The young man's social worker was quoted as having said that it was believed the young man was being abused by "a member of the homosexual movement." This invention of a "homosexual movement" purposing to promote molestation and murder reminds one of the **Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion**.

This idea that all Gays are involved in a conspiracy to molest and commit mayhem is nothing new in Milwaukee, but has been heard regularly since fundamentalist christian radio and television WVCY began broadcasting in the area more than a decade ago. What is new is that such claptrap is glibly repeated by supposedly responsible newsmen. The local press has incessantly referred to both the Dressler and Dahmer cases as "homosexual overkill", though they never describe any crime, however horrible, as a "heterosexual killing."

Milwaukee's swing from nazism to homophobia occurs in a city that is falling apart

as soaring crime and murder rates are emphasized by sensational cases with homosexual overtones, such as those of Dressler and Dahmer. This provides an easy target, Gays, for the venting of frustrations at a time when the African-American community has become too numerous and active to be attacked openly. Waiting in the wings, of course, is the anti-semitism which is beginning to appear in other parts of Wisconsin.

Milwaukee has quite enough problems without having to endure a press that panders to the baser instincts of prejudice and hatred in its quest for ratings and circulation, and this is why many of us are turning to such papers as the **Times**.

—Al Geiersbach  
Milwaukee

**Editor's Note:** A copy of the above letter was sent to the **New York Times**.

## Congratulations!

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations Community and Thank You! Your outpouring of love and deep concern for Milwaukee is appreciated and I was pleased to see so many of you turn out for the Candlelight Vigil held Monday, August 5 for the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer.

The police department estimated that 900 caring citizens turned out to march down Kilbourn Avenue to MacArthur Square. More joined us there. I recognized many faces — and made some new friends. A busload of people came up from Chicago and marched with us side-by-side.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who dedicated themselves to making the Vigil work: Sara and Kris who came to the meeting as "concerned" and left the meeting as "organizers"; the Brady East STD Clinic and Erv Uecker, who was there with a "yes" every time I called; Joe and his staff from Meda-Care Ambulance — caregivers in the true sense of the word; Queen Hyler from STOP the Violence and Jeanetta Robinson from Career Youth Development, Inc. for their inspiring and stirring speeches; Mayor Norquist, Paul Henningsen and the Common Council; the family members of the victims who displayed

courage and compassion in the face of adversity; Burnell (who I'm very proud of); George Prentice from La Cage and Ron Geiman from **In Step** who helped us out with finances; Select Sound; Tim Grair, Chris Lubus and Stan from Queer Nation-Milwaukee (I'd do this again anytime with you guys); Kitty Barber for taking firm, yet flexible control of stage managing; Cheryl Franklin for being perfectly agreeable about being volunteered to speak; and all the speakers who bared their souls to a huge crowd of strangers.

To you, the Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Community, I'm proud to be of service to you and I am honored that you have given me your trust and respect. You truly know the spirit of Milwaukee.

—Annabelle Havlicek  
**President, Havlicek & Associates**

Milwaukee

## Counseling

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I am prompted to write about the Dahmer case, even though all of us are tired of hearing about this whole affair.

If he had AIDS and had been identified through MAP, it is possible that he may never have killed. Since he does not seem to have had AIDS, he wasn't able to become involved in that service system. He was just one more person with an extreme internal battle over his sexuality. He fell through all the cracks with no system in place to provide help.

I make this startling statement, since with AIDS he would have had the opportunity to have become involved with the social workers at the Milwaukee AIDS Project. There is a possibility that he could have been convinced that intervention was necessary and that he would have accepted.

He rejected several overtures from the "straight" social service system. From what I read, they did not have the sensitivity to understand what he was going through.

This community after this tragic incident is over, needs to deeply consider that only the Milwaukee AIDS Project has any counseling available for our entire community. No other vehicle exists anywhere outside Madison's United in this state for any Gay or Lesbian to obtain counseling, intervention or any kind of other help when one is struggling as this man was. We have been shown the dire consequences when we do not have such agencies in place.

The straight Social Service system does not meet G/L social service needs and, as a result, in every major city in the country, the G/L community has set up help programs. As a large city, we are far behind the times. We, however, should now learn a lesson and correct that situation.

Far less serious problems are faced by so many in our community every day: -Gay youth, Gay parents, those who wish to adopt, just day to day living for so many, but there is no way to handle these either. Each can be helped within a sensitized agency setting, but none exists here.

In fact, not one organization has any staff, much less trained staff and this is the largest city in the State.

Milwaukee has always feared that someone might make a living off the Gay community if it ever hired a staff person.

I say that a trained counselor being supported by us to help us is not ripping us off; it's meeting a crying need that is not now being met. That person or staff must have the proper credentials and their work must bear review by the community, but to out of hand reject a salaried person in the face of such a need, would, it seems to me to be that we are bent on the self-destruction of our community.

Eighty-eight organizations are active in this state. Only one has a staff member. Our two state foundations, Cream City Foundation and New Harvest have determined over and over that much more money needs to be raised to support such things as good social services, yet neither has ever had the money to consider such a move.

It is well known and has been proven over and over again that dramatic growth in funding occurs when a staff person is added. (A-Choice, an alternative fund in which Cream City participates, went from \$12,000 three years ago to over \$160,000 when it added a staff member).

If Cream City had the funds, we could at once set up a social counseling agency, today, to make sure that another tragedy doesn't happen, or a lot of little unpublishable tragedies are met while they can be helped.

The United in Madison has been receiving funds from the United Way and raises funds, in addition, on its own. Can our United Way see its way clear to drop its homophobia and fund desperately needed G/L social services?

Can we have a community meeting to finally come to grips with our being one of the only major cities in the country without any social services of a professional nature?

Can we all contribute a larger and more considered gift this year to Cream City Foundation to allow them to add a staff person and get the kinds of money into the Foundation that will allow us to meet other crying social service needs?

Milwaukee, I hope we can see just how desperately we need this kind of agency organized and active at the earliest opportunity. Will the community react? I, for one, hope so.

—Bob Melig  
Milwaukee

**Editor's Note:** The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, at 271-2565, has a long history of offering sensitive counseling and support groups to Gays and Lesbians. (See related story in this issue.) The staff there can also refer callers to many private therapists who are Gay and Lesbian. A number of those therapists advertise in the Gay, Lesbian and feminist presses.

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## OPINION: Militant Struggle Urged in Response To Murders

By Thomas J. Rondy

The grisly murders of seventeen men allegedly committed by Jeffrey Dahmer and the reactionary press coverage given this tragedy by the mainstream media will have two effects that you don't have to be the Amazing Kreskin to predict.

There will be increased, possibly mortal, violence against Gays and Lesbians. That, in turn, will serve to exacerbate the self-pity and apathy that continues to paralyze the Gay and Lesbian liberation movement not only in Wisconsin, but everywhere in America outside the nation's twelve largest cities. These two phenomena have two basic roots: capitalism and patriarchy.

There was absolutely nothing surprising about the way in which the capitalist media tried to make it seem as if all Gay men everywhere are to blame for the brutal murders that took place. The media is owned by the same oligarchic interests which have allowed AIDS to rage out of control and have kept this country the only industrialized nation besides South Africa not to have some kind of nationalized health-care system.

The same sort of double standards that characterize the coverage of the actions of leftist organizations around the world is the weapon used by the media to maintain distrust within the mainstream of disenfranchised groups in this country. Why do you think they try so hard to blame African Americans for the drug problem even though that is manifestly untrue? For this same reason, you will never hear them coin a term like "heterosexual overkill."

These masters of mediocrity in our "objective" and "unbiased" media should be aware of a fact that suggests that Gay men are, in fact, less violent than their heterosexual counterparts. Only three percent of all rapes are "homosexual" rapes and straight men commit a majority of those. (If that doesn't make sense, remember that rape is violence, not sex.)

But at least one reason for the media's

lopsided representations will still continue unabated. That is that bit of homoerotic capacity lodged within the psyche of many straight men. That minuscule attraction is one of the major upholders of homophobia and it creates the need to present homosexuality in the most horrific light humanly possible in order to keep these clandestine desires suppressed.

The response that we need to this crisis is one of militant struggle. That means letters and phone calls to television stations and newspapers that report the murders with such crass bigotry, a mass protest of this kind of reporting, an unflinchingly militant self-defense against any future bashings.

According to well-known dissident Noam Chomsky, our society is plagued by something he calls "social atomization." What he means by that is the tendency of Americans to see life in terms of banalities, devoid of any community spirit or common purpose.

Trying to get an American, be they Gay or straight, involved in any attempt to change things for the better is met with "I don't wanna. It's too hard." And the really pathetic thing is that the ones who are most alienated by the status quo are the ones who are the most hell-bent on dealing with their alienation with either endless TV watching or drinking themselves into oblivion. After all, self-pity is so much easier.

Scott Gunkel and Stan Straka's "Challenge to the Community" in the July 25 issue of the *Light* comes to mind.

Let's be realistic about this. By not getting involved, you're only helping the oppressor to oppress you and that, in my estimation, is about as pathetic as you can get. The contemptible faggots who left Kurt Zaring to be possibly beaten to death by bat and bottle-wielding thugs (in an incident outside Milwaukee Gay bars in June) are an example of the kind of mentality that has to go if anything is to change for the better.

## Everyone Invited To Meet David Clarenbach At Festive Garden Party

[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.

Now Rep. Clarenbach is running for the nomination to Congress.

As was said last issue, we here in Milwaukee can't vote for him, but no election campaign is cheap. He needs our help and **WE NEED HIM** in Congress.

All of us here in Wisconsin need a man like Rep. Clarenbach in Washington who 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.

## Gay Penpals Publishes Summer Issue

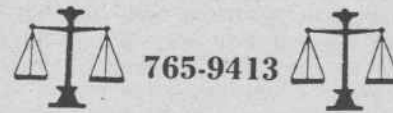
[North Hollywood, CA]- International Gay Penpals (IGP) has published its Summer newsletter. More than 400 listings representing Gay men from England, France, Japan, Sweden, USSR, Denmark, Australia, Ghana, Malta, Germany, Thailand, India and other countries are included.

This is a unique way to start international correspondence for a hobby, a forthcoming Summer vacation, to practice another language or to establish a friendship or romance.

Those interested should send a SASE to: IGP, Suite 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, CA 91603.

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## Dykes To Watch Out For





## NGLTF Releases Statement On Murder Case In Milwaukee

[Washington, D.C.]— The following is the text of an official statement issued by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force regarding the Jeffrey L. Dahmer mass murder case in Milwaukee.

The grisly murders of at least 17 men, allegedly by Jeffrey L. Dahmer, are another example of how hatred destroys the lives of Gay people and people of color. It also appears, as this story unfolds, that anti-Gay and racial bias on the part of the Milwaukee police allowed the murder toll to mount.

