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Madison Church Plans Gay Theme Services

[Madison]- "Positively Lesbian and Gay" is the theme of a series of services scheduled at Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society for December 17, 1989 and January 14 and 21, 1990. Lay ministers Fredericka and Mary invite you to celebrate in context of a liberal religion the joys and difficulties of living a Gay life.

These issues have been selected: Lesbian/Gay history and culture, homophobia, legal/economic discrimination, parents and children issues and more.

Services are Sundays, 10:00 a.m., 2018 Whenona Dr., Madison-one long block south of the Beltline pedestrian overpass between Seminole Highway and Verona Rd. Anyone is welcome regardless of religion (or lack of it). Children's religious education classes and childcare are available. This congregation dresses casually, so come as you are.

For more information, call 271-8218.

Demonstration Planned In Atlanta Jan. 8-9

[Atlanta, GA]- Hundreds of AIDS, Lesbian and Gay activists and their supporters from around the country will converge in Atlanta on January 8-9 for two days of demonstrations to demand that antisodomy laws be repealed and that the Government expand the epidemiology and definition of AIDS.

The protest against antisodomy laws will be held at the Georgia State Capitol during the opening of the Legislature's new session. Demonstrators will demand that sodomy laws in 25 states and the District of Columbia be overturned.

For information about transportation, housing or logistics for the demonstration-or how you can help-contact Chip Rowan, ACT-UP/Atlanta, 685 Argonne St., Atlanta, GA 30308; (404) 873- 1097.

Hate Crimes Bill Gains Support In Senate

[Washington, D.C.]- Senators Jim Sasser (D-TN) and Sam Nunn (D-GA) signed on as cosponsors of the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, bringing the total number of Senate supporters to 56.

Pianist Feinstein To Perform In Milwaukee For AIDS Benefit



Doug Nelson, Randy Frank and Fred Stewart helped light pink bulbs on Milwaukee's Tree of Hope at the M & M Club.

Proposed Bill Would Weaken State's Open Housing Law

[Madison]- All owner-occupied single-family residences would be exempted from the Wisconsin Fair Housing Law under a bill introduced by State Representative Joanne Huelsman (R-Waukesha).

Under Huelsman's proposal, Assembly Bill 552, any owner-occupied rooming house may legally refuse to rent based on sex, race, sexual orientation, religion, handicap or any other protected class that exists under state law. The effort drew immediate fire from State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) who labeled the plan "a foot in the door to undermine the integrity of our Open Housing Law." discrimination is acceptable under some circumstances. It becomes a slippery slope from there to more substantial loopholes and exemptions to our civil rights laws," Clarenbach said.

AB 552 is co-sponsored by 25 members of the legislature and has been referred to the Assembly Committee on State Affairs for public hearings next year. [Milwaukee]- Pianist and cabaret singer, Michael Feinstein, 32, noted interpreter of the American musical theatre whose repertoire includes classic Broadway show tunes from the pens of such renowned composers as Irving Berlin and George and Ira Gershwin, will perform a benefit concert for the Wisconsin AIDS Fund, Tuesday, February 13, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. in Uihlein Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

The Wisconsin AIDS Fund is a philanthropic Milwaukee agency composed of well-to-do Milwaukeeans. Peter Mahler, one of the 20 members of the Fund's Steering Committee called the Fund "The UPAF (United Performing Arts Fund) of AIDS." A Gay leader who spoke on the condition that he not be identified, called the Fund "very high toned."

According to Linda Stephenson, another member of the Fund's Steering Committee, the group has as its "principal function" the raising and disbursement of funds for AIDS prevention and treatment programs. Money is allocated on the basis of grants received from the appropriate AIDS care agencies.

The Fund, Stephenson said, "does not duplicate the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)."

Light contacted Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP, asking him what MAP's relation was to the Fund. Nelson responded, "The Wisconsin AIDS Fund raises money to contribute to other organizations that are involved with AIDS."

When asked if MAP had received money from the Fund, Nelson said, "In its first disbursement of funds this past year, MAP received a grant of \$7,500 to make the Milwaukee House, our home for persons with AIDS, handicapped accessible." Nelson continued saying, "We also received a \$12,000 grant to fund a bilingual case manager to work with our Hispanic clients." He added, "We were really grateful for this financial support."

When asked if MAP could expect additional money from the Fund for MAP's client-care programs, Nelson said that there was no guarantee of how the AIDS Fund would disburse the money it raised. However, he said, "it is our hope and expectation that the important client services of MAP will continue to receive major funding from the Wisconsin AIDS Fund. Feinstein will donate \$10,000 of his fee for this concert to the locally- based AIDS Fund which is managed by the Milwaukee Foundation. He will play a series of memorable songs from his six albums and previous performances on Broadway. Recognized for his ability to transform old lyrics and melodies into new and contemporary arrangements, he has performed in leading cabarets across America, including New York's Algonquin Hotel, the Ritz Carlton in Washington and San Francisco's York Hotel, as well as on numerous occasions at the White House for former President and Mrs. Reagan.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), which has lobbied Sasser, Nunn and a host of other cosponsors and potential supporters, is optimistic that the bill can pass during the 101st Congress--depending on whether attempts by Senator Jesse Helms to delete Gays from the bill can be defeated.

NGLTF's Anti- Violence project reported last year about 7,250 cases of anti-Gay violence and defamation, with a vast majority of the incidents going unreported. In an earlier survey, NGLTF reported that one in four Gay men and one in ten Lesbians have been assaulted.

Happy Holidays Holidays From The Wisconsin Light staff. As is our tradition, Light will not be published between Christmas and New Years. Our next issue will be published January 11, 1990. "Civil Rights must be for everyone, and ought to apply to all commercial transactions in the housing field," Clarenbach declared.

Huelsman defended her bill as an effort to "protect persons in owner-occupied, single- family residences." She cited the recent dispute in Madison involving a Lesbian roommate being refused a roommate lease.

Clarenbach responded that AB 552 also covers all owner-occupied rooming houses of up to four persons, and thereby violates the Federal Fair Housing Act.

"AB 552 would result in Wisconsin statutes failing to be substantially equivalent with federal law and that non-compliance would result in the loss of \$75,000 in federal revenues as a penalty," Clarenbach noted.

"However, the real danger of this bill is that it sends a message that

Milwaukee's Tree Of Hope Raising Funds for MAP

[Milwaukee]- Randy Frank and Fred Stewart are creating the second annual Tree of Hope to raise money for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The Tree is designed to symbolize many things. Among these are: hope for the future for people living with AIDS, hope for increased responsibility with regard to safer sex and AIDS prevention and hope for a cure to end this tragic epidemic.

During the months of December and January, the Tree of Hope can be seen at the M& M Club (124 N. Water St.) in the Glass Menagerie Garden. The Tree, covered with hundreds of white lights, will turn pink with each donation. Small pink lights are \$1 or more. Large pink lights are \$100 or more. Randy's goal is to raise \$6,000

All funds donated will go to MAP in support of basic programs. Help turn the Tree of Hope pink by supporting MAP during the holiday season. Mahler told Light that Feinstein's appearance in Milwaukee due in part, to a contribution of \$5,000 by Michael Cudahy of Marquette Electronics, was the Fund's "major benefit" program for the year and was "exclusively for Milwaukee."

Feinstein, a native of Columbus, Ohio, moved to Los Angeles in 1976. There he met Ira Gershwin, the lyricist, half of the Gershwin songwriting team, and went to work for him, cataloging the Gershwins' music, records and memorabilia. He eventually launched his performing career in Beverly Hills clubs. In two separate engagements in 1988, Feinstein TURN TO CONCERT, PAGE 15

December 14, 1989–January 10, 1990–WISCONSIN LIGHT–2 NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS Gay Games Threatened by Christians

[Vancouver, British Columbia]- According to Seattle Gay News, full page advertisements paid for by religious groups threatening the Gay Games III planned for next August in Vancouver appeared in local newspapers in November, outraging the Gay and Lesbian community there.

The ads proclaimed: "...Because these games will bring God's judgment upon us all in this city, we therefore forbid them in the name and authority of Jesus Christ. We believe that they shall not take place."

The threats have raised awareness about the need for adequate security at the games, and organizers are working cooperatively with the Vancouver police to ensure everyone's safety.

A spokesman for Gay Games III, Shawn Kelly, told SGN: "We believe this is part of a well organized strategy to harass and disrupt the event." Kelly also noted that more support and volunteers were rolling in as a result of the belligerent ads and he insisted that, despite the intimidation, planning for the athletic games and cultural festival will move forward on schedule.

Fundamentalists Fail To Close Play

[Springfield, MO]- "The Normal Heart," Larry Kramer's play about AIDS, finished its two week run at Southwest Missouri State University to sold out audiences, despite attempts by fundamentalists to ban it and the fire- bombing of the home of a student who rose to its defense.

The Christian Fundamentalist arsonists did succeed in killing the student's two pet cats who perished in the flames.

Opposition to the student production was led by a group called Citizens Demanding Standards and the Assemblies of God Church, headquartered in Springfield. Each protested the university's financial support of a play they claimed "promotes homosexuality and anti-family values." The home of theatre student Brad Evans, who had formed a group called People Acting with Compassion and Tolerance, was saturated with gasoline and burned to the ground on the evening of the play's opening night performance.

Georgia PWA Sentenced to 10 Years

[Smyrna, GE]- Philadelphia Gay News reports that 27 year-old Gregory Scroggins has been sentenced to ten years in prison on charges that he attempted to kill a police officer when he bit the cop on the arm during a struggle. Scroggins is HIV-positive.

The police were intervening in a domestic dispute between Scroggins and his roommate when officer David Crook put a chock hold on Scroggins. Scroggins claimed that he bit Crook in an attempt to loosen the tight grip around his neck, not with any lethal intent. He described the difficulty with accepting his own HIV-positive status and said, "I wouldn't want to inflict this on anyone."

Initially, Scroggins was charged with the misdemeanor offense of obstructing an officer. It was only ten months later that the state filed the charge of attempted murder. Scroggins thinks his homosexuality and HIV status strongly influenced his treatment by the court. His attorney says that Scroggins is being "treated like a leper and a vaudeville sideshow act."

