



# The Wisconsin Light

Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

## AIDS Education Brought to Schools

[Milwaukee]- The People Living With AIDS (PLWA) Coalition of Wisconsin, based in Milwaukee, has reached an agreement with Superintendent Howard Fuller and Sheryl Gotts of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) to bring a new program of AIDS education into MPS's middle and high school classrooms.

Through the Coalition's Speakers Bureau, PLWA members will be working with health education teachers following a program already successful in the San Francisco area. There, as here, HIV infected persons will be teaching about the dangers of AIDS.

The program consists of 4-one hour sessions and includes "condom and needle cleaning demonstrations." Two middle and two high schools have already been selected as pilots for this new program.

During September, the PLWA Coalition will be actively recruiting persons living with HIV to be trained for this program. People of all ages, backgrounds, genders and ethnic backgrounds are needed. They must be able to speak candidly and openly about their diagnosis and themselves. Prospective volunteers can call the Coalition office at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) at (414) 273-1991 for an application.

The PLWA Coalition has assisted and successfully filed a suit in Wisconsin District Federal Court on behalf of a man incarcerated at the Winnebago correctional facility regarding his care as an HIV infected inmate. The suit charges, among other things, breach of confidentiality and lack of psychological care.

This is the first step the PLWA Coalition has taken toward filing a class action suit on behalf of all HIV infected inmates in the State of Wisconsin.

In August, the Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition of Chicago sponsored a conference to deal with minority issues and AIDS. Those attending the Conference from Milwaukee discovered that far too many see AIDS as a "Black" disease, a "Hispanic" disease, a "Native American" disease. The PLWA Coalition sees AIDS as a "people's" disease and does not want to see any individuals or groups left out or ignored.

The PLWA Coalition is teaming up with the MAP Client Recreation Committee to sponsor a "PWA TEAM" for this year's Wisconsin AIDS Walk on September 22 and urges other walkers to join its contingent.

The PLWA Coalition has its office at MAP. It can be contacted at P.O. Box 92505, Milwaukee, WI 53202 or by calling (414) 273-1991. The Coalition meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

## Queer Nation Plans Major Protest Against Milwaukee Media, Police

[Milwaukee]- Queer Nation (QN) Milwaukee has called for a National Demonstration to take place in Milwaukee on Monday, October 7, 1991 to protest the way the city's media and institutions responded to the Jeffrey L. Dahmer serial murder case.

According to Tim Grair of QN/Milwaukee, QN Chapters across the United States have been contacted. As of press time, many have agreed to send a delegation, including QN/New York, which Grair reports as being "very enthusiastic" about the proposed protest.

The reason for the national demonstration, according to QN/Milwaukee spokespeople, is to show QN's "anger and disappointment at the actions, inaction and reactions of the Milwaukee Police Department, the Mayor's office and the media" regarding the Dahmer case.

QN/Milwaukee has called it "unacceptable" for the police force to be more concerned with the suspension of officers "than for the safety of minorities and Gays. It is unacceptable for people of color, Gays and Lesbians and women to

## Massive Turnout Expected For Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk



Jerry Johnson

Among the 2500 people who attended MAPFest in Milwaukee on September 1 was a python snake. Needless to say the crowd was fascinated as was this woman who bravely volunteered to "wear" it.

## Colder's Cancels Advertising On Mark Belling's WISN Radio Show

[Milwaukee]- In what Queer Nation/Milwaukee (QN) is calling "a significant victory for the Lesbian and Gay community," Colder's Furniture of Milwaukee has announced that it has "permanently canceled advertising on Mark Belling's WISN Radio show, 3:00-6:00 p.m. weekdays, or any other times." Colder's had been the controversial radio talk show's largest sponsor.

The announcement from Colder's advertising manager, Bob Garbutt, came on August 30, just one day before members of QN-Milwaukee had planned to visit the store to protest its continued support of Belling's show. The protest, billed by QN as an "afternoon of queer shopping," was to have included talking to Colder's staff, greeting customers and testing out display beds with same-sex partners.

According to QN, over the past three weeks, Colder's has received "hundreds of calls and letters" from Gays and Lesbians upset about what QN calls "Belling's most recent on-air Queer-bashing." Among Belling's statements cited by QN are those

maintaining that all Gay males should be branded as health risks and that the behavior of a "homosexual" is "genetically determined." Colder's also represents the "logical extension" of the "Gay lifestyle."