Although Gay people were among the victims, biased statements on the part of police and some media have linked this murder spree to all Gay and Lesbian people. For example, the term "homosexual overkill" has been used repeatedly by the police and press in connection with the case without any definition or explanation. When has the term "heterosexual overkill" ever been used to describe the serial killing of women by a male perpetrator? By confusing victims with perpetrators, media and police statements have unwittingly fostered an atmosphere of intolerance that has led to a dramatic increase in anti-Gay harassment and threats in Milwaukee and perhaps elsewhere as well.

Anti-Gay and racial hatred are not innate characteristics. They are learned. To ignore the identity of the victims, the motivations of the murders and the social

context in which these killings took place, is to ignore society's complicity in these crimes.

We are also disturbed about the apathy shown by the Milwaukee police department in connection with this case. According to Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian organizations, prior to Dahmer's arrest, local police failed to adequately investigate the disappearances of Gay men, some of whom were his victims.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute joins the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay community in calling for: 1) a full investigation of the Milwaukee police department's response to these murders and to Gay and minority concerns in general and 2) the appointment of an official liaison within the Milwaukee police department to work with Gay and minority awareness training for all Milwaukee police officers and recruits.

Finally, we urge the media to avoid bias in its coverage of this story and to recognize its responsibility to give the public the full story behind these murders.

Full coverage should include an examination of: 1) the impact of these crimes on the victims and their communities; 2) the role of anti-Gay and racial hatred in these murders; and 3) the ways that racism and anti-Gay prejudice undermined the law enforcement response to these crimes.

## Common Council Members Send Message To Memorial Vigil

[Milwaukee]— The following is the text of a message from eight members of the Milwaukee Common Council to those in attendance at the Vigil to Remember the Victims of Jeffrey Dahmer on August 5.

It is all too easy, in the face of rising crimes against people of color, Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, women and the poor to think of victims as statistics. But the young men who were murdered were brothers and sons and friends with cousins and classmates and neighbors. They went on picnics and laughed at jokes and knew pain and suffering. They were, in short, human beings, with all the dignity and value that that implies.

Their passing underscores the fact that worth as a human being is not contingent on living in a certain neighborhood or having a certain skin color or sexual orientation, or even an ability to speak English. "All God's children got wings," wrote the playwright Eugene O'Neill. Sometimes that simple fact of humanity, that all God's children got wings, gets lost, gets trampled on, gets suffocated in the poisonous weeds of hatred.

Truly, this has been a dark night of the soul for Milwaukee, and one that was preceded by escalating violence towards

Gay men and women, by a horrifying increase in the murder of African-American men, and by hate crimes that cannot be tolerated whether they occur on the lakefront, at West 25th Street, or on South Second Street. They are simply not acceptable.

The light shining through the darkness is that the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community of Milwaukee is at long last being recognized as a viable force by the larger community, and that the coalition-building process with other cultural and community groups has already begun.

In some ways, the men who died were coalitions unto themselves: they were Gay and Black and Latino and Oriental and didn't have a lot of money. Let us now give praise to their existence by standing together to stop the violence, to overcome the prejudice, and to form a caring and just Milwaukee that will be a shining example for the rest of America.

—Thomas P. Donegan  
—Wayne P. Frank  
—Paul A. Henningsen  
—Marlene E. Johnson  
—John R. Kalwitz  
—Mary Anne McNulty  
—Marvin E. Pratt  
—Donald F. Richards

## Military Papers Refuse To Run Ads For Persian Gulf Veterans

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

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

Current Defense Department policy forbids Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals from serving in the military. Yet in a June 27, 1991, interview with *USA Today*, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney acknowledged the presence of Gay people in the armed services. Cheney told *USA Today* editors that there was "no

question in my mind, we've got a large number of Gays in military service."

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

"This is just another pitiful attempt to make Lesbian and Gay soldiers invisible," Rubenstein said. Rubenstein said the coalition would not make the changes *Army Times* had mandated, but is instead exploring the possibility of placing the ad in other publications.

Other members of the coalition joining in the ad campaign include the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders; the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America; the Human Rights Campaign Fund; the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.; and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

### LETTER POLICY

*Wisconsin Light* actively solicits Letters to the Editor on any subject. However all such letters must be signed and contain the writer's address although the address is never printed and the name will be withheld upon request. All unsigned letters, notes and stuff scribbled on the sides of clipped columns will serve as cat box liner.

## PERSPECTIVE: In Our Silence, No Voices Will Be Heard

By Maytee Aspuro

Due to the Dahmer murders the Lesbian and Gay community is under siege, and the propensity for victims to retreat back to anonymity is overall, this community's greatest threat.

Allowing the representation of Lesbians and Gays to rest upon the shoulders of a few leaders is dangerous. Not that our leaders are not doing an extraordinary job and deserve our gratitude and praise, but that by abandoning the few to stand alone, public officials and the population at large are allowed to believe that Lesbians and Gays either 1) do not exist, 2) do not care about how they are treated or 3) are too fearful to stand up against the misrepresentation, hatred and violence being inflicted upon them.

Any of these three conclusions will have a damaging long-term effect on how Lesbians and Gays are defined and treated, not only in the city of Milwaukee but by the nation as a whole.

No matter what an individual may think, the Lesbian and Gay community is fighting for its very life, and backing into or remaining in one's closet is not going to protect anyone.

For Lesbians and Gays who have never considered themselves political and thus rationalized their apathy, I ask if the loss of life is unworthy of your attention and energies?

The city pulses with anger and one stream of anger currently being felt by some visible members of the Lesbian and Gay community is directed back to those who remain invisible. The lack of individual response is disheartening. Why are there not more letters being written, more phone calls being made to politicians, police representatives and the media demanding fair and correct representation? Why hasn't the Lesbian and Gay community rallied with the same power and dignity as the Afro-American community of this city?

The answer is all too apparent. The Afro-American community members cannot hide the color of their skin while

Lesbians and Gays can hide their sexual orientation. Members of the Afro-American community have less, to lose, so one may think.

Speaking for myself alone I believe that any Lesbian or Gay who remains silent cannot be considered a "sister" or a "brother." They may be Lesbian or Gay but they are not members of our community as the word is defined.

I can no longer be polite and diplomatic. The time has passed for such patience. The truth is all the more important in times of crisis even if the truth is unpleasant. Yes, it is difficult to be out and it is difficult to respond to homophobic rhetoric, challenging friends, families, peers and strangers. And yes, it is difficult to get involved because it does demand energies always in short supply, but we have no choice if we are to survive. It must be done and each Lesbian and Gay has a responsibility to themselves to be honest not only with themselves but with others.

I anticipate that the overwhelming reality of the Dahmer murders will raise a wave of amnesia over many who will actively remove themselves from all sources which may remind them of the brutality of one man and the insensitivity of a city's and a society's response.

Some may argue that it is normal and human to want to go on with one's life without dwelling on the fearful side of our lives. And yet, there can be no greater betrayal than to allow the death of these men, victims chosen due to their race and sexual orientation, to mean nothing because their sisters and brothers responded by seeing no evil, hearing no evil and speaking no evil.

To turn our backs to their deaths is to turn our backs on our right to life. In our silence no voices will be heard. No cries of pain, no cries of help, no cries of dignity, no cries of hope. There will be no visible tears. There will be no remembrance. The graves of these men will be nothing but a void to be filled-in by our enemies.

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## Silver Space Plans Anniversary Picnic/Playshops on Sept. 15

[Elm Grove, WI]— Sunday, Sept. 15, 1991, is the 3rd Anniversary Celebration of Silver Space, a rapidly growing monthly discussion group for older Lesbians.

From 1:15 to 4:00 p.m., Lesbians of all ages are invited to a Picnic-Potluck at one of Milwaukee's beautiful Park Pavilions, rain or shine. Bring your voice and/or instrument and get your Songbook of Golden Oldies and Lesbian Lyrics for the Sing-along/Play-along, followed by a T-shirt contest with prizes for the three cleverest Ts.

The second event from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. is for older Lesbians only, with Silver Space Playshops offering a choice

of storytelling, games and ritual. At 6:00 p.m. two Silver Space regulars tell what it was like being Lesbian in Milwaukee many years ago. Then, small discussion groups form around topics selected by the audience, using the popular format that characterizes the regular Silver Space gatherings on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

One donation of \$3 covers the entire day's activities or any part of it.

For a map and schedule, send a SASE to: Silver Space, Box 371, Elm Grove, WI 53122, or phone Cheryl at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, (414) 271-2565.

## Impact of AIDS on Blacks Said To Be Potentially 'Catastrophic'

[Washington, D.C.]— African American AIDS activists pressured Black lawmakers recently in an unprecedented Congressional lobbying and briefing campaign aimed at sparking increased action around the growing crisis of AIDS in the Black community.

"The impact of AIDS on the African-American community will be catastrophic if we do not begin to address critical health care issues," said Belinda Rochelle, health issues lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

According to the Centers for Disease Control, more than 51,190 reported AIDS cases in the U.S. are among African Americans, or 37 percent of the total caseload. Some 52 percent of the total cases among women and 53 percent of those among children are African-Americans. AIDS is the leading

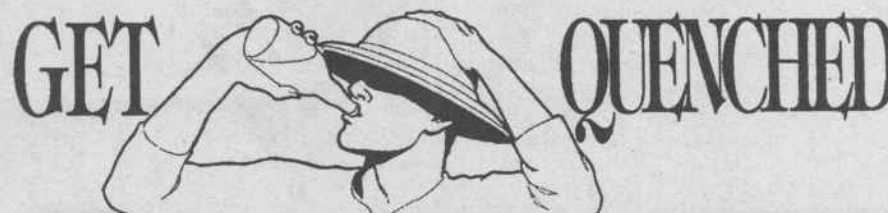
cause of death among Black women in New York City. But only 11 percent of patients enrolled in the U.S. AIDS Clinical Trials are Black.

"As African-Americans we must ask ourselves if we can afford to lose another Max Robinson, the TV anchorman; or Willi Smith, the fashion designer; or Fred Abramson, the attorney; or any of the thousands of Black people who have died," said NGLTF's Rochelle.

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# Charges of Police Harassment, Negligence Are Voiced Throughout The Nation

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]- The charges of racism and homophobia leveled against the Milwaukee Police Department in the wake of the mass murders here are not an isolated phenomenon. Charges ranging from excessive force to defamatory slurs to negligent conduct have been lodged against police officers in Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Chicago.

Perhaps the most thorough and damning evidence of police insensitivity was recorded by the Christopher Commission in Los Angeles. The Christopher Commission was the investigative body set up after the brutal police beating of motorist Rodney King. The videotaped evidence of that police brutality was flashed across America's TV screens this Spring.

The Christopher Commission reviewed transcripts of random police reports and communications typed into computers in squad cars. The transcripts revealed that Blacks were often referred to as "Zulus," Hispanics as "wetbacks," women as "bitches" and Gays as "queers," "fags" and "fruits."

According to the commission's findings, "Some of the most offensive comments in the MDT [Multiple Digital Terminal] transcripts reviewed by the commission concerned Lesbians and Gay men."