Harvey Milk's Ashes Still In Limbo

[Washington, D.C.]- Gay writer Rex Wockner reports that some of Harvey Milk's ashes are "stuck in a safe in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington," lacking the money needed for proper burial. Most of Milk's ashes were scattered in San Francisco Bay after his assassination in 1978, but Leonard Matlovich brought the remainder east for use in a special memorial plot near the nation's capitol. Matlovich himself died in 1988.

John Hanley, who oversees burials at Congressional Cemetery, is "personally upset" that "this great man is sitting in my safe... he doesn't deserve this. Harvey Milk was a person everybody should be proud of. I can't imagine that the community of millions of people who looked up to him can't come up with \$5 to buy the site."

San Franciscan Ken McPherson is hoping to raise several thousand dollars to purchase a larger plot and to erect a memorial that will do Harvey proud. Once properly buried, Harvey Milk's name will be added to the cemetery's roster of famous people, including J. Edgar Hoover and John Phillip Sousa.

To help with the project, call McPherson at (415) 441-7613, or Henley at (301) 283-2074.

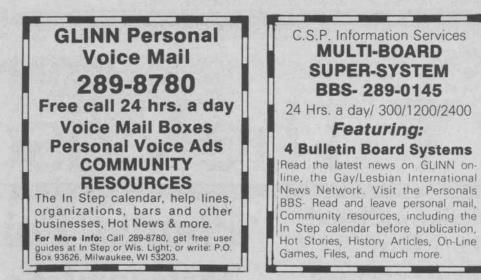
Pacific Telephone Adds Gay Listing

[San Francisco, CA]- The Pacific Bell Telephone Company agreed this Fall to include a listing for "Gay and Lesbian Organizations" in over 100 of its Yellow Page directories in California and Nevada. The action came after the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) met with company executives.

The GLAAD chapter in New York had to resort to a lawsuit before the New York/New England Telephone acceded to a similar request in January, 1989.

NGRA Supports Right to Die Case

[Washington, D.C.]- National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) has filed a "friend of the court" brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a family that seeks to terminate the life support system of their comatose daughter. As a result of a car accident, Nancy Cruzan has been in a coma since 1983. The State of Missouri has opposed the wishes of the Cruzan family all the way to the highest court. It is the first time the Supreme Court will hear a case involving the right to end extraordinary life support systems. Said NGRA Director Jean O'Leary, "This case has obvious implications for people with AIDS and their loved ones who may have to make similar decisions."



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[New York, NY]- Andy Rooney, the resident curmudgeon of "60 Minutes," has been spouting homophobic rhetoric lately. In his nationally syndicated column, he recently wrote, "I feel the same way about homosexuals as I do about cigarette smokers. I wouldn't want to spend much time in a small room with one, but they don't bother me otherwise."

Let Andy know his bigotry is showing and that you don't appreciate it. Write to him in care of the West Side Spirit (home base for his column), 363 7th Ave., 12th Fl., New York, NY 10001.

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ALETTER FROM KAREN LAMB

I rush in, door banging behind, loaded with Christmas gifts. This is going to be one of the best Christmases ever! Tab Hunter, the family Cocker Spaniel barks joyously. "I love Christmas, mom! What is Santa bringing?" He sniffs every box looking for rawhide, bones, or his favorite, chocolate Poochie Kisses.

He turns away, mournful eyes. Nothing.

There are simply so many fun, and important, events this month that I think it calls for a new hat!

On Thursday, December 14, we are all invited to honor Mr. Marc Haupert at a reception at M & M's, 6:00 till 8:30, so don't be late. Our city has been fortunate to have had Marc at the helm of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, parent of MAP. From our humble beginnings with about \$18,000, this year's budget tops a million.

"And still not enough, huh, mom?" Tab comments. "And don't forget to invite everyone to the MAP fund-raiser at Jet's Place on KK Avenue."

"Oh, yes! This party will be the social event of the season! Bob has called to invite us for Friday, December 22, and, of course, every cent goes to help our friends at MAP."

"Us! Mom did Bob really invite me?"

"Everyone is invited, honey. There will be special entertainment, but, Tab, I think he wants entertainment, not pandemonium. Why don't you stay home and supervise the Christmas cookies?"

Satisfied with the schedule, he immediately breaks into his favorite carol, "I wish you a chocolate puddin', I wish you a chocolate puddin', and a Happy New Year."

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The evening grows late. The fire burns low. Gifts are wrapped and tucked under the tree. Tab curls up and asks for a bedtime story. "Read the poem by Antlers, mom. Read the one about the deer. I like the deer." It was so nice of Antlers to send this gift of poetry (Last Words, Available Press, 1989).

"I like the part here, mom, where they say that Antlers is the new Walt Whitman. Did I ever tell you, mom, that my great, great, grandfather, on my mother's side, twice removed, of course, was Walt Whitman's dog, and Walt used to take grandfather hiking in the High Sierras, and...."

"That's about enough, Tab Hunter, you are not related to royalty, much less, Walt Whitman! You're just a plain ol' mayor's dog. That's the best you're ever going to do."

Disappointed. "Oh. Then let's read some more, mom." (He's being on his absolute very best behavior since Christmas is only a few days away. Royalty, for goodness sakes!)

Poetry aside, we cuddle on the couch to scan the news. "Looky, mom. This dumb reporter calls you a **former** columnist for **Wisconsin Light!** Gee, she could have called to check the facts. I would have told her that grandmother has been awfully sick. Mom, tell 'em about how you went to Georgia and cooked all that chicken and beef and everything for grandmother's freezer for the winter. I like to hear about all that food. And wasn't it nice of



Dr. Karen Lamb

pretty flowers up here to the Milwaukee House?"

"Yes, darling, it was. And Pa and grandmother think that's the prettiest house they ever did see. And wait until next spring! The grounds are going to be beautiful!"

"I like daffodils, mom, and lilies, and iris, almost as much as I like chocolate puddin'."

More news on Summerfest. "Looks like more bad news, mom. That big ol' blunderbuss called daddy's Winterfest 'a loser'!"

"Well, Tab, I think they have a major 'attitude problem' down there. The only losers I see are the people of the City of Milwaukee."

Tab reads on...."More money than the Governor and the Mayor... memberships in private clubs...a new car! What ever happened to that last Thunderbird?" he yelps. "What ever happened to Daddy's idea that these were festivals for people who could not afford expensive golf clubs and mountain summer homes?"

"I don't know, honey. Some ideas just get prostituted, that's all. Let's not think about it now, Tab. We'll think about it tomorrow."

"And what about nice names like Summerfest and Winterfest? I don't get it, mom! The Big Gig. The Big Chill. The Big Cool. The Big Card. Pooh!

The Big Gig. The Big Pig.

The Big Chill. The Big Steal.

Hey, mom! I made a poem. Maybe I can show it to Antlers!" "It's really not very good, Tab. But maybe Antlers can help you. Now, it's time for you to say your prayers, turn out the light, and say good night to our friends."

From us both, the Merriest of Christmases, the Happiest of New Years with good health and blessings to each of you.

Love and Kisses, Karen Lamb

"And Tab, mommy. Love and Kisses

from Tab. And you forgot about good food."

"Good health, blessings, and good food. Now, lights out!"

A little voice whispers from the darkness. "Mom, did you see that Allan Goldstein said the new breakthrough was terrific."

"Yes, I did, darling. But, in the meantime, let's keep on working." See

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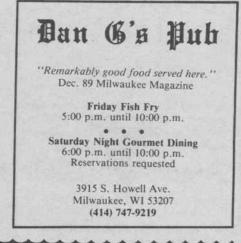
[Dallas, TX]- The Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct has publicly censored Judge Morris Jackson Hampton for homophobic comments he made during the sentencing of the murderers of two Gay men last year.

Judge Hampton said (among other things) that "some murder victims are less innocent in their deaths than others. In those cases, a defendant is unlikely to deserve a maximum sentence... I put prostitutes and Gays at about the same level,"

A special investigator had found no fault with Hampton but the Judicial Commission said the judge's comments were "destructive of public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary because the public reacted... with disbelief, abhorrence and indignation."

Gay leaders in Dallas feel the censor is

only a slap on the wrist and are redoubling their efforts to remove Hampton from the bench.





grandmother and Pa to bring all those

you at Jet's Place!

Lypomed Donates AIDS Drugs To Community Centers

[Rosemont, IL]- Lyphomed, Inc. of Rosemont, IL has launched a "Patient Assistance Program" to provide certain quantities of free NebuPent (TM) (nebulized pentamidine) for prophylaxis of AIDS patients at high risk, for the prevention of Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP). The program will provide limited quantities of pentamidine to indigent patients unable to obtain reimbursement for the purchase of the drug through medical insurance coverage or government reimbursement programs.

PCP is the leading cause of death in people with AIDS. In June, 1989, after more than two years of extensive, nationwide clinical trials designed to show that NebuPent is safe and effective in preventing PCP, the drug received approval from the FDA. Upon approval, Lyphomed announced the company would begin designing a Patient Assistance Program to help those indigent AIDS patients unable to obtain reimbursement for purchase of the drug through medical insurance or government assistance. The program has been launched and approximately 40 community based not-for-profit AIDS care clinics and physicians have contacted Lyphomed for assistance. By law, Lyphomed cannot donate the drug directly to patients. The community based clinics will control the process and assume responsibility for providing the free drug to patients who qualify. Lyphomed will rely on their judgment.

Said Brian Tambi, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Lyphomed's Ethical Pharmaceutical Division, "The Patient Assistance Program is a creative initiative, the first of its kind and a continuing demonstration of Lyphomed's commitment to assist the AIDS community." "If it concerns you, it concerns us!"

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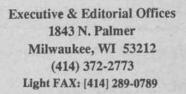
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EDITORIAL

Money Is Really Key Issue For ROTC Staying in Madison

M. Daniel Henry, a newly hired dean of an eastern college, told the assembled faculty and student representatives that, "the institution is more important than any member of it." Many quelled, but he spoke the truth — from his point of view.