Belling, who has a reputation for arch-conservatism, was parodied recently by a Milwaukee Sentinel editorial page cartoon for reportedly making statements in a public meeting that Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola's handwriting was "feminine." Belling later defended himself, saying he was joking and that "you had to have been there."

QN spokespeople said that they took action to confront Belling because of their belief that "anti-Gay statements in the media can lead to anti-Gay violence in the streets."

Tim Grair, a member of QN-Milwaukee said, "We're happy to see that, for once, the Lesbian and Gay community has benefited from an organized response to bigotry."

Grair emphasized that this victory is just "the first step in preventing hate-mongering from remaining a paid position in Milwaukee."

QN has announced plans to target Steinhafel's Furniture in the near future. According to QN, Steinhafel's, a large retail furniture outlet, has been a sponsor of Belling's show for years.

Steinhafel's advertising manager, Dennis Brown, can be contacted at (414) 784-0500 or by writing to: Steinhafel's Furniture, 16250 W. Rogers Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151.

For more information, contact QN at (414) 384-3911, or write to QN at P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

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## Blue Ribbon Commission Hearing Scheduled for September 17

[Milwaukee, WI] -A hearing before Mayor John Norquist's Blue Ribbon Commission on police-community relations with a special focus on individual testimony from Gay men and Lesbians is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the United Community Center, 1028 S. 9th Street (S. 9th and Washington Streets). Anonymity will be respected.

The Police Proposal Task Group of the Lavender Network is urging Gays, Lesbians and Bi-sexuals to attend the hearing to provide personal testimony about their own experiences with the Milwaukee Police Department and/or to show support for others who will testify.

[Milwaukee]- Hundreds of people, young and old, have pre-registered for the 1991 Wisconsin AIDS Walk scheduled for September 22, 1991, starting at 12:30 p.m. along Milwaukee's Lakefront. The Walk will promote state-wide awareness of AIDS and raise essential funds to address the challenges of the epidemic.

The Wisconsin AIDS Walk, the second annual event of its kind, is the largest fundraiser and educational event for AIDS produced in the Badger State. It is sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and co-sponsored by the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP) and the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN).

"This year's goal is to raise \$285,000 through the support of 3,000 walkers and 30,000 pledgers," said Tracey Carson, co-chair of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Steering Committee.

In 1990, the first year of the Walk, Milwaukee area corporations donated \$33,000 to support the event. This year, the Walk has exceeded its goal of \$50,000 in corporate financial donations from businesses throughout the state by more than \$15,000. The Walk has received approximately \$50,000 in in-kind donations which include printing, postage, prizes, food and a variety of other services.

The 3,000 plus expected walkers will be led by Walk Honorary Co-Chairs Allan "Bud" Sale and Sam Sale of the Milwaukee Brewers. The sales will also be among leaders throughout the state attending the Walk Leadership Breakfast that will precede the Walk.

The Breakfast will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Professional Marketing Services, 2071 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee. Hosts include Senator Herb Kohl, Leonard Goldstein, president and CEO of the Miller Brewing Company, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, State Representative David Clarenbach and James E. Doyle, state Attorney General.

More than 300 people are expected to attend the Breakfast. A \$50 donation will augment the proceeds generated through the pledge walk.

The 10K (6.2 mile) Walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Urban Park with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. Along the route, refreshments, activities and a variety of entertainment for adults and kids alike will be available.

Walkers will head north, up along the Lake Front, past Bradford Beach, the Gun Club and shortly, turn south to pass Lake Park Pavilion, the North Point Water Tower and, finally, return to Urban Park for closing ceremonies.

A free shuttle service, sponsored by Safe Line Fleet, will be 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.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP, emphasized the importance of the Walk. "Without the strong state-wide community response to the AIDS

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commission, we would not have the hearing scheduled for September 17. It is our hope that the findings can be tabulated and presented to the Commission.

The Lavender Network is especially encouraging former and current police officers who may be Gay, Lesbian or Bi-sexual to come forward with their opinions and experiences about police-community relations and the treatment they have received within the

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