Some examples (replete with police mis-spellings):

"Just finished writing 4 tickets to some poo butts."

"I'll c u at the County Jail, bun-boy... If I was a bun-boy you'd be asking to sleep over my house homo."

"Houston PD has a new chief — Elizabeth Watson 40 years old..." "I bet that's going over reeeeeeaaalll well with the troops dude... They have some dyke bleeding heart for a mayor."

In a scenario all too familiar to Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians, the commission concluded: "Both Gay and heterosexual officers have noted that police are far more aggressive in enforcing minor infractions against suspected homosexuals than against presumed heterosexuals..."

"One Gay officer described instances in which he witnessed officers actively dissuade victims of 'Gay bashings' from pressing charges against the perpetrators by threatening to arrest the victims and place them in the same cells as the perpetrators."

The commission also documented incidents of excessive force against Gays: "As one LAPD officer put it: 'It's easier to thump a faggot than an average Joe. Who cares?'"

Hostility against Gay officers in the ranks of the LAPD was also revealed. The commission interviewed over 50 Gay and Lesbian cops "virtually all of whom said they believe they cannot reveal their sexual orientation without jeopardizing their careers."

The commission stated: "Many also reported fear that revealing their sexual orientation would jeopardize their personal safety." This refers to the concern among Gay officers that, when in a desperate or life-threatening situation, their homophobic colleagues might not back them up.

Regarding the anti-Gay sentiment among cops, LAPD officer Sue Herold recently told the *Advocate*: "My impression is that it comes from the top. It permeates the department."

The Christopher Commission agreed. It recommended a reshuffling of the command structure, a limited term for the chief of police, stepped-up recruitment of minorities, Gays and women and more extensive sensitivity training in cultural and sexual diversity.

Meanwhile, in south Florida, in an overall summary of hate crimes issued by the Anti-Violence Project of Gays United to Attack Repression and Discrimination (GUARD), numerous incidents of police negligence and brutality against Gays were documented.

Of the 36 hate crimes documented by GUARD from January through June, 1991, some of the worst were allegedly committed by the police themselves. The *Weekly News* of Miami reports that beatings by police, anti-Gay bias by police investigating Gay bashings and entrapment procedures were among the cases cited.

In one incident on Miami Beach, a 62 year old Gay man was beaten by a youth. Police released the attacker after he claimed the victim had propositioned him.

A person with AIDS in Hollywood (FL) received telephone death threats and asked the police for assistance. Officers

reportedly refused to enter his home, fearing that they might contract AIDS.

The report also included testimony by victims on Miami Beach who were harassed by cops, held without cause, verbally abused and entrapped.

The *Weekly News* described the report's dramatic conclusions: "Gay men and Lesbians will be unable to report hate crimes to police while the police are among the perpetrators of such incidents."

In New York City last year, the city paid \$232,000 in compensation to 29 women activists who were illegally strip-searched after an ACT UP protest at City Hall. The court ruled that the minor charges against the women did not constitute "reasonable cause" for the extraordinary body cavity searches. The women charged the police with trying to intimidate and humiliate them.

Savvy ACT UP politico Gerri Wells told *Outlines* at the time of the incident that she wondered "if the police knew who they were dealing with. They must be nuts. The last women I would mess with is ACT UP women. We fight back. We know the law."

In a fatal episode of alleged police brutality, 21 year old Frederico Pereira was choked to death by New York City cops while he lay face down with his hands cuffed behind his back. The medical examiner determined that Pereira died of asphyxiation. Witnesses reported that the car theft suspect was not resisting officers.

On March 20, five officers were charged with second degree murder, manslaughter, assault and criminally negligent homicide in Pereira's death. It

is only the latest in a series of brutality allegations against New York's finest by the Black, Hispanic, Asian and Gay communities there.

The San Francisco Police Commission recently 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. Sentencing has been delayed until related charges against four other officers are resolved.

According to *Philadelphia Gay News*, Kristin Chimes, who says she was punched in the mouth by a cop at a Queer Nation march in 1990, has filed suit in federal court, claiming that "criminal assault charges filed against her six weeks later stemmed from her lodging a citizen's complaint about the earlier incident."

Her attorney alleges that the Philadelphia police used Chimes' citizen's complaint "to gather information which it then used to prosecute [her]."

The suit, which seeks compensatory and punitive damages, claims that the department has no "impartial mechanism" for examining false charges against citizens. It also alleges that the department "deliberately failed to adequately discipline, train or otherwise direct police officers and other employees concerning the rights of citizens."

The Chicago police are almost legendary for their violence against Gays, especially Gay activists. At the ACT UP protest outside the American Medical

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Association conference in June, at least three protesters, including Milwaukee's Jay Hanson, sought medical treatment for concussions, broken noses and cheekbones, fractured fingers and bruises.

The big, tough Chicago cops beat the activists, many of them weakened by complications from AIDS, while wearing rubber gloves. Wearing the gloves, apparently in a misguided effort to avoid infection, seems to indicate that the brutality of some Chicago cops is matched only by their stupidity.



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# The Light LIVELY ARTS

## Lesbian Author Plans Appearance At Webster's In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- Lillian Faderman, author of the groundbreaking **Surpassing the Love of Men: Romantic Friendships Between Women from the Renaissance to the Present**, will be making a special stop at Webster's Bookstore at 7:30 p.m. on August 13 to promote and autograph copies of her newest release, **Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth Century America**.

**Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers** is a compelling blend of personal testimony, news articles and previously unpublished

movement in the '60's and the ideals of the Lesbian Utopianism of the 1970's, and how this Utopia was torn asunder by the irrepressible pressures of race and class.

Finally, Faderman closes in on our own decades, celebrating the gains made in the 1980's and the promises of the 1990's.

Each step of this journey is documented by the personal stories of 186 women (a retired teacher, a Lesbian in search of a "cure," the great women blues singers), each adding a powerful voice to the already engaging narrative. Along with journals, letters and prose by Lesbian authors which tell the story with their own voices, Faderman includes medical records, press accounts and psychoanalytic literature to illustrate how heterosexual culture and biases viewed and influenced the Lesbian subculture.

The text is further empowered with pictures: Lesbian couples embracing at San Francisco bars, separatists in the buff and butch female mechanics.

The final compilation is a must read for anyone concerned about the foundation and future of Gay and women's liberation.

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

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

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

Lillian Faderman is currently a visiting professor at UCLA and has a permanent appointment at California State University-Fresno.

For further information about the signing, please contact Carl Szatmary at Webster's. (414) 332-9560. Webster's Books is located at 2559 N. Downer Avenue in Milwaukee.



LILLIAN FADERMAN

manuscripts that Faderman has skillfully woven together to create a triumphant work of great social importance.

Lesbian history has long been hidden behind a smokescreen of obscure innuendoes. In her latest work, Faderman has succeeded in bringing this hidden past to the forefront. Through interviews and recorded conversations with Lesbians of all ages, classes and races, she meticulously examines each decade of the twentieth century.

The book begins with the more innocent era before Lesbians knew they were "Lesbians." Faderman suggests that the "romantic friendships" of the past were, in certain respects, better off before turn-of-the-century sexologists "named" and "defined" them.

The narrative continues through the cross-cultural and cross-racial experimentation of the 1920's to the beginning of the modern phase of the Lesbian movement in the 1950's. Here Faderman spends an expansive 250 pages examining the early formation of the emerging Lesbian Nation.

The story moves further into more recent history; to the start of the feminist

## Northern Lights Womyn's Festival Schedule For September 7

**Duluth, MN]- Aurora:** A Northland Lesbian Center, is pleased to present the second annual Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival (NLWMF) on Sept. 7, 1991. This festival is on a private farm outside Duluth. Gates open at 10:00 a.m., the music begins at 11:00 a.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m.

NLWMF is a celebration of all women and their diversity, focusing on the talents of regional women. Craft and Art booths as well as representatives from women-centered organizations will be on hand. There will be food concessions on site. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own picnic baskets.

Featured musicians at the Northern Lights Music Fest are: Heather Bishop, Faith Nolan, Polkastra, Drum Fire, Peaceful Women, Jody, Lynn and Mary, and the Two Spirit Womyn Drum Group. Also performing will be therapist/comic Donna DiMenna and local poet Ellie Schoenfeld. There will be an open mike session for any other musicians.

Tickets for the festival are \$17.50 until Sept. 6 and \$20 at the gate. Children under 16 will be admitted at half-price. No males over age 10 will be admitted.

There will be rustic camping near the festival site.

NLWMF is a women-only, chem-free event. It is handicapped accessible and interpreted for the hearing impaired. Braille programs can be available with one month notice.

For information on craft and organization booths, tickets, T-shirts and camping, contact Aurora, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Suite 210, Duluth, MN 55802, or call (218) 722-4903.

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## Pride Committee Sponsors Sept. 19 Performance By The Flirtations

[Milwaukee]- On September 19, 1991, The Flirtations, described by the **New York Daily News** as "the hottest singing group in the country" will be coming to Milwaukee. They are being sponsored by the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee in a major Pride fundraiser.

For those of you who don't know them yet, the Flirts are a five man, openly Gay a cappella singing group; the first such to come along.

Musically, the group covers pop, doo-wop, barbershop and spirituals, though, according to the **Toronto, Canada Globe and Mail**, their material is, generally, of two kinds: humorous Gay-oriented remakes of such tunes as The Beachboys "Surfin' USA" or the B-52's "Housework."

The other side of their music is gospel-oriented songs about Gay love and suffering, along the lines of their favorite group, the Black women's political gospel group, "Sweet Honey in the Rock."

Part of the Flirt's attractiveness to audiences all over North America, is their wonderful ability to offer we, who are Lesbian and Gay, a mirror of ourselves; offering a Gay Pride manifesto in musical form.

The Flirtations make a point of advertising the diversity of their backgrounds: one took his boyfriend to the high school prom; one was didn't come out until he was 37; two of them or people living with AIDS; one was an MP in the Army and one helped start

Hispanos Unidos Gays y Lesbianas.

But another part of their popularity--other than being just damn good--is that they genuinely have fun, playing a show and audience for all they're worth while at the same time, delivering a general philosophy of openness and honesty that transcends any specific political agenda.

"We break down a lot of stereotypes," says Jon Aterton. "We have a multi-ethnic composition. We also talk about ourselves." Then he adds with a grin in his voice, "Be sure to tell people that we're single."

The Flirtations have received rave reviews in every city they've played in from both the Gay/Lesbian and major media. They are little short of terrific and not to be missed.

The Flirtations will be appearing on Sept. 19, 1991 at Plankinton Hall in Milwaukee. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. with tickets at \$15.00 a person and worth every penny. There will be a limited number of front row seats available for \$25. Tickets will soon be on sale by MLGPC. Watch **Light** for further details.