No matter whether it's Harvard or Marquette or UW-Madison, colleges and universities are businesses whose main purpose is to survive by projecting an image and selling a product. Whatever conflicts with those, be it idea, human being or group, is viewed as a threat which must be expunged for the good of the institution.

Therefore, it comes as no surprise to those with more than a passing acquaintance with academia that Marquette should seek to suppress a Gay/Lesbian organization or that, in the end, UW-Madison's Board of Regents will not eliminate ROTC from campus simply because of anti-Lesbian/Gay discrimination. There's too much money involved.

Universities change, not usually because of ideas, but only when the academic bureaucracy finds it in its financial or other interest to do so. That takes considerable pressure applied by a strong organization. This the Gay/Lesbian community here in Wisconsin does not have.

Money available to community organizations is pitiful compared to what should be there. In Milwaukee, at least, there is no openly Lesbian or Gay man in a significant public office, no one who seems willing to run and no organization to help them if they did.

Until this changes, we can expect further abuses and defeats at the hands of our enemies.

Guest Editorial UW-Madison Faculty Stands Up For Wisconsin's Progressive Tradition

The recent vote by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Faculty recommending that the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) be removed from campus for its discrimination against homosexuals was a brave and principled stand. The vote of 386-248 sends a strong signal to the Board of Regents, which has final decision-making power, that arbitrary discrimination based on sexual orientation has no place in the academy, in the military or in society at large.

Mainstream media coverage of the vote focused almost exclusively on the potential loss of financial aid to those students enrolled in the ROTC program. But what of the greater loss to society in excluding the skills and leadership abilities of a whole class of citizens, based on criteria irrelevant to academic or military performance?

Critics suggest that the proper avenue for redressing this particular grievance is at the top, with the US Department of Defense. But Gays and Lesbians have been doing just that for years, with the cases of Miriam Ben-Shalom, Perry Watkins and Joe Steffen prominent examples. We will continue pressuring the top brass, but support from the grass roots is also essential in building consensus on this issue.

Wisconsin statute unequivocally prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. University of Wisconsin policies likewise ban such discrimination. The UW Faculty's principled vote against the ROTC program as it stands today is therefore consistent with the law and with the proud and progressive tradition of the State of Wisconsin.

LETTERS

AIDS Resources

TO THE EDITOR:

In reply the Rev. Carl A. Olson's column in the last issue of **Light**, "Will Resources Diminish As More Drug Users Develop AIDS?".

Wisconsin and especially Milwaukee have dealt with the AIDS crisis with a rallying vigor by both the Gay and straight communities. We have not discriminated against minorities. We have fought for and supported minorities for PWA's and HIV infection are a minority in their own right whether they be Gay/Lesbian, IV drug users, Black, Hispanic, women or children.

The Gay/Lesbian community has been in the foreground, fighting for the rights of people with AIDS and have offered endless dedication to the support of people with AIDS no matter what their sexual orientation, color or behavior.

As a community that has experienced discrimination, rejection and hatred first-hand, we have been faced with these negatives on the part of society. As a result, we have come forward and offered our understanding and support. Assuming there has been or will be rejection of others we may feel have been intolerant of us (Gay/Lesbian) is hypocritical. For the strides that the Gay/Lesbian community has made over the past 20 years have not only been fought for us as a minority community, but for all minority communities and individuals. The fight for human and civil rights have known no boundaries. They have been fought for all minorities to benefit from. Those in Wisconsin who have made strides in the AIDS crisis, have done so unconditionally. The concern in possible separation of minorities by the Gay and straight community is unfounded for it hasn't existed. Instead, there is a clear realization of the unity that has brought all minority communities dealing with AIDS together in Milwaukee as one community; a community living in the face of AIDS with strong support and dedication from both the Gay and straight community. Organizations such as the Milwaukee AIDS Project offers education and supportive services to the minority and IV

drug using community through programs such as street outreach, support groups, minority AIDS educators, religious support and life care.

Milwaukee, being one of the most supportive cities in terms of supporting all people with HIV infection, should not be questioned as to where our fight and compassion lay. Both the Gay/Lesbian and straight communities have come together in support of all people with AIDS and we should be proud of this.

-Daniel G. Trzebiatowski Milwaukee Marquette Quells Free Speech TO THE EDITOR:

The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee is outraged by recent reports in the Milwaukee Journal and the Milwaukee Sentinel stating that Marquette University threatens to disband a student organization whose purpose is to promote the civil rights of

Germany and Poland. And it too, will fail.

Marquette University, in the spirit of true Christianity, should be offering understanding and support to its Gay and Lesbian students, not quashing sincere attempts to open dialogue and free speech.

> -Kitty Barber Milwaukee

Drag Need Not Slow Progress

I am replying to the letter by Sharon Gamble in your Nov. 30 to Dec 13 issue.

Upon reading and rereading Sharon's letter, I am unable to find a single argument with validity. While she has the right to her views, she has no good reason to actually believe them and no one has the right to act upon them beyond expressing them.

First of all, pointing out that some drag personae may typify sexist stereotypes does not prove that all or most drag outfits must typify sexist stereotypes. This kind of rash generalization is the root of all the rationalizations that are given for the bigotry that our community has been exposed to.

Second, it is both sexist and homophobic to deny that drag is a legitimate form of expression. There are straight as well as Gay transvestites. The reason a man — whatever his sexual orientation — can be oppressed for his choice of clothes is because of stereotypes our society holds about what men should be like — who they may sleep with, what they may wear, how aggressive and hairy and muscle-bound they must be to be men.

Wearing "female" clothes does not pander to heterosexist dogma, but in fact challenges it — challenges whether "female" clothing is exclusively female, challenges whether we have to go out of our way to depict our gender, challenges whether we have to go out of our way to avoid resembling another gender. It shows that a man can wear a dress and be a man — not that Gay men aren't men, and that the fact that some wear dresses proves it. Deep, deep down, every homophobe knows that under the dress of a male transvestite is a penis.

Accepting drag isn't political suicide; failing to recognize the extent to which we, in the community, still hold sexist and homophobic stereotypes and notions is the deepest form of political suicide there is — it threatens the unity of any movement in the long run, and it allows our own attitudes to deny us whatever freedom is gained from society and the government.

Third, the only image that homosexuals and bisexuals need to present is that of responsible, healthy, whole adults with the right and ability to choose their lifestyle, even if it is an alternative lifestyle. We do not need to prove that we aren't different — we need only prove that our difference is a valid expression of our common humanity. It is political suicide to cede any portion of what makes us different from the majority, in hopes that it will make us "acceptable"; it is political suicide to "earn" acceptance rather than to show that we deserve and have been denied it.

Finally, it is dumb to question how many closeted youngsters extended their period of denial because they weren't into drag, because it is only a question, one we can't answer. The only thing that closeted youngsters need to admit to themselves is that they are attracted to their own gender. Bisexuals, such as myself, have the potential to deny that we are attracted to our own gender because we are attracted to the other gender as well. Does this make us a liability too? It is political suicide for the community to sacrifice its internal minorities to hope that the mainstream will accept some of us; it allows the mainstream to view us as hypocrites who are not secure in our validity, but who only want options, not actual rights, for ourselves and our immediate friends and lovers. Sharon Gamble closes her letter by stating that we may harm the Gay rights struggle by giving coverage to drag. I conclude by stating that my above arguments prove that if we take her views and apply her advice, that we will ourselves be the ones to harm Gay rights. Better to risk the possible reaction of the mainstream, than to be certainly guilty ourselves. -A Madisonian Name withheld on request **TURN TO LETTER, PAGE 12**

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minority students, including Gays and Lesbians.

The Marquette Integrated Leadership Council (MILC) had been told by University officials that its support of Gay and Lesbian rights might "give people the wrong idea."

If the Jesuits at Marquette University feel so strongly about public opinion, why do they continue to invest in companies that do business in South Africa? Perhaps Marquette can explain why apartheid is not contrary to the university's "religious values and principals" but support for Gay rights is.

Last year Marquette University promoted "Celebrate Diversity" in response to some racist incidents on campus. Students were told to accept others, to realize the cultural differences among MU students, and to accept lots of different kinds of people. Does Marquette want to practice selective diversity when it comes to Gays and Lesbians? What kind of lesson are MU students learning? That diversity can only be accepted as defined by Catholic teachings? How hypocritical!

It's unfortunate that Marquette officials can't see that their repression of Gay and Lesbian students and supporters is akin to those old regimes in East

SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

Dark Doings Going Down This 'Season of Light'

By Jamakaya

Lots of dark doings going down this "season of light," so let's dispatch the bad guys first.

Numero uno to get a stake of holly through his already dead heart is Marc Lepine, frustrated killer of defenseless women. As if we needed more proof of what Mary Daly calls "patriarchy's lethal intent," along comes this lizard to illustrate once again the endemic and pathological nature of male violence against women.

Most feminists are aware that Lepine's rampage was not, as the media would have it, an "isolated" incident by an "unbalanced" individual. Ask the 600 women in Milwaukee county who seek restraining orders against their male partners each month, or the 7,000 women raped each month or the 4,000 women killed each year in this country. All of these crimes intensify, by the way, during this allegedly holy and hallowed "season of light."

Another stake of holly through the hearts and souls of those homophobic hypocrites of the Society of Jesus is surely in order. Jesuit-run universities like Georgetown, Loyola and our own dear Marquette have been very busy this past year asserting ecclesiastical/patriarchal control over their recalcitrant flock. Can it really be that condom ads threaten the foundations of the Catholic Church? That the very words "Gay" and "Lesbian" and "empowerment" undermine the moral doctrines of Roman Catholicism?

The idea that a group of clerical closet cases wearing dresses is implementing this "iron heel" mentality should not surprise us. These are the spiritual descendants of the guys who brutally tortured and burned to death as "witches" millions of women and men and then characterized the period as the Renaissance, or "rebirth."

This is the church which condemned to prison and death brilliant scientists and thinkers like Gallileo (who was only absolved of his "heresy" a few short years ago!). The evil of institutionalized Catholicism continues to run amuck today with its cruel and immoral indifference to the reality of AIDS. Merry Christmas indeed...