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## Spirit of Revelry, Lavish Decor Featured At Lavender Mardi Gras

[Milwaukee]- Absolutely everyone is invited to attend the spectacular "Lavender Mardi Gras" on Sunday, August 18, 1991, at Renaissance Place, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. This annual fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is now in its 8th year. As its popularity has continued to grow, attendance is expected to reach 600 this year. If the turnout is as great as organizers expect, Lavender Hill will be able to raise \$20,000 for MAP.

"Lavender Mardi Gras" is the theme of this year's Lavender Hill fundraiser. Renaissance Place will reflect the atmosphere, the spirit of revelry and lavish decor of New Orleans at Mardi Gras time.

Included will be some beautiful and spectacular floral displays, creations of Milwaukee's most talented floral designers. Attendees will have a chance to win one of these in a raffle held during the fundraiser.

Among the other prizes to be raffled off is a special edition bottle of "passion" perfume. It has been personally signed by Elizabeth Taylor to assist in raising funds for the fight against AIDS. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will take

place during the fundraiser.

The Lavender Mardi Gras posters have been rendered in a glossy four color silk screen and will be for sale. A limited edition, signed print is only \$25, or \$15 for one unsigned. Lavender Hill would like to thank the five artists who participated in creating this year's design. They are: Cory Haywood, Michael Phillips, Tom Rezza, Steve Slaske and, especially, David Fischler.

Lavender Mardi Gras T-shirts are also available. These are screened with the same design as the prints and will be available the evening of the fundraiser for only \$10.

In addition, there will be gorgeous feathered Mardi Gras masks on sale for only \$5. Or to adorn even the most outlandish costume, there will be strings of beads given to everyone who attends.

For the best costume party/fundraiser of the year, we will be accepting donations (suggested donation: \$30) at the door. Renaissance Place is located at 1451 N. Prospect Avenue on Milwaukee's East Side. Music will be provided by Muzic in Motion, Inc. Beer and hors d'oeuvres are included in the ticket price.

## Wisconsin AIDS Walk Breakfast Hosted By Many Statewide Leaders

[Milwaukee]- Bud and Sue Selig, honorary co-chairs of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, are inviting thousands of community leaders from throughout the state to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Leadership Breakfast. The Breakfast, an opening event to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, will be held on Sept. 22, 1991, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Professional Marketing Services, 2071 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee.

Hosts for the Breakfast include State Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison), Archbishop Rembert Weakland, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, Leonard Goldstein, president and CEO of Miller Brewing Co., Congressman Jim Moody (D-WI) State Rep. Marcia Coggins (D-Milwaukee), State Rep. Timothy

Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) and others.

Breakfast organizers are encouraging participation in the Wisconsin AIDS Walk. A free shuttle service sponsored by Safe Line Fleet, is available from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to and from Urban Park, the location of the Walk's opening and closing ceremonies.

According to Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director, more than 300 people are expected to attend the Breakfast. The \$50 dollar donation will augment the proceeds generated through the Walk.

Individuals interested in attending the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Leadership Breakfast should call MAP at (414) 273-1991. Registration materials for the Walk are available at all state-wide Kohl's Food Stores.

## 'Who Are All Those Women?' To Be Topic Of August 15 LAMM Meeting

[Milwaukee]- The August 15 meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) features the topic "Getting to Know You: The Sequel," or "Who Are All Those Women and Why Don't I Know Them?"

Last month's introduction to the Lesbian Alliance focused on aspects of the group such as its history, purpose, structure and activities. This month's meeting provides an opportunity to get to know, on a more personal level, the individual women who participate in LAMM presentations and programs.

## MAP Salutes Community Groups For Sponsoring Fundraising Events

[Milwaukee]- Since the beginning of 1991, more than \$32,000 has been raised through special fundraising events held by bars, private individuals and community organizations to be used for client services at the Milwaukee AIDS

## Guide to Gay Activism on Campus Available

Sean Crist, a student at West Virginia University, has just published *Out on Campus*, a "how-to" manual of Gay and Lesbian campus activism.

Crist told the *Advocate*: "Often people have the energy and ambition to make something happen, but not knowing how to go about doing things can be defeating. A resource like this will make things more accessible."

*Out on Campus* discusses organizational start-ups, fundraising, projects and goals, issues of visibility, cooperation with the university bureaucracy, anti-discrimination policies, working in coalitions and much more. It is full of practical advice and suggestions. The manual also includes a list of Gay and Lesbian organizations nationwide which can assist campus organizers.

*Out on Campus* is published by the Association of College Unions International and costs \$10. Please order from ACU-I, 400 E. Seventh St., Bloomington, IN 47405.

Project (MAP).

The following organizations held special events in May, June and July of 1991, raising \$23,000: HIT (Holiday Invitational Tournament) Against AIDS; Challenging Party III; "Clash of the Titans" at The Triangle bar (continuing); JoDee's International; Piggy Party; Entertainers Against AIDS at Fannie's.

MAP wishes to sincerely thank everyone who planned and attended these events.

In 1991, MAP must raise \$740,000 in order for it to continue to provide high quality services for people living with HIV throughout the metropolitan Milwaukee area. If you are interested in planning a special event for MAP or its affiliate, the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project in Kenosha, call MAP at (414) 273-1991 for more information.

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## MAPfest: Fun Times, Entertainment To Raise Money for AIDS Services

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

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 always popular dog show will be back for more fun and entertainment.

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 for the raffle are \$1 each or six for \$5 and

can be purchased through MAP.

Tickets to MAPfest are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 13. Bring three non-perishable food or personal care items and get \$1 off the price of admission.

MAPfest T-shirts will be sold at the event. This year's poster and T-shirt were designed by well-known local artist and donor to the Art for AIDS auction, Steve Slaske.

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

"The historic support from Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community has made MAPfest an outstanding, successful fundraiser and an annual social gathering that no one should miss," said Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director.

## Bachelors and Bachelorettes Sought for MAPfest Auction

[Milwaukee]- The Bachelor/Bachelorette auction is one of the biggest hits at the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) annual fundraiser, MAPfest, being held September 1, 1991 at Schlitz Park at N. 3rd and Cherry Streets in Milwaukee. The auction, which begins at 4:00 p.m. is sponsored by Tom Boll, owner of T.T. Tulip Floral. Boll is now accepting registrations from men and women who wish to put themselves and their planned dates on the auction block.

In 1990, 20 bachelors and bachelorettes brought in over \$1,200 to benefit client support programs at MAP and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project. Festival organizers hope that this year's auction will draw at least 30 men and women and raise more than \$2000.

In the past, some very imaginative dates have been offered, one of the most creative being hang gliding, followed by dinner at the restaurant of the bidder's choice.

To register to be a bachelor or bachelorette, call Tom Boll at T.T. Tulip (414) 277-8518 or Louise Searing at MAP (414) 273-1991 with the details of your planned date.

## NGLTF Sponsors Scholarships For Youth

[Washington, D.C.]- The National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference has announced a special program targeting Gay and Lesbian youth. This program will sponsor males and females under 25 years of age from all major metropolitan areas in the US with 40 scholarship reserved for qualified youths living in rural communities.

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## LETTERS

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## Police Inaction

## TO THE EDITOR:

**Editor's Note:** The following letter was sent to Philip Arreola, Milwaukee Chief of Police, and to Wisconsin Light.

Neighbors of Jeffrey Dahmer claim that their complaints about the Milwaukee serial killer were ignored by local police because Dahmer lived in a predominantly Black neighborhood.

Was a murder allowed to take place because of police racism? Maybe so. Is a 14 year-old boy dead because of homophobic, anti-Gay attitudes of law enforcement officers? Definitely, yes.

Two months ago, Konerak Sinthasomphone escaped from Dahmer's apartment and ran down the street, naked and bleeding from the buttocks. The police were alerted but the incident was dismissed as "nothing more than a homosexual spat."

How outrageous! If this had been a domestic dispute between a heterosexual couple and a woman was running down the street, naked and bleeding, Dahmer would have been arrested on the spot and the woman would have been placed in a shelter.

This example of police inaction sends a pointed message to all that violent crimes will not be taken seriously if the victim is perceived to be Gay or Lesbian. Is it any wonder that hate-crimes against Gays and Lesbians are grossly under-reported?

Domestic violence is a problem that occurs in both homosexual and heterosexual relationships. At least heterosexuals have some legal protection from an abusive partner. Due to ignorant prejudice, many people view homosexual relationships as bizarre and unworthy of equal consideration. These bigoted attitudes are the reason three police officers walked away from Jeffrey Dahmer's apartment, leaving a teen-age boy to die.

It seems to me that this situation justifies some intensive sensitivity training about Lesbian and Gay people for police officers. The police must recognize that abuse is not the norm within homosexual relationships and that they are obligated to protect all citizens from violent crimes, regardless of an individual's sexual orientation.

—Jeff Logan  
Denver, CO

## Many Questions

## TO THE EDITOR:

Here are some questions for your community to ask your police department.

Why did policemen (who presumably have seen countless young men and juveniles) etc. believe there was no question that the Laotian boy was 18, particularly when there did not appear to be any physical characteristics suggesting he was 18, and a neighbor was convinced he was a child?

Why didn't the police officers examine the boy since he was reported to be bleeding and he had been naked and incoherent?

If the officers did examine the boy, didn't they notice any evidence of bleeding, wounds, etc.?

If the officers did notice any evidence of bleeding, wounds, etc., weren't they obligated to make a report, further checks, etc. before "delivering" the boy to someone?

Since the boy appears to have been drugged, why did the officers believe he was intoxicated?

If the officers believed the boy was an intoxicated adult, didn't they have a duty to make a charge or at least a formal report and undertake further checks, etc., since this involved potential indecent exposure, public intoxication, etc.?

Even if the officers believed the boy was an intoxicated adult, didn't they have an obligation to make further checks, get names and proof etc. before turning the boy over to a third person?

Wasn't there something obviously wrong that caused the boy to be naked in the streets as well as being incoherent?

Did any of the officers who played a part in the incidents regarding the Laotian boy have a record (whether through conduct or comments) indicating bias against Gays or Asians?

Your community has its work cut out for it.

—Ken Silk  
Sherman Oaks, CA

## Bias In March?

**Editor's Note:** The following is an open letter to "The LesBiGay Transgenderist Community" and was sent to the March On Washington '93 Committee.

I write this letter with a heavy heart and deep felt concern.

I have recently received a copy of the minutes of the March On Washington Committee meeting held May 11 & 12, 1991. I see my name appears as a Committee member. I would ask that my name be removed.

There are several things that bother me about this Committee and its structure. One of these is the fact that at the conclusion of the meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 12, the purpose or reasoning for not marching in Washington in 1992 was to be in support of the celebration of the 500 year survival of Indigenous culture. Further, it was presented that we were doing this at the request of the Native American Community. In the press release put out by the March Committee there is no mention of the Indigenous people, culture, or survival of any kind.

The second thing that disturbs me is that the Committee felt comfortable appointing two male co-chairs. In addition, the press release indicates four contacts. Not one is a female nor is there any presentation that any women are in positions of responsibility. I am not a woman or Lesbian nor do I claim to represent women in our community. But, as a Native African Gay man, I am embarrassed and appalled by these presentations.

The third thing that concerns me is that at both meetings concerns were raised that the voices of Midwest, South and the Heartland of America Lesbians and Gays would not be heard. In the press release, the contacts represented New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Boston.

This once again is flagrant arrogance and disregard for the Midwest and South. The activists in the Heartland should not be the supporting cast for some sort of east-west coast production.

The meeting to be held in Chicago is a poor bone thrown to the Midwest after making decisions and ignoring their voices.

The misuse of the concerns raised by the Native American Community angers me.

As a member of the Board of Directors of both the National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, I was proud that our representatives were sensitive to the concerns of People of Color and Ethnic Diversity, women and members of the LesBiGay Transgenderist communities of the Midwest and South.

—Marc Loveless  
Chicago

## Boycott?

## TO THE EDITOR:

In addition to this media campaign against Gays, we have a mayor (John O. Norquist) who hangs back in the weeds (as he always does) until he sees which position will get the most votes.

Last, but not least, we have the Milwaukee police department, reported to have heckled a Gay speaker at one of its recent "sensitivity" training classes for Milwaukee's Finest, and also reported to have had swastikas drawn on its walls, presumably again by Milwaukee's Finest.

Given the prejudice and hatred evident in some of Milwaukee's government institutions and in the general public, given the unwillingness of local government and political leaders to do anything about it, and given the news media's insensitivity in whipping up anti-Gay frenzy and in refusing to present evidence that contradicts its anti-Gay agenda, it seems that Gays must do their best to defend themselves, just as Jews and Blacks have had to do in the past.

May I suggest that local Gay organizations contact their counterparts around the country and ask them to help by joining a boycott of Milwaukee and Wisconsin? They should ask all Gays to withhold all economic benefit from Milwaukee and Wisconsin and to use their influence in businesses and organizations to withhold tourism and not to buy goods or services from Milwaukee or Wisconsin until Gays are given fair treatment by both the government and the news media. Milwaukee has quite a Nazi heritage and it should be hit where it hurts until it reforms.

—Name Withheld

## 'Yes' to 'Outing'

## TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my disagreement with your editorial published on the Wisconsin Light's edition of July 11, 1991 with respect to "outing" through the following points:

1) Legislators and elected officials are public figures, and therefore their lives are public and of interest to the general public. When we vote we make a judgment on an individual based on their character and what they stand for. If a politician stands for hypocrisy and contradiction between his public and private lives, the public needs to know and make a judgment accordingly. In my opinion, that's what "outing" is all about. In other words, the hypocrite needs to come out of the politician.

2) You state that you "support someone else's right to control their own lives—what they reveal about their private lives and what they do not." I do too. However, politicians also control our lives by the legislation they pass. Again, we have the right to know and make a choice on what affects us. Personally, I'd rather vote for a straight politician who is sympathetic to Gay/Lesbian issues than a closeted homosexual that fears being exposed and therefore lacks leadership on issues that control our lives.

3) Outing is no "form of fascism," but rather the way democracy should work: demanding truth and honesty from politicians. You also have your definition of a totalitarian bent out of shape. In a democracy, community always and ever should come before the right of a politician to hide and lie. In fact, it is in a totalitarian society where politicians are exempt from community confrontation.

4) I also don't think that outing is "form of blackmail." I have yet to see a target of outing be physically hurt; however, if you think that being called Gay is emotionally distressful and a cause of shame, then, yes, these targets are being blackmailed, but then...what they really need is a shrink.

5) I would like to rephrase your statement, "either you do what we want or we'll tell on you," to say "either you help your own community or your own community will not help you."

6) Finally, you think that "outing can

seldom, if ever, serve any useful purpose." Again, I have to disagree. Outing of politicians is legal and also a powerful form of Gay/Lesbian lobbying; outing is also radical, but we need radical changes in a homophobic society where laws do not give us equal rights and protection.

—J. Manuel Raneda  
Milwaukee

## Missed the Point

## TO THE EDITOR:

The editor missed the point — or jumped over it — for the young person who wrote to the Light in the July 11 issue. [The letter concerned the lack of social outlets for Gay youth in Milwaukee.]

I took the editor's advice and decided to give Milwaukee a chance myself, using the July 11 issue.

Well, if he were a young Lesbian, he could go to the Apple Island cultural space [in Madison]. Being a 19 year-old male, he'll have to settle for the garden party for David Clarenbach or the "Snyper Safari" Weekend. It seems every other event was taking place in a bar, with the sole exception of the MAGIC Picnic. And who — or what — is magic, for the person newly out or picking up your newspaper for the first time?

"Give Milwaukee a chance," you said; well, in two years from now, maybe his anger will have subsided enough to do that.

In the meantime, he'll have to make do with International Gay Penpals on page 9.

—Mark Halle  
Los Angeles, CA

## 'No' to Thomas

## TO THE EDITOR:

"Power not reason is the new currency of this court's decision-making," is how Justice Thurgood Marshall characterized the U.S. Supreme Court from which he is now retiring.

To replace Marshall, President Bush has nominated Clarence Thomas as "the best man for the job." It is my position that Thomas is not the best man for the job because it is Thomas who represents the voice of power already represented on the Supreme Court, not a voice of reason, which is needed in this era because of reactionary policies coming from the White House and legislation from the states and Congress which compromise individual liberties and civil rights. We need a voice of reason, fairness and justice for those who have been marginalized by society. We do not need another O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter or Rehnquist who continue to collectively fall on the side of opposing civil liberties in case after case.

Before I address the Thomas nomination itself, we need to see how the court in the Reagan-Bush years has moved away from liberal activism to a conservative activism which borders on the reactionary fringe — in the areas of privacy, separation of church and state and with defendants' rights.

In the Bowers v. Hardwick case of 1986, the court displayed a blatant disregard for privacy

for some groups. In this case, the court reaffirmed Georgia's 1816 sodomy law, using language which rejects our constitutional guarantee of a "wall of separation" between church and state.

In 1990, the court dealt another blow to church-state separation when it denied unemployment benefits to two American Indians who were fired for using peyote in their ancient religious ceremonies handed down to them by their ancestors.

More recently, in the last session, the court handed down a number of controversial decisions which I will just mention:

1) A decision which allows police to search containers in automobiles without a search warrant if they have "probable cause."

2) A decision which allows prosecutors to admit coerced confessions as "harmless errors" if other evidence exists to obtain a conviction.

3) In a 5-4 decision, the court upheld federal regulations which prohibit any discussion of abortion as a medical option for women with problem pregnancies in federally-funded clinics.

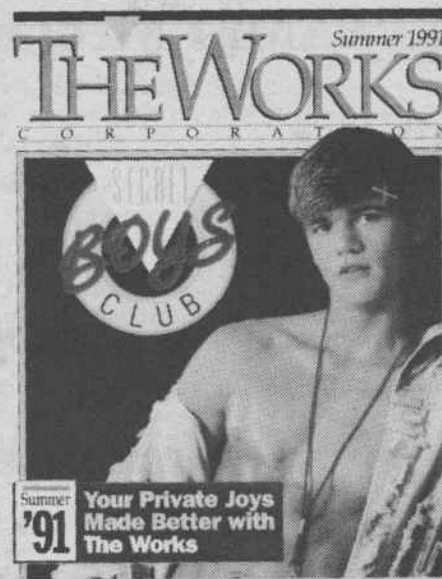
This was the court in recent decisions. Now from stage right enters Clarence Thomas. By looking at Thomas' utterings on abortion and at his public service record, I feel that he is not suitable to represent us on the Supreme Court — he does not display a regard for the right to privacy, for precedent, and for civil rights and he does not have the judicial experience needed to serve on this nation's highest court.

In 1987, at the right-wing Heritage Foundation, Clarence Thomas praised an article critical of Roe vs. Wade as an "excellent example of applying natural law," to guaranteeing an "inalienable right to life for the unborn." Because of this attitude displayed by Thomas which places his particular version of Roman Catholicism above constitutional precepts — NARAL, NOW and the Congressional Black Caucus have announced their opposition to this nominee. We do not need another justice who does not respect religious pluralism, the separation of religion — and the notions of a higher "natural law" — from public policy.

As a public servant, Thomas has been a federal judge for only 16 months, written fewer than two dozen opinions and has not yet demonstrated particular distinction as a practicing lawyer or legal scholar. As Chairperson of the EEOC during the Reagan regime, Thomas was a leading critic of affirmative action programs and "quotas" even though it was through such programs that got Thomas into Yale Law School. And as Chair of the EEOC, he let lapse 13,000 age discrimination suits.

Having outlined the rightward movement of the court since 1981 and having discussed Clarence Thomas' extremist views and lack of judicial experience, I take the position that if you feel as I do, you should write to Senators Kohl and Kasten before September's confirmation hearing commences.