Another honorary stake of holly along with hemlock cocktails — go to the "Christians" of WVCY radio and TV. The lugubrious fundamentalist Vic Eliason and his frisky sidekick Jan Parshall (rumored — falsely — to be a female impersonator, albeit a bad one by our community's standards) reach new heights of ignorance with every breath they take — all in the name of Jesus Christ, of course.

Their consistently misguided, misleading and misinformed musings on everything from homosexuality to New Age philosophy to rock music would be pretty funny if they weren't so incredibly dangerous. These paragons of "virtue" purvey the worst sort of misinformation and intolerance, and seem blissfully unaware of the hatred they unleash on our community.



Toward the end of the show, Harvey spoke in an urgent tone about Gay and Lesbian invisibility: "Our fear of coming out is much worse than anything that can

happen to us when we're out. We **must** come out. It's only in coming out that we can develop positive self-esteem, self-concept, human rights and respect in this world." Happy Gay '90's Harvey! You can speak for me anytime!

Roseanne Barr has been using her celebrity status to spout off some heavy-duty political comments recently. On "Donahue," when someone asked her why women are hassled more than men (like her co-star John Goodman) about their weight, Roseanne deadpanned: "It's not just weight everything about women is supposed to be smaller." Oooohh, sharp stuff!

When someone asked Roseanne if she hated men, she said she thought that all women, then paused, corrected herself and emphasized, "all heterosexual women" at some level hate men. Interesting distinction, eh? Of her sister's Lesbianism, Roseanne has told the press: "It doesn't bother me. I've known plenty of Gay people who are wonderful, caring people." Go Roseanne!

Closer to home, holiday cheers to the sisters at Kissing Girls Productions for another excellent Lesbian Variety Show last month. I was particularly impressed by their commitment to transfer the show's profits back into the women's community in the form of small grants to Lesbian artists, entertainers and writers. Are Milwaukee's production companies listening? Sounds like the makings of a good New Year's resolution to me...

New Year's wishes and luck to Miriam Ben-Shalom whose 14 year battle with the Army over the right to serve her country may reach its final stage in 1990, when her attorney takes the case to the Supreme Court.

Holiday greetings and appreciation to all those hard workers who provide our community's services throughout the year: the Hags, Ron at In Step, Jerry and Terry my bosses at The Light, and the women at Feminist Voices; our artists and entertainers and the people who produce them; the women who organize and facilitate the Free-, Our-, More-, and Silver-Space groups; our bar owners, restauranteurs, booksellers and other business people; the health workers and educators who staff our clinics and AIDS projects; and those brave Lesbians and Gay men who, despite harassment and even death threats, serve as our spokespeople to the mainstream press and wider community.

December 14, 1989–January 10, 1990–WISCONSIN LIGHT–5 MAP To Open Late Night Information Center in January

[Milwaukee]- Approximately 30 members of Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay community attended a social forum held at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) on December 1, World AIDS Day, to learn, share and discuss AIDS/HIV prevention needs and to be updated on current programs underway.

Among the programs highlighted were the Drop-In Center. This is a new program to be implemented in January, 1990. There will be a Drop-In Center at the Community Center, 225 S. 2nd St., open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

The objectives of the Drop-In Center will be to proved an outreach station for Stop AIDS Milwaukee and MAP. It will be a site for AIDS/HIV prevention information, resources and referrals. Brochures, materials and safer sex kits will be distributed. Brady East STD Clinic will provide periodic testing.

The Drop-In Center will also provide a safe environment for everyone by offering non-alcoholic refreshments.

Sometimes we need a place to "drop in," to take a breather, or just relax in a different setting when we go out. An Advisory Committee to meet for the

An Advisory Committee to meet for the first time in January, is being formed to assess the needs within our community and develop programs targeting specific population groups. Some groups include: people of color, womyn, youth and the bisexual community.

Other suggestions that surfaced at the forum included: re-activating the "Bartenders Against AIDS" program as well as a greater bar outreach; develop education/prevention programs aimed at the Lesbian community; develop programs/workshops with the various religious groups that are Lesbian/Gay affiliated.

"We need the support of the Lesbian/Gay bars, organizations and businesses in our efforts in promoting risk reduction in sex/behavior information and practices," said Michael Lisowski, the Gay/Lesbian Community Educator at MAP. "MAP needs your help," said Lisowski, "I need your help." Lisowski said he welcomes suggestions and hopes people will be willing to volunteer to become part of the effort in our community to help prevent the transmission of HIV through innovative education.





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And now for some more pleasant tributes to those among us who light candles rather than contribute to the darkness.

Playwright, actor and AIDS activist, Harvey Fierstein, appeared on "Later" with Bob Costas recently. In the interview (in which Bob looked most uncomfortable), Harvey, as usual, spoke eloquently for and about our community. The following is only a sample of the kind of stuff Harvey regularly includes in his appearances on national TV. As we enter the Gay '90's, the forces arrayed against us are as active as ever. Let's resolve to work toward a more organized and cohesive community so that we can weather the inevitable storms and build a culture that will nourish and sustain us through the coming decade.

Oh, enough lecturing Jamakaya -

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By Chuck Molitor

Recently a woman walked to the police station in West Allis and reported that she had been raped. She gave the description of the man as well as a description of the van he forced her into. The police began the investigation, pulling over vans and men that fit the description. Later, the woman admitted that she made up the story to keep an affair that she was having from her husband.

Can you imagine how the men who were stopped by the police felt? Can you imagine how many relationships were hurt if not, at least, strained? What would you have felt if the descriptions matched someone you knew who happened to have the same type of van?

The great power of words. These days when there is a great deal of emphasis placed on media as being a primary mode of communication, the spoken word is still very powerful. The word of a person can be one of trust or mistrust. An offhand comment misinterpreted by the hearer can change a person's reputation positively or negatively.

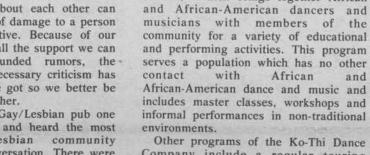
We as a Gay/Lesbian minority group need to be particularly careful of what we say about each other. What we say about each other can significantly help or hinder our main support group: each other.

Anyone who actively listens to some of our conversations knows that rumors abound in our community. We also know that backbiting is not foreign to our get-togethers. In some instances, some people have actively sought to destroy the reputation of someone for various reasons of revenge.

Our comments about each other can cause a great deal of damage to a person or be very supportive. Because of our situation, we need all the support we can get so the unfounded rumors, the backbiting and unnecessary criticism has to go! We're all we got so we better be supportive of each other.

I was at a local Gay/Lesbian pub one Saturday afternoon and heard the most amazing Gay/Lesbian community self-destructive conversation. There were about 15 persons who were discussing an individual - his weak points - his negative, outward perceptions. He was accused of being a liar, a cheat, etc., etc.

As I listened as to who they were talking about, I realized that I knew the



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guy. We had gone to school together. I

listened further and noticed that the

conversation was being directed by a

person who was working off a personal

vendetta and not telling the truth...

slander for personal purposes.

on the preachy side. I guess I am

reflecting upon something that I have

We all make mistakes - stuff happens.

Let's try and be aware of what our words

brothers and sisters. They can be

negative or positive. Let's think about

accentuating the positive. We need each

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Sometimes we are our own worst bashers.

Up and Out: Being "Out" **Is An Important Symbol**

By Barb Coyle

What do the Catholic Church, Hallmark and "Say It With Flowers" have in common? All three know the value of "outward signs"; those things which have the power to convey meaning through their presence in our lives.

We in the Gay and Lesbian community have such outward signs by which we know one another. Pink Triangles are an obvious example which have been in use since Nazi Germany. Whenever I see them, I have a mixed emotional response... proud that the wearer is brave enough to wear such a symbol in public, yet sad when I remember the original purpose to which this outward sign was put.

Robin Tyler, feminist, comic, producer and emcee has suggested we use the Phoenix rising from its ashes as a powerful symbol instead.

Music by Gays and Lesbians is an outward sign for me. I use it for a number of different purposes. Some of the music gives me strength and support to enjoy my Lesbian choices. And the music comes in handy as a starting place to find other people who know these "outward signs." Mention Holly Near, Meg Christian, Chris Williamson, or Rominofsky and Phillips in conversation and see the response that you get. If your listener knows who you are talking about, chances are you have found someone else in the same club we are. (Not a sure bet, but at least it is a starting place.)

The Quilt has become a powerful symbol for many of us. So filled with love and remembering and tears. Too much for words. Such an outward sign of who we are in our love and community.

Pinkie rings have been used as a telltale sign that the wearer is gifted. I used to enjoy noticing who wore them...but now I see that just about everyone has this little finger jewelry on. But you always get to wonder, you know.

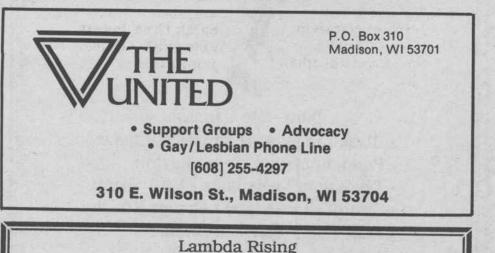
Where we meet and where we put our energies and who we know are also, somehow, connected to life symbols. I'm thinking of our meeting places and our organizations and the many women and men who have decided to use their talents to benefit our community.

Everything from the Pride Parade to LAMM, the Galano Club, Cream City Foundation, Brady East, MAP, the choruses, production companies and obvious "out" business owners. They connect into the weave that includes each of us in Milwaukee. The outward sign stuff that moves symbol and energy into meaning for our living.

Being "out" at whatever level that means for each of us, is an obviously important symbol. We ask each other "How long have you been out?", and celebrate National Coming Out Day as a yearly event. I believe that the level of disclosure about our sexual choices is a personal decision. Coming out to family, friends and co-workers is both frightening and a relief; a nexus in our lives of links to the past and a path to the hopeful future.