—Darren J. Foster  
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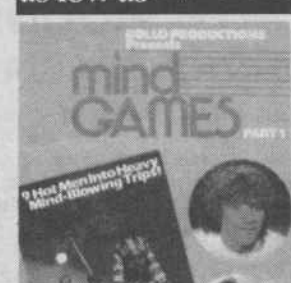
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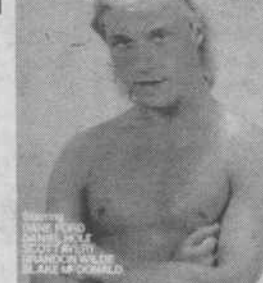
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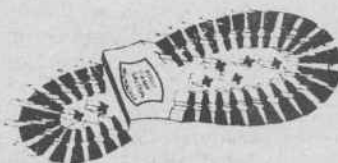
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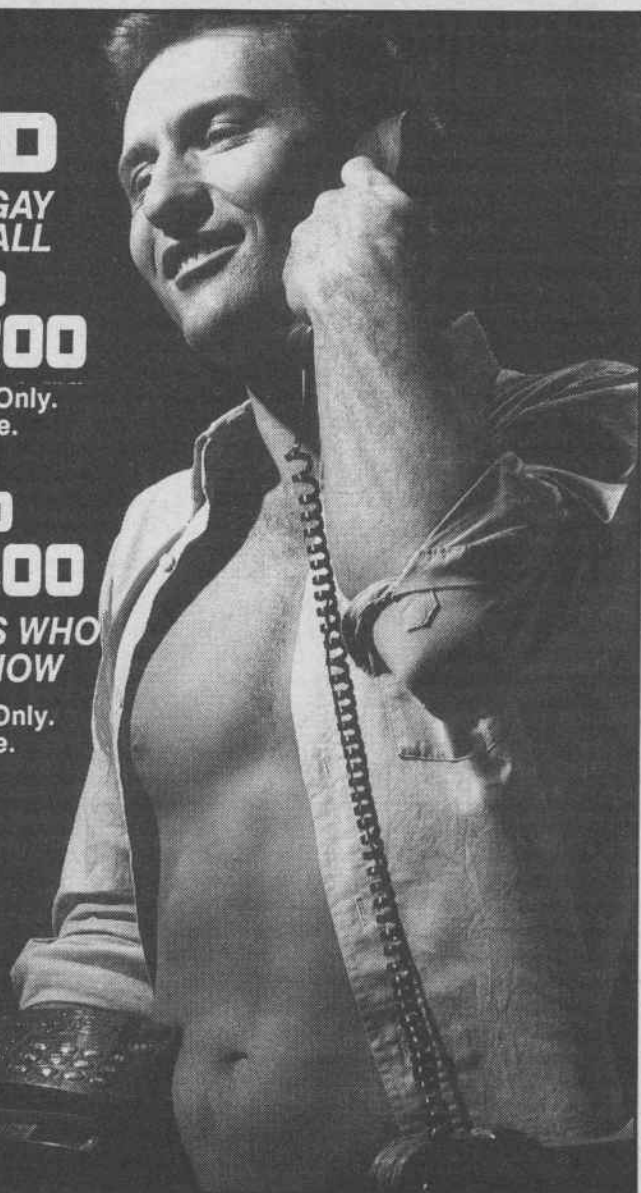
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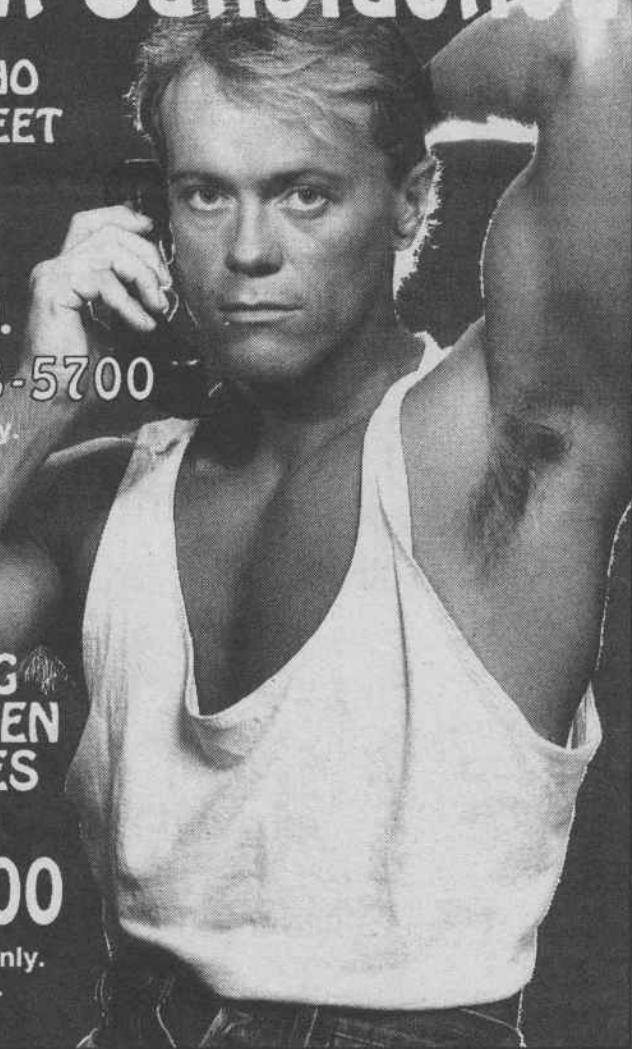
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## Cheney Defends Right of Gays To Hold Jobs At The Pentagon

[Washington, D.C.]—The Associated Press reports that Defense Secretary Dick Cheney on Sunday, August 4, defended the right of Gays and Lesbians to hold civilian jobs at the Pentagon. Cheney said that as long as they fulfill their professional responsibilities, "their private lives are their business."

Homosexuality is grounds for dismissal from the uniformed military services. Cheney said he inherited this policy and did not vigorously defend it, saying merely that he did not find it "fundamentally wrong" given unique aspects of military life.

In an appearance on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," Cheney was asked by reporter Sam Donaldson about a report in the *Advocate* that a high-level Cheney aide was Gay. Donaldson did not identify the person. (See "News Briefs," p. 2.)

"I take it, Mr. Secretary, that this individual who must defend department regulations as a spokesman is not going to be asked to resign?" Donaldson asked.

"Absolutely not," Cheney replied.

Cheney went on to say that "I don't think it's fundamentally wrong for us to make a distinction between civilian and military service." The military ban on Lesbians and Gays is "based upon the proposition that the Gay lifestyle is incompatible with military service."

### COMMISSION

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Hollander declined to comment on the specifics of the Dahmer case or allegations of police misconduct, pending due process for all parties involved. He did say that he was very concerned at the lack of response to "safety issues and bashing incidents" in the Gay and Lesbian community and suggested that the underlying attitudes which have contributed to ignoring those problems were similar to those which led to the inadequate public response to the AIDS epidemic.

Hollander also expressed dismay about "the sweeping language used about Gay men and Lesbians in the press." He said: "To describe heinous crimes as though they are a natural part of Gay and Lesbian life — 'homosexual overkill' — is very distressing to me."

When asked whether he had any problem being perceived as the "Gay" appointee on the Commission, Hollander said: "No, none. What's the worst thing people can say about me, the truth?" As to his role on the Commission, he said: "I just want to make sure people are being listened to. I think that's about the best job I can do."

Reaction by Lesbian and Gay community activists was swift, expressing dissatisfaction with the overall choice of Commission members and unhappiness with the Mayor. Many had never heard of Hollander before and wondered whether he knew the community well enough to represent it.

Scott Gunkel, President of the Lambda Rights Network, said he was "taken aback" that the Mayor's office had apparently ignored recommendations from Gay and Lesbian community leaders who had hoped for both Lesbian and Gay male representation on the panel. He also pointed out that activists had hoped for a representative "who was more intimately involved and better acquainted with the community."

Annabelle Havlicek of Havlicek & Associates agreed, saying that the Mayor should not have selected someone "from the fringes" of the community.

However, Gary Wells, of the Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (who was speaking as an individual), expressed a different view, saying he thought Hollander would "speak well for the Gay and Lesbian community."

"There will be some people," said Wells, "who will wish it were someone more political, but the choice is made."

Christopher Lubus, of Queer Nation, said of the Mayor's choices: "They have forgotten the Gay and Lesbian community and many other minority groups."

Indeed, strong criticism of the Commission was expressed by Black community leaders. State Rep. Polly Williams charged that the Commission was just a ploy to stall for time: "All they're doing is delaying for time to figure out how they cannot do what they're supposed to be doing."

Rev. Leo Champion, of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, held a press conference to attack Norquist's panel as unrepresentative of the Black community. At the press conference, he announced the formation of a "Black

Cheney cited such "unique aspects of military service" as lengthy deployments at sea.

"You cannot make the kind of separation in the military between private and professional life that you can with respect to civilians," Cheney said.

## People of Color And Friends Hold Picnic

[Milwaukee]—Black and White Men Together (BWMT), Club Muse and the Lesbians of Color (LOC) are sponsoring a community picnic on Sunday, August 18th from 1:00- 6:00 p.m. at the Dineen Park Pavilion. The Dineen Park Pavilion is located at 66th and Vienna, two blocks south of Capital Drive.

The picnic is free and open to all Gays and Lesbians in the Milwaukee area. Food, beverages and games will be provided by the sponsoring organizations.

Club Muse, LOC and BWMT feel that it is time for the Gays and Lesbians of Milwaukee to get on with our lives after the trauma of this summer. It is hoped that this picnic will help the healing process of our community. Plan on attending and having a good time!

Ribbon" Commission with broader representation from the African-American community.

Others looked at the Commission as a whole, lamenting the lack of representation of those who are "common people," the "little guys" who, as one person said, "have all been ignored by the Mayor." One person interviewed, who wished to remain anonymous, said: "They all seem to have high falutin' credentials, but do they really mix with the people?"

Milwaukee County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones told the *Light*: "There is a need for grass roots representatives, a need for the unemployed to be heard." "The Commission is nice for people with status and degrees," she said, but "they all may be in the pocket of the Mayor."

Sue Burke tended to agree, saying that she hoped the Commission members "will hear from people who lead more ordinary lives."

One person who wished not to be named, wondered, considering the Catholic Church's stand on Gays and Lesbians, just how a priest like Marquette President Albert DiUlio (named Commission chair) could expect to function without bias toward the Gay and Lesbian community.

Besides Hollander and DiUlio, Commission members include: Joseph A. Kalivoda, a former police officer and Director of the Police Training Bureau; Carol Latham, Director of the Office of Crime Victim Services in the state Department of Justice; Rev. Leroy Mixon, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church; Jose Olivieri, a partner in the law firm of Michael, Best & Friedrich; Shoua Nao Xiong, Director of Lao Family, Inc.; Wesley L. Scott, an urban planning consultant with the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce; and Stan Stojkovic, an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at UW-Milwaukee.

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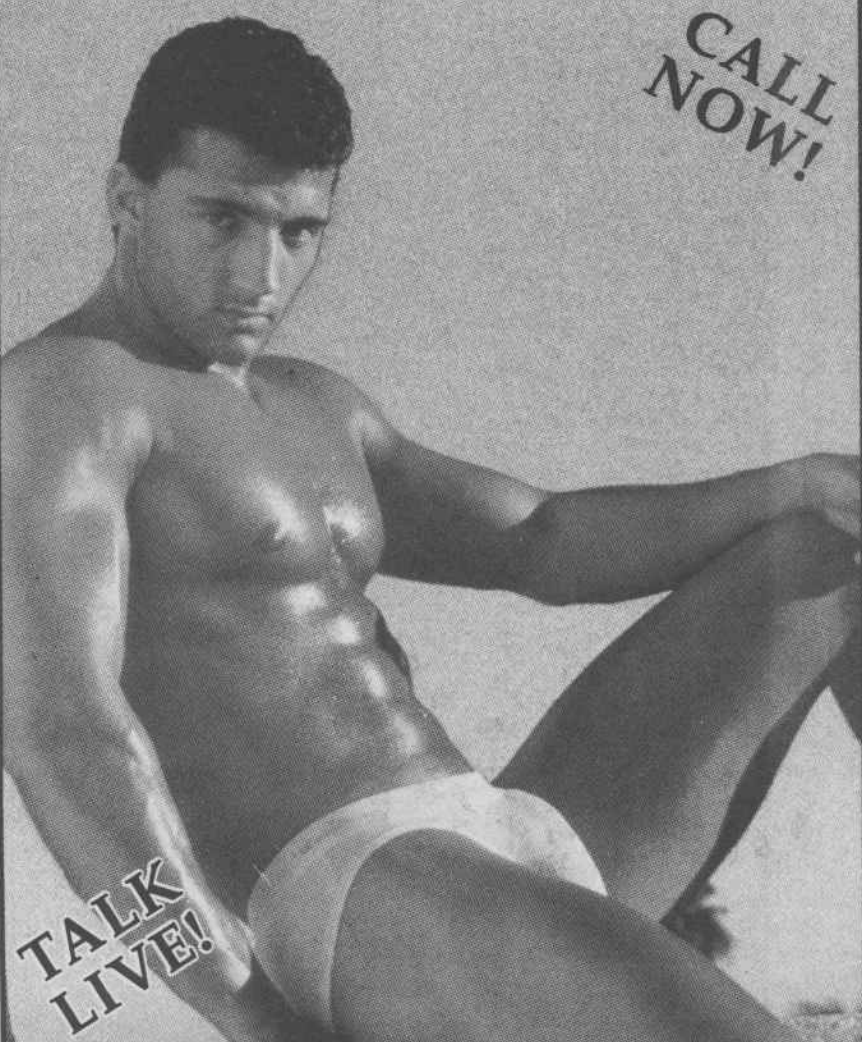
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## WORLD VIEWS AND OPINIONS

### Peruvian Gays Struggle Against Stereotypes and Repressive Mores

By Lucien Chauvin

Exclusive to WISCONSIN LIGHT

Rebeca Sevilla is the Executive Director of the Homosexual Movement of Lima (MHOL), Peru's only recognized Gay and Lesbian organization.

**As one of the founders of MHOL, could you give a history of the group?**

**SEVILLA:** MHOL-Peru was established in 1985 and reorganized in 1989. It is very much related to my personal development and the development of a group of Lesbians and Gay men who wanted to establish an organization with a very public and political agenda.

**What brought about the need for the reorganization?**

**SEVILLA:** Because the political situation and the lack of respect for basic human rights in Peru demanded a more concrete and open response.

In 1989, groups such as transvestites became the victims, not of threats and abuse, but assassinations. In late 1989 more than 30 transvestites were killed in the Lima area. In May, 1990, the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) killed seven homosexuals in Tarapoto. Homosexuals were being killed and no one was doing or saying anything. We took the silence to mean that our society did not care if homosexuals... were killed.

We reorganized MHOL to be capable of openly calling for respect of the rights of Gays and Lesbians, as well as human rights in general.

**What has been the reaction of the media to MHOL?**

**SEVILLA:** In the press, the image of the homosexual is associated with transvestites and prostitutes or with drugs and AIDS. Scandalous articles involving homosexuals are also used as tools to sell more papers.

One of the most alarming aspects is the abuse of people with AIDS. AIDS cases are reported in such a way that the individuals most basic rights are abused. Instead of looking to inform people about AIDS, the media has added to all the

myths that surround the disease and as a result, has contributed to discrimination of people with AIDS.

Recently we organized a campaign to hand out condoms and information on the AIDS-prevention services offered by MHOL. We called a press conference to kick off the event. The press conference was attended by nearly every large TV station and newspaper in Lima. The interesting thing, however, is that not one of them carried the same story. The number of people ranged from 10 to 10,000 and the event was called everything from a Gay rally to a homosexual march through the center of Lima.

I believe the different versions reflect an attitude of trying to "demonize" homosexuality. They did not want to present MHOL as an organization that is contributing to the good of the community.

**In a recent survey on sexuality, only 7 percent responded that homosexuality was a "legitimate option." How does this play into the work of MHOL?**

**SEVILLA:** I actually believe the survey is positive in comparison to a similar one done five years ago. The earlier survey was taken among the university population and only 1 percent stated that they had had a homosexual experience.

I see a sort of polarization in our society in relation to a concrete position on homosexuality and sexuality in general. I believe that behind the affirmation that homosexuality is an aberration is a rising level of moralism, to a large extent, is being pushed by the Catholic Church.

In a country like Peru, where having something to eat is a luxury for some 10 million people, the Catholic Church could have a positive impact. Instead, the hierarchy appears to be getting increasingly conservative and attempting to impose a new morality. If the church does not change, I believe that in the future, it will simply collapse and fade into history.

### News Stories From East Europe, Russia Reveal Progress For Gays

**[Riga, Latvia]-** The Latvian parliament has recently voted to remove the paragraph dealing with homosexuality in the penal code, according to **One Letter** of West Hollywood, CA.

This means that Latvia is the first republic in the Soviet Union to abolish this discriminatory paragraph. It remains to be seen whether this reform in the law will be accepted in Moscow.

**[Moscow, USSR]-** A new Russian Gay publication, **Risk**, has been begun as a counter to **Tema**, the first such publication.

According to Vladislav Ortanov, the publisher, **Risk** intends to avoid shock which, he says, **Tema** does not.

The first issue of **Risk** ran 999 copies so as not to require official registration. It is distributed throughout the greater part of the Soviet Union and, according to Ortanov, every issue has 15-20 readers.

**[Warsaw, Poland]-** "I think that the problem with the spread of HIV is confined to a group which, in our opinion, is abnormal," said Poland's Deputy

Minister of Health, Kazimerz Kapera in a May TV interview, according to the Polish news agency PAP.

The statement resulted in his having to look for other work.

Poland's First Deputy Minister of Health, Piotr Mierzewski told PAP that Kapera had committed a political mistake by not being able to keep separate his private and official concerns.

### Historical Gay Plaque Stolen

**[London, England]-** In April the London School of Economics put up a pink and black plaque commemorating the founding there in 1970 of the Gay Liberation Movement. The founding of the GLM is generally recognized as the beginning of the International Gay Movement. Unfortunately, the plaque was stolen the next day, but it will be replaced.

### Oppression Against Gays In Peru

**[Lima, Peru]-** On Saturday, March 16 at 2:30 a.m., 30 heavily armed members of the National Police raided a fundraiser organized by Via Libre, an AIDS assistance organization, being held at a Lima bar.

The action, aimed at arresting transvestites, was directed by a police officer in civilian clothes who identified himself as an assistant to the Prefect for Lima.

Using force, the police detained 11 people, including the Homosexual Movement (MOHOL) of Lima's Director, Rebecca Sevilla and an Italian citizen. Sevilla was accused of obstructing police procedures. After threats and verbal abuse, Sevilla was released several hours later.

MOHOL reports that this is only the latest in a series of actions taken against the Gay/Lesbian and AIDS community by Peruvian authorities and that the human rights situation continues to deteriorate.

### Italian Paper Reports on Life In Arab Lands

**[Rome, Italy]-** In a recent issue of **Babilonia** the Italian Gay publication, Daniele Scalise wrote a first-hand account of Gay life in the Arabia Peninsula. Scalise, there during the Gulf War, reports that in the normally closed societies of the Peninsula, homosexual behavior, forbidden by religious law, can be grounds for stoning a person in the public square.

Nevertheless, she reports that she found Gay life to be alive and thriving "on every corner." She attributes this to the fact that women are "only seen" as objects for birthing babies and not necessarily as persons who are sexually pleasing to men.

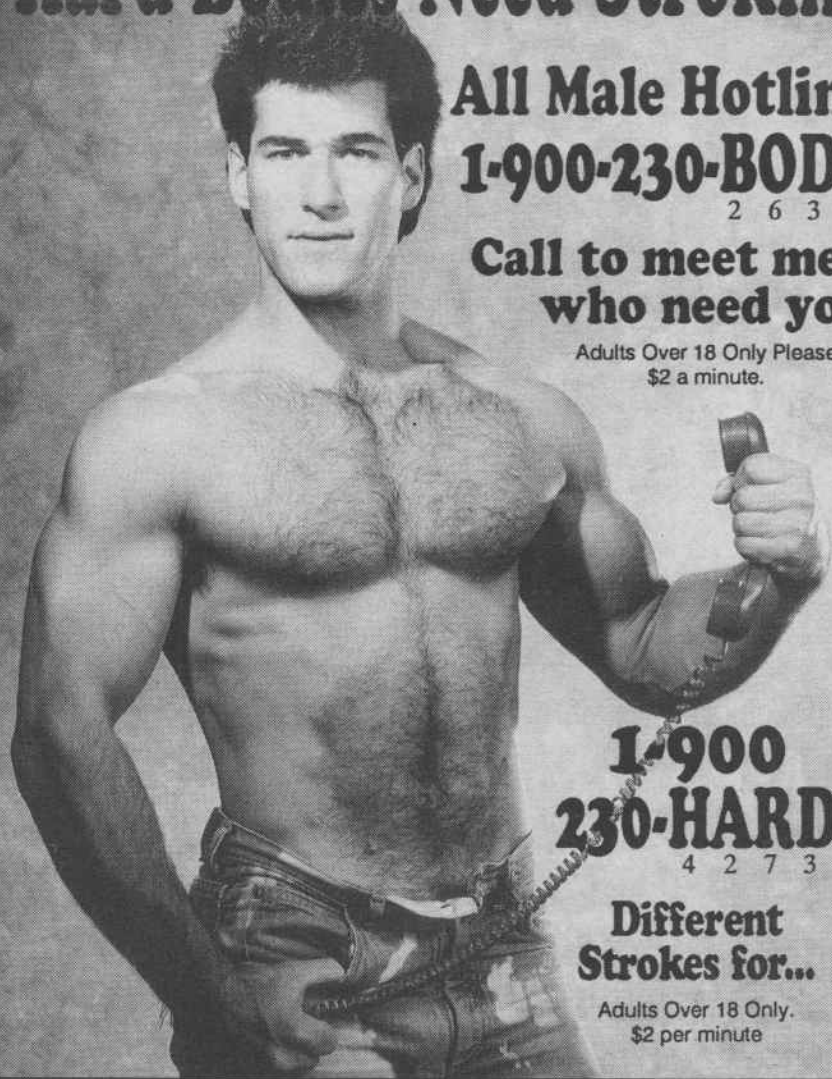
She reports also that while the governments in the Peninsula deny the presence of AIDS, the disease is, in fact, "overflowing."