I know I haven't covered every symbol possible. (Double headed axes and crystals come to mind as I pause to reflect.) As we go into a season that is filled with all sorts of religious, commercial and ritual symbols, I have enjoyed looking for a moment at outward signs of who we are.





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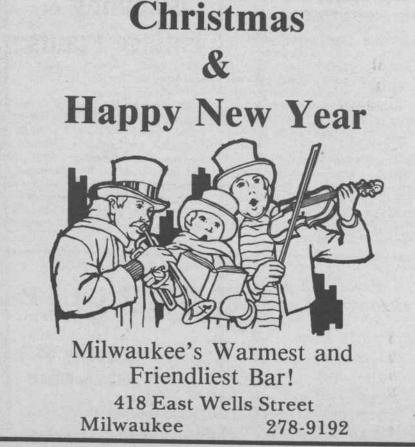
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You Really Can't Be Gay -**Just A Little Confused!**

by Nancy Lyn Define

Do me a favor. Please. Don't pick me out of the crowd at the bar in order to subject me to a twenty minute desertion on how you're "REALLY not Gay, just confused." Frankly, Mr. Macho, I don't give a damn. And stop glancing over my shoulder. I doubt very much the "homo spotter" task force is sneaking around with hidden cameras. Look, it isn't that I don't enjoy talking with new people. It's just that I don't particularly care to talk to you.

So PLEASE don't tell me how your family would just die if they even suspected you might be ... well, you know. Those of us who are openly Gay don't have the slightest notion of the fears and anxieties associated with coming out to parents. We weren't born and raised in the traditional manner. We just sprang

up, fully grown, in cabbage patches. And please don't think you're complimenting me when you say I don't "look like one." I find that comment not only offensive, but incredibly stupid. Despite your misconceptions, you can't usually "spot one of us a mile away." And this habit you have of smugly looking around the bar and picking out four or five people you don't find attractive, then referring to them as faggots, bulldykes and disgusting queers with whom you will NOT be identified, is almost as repulsive as you are. THEY are not the reason you can't come out of the closet (although you may be the reason for them to consider going back in). Are you always this obnoxious? Or do Gay atmospheres just bring out the best in you?

Look, I'm not a bad person. And I don't go out very often. So when I do, PLEASE stop telling me all about that old queen in the corner who won't stop cruising you. First of all, he's NOT even looking at you. He's cruising that cute guy standing a couple of feet in back of you. Actually, no offense (well, maybe a little), but I don't see one person in this whole place paying the least bit of attention to you. But then you're "REALLY not Gay anyway."

And stop snickering at my button. If

you haven't seen one before then you must be either illiterate or unable to afford a radio or television. If you have, and you think Pink Triangles are funny, maybe you should consider joining up with Lyndon LaRouche. And don't you dare cop a condescending attitude about those of us with AIDS or HIV positive blood. Honey, you have a disease much more deadly.

While I'm at it, don't bother telling me twenty minutes into your monologue that you lied to me about your REAL name. I have no problem with that. I can think of lots of things to call you.

Now how did I already know that you campaigned for Bush and Quayle? And that you're a registered Republican? Go figure. But please don't refer to yourself. as an enlightened conservative. That's a non sequitur. Try pompous ass.

If I hear you say "what I do in the privacy of my bedroom is nobody's business and I don't intend on shouting it to the world" one more time, I'll seriously consider taking a picture of you and sending to the local paper with a caption that reads "GAY HOMOPHOBE DÉMANDS THE RIGHT TO BE A HOMO (but only in the privacy of his own room)." Gee, won't your enlightened conservatives let you do that? Not even if you spend the rest of your time openly advocating the enforcement of sodomy laws and trying to get an ordinance passed restricting Gay people to certain jobs, accommodations and housing?

I don't understand why people in the closet always tell US about this privacy thing. What do you think we do when we're not running around making it more difficult for people like you? Meet in a parking lot and decide which one of your bedrooms we're going to bug this week? Trust me. We have any number of other things to worry about. So, if you have to spout off about privacy, go tell it to a judge. Preferably one sitting on the Supreme Court. Better yet, stop by in the office of any number of your Republican senators. Or go to Georgia. There's a man named Hardwick who would LOVE to hear your views on the subject.

And while you're at it, you should consider writing to Virginia Apuzzo and Harvey Fierstein about the harm being done by all this openly Gay stuff. I'm sure once you explained to them that normal people would allow us to live (under certain conditions) if we just stopped being so PUBLIC, they'd crawl quietly back to their closets and start writing about REAL issues like the terrible way the press treated Dan Quayle during the campaign and how those slanderous attempts to portray Liberace as a homosexual were really part of a communist plot to take over the world. Hell, everybody knows Mrs. Gorbechev is personally funding ACT-UP. She got the idea from Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" campaign.

Get a grip on yourself. I hardly think major corporations send their people into local Gay bars in order to ferret out the

December 14, 1989-January 10, 1990-WISCONSIN LIGHT-7 "undesirables." Well, maybe some like MCI or Kellogg's do. But if you see someone you know from work, they're probably just as "confused" as you are.

Finally, there is no need for you to hide behind the dog food display if you happen to spot one of us at the grocery store. Believe me, we will not, as you so delicately put it, EXPOSE you. We are just as concerned as you that as few people as possible know that you are REALLY homosexual, not confused. This may be difficult for you to understand, but we're a thousand times more embarrassed by you than you are by us. After all, we do have some pride.

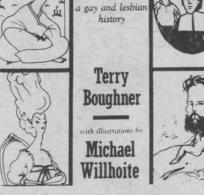
Come to think of it, that's what this is all about. So, come on. Do me a favor. Pick someone else out of the crowd. Or go soak your head in your beer. But whatever you do, keep your misguided opinions to yourself. If you won't help us by standing up, at least do us the favor of shutting up.

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Several Fest City Singers are shown here singing at the Galano Club's Christmas party on December 10th in Milwaukee.

Fest City Singers Christmas Concert Set for Dec. 15-16

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers (FCS) will welcome their families, friends and guests to "A Fest City Family Christmas", their annual informal open house at the South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive, at 8:00 p.m., on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, 1989.

These evenings of song and holiday merriment will feature a varied program of music under the direction of Nancy McKinley Ehlinger. Such traditional favorites as "The Wassail Song" and "The Little Drummer Boy" will be highlighted and a Fraternity Glee Club, a spin-off group within the chorus, will perform "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen."

On the lighter side, "Jose the Temporary Reindeer" and "Jingle Bell Rock" will be featured; and then the Singers will stomp and square off for "A Good OI' Country Christmas" and "Holiday Hoedown". And "The Merry Christmas Polka" will have Singers and their guests dancing in the aisles.

Tickets are available from members of the FCS or by calling (414) 263-SING. The Cream City Foundation at 225 S. 2nd St. serves as another ticket outlet.

The Fest City Singers will also entertain in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency for the Trammel Crow Corporation from 6:00-7:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 23. "This engagement together with our performing for the Galano Club and our acting as volunteers for the Friends of the Milwaukee Ballet Boutique are further indication of the Fest City Singers' growing participation in Milwaukee's entertainment community," according to Dan Gniotczynski, the FCS General Manager.

"Tomfoolery" Opens at Rep January 5

[Milwaukee- "A Little Tomfoolery" by Tom Lehrer, will appear in the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's (MRT) Stackner Cabaret January 5 through February 11. This musical revue promises an irresistible evening of witty naughtiness with the delisiously wicked and irreverent songs of Tom Lehrer. "A Little Tomfoolery", directed by Larry Deckel, introduces Milwaukee to the songwriter described by Clive Barnes as "a Charles Addams of the keyboard... a twisted Noel Coward with hemlock where his bite should be."

Beginning with the performances of "A Little Tomfoolery", the Saturday Stackner performances will now be 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. For tickets call the MRT Box Office at (414) 224-9490.



Win Free Tickets To Michael Feinstein Concert

For the past several years many celebrities around the country have held benefit performances for AIDS funding and research. Michael Feinstein is one of those performers. His Milwaukee appearance on February 13, 1990 at the Performing Arts Center will benefit the Wisconsin AIDS Fund.

Wisconsin Light is pleased to announce in conjunction with Star Date Productions that it will be holding an essay contest. The winner will win two VIP \$35.00 tickets to the concert. To enter write an essay of 250 words or less on the topic: "How Has AIDS Affected the Gay and Lesbian Community?"

All entries must be typed and double spaced with name, address, and phone number attached on a separate paper. All entries must be received at the **Wisconsin Light** offices no later than Tuesday, February 6, 1990 at 5:00 p.m. All entries become the property of **Wisconsin Light**. The winning entry will be announced in the February 8, 1990 issue of **The Wisconsin Light** and the winning entry will also published at that time.

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"Look to the Future" Announced as '90 Pride Theme

[Milwaukee]- A GAY time! dancing to the beat of Cheryl Williams' music, approximately 120 partied at the dance hosted by the 10% Society of UW-M and the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC). The dance was held at the Wisconsin Room in the Student Union at UW-M on Dec 1. The crowd listened as Jim English, MLGPC Secretary, announced the theme of Pride Week '90: "Look To The Future... The Gay '90's." The dance was held as a kickoff for the MLGPC theme.

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Thanks go to the people at 10% Society who helped plan, advertise, decorate and set up for the dance. A special thanks to Cheryl, MLGPC Treasurer, whose dj expertise kept the crowd moving throughout the evening.

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Those attending met friends and had a good time in a safe, non-alcohol environment which permitted the under-21 group to party.

MLGPC is still looking for volunteers as they plan their schedule of events for June, 1990. Although six and a half months away, much needs to be done now to top the successful Pride Week of 1989. MLGPC still has openings on the Steering Committee.

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Books Abound in Variety of Subjects for Gift Giving

By Liz Miller

In case you haven't heard yet, there are a lot of excellent new books of interest to Lesbians. A good book always makes a wonderful gift-one that informs the mind and nourishes the soul, or simply delights the eye.