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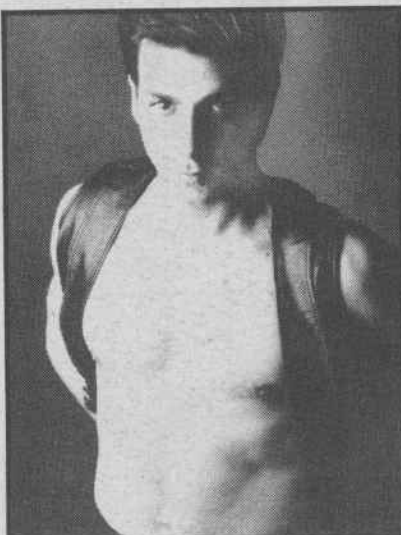
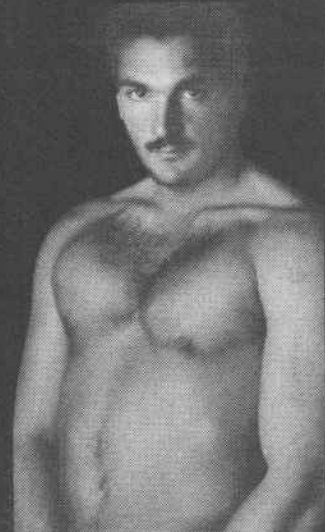
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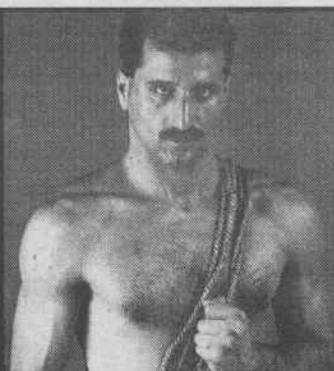
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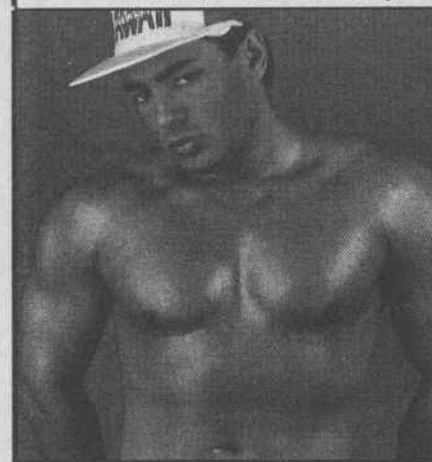


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**HOT HUNKY MEN WANT YOU  
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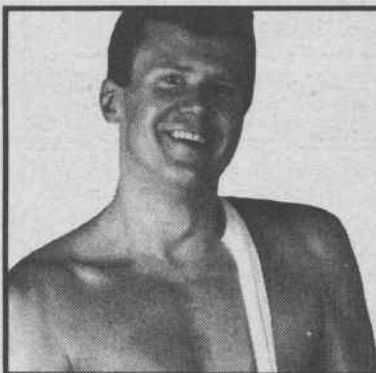


**HARD BODIES  
NEED STROKING**

**ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH?**

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**THE ULTIMATE 1-TO-1  
CONNECTION**  
MEN OVER 18 ONLY PLEASE  
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# **1-900-HOT-BOYS**

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REAL MEN WANT YOU  
RIGHT NOW. FOR HOT ONE  
ON ONE CONNECTIONS CALL

**1-900-230-JACK**  
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ALL THE TIME.

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## A HARD MAN is good to find.

Call to meet  
**REAL HARD MEN**  
who want  
you now!

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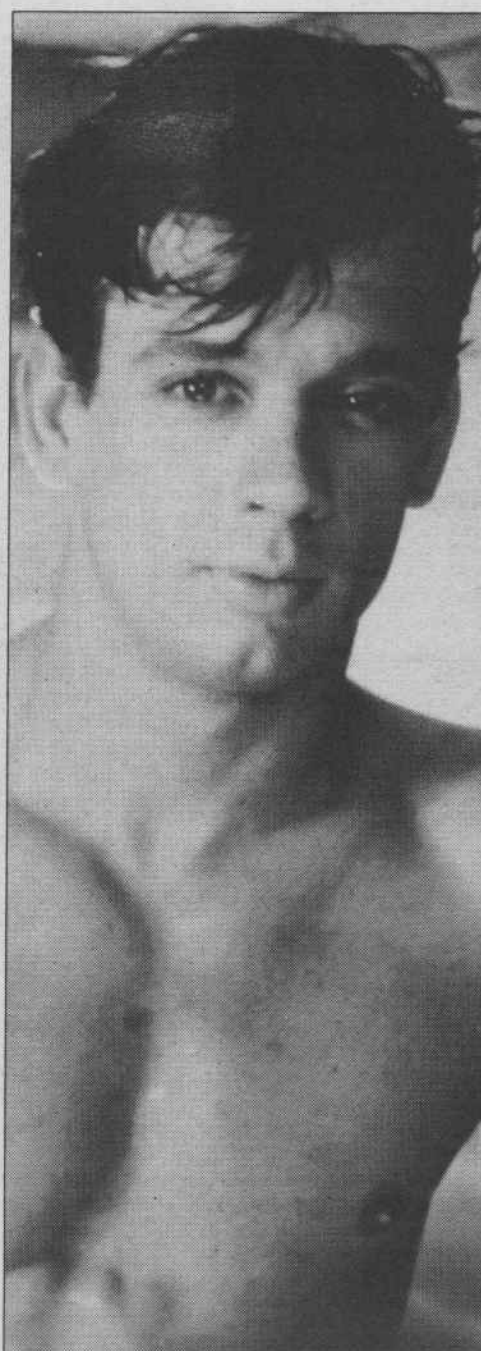
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**HOT Male  
fantasies call**  
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### Organizations

**GALANO CLUB.** A social club serving the recovering Gay and Lesbian community. Regularly scheduled AA, NA, Al-Anon, ACOA and other 12-step meetings. Open nightly. 2408 N. Farwell Avenue, (414) 276-6936.

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**The Inn at Pine Ridge-** a B&B especially for womyn. Reduced rates for extended stays. Near Eau Claire. By reservation only. 715 984-2272.

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## Tri-Cable Tonight Features Community Reaction to Tragedy

[Milwaukee]- In response to the tragic murders of Gay men in Milwaukee, allegedly by Jeffrey Dahmer, a special 90 minute edition of the "New Tri-Cable Tonight" on the Gay & Lesbian perspectives to the murders was aired live on August 1, 1991.

The program was live and had about 25 people in the studio audience as well as numerous people calling in with their comments of anger, frustration, grief, support and encouragement — and occasional hatred and homophobia.

The program was co-moderated by Michael Lisowski, who fielded comments from the audience and Michael Ross who received phone calls. This special program was designed to offer an opportunity to vent reactions to the catastrophe as well as receive validation from members of the community. As the show was not designed to be a "Homosexuality 101" course to defend "Gay/Lesbian lifestyles," the few negative calls received were quickly and decisively handled.

Radio stations WMIL and WOKY kindly provided a special audio tape of recent sound bites from news conferences with background music that was used

midway through the program during the videotape change. After post-production editing, the 90 minute Special Edition program will be replayed several times in August and September on MATA Channel 14 on Warner Cable: Sundays, August 18 & 25 and September 1, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and Thursdays, September 5 & 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The next regular edition of the 30 minute "New Tri-Cable" will feature psychologist Gary Hollander and Reverend Margarita Suarez of the New Hope United Church of Christ who will talk about coping with the ramifications of the tragedy.

Watch for the unique and innovative fifth episode of the Gay comedy "Yellow On Thursday" (YOT) late in September. Both the "New Tri-Cable" and YOT are productions of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network of the Cream City Foundation. All regular programs are scheduled at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday evenings on City of Milwaukee cable MATA Channel 14. For more information or just to express your comments, write: P.O. Box 239, Milwaukee 53201 or call 265-0880.

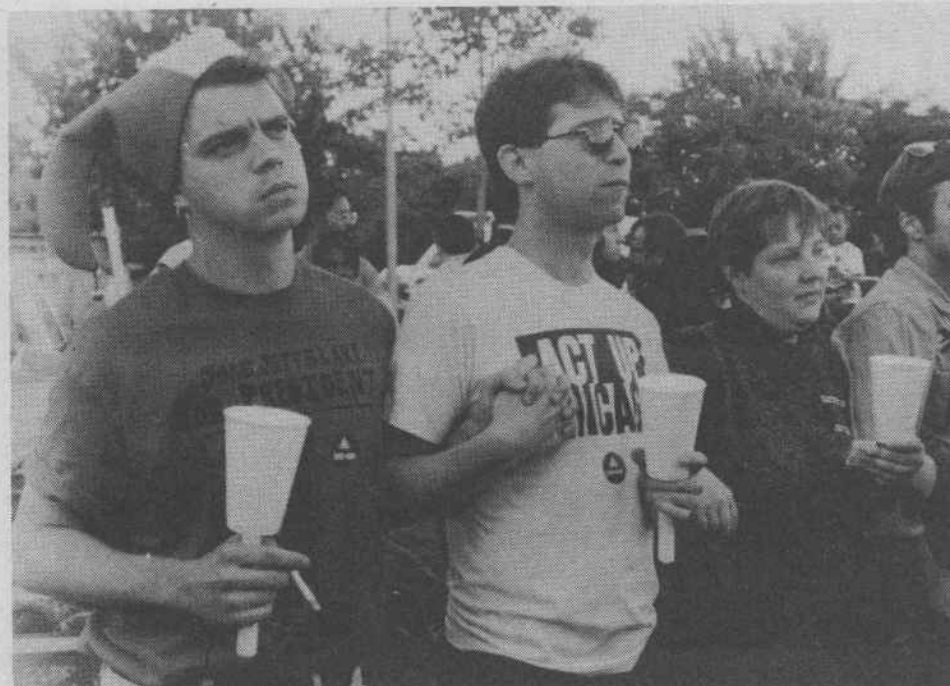
## Gay Veterans of Peace Corps Form A National Network

[Washington, D.C.]- During the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Peace Corps held in Washington, D.C. August 1-4, a call went out for all Gays and Lesbians who were volunteer Peace Corps workers to form their own organization of Peace Corps veterans.

The nucleus of the new group has been formed in the nation's capital. Said Doug Tichner, one of the group's founders: "With so many former volunteers concentrated in the Washington area, it was natural for a group to form here first."

The group hopes to form a national network. For more information, write to Doug Tichner, P.O. Box 65874, Washington, D.C. 20035, or call Cynthia Pelak at (202) 331-0066.

**Editor's Note: Wisconsin Light** Publisher Jerry Johnson served as a Peace Corps volunteer (along with his twin brother, Jim) in Owo, Nigeria from 1966 to 1968. He worked with the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Johnson has loaned various artifacts he obtained in Africa to America's Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee.



Over 1,000 people attended the candlelight vigil in Milwaukee on August 5 to remember the victims and families of the Dahmer mass murders. Pictured are two young men who came by bus from Chicago to attend the event.

## Helpline Offers Support To Deal With Grief And Anxiety

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

HELPLINE is available to the community to talk with people and/or refer them to appropriate resources. It is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The phone numbers are 271-3123 and TDD-271-6039.

Please utilize HELPLINE as a resource whenever it is appropriate.

## Survivors of Murder Victims Encouraged To Seek Counseling

[Milwaukee]- Career Youth Development sponsors a regular weekly support group for the survivors of homicide victims. Family members and friends of people who have been murdered can share their stories, exchange supportive advice and help each other with the healing process.

Family and friends of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer are extended a special invitation to attend, but all survivors of victims of homicide are welcome.

The Homicide Survivors Support group meets every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. at Career Youth Development, 2601 N. Martin Luther King Drive. Those in need of transportation to and from the meeting or those who would like more information on the group can call (414) 264-6888.



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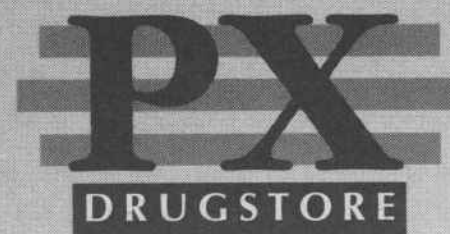
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