Here are a few titles to keep in mind for holiday gift giving:

A Lesbian Love Advisor by Celeste West

(Cleis Press, 190 pp., \$9.95)

This charming book covers everything from flirting to jealousy, from safe sex to drawing up an iron-clad will. Celeste West's ability to be both whimsical and resoundingly practical may remind you of Miss Manners, but fear not, gentle reader: this is a guide not top the "excruciatingly correct", but to "ecstatically correct" behavior for Lesbians in love. To quote the author, "Romance is a fine madness if you know precisely what is going on and can smile at its excesses and absurdities.'

The Love Advisor herself would caution against giving this book to your lover; it might be rude to imply that she needs advice on the topic of romance. Buy it for a friend or for yourself.

Diamonds Are A Dyke's Best Friend by **Yvonne** Zipter

(Firebrand, 223 pp., \$9.95)

This loving tribute to the Lesbian national pastime covers all the bases (pardon my pun). There are chapters on the history of women in softball, some of our first experiences of the game, love on the playing field, and a rhapsodic "pitch" on the sensual appeal of dykedom's favorite sport. An ideal gift for any player or fan.

Some Women

by Joan Didion, Introduction photographs by Robert Mapplethorpe

(Bulfinch, 119 pp., \$50.00)

Robert Mapplethorpe was best known for his photographs of men (and for his controversial S& M pictures, but he also pointed his camera at gentler subjects.

Some Women shows the late photographer's lyrical side. Always elegant, sometimes erotic, these pictures focus on the texture, form, strength and beauty of women's faces and bodies. Women of all ages are represented, among them Sigourney Weaver, Patti Smith and Louise Nevelson.

A few of the images smack of fetishism, but for the most part, they are simply lovely to look at.

Genet: A Biography of Janet Flanner by Brenda Wineapple

Ticknor& Fields, 361 pp., \$24.95

Like many American Lesbians in the 1920's, Janet Flanner and her lover, Solita Solano, went to Paris to escape the sexual repression they found in the United States. Janet soon landed a job as The New Yorker's Paris correspondent, a job she would keep for fifty years. "Genet" is the pseudonym given to her by the magazine's editor, Harold Ross.

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Flanner is a very human subject: we often find her fretting over her abilities as a writer or trying to juggle two or three lovers in different countries. But what also comes across are her intelligence and wit and a terrific sense of style, qualities that made her the ideal writer to report and comment on Parisian life for readers in America.

Anyone who read Darlinghissima, a volume of Janet Flanner's letters to her lover, Natalia Danesi Murray, will want to read this biography as well. Genet is a very thorough portrait of an elegant, complicated twentieth century Lesbian.

BEST SELLERS OF THE MONTH

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Singo — Rita Mae Brown, Bantam \$4.95
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Bar Stories - Nisa Donnelly, St. Martin's
esbian Bedtime Stories - Terry Woodrow, Ed., Tough Dove
Hallowed Murder - Ellen Hart, Seal Press
esbian Love Stories - Irene Zahava, Ed., Crossing Press
Jnbroken Ties: Lesbian Ex-Lovers - Carol Becker, Alyson

GAY MALE

Sure of You - Armistead Maupin, Harper & Row
Swimming Pool Library — A. Hollinghurst, Random House
On being Gay — Brian McNaught, St. Martin's
Tales of the City — Armistead Maupin, Harper & Row
Obedience - Joseph Hansen, Mysterious Press
Babycakes - Armistead Maupin, Harper & Row10.95
River Road — C. F. Borgman, Penguin
After the Ball - Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen, Doubleday
Out of All Time: A Gay and Lesbian History — Terry Boughner, Alyson
Ground Zero — Andrew Holleran, Penguin
Sources: People's Books and Schwartz Bookstores in Milwaukee; A Room of One's Own and Four Star Fiction and Video in Madison.



1950's Bodybuilder; Magazines **Featured in New Book**

BY DAN O'CONNELL

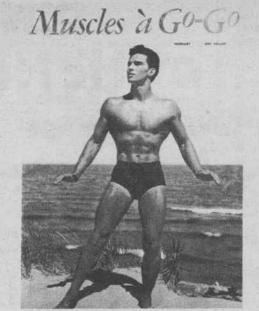
Do you remember Glenn Bishop? Maybe if you're bumping 40 - or have pushed it to one side on your way passed, you do and remember how magnificently beautiful he was, glowing with a dark simmering sensuality that wouldn't quit.

If he and others like him - Mark Nixon, for example, Leigh Rutledge is about to give you a most delightful trip down memory lane.

On December 15, Alyson Publications of Boston, MA will release Rutledge's new book titled The Gay Fireside Companion. Rutledge is the author of the best-selling "The Gay Book of Lists" and "Unnatural Quotations"

In this, his latest work, he focuses on the body-building magazines of the late '50s and '60s that nourished a lot of pre-Stonewall fantasies and laid the groundwork of more explicit Gay skin mags. Here are a few examples excerpted from the book.

Adonis, subtitled "The Art Magazine of the Male Physique" styled itself as "dedicated to man's desire to improve his face and figure." Adonis featured handsome, muscular young models in posing straps or sometimes, completely nude, but only from the back. The magazine first started publishing in 1951. In 1958, Adonis and Body Beautiful were combined to create a single magazine, The Young Physique. By the mid-1960's, Young Physique was becoming more and more openly Gay. Tomorrow's Man, popular physique magazine of the 1950's and '60s, subtitled "The International Magazine of Bodybuilding." It began publishing in 1952. Tomorrow's Man which, like other physique magazines, stressed muscular development, featured photos of professional bodybuilders as well as some of the best physique photographers of the period. Amid the photos of beautiful eighteen-year-olds shirtless in tight jeans or posing straps, were articles on masturbation, circumcision and other sexual matters. In 1983, Gay porn star Richard Locke spoke for many of his generation when he said that Tomorrow's Man was one of his favorite magazines to masturbate to when he was growing up. Muscles a Go-Go a cover of which



appears with this article (now do you remember Glenn Bishop?), more explicitly Gay than n lished st pi in February, 1966. Muscles a Go-Go featured model layouts under such titles as "He's Butch!" and "Oh Mary, They're Hairy!'



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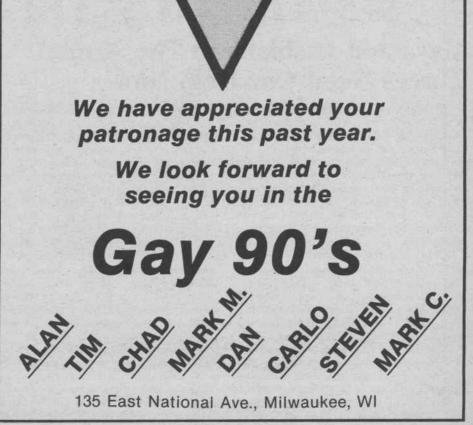
In addition to the early physique mags, the book covers such topics as "Camp Lines of the Silver Screen", "A Brief History of Drag", "Porn of the 19th Century" and other topics.

The book should be a welcome addition to any Gay man's library.

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December 14, 1989–January 10, 1990–WISCONSIN LIGHT–10 Too Many of Us Forget The True Meaning of This Season

By Brian Kipp

The holiday season is in full swing and I'm really geared up for it. I always feel much more festive and warm this time of year.

This year is really different though. It took some effort to get into the mood of the holiday season, what with my being away from my family and familiar surroundings.

Yet, I'm beginning to appreciate the new locale. Much has happened the past few months that have diminished my excitement and enthusiasm over my move to Milwaukee, but now the good is starting to roll in, probably because I'm letting it.



The best thing I've come to value and appreciate is the fact that I'm alive and healthy. A lot of people don't even have that and it is God's blessing that I am and that I realize it.

Next is the fact that I've made a great friend. I work with him and we've always gotten along great. I was apprehensive at his finding out my Gayness, but I bit the bullet and told him. Once again God has smiled on me because not only does he understand and accept it-and me-but our friendship flourishes and blossoms everyday. He's set in his sexuality as I am in mine, so there's no obstacles to overcome in securing that friendship.

Funny thing is, he can handle and accept me, but is very uncomfortable around any of my friends. I just hope that as time passes and he grows to learn yet more about me, he can learn to trust and accept my Gay brothers and sisters as well. I love you, my friend.

Also important is the fact that I have a family who loves me. My relationship with my brothers is strained, but my mom, my sisters and I all share a wonderful bond and, at long last, I'm patching the holes with my dad. After his 50th birthday party, I knew we were on the road to "recovery."

Relating back to my friend, the job I have is also a great plus. Aside from a lot of stress and aggravation, I really like it. And, after much patience and skipping from job to job, I seem to have found my niche and am even in line for a promotion. I couldn't ask for a better crew, boss or working conditions. With all of these positives, it almost seems like a cross between "Pollyanna" and "It's a Wonderful Life" — but I'm not

On the sober side, there are many issues that do go through my mind this time of year. Suicides are at a peak this time, many people have no homes to go to, no food on the table and quite a few good children are left to wonder why Santa passed them by when they had been so good — that is, if the harsh realities of life haven't robbed them of the innocence that comes in believing in the magic of Santa. *

Even sadder to me is the fact that people forget the true meaning of Christmas. Not the family togetherness or giving gifts to loved one (although this is important too), but the fact that God has given us an even more loving gift than life: His Son was born on that day, growing up to sacrifice Himself on the cross as atonement for the world's sins.

I know many don't believe in that because of the way many churches have twisted and perverted God's doctrine, but His Word and His love remain the same waiting to be welcomed and embraced. No church is "the true" one except that which is Him and dwells within each one of us.

Lastly, what I really wish for is that not only can those who do not have things which I mentioned above to have them, but that this season of cheer would extend year round.

It bothers me greatly that in my own family that the only time of great togetherness and full expression of familial love is at Christmas or other special events. Otherwise, everyone spreads apart and I never hear from most of them. I wish everyday were Christmas in that regard, so that aside from the fun we have, the love could be shared and extended day after day. And I wish that for everyone. If it did, Mother Earth might, at last, find and enjoy a lasting peace. In this joyous season, be healthy and be happy.

ACT-UP Marches On St. Patrick's In New York

[New York, NY]- At 9:30 a.m., Sunday, December 10, 1989, thousands of protesters surrounded St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to challenge Cardinal O'Connor and the Roman Catholic hierarchy for their interference in public policy concerning AIDS, abortion and the religious influence that persecutes Gays and women in society.

The demonstration is being sponsored by ACT-UP New York and Women's Health Action and Mobilization (WHAM).

In a press release, ACT-UP New York charged that while the Roman Church professes compassion for Gays and Lesbians with AIDS, it is, in practice, teaching intolerance and hatred.

The Church hierarchy is also charged with conducting a "zealous war" against abortion in which it seeks to deny to women the right to their own bodies.

According to Victor Mendolia, ACT-UP activist and one of the protest organizers, "Morality is not a substitute for education and religious doctrine is not political policy." Happy Holidays & Best Wishes For a prosperous New Year

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Gays and Lesbians In The Armed Forces Need Our Help Now

[Washington, D.C.]- Following the October 18 release of "Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability," an internal Department of Defense (DoD) report which openly criticizes the DoD policy of excluding and discharging Gay men and Lesbians from the Armed Forces, the Pentagon is extremely vulnerable to political pressure to rescind its homophobic and dangerous policy.

Please help Gay men and Lesbians in the Armed Forces by contacting your congressional representatives today!

Your Senators and Representatives need to hear from constituents that the Pentagon must implement all recommendations of what is known as the "PERSEREC Report," authored by Theodore Sarbin and Kenneth Karols.

The authors state, "Under prevailing social conditions, a public admission of "omosexuality carries less stigma than in earlier times and is no legal bar to most employment... Our studied conclusion is that the military services will soon be asked by the courts or the Congress to re-examine their policies and practices regarding recruitment and retention of men and women whose sexual interests deviate from the customary."

The PERSEREC Report invites Congressional intervention to drag the Pentagon kicking and screaming into the 1990's. Urge your Congressional representatives to work for rescission of the DoD policy of exclusion and discharge. This policy, which declares that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service," was established in 1943 and has accounted for the early discharges- many of them under less than honorable conditions-of 100,000 men and women. Additionally, a 1989 Gallup poll indicated that 60% of respondents believed that Gay men and Lesbians should be allowed to serve in the Armed Forces.

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There Is Much To Celebrate During the Christmas Season

By Rev. Carl A. Olson

Have you caught the Christmas spirit, yet? Personally, I love Christmas; it is my favorite time of year. But I am aware that some who will read this are in anything but a festive mood! The holidays are, for many, very difficult. With all the Madison Avenue hype, one would believe that only the jolly and wealthy can properly celebrate Christmas. I believe the real spirit of Christmas, however, can be cherished and celebrated by those who are anything but jolly and wealthy. Whatever you may personally believe about the celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, his life and teachings have something to say to you this Christmas. So, if you find yourself misunderstood, lonely, poor, or in pain because of illness or grief, Christmas has something for you.



Gay people are often misunderstood by families and friends, certainly by society in general. Our very characters are often questioned. Jesus was no different. Was there anyone whose very being was more misunderstood than Jesus of Nazareth? His closest followers wanted him to be a political revolutionary, yet Jesus saw his mission as one of leading people toward an inner peace that would overflow into the life of the world.

Jesus was not out to change systems, primarily. His was the work of changing people who ran the systems-and thus true justice would reign. His own family thought Jesus was mad. (Perhaps a not uncommon thought among some parents when their own sons and daughters come out to them!)

Finally, history testifies (yes, Jesus was a historical figure-bona fide at thatand he did die a violent death) that Jesus was crucified on the basis of false accusations.

But the gift of Christmas for those who feel misunderstood is the reality that when one is working for a just cause, ultimately truth and justice will prevail.

Today we honor Jesus as a person of integrity and, most of all, love. History has vindicated the person of Jesus. It has shown that he lived with integrity-with uncommon faithfulness to his convictions-and stands as a person to be modeled. In our quest for justice and fairness, we may not be understood today, but the great story of Christmas tells us that when a cause that is just is presented truthfully and lovingly- truth, love and justice will prevail. People will come to understand. Some of us may feel very alone and lonely. The entire Christmas story is one of aloneness-no place for a baby's birth, far from home, strangers-especially when he died for his cause. Yet it is the message of Jesus that has lifted millions from loneliness. Jesus' life was one of involvement in the lives of others who needed the compassion and love he had to give. When we step outside of ourselves, outside of our own personal concerns, we find that life becomes richer and less lonely. For some in the Gay community, the message may well be that we need to step beyond trying to find Mr. or Ms. Right and become involved in the lives of people who need us. What contemporary figure is more loved and revered today than Mother Teresa? She did not go into India looking for love, but looked, instead, for those who needed to be loved. She found

what she needed following Jesus' formula. Christmas speaks to the lonely and calls us all to stretch beyond ourselves and become involved in the lives of others, and our spiritual disconnectedness-which is what loneliness is-will fade.

Some of us are poor and Madison Avenue would have us believe that Christmas can't really be celebrated by the poor; yet Jesus was poor-homeless and without a lot of cash-and still we know that Jesus was one of the richest people who ever lived. Jesus taught us that the real gifts-gifts that last-are gifts of the heart. So you can't buy gifts this year for your friends and loved ones. A thoughtful note of appreciation for their friendship and love may be the best gift you could give them.

Share your time and listen to them-really listen- for their joys and pains. Care - let them know that they really matter - and you will have given them the best gifts they could receive. Anyone who cannot receive the true and lasting treasures that we can bring in our human vessels, one who expects material gifts as a sign of caring and friendship, has misplaced values. There is only one gift you can give that cannot be taken away or that will not ultimately decay or break - that is the gift of yourself. Share from that richness as Jesus did and you will be making others infinitely rich!

Some in our community are in pain because of disease or grief because a dear lover or friend, son or daughter, has died or is dying. The specter of AIDS certainly dampens our holidays. But even here, the message of Christmas is one of hope.

Jesus' own painful death gives us a glimmer of hope. We can see that those who are dying or grieving are not forgotten by the Eternal Spirit we call God. If you believe that this life is all there is, we still know that the good we've done does outlive us - as it continues in the lives of others.

If we have touched only one person for good, then there is still a legacy that we leave behind. We live on in them, and have left them and the world a little better place.

And if we grieve the loss of a loved one, Christmas teaches us that the best way to enshrine those whom we mourn, is to live to be our best selves - to live from the source of the love and strength of our loved one - and make this a better world.

Of course, if you believe that Jesus is not dead, but that the tomb is empty and that the faith of the disciples is true, you know that Jesus came to awaken us to the gift of eternal life. Death for a person with that kind of faith is a door to a deeper, more serene existence. Our sorrow is for ourselves - for our loss - but a temporary loss, at that. For sorrow will one day be ended as will misunderstanding, loneliness, poverty and death. All because of Christmas. So, if you think that you don't have anything to celebrate this Christmas, maybe it's because you haven't Christmas' message to you. examined

National Family

December 14, 1989-January 10, 1990-WISCONSIN LIGHT-11 "Dancing to Vancouver" Seeks Volunteers on U.S. Tour

BY JAMAKAYA

[Boston, MA]- In June, 1990, "Light From a New Torch: Dancing to Vancouver," will begin its cross continent tour from Boston, Massachusetts to Vancouver, British Columbia. It will arrive in time for performances at "Celebration '90: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival" which runs from August 4-11 in Vancouver.

Tour organizers hope to attract Gay and Lesbian dancers and choreographers from diverse cultural and artistic backgrounds along the way. Each will contribute his or her unique performance style to a central "seed dance" which, with everyone's combined talents, will come to fruition during performances at the Gay Games' Cultural Festival.

The tour is looking for dancers,

choreographers and presenters. For more information on "Light From A New Torch," write to Jeff Pike, P.O. Box 515, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215, or call (617) 876-7612. Potential tour participants should send resumes and/or videos.



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Registry Seeks Participants

[Washington, D.C.]- In the wake of the failure of San Francisco's domestic partnership law on election day, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has decided to develop a nationwide family registry program to build grass roots support for the concept of Lesbian and Gay families.

The registry will be maintained by HRCF in Washington. "Self identified Lesbian and Gay families-defined broadly as our most important close relationships-can register with the National Family Registry," said Kathleen Stoll, Director of HRCF's Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project.

The Registry will provide an alternative "institution" to conventional marriages, providing recognition and support in the Lesbian and Gay communities for the relationships that are forged within it.

Lesbians and Gays who would like to participate should contact Kathleen Stoll at HRCF in Washington (202) 628-4160. HRCF hopes to launch the National Family Registry on February 14, 1990.

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Questioning Authority Remains Vital

TO THE EDITOR:

Re: Abortion Question authority. One would think that after the big lies fed us in the century, we might be more cautious in believing people and agencies who parade themselves around as images of public trust, like government, capitalism and the church. One issue might be well to remember: agencies exist for **their own** convenience and agendas **as institutions**. Capitalism cares not one wit for the product, the customer or the employees. Government fears open hearings and investigations into its workings.

And church leadership? Check out Matthew 23:9 for a taste of hypocracy ("And call no man father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven."). Indeed, the whole point of Matthew, chapter 23 is that leaders of religion have led their flock, if not to slaughter, at least astray.

Fortunately, it is easy to attack the enemy **outside** our community, but we are, naturally, reluctant to question people **inside** our community who have been given a public trust. We should not be mindless in our support of single-issue Gay supportive elected legislators who are reactionary conservatives on most all other issues. It may be time to seek better candidates who are consistant in their progressive agendas rather than the new politicians we see emerging in "politically correct" Madison, especially in the area of abortion.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL, curiously, did not mean what it seems to mean when it is understood in its historic context. The ancient Hebrews killed their enemies and fellow Hebrews who violated their law ("Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."). And they seemed to have killed with God's approval!

It would seem, then, to take a reading of Scripture OUT OF CONTEXT, i.e. IN ISOLATION is a misrepresentation of the original intent and meaning. How about David's slaughter of the recently circumsized Phillistine soldiers? Ouch! He and other Hebrews, like Judith, got lots of strokes for being sneaky and killing. When the community is threatened, it seems it was okay to kill, in God's name, of course. And then there is church history and the Crusades and the German church's complicity with Hitler. Hey! It all depends WHO does what, right? QUESTION AUTHORITY.

If bible pounders are going to use the Scriptures in their arguments against us, we might well use the best scholarship in biblical studies to pound their arguments to dust and show what hypocrites they are for trying to use an authority to hide their own bias.

And while we're on the subject of the Scriptures, what's **their** authority? Angels whispering in the ears of mortal man? Have **you** been hearing voices could be further from the truth. Gay and Lesbian couples — and their children are genuine families. They share with all families the traditional values of love, caring and mutual support.

The truth is, Gay and Lesbian couples are already marrying one another in both religious and secular ceremonies. According to preliminary results of our national survey of Gay and Lesbian couples, 16 percent of female couples and 10 percent of male couples had "ritualized their relationship with ceremony." More than one-third had executed legal agreements to protect their relationship. (Results based on 812 respondents.)

Unfortunately, these couples cannot choose to legally marry and depend on existing laws to support their family life. The legal contracts we make can replicate only some of the protections that are automatic with marriage.

And this inequity is far-reaching. At least 10 million Americans are in same-sex relationships, judging from a recent **San Francisco Examiner** poll that found 60 percent of Gay men and Lesbians in relationships.

Our society should support these Gay and Lesbian families for the same reasons we support traditional families. Functional families make better neighbors and more productive citizens.

-Stevie Bryant and Demian, Ed.D. Partners: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples Seattle, WA

Women Wearing Leather Is Appropriate

TO THE EDITOR:

There they go again! Lesbians telling Lesbians what to wear, what to say, what to do. Lesbians oppressing Lesbians. Lesbians denying Lesbians the freedom to be themselves. Lesbians being Lesbians.

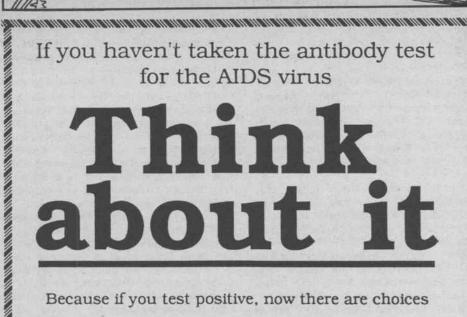
I found an appropriate saying not too long ago that said, "I used to enjoy being around Lesbians, but now all they do is yell at me." What happened at the Madison Variety Show is an excellent example.

Hey, all you "politically correct" dykes, guess what, there are Lesbians who enjoy the feel and smell of leather. And there are more Lesbians out here who **ARE** differently pleasured than what all the vanilla sexed Lesbians would want the rest of us to think.

I know leather isn't for everyone, be it fashion, political leanings or animal rights beliefs. And rough sex might be hard to comprehend as desirable, but we're talking about consenting adults here.

The organizers of the Variety Show need not have apologized for the twenty second S& M "scene" (if you could call it that). However, I think every member of the audience who expressed intolerance of other Lesbians and was rude enough to express it by disrupting an excellent production of V- A-R-I-E-T-Y entertainment should apologize to the performers and the producers, not to mention the members of the audience who were mature enough to make a quiet, personal decision about the whole affair. Did we open the same old can of worms again? Are we about to see a flurry of letters about S& M in the Lesbian community? How many Lesbians are about to splash their intolerance and ignorance across the editorial pages? I can hardly wait to see. If leather isn't for you, fine, don't wear it. If playing scenes makes you nervous, great, curl up with someone of like persuasion. But if the Variety Show sparked any interest, why let other people dictate what should or should not explore? "Who decide, you or them?"





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lately? Would you like to talk about it?!

I wonder how pro-lifers view capital punishment? And the use of the bomb? And our government support in Nicaragua and El Salvadore?

> -Dave Runyon Nothing To Hide-TV Madison

Ann Landers Seeks Our Opinions

TO THE EDITOR:

Syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers has asked what her readers think about "legal sanctions for same-sex couples." To communicate your support for the rights of Gay and Lesbian couples, write to Ann Landers, c/o The Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.

Here's what we told Ms. Landers:

We think Lesbians and Gay men should be able to legally marry. In our view, it's a matter of civil rights. Not to mention simple fairness and good sense.

Too often, Gay and Lesbian relationships have been attacked as antithetical to "family values." Nothing I say, it leather fit... I say, if leather fits...

> -Susan Cook Milwaukee

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December 14, 1989-January 10, 1990-WISCONSIN LIGHT-14 **First Milwaukee Theatre Festival Features Diverse Groups**

[Milwaukee]- Early in 1990, Milwaukee's flourishing theatre community will be highlighted in a premier event: the Milwaukee Theatre Festival. This new annual Festival has been developed to put the spotlight on the talented professional theatre companies who signify the diverse and exciting theatre taking place in Milwaukee today. Designed to showcase these critically lauded companies by bringing them to the popular downtown stages of the Pabst Theatre and the Todd Wehr Theatre of the Performing Arts Center, the Festival will offer a rich sampling of Milwaukee theatre experience.

The Milwaukee Theatre Festival will be held on four consecutive weekends from January 12 to February 4, 1990. A unique joint venture, the Festival is being collaboratively organized by: Friends Mime Theatre, Great American Children's Theatre, Hansberry-Sands Theatre Co., Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Next Generation Theatre,

Theatre Tesseract and the Pabst Theatre and the Performing Arts Center.

The Milwaukee Theatre Festival is an event whose time has arrived. Many of our city's professional theatre companies have developed to the point that their accomplishments have outpaced the public's awareness of them. The Festival will build an expanded audience base for these companies by showing theatre-goers what the critics and the companies subscription holders already know: that Milwaukee is gifted with many highly enterprising companies which consistently produce theatre of great vitality and artistic sophistication.

As an important new downtown event bringing increased activity to the Theatre District, the Festival presents a major promotional opportunity for all those involved with marketing the city's attractions. Not only will the Festival put the focus on the city's theatre community, but it brings additional programming to two publicly supported theatres

NGRA Launches **Partners Project**

San Franciscol- The Board of Directors of National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), meeting at its San Francisco office Saturday, November 11, 1989, approved a plan for a nationwide expansion of the public interest law firm's litigation and development projects.

The Board launched the Partners Project which is designed to create a broader base of community participation in NGRA. NGRA's Partners will take the lead in developing and in implementing a schedule of events involving local community leaders in seven regions of the U.S.

"Direct participation in the organization by lawyers and other community leaders across the country will vastly increase our ability to respond to the national Gay and Lesbian community's needs," said Executive Director, Jean O'Leary.

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Lutheran Ministry **Welcomes** Gays **At UWM Campus**

[Milwaukee]- For some months now, the Lutheran Campus Ministry of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has been running an interdenominational support group for the families of Gays and Lesbians. Pastor Alexander Jacobs says that the group's monthly sessions held every 3rd Sunday evening, draw people from as far as Oshkosh. (The support group is not affiliated with P-FLAG) For more information, please call (414) 962-9320

New Code of Conduct For Judges Proposed

[Boston, Mass.]- The new code of ethics for judges will include a ban against discrimination based on sexual orientation if the National Gay and Lesbian Law Association has its way. Board member Suzanne Bryant testified in Washington, D.C. before the American Bar Association committee which is currently revising the ethics code.

Bryant described the current "epidemic of violence" against Lesbians and Gay men "who are often reluctant to report crimes because they fear they may, like rape victims, be victimized a second time by the judicial system.'

Other testimony at the hearing showed that the justice system is not always impartial when it comes to Lesbians and Gay men.

In a 1987 pre-trial hearing in Fort Lauderdale, a victim of a Gay-bashing was asked by Judge Daniel Futch, "That's a crime now, to beat up a homosexual?" The judge later said he was kidding.

The frightening implication of a remark like this is that Gay people are fair game. If the Code of Judicial Conduct is revised to include a ban against judicial discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, judges will be accountable if they fail to provide equal justice under the law

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

It's Time To Thank Santa And To Give Out Some Coal

By Bill Meunier

Dear Santa,

I hope I am not too late in writing you Santa, but I've been so busy that I nearly forgot to send in my annual Christmas list.

We've been especially good this year. Hundreds of us participated in the Pride Week celebration in Milwaukee, and thousands of us marched in Madison. Numerous activists put aside their differences and worked together to pull off a stunning victory in convincing the Milwaukee County Board not to rescind its Pride Week Proclamation.

The AIDS crisis goes on, but the response from the Lesbian/Gay community with donations and volunteers increases too. A group of concerned, caring Lesbians have formed a new organization to help their community in Milwaukee, and Milwaukee finally has its own chapter of ACT-UP. Throughout the year hundreds of us gave of our time for fundraisers, sports events and helping others both inside and outside of our Gay/Lesbian community.

Seeing as we've been so good this year, we have a longer list than usual. We know you're busy and you may not be able to give us everything we want. All we ask is that you do the best you can.

Our Milwaukee Pride Week Committee and GALVAnize in Madison, could always use a few more volunteers not to mention cold hard cash. If any of your elves are not busy in the off season, we would welcome their help.

Be extra nice to our good friends in public office, Mayor John Norquist, County Executive Dave Schultz, and those on the Milwaukee County Board who refused to knuckle into the hate mongers especially, Beth Coggs Jones, and Dorothy Dean.

Some big advertisers would be a nice present for Ron Geiman of Wisconsin Instep and Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner of Wisconsin Light. They've been especially good this year giving so much of their time to keep us informed on what's happening in our community.

The SSBL could use a World Series Championship and HIT could use all kinds of things.

We'd all like to hear George Bush announce that he's changed his mind and we should have equal protection under the law. Speaking of George, his Vice-President could use some brains.

Speaking of brains, how about handing some out to the geniuses who let one of our most pronounced enemies Tom Phillips tape record Dave Begel suggesting the Milwaukee Lesbians and Gays get involved with the Public School mentor program.

If and when you visit the Phillips home be sure to give him our thanks for getting that tape on the air and making so many of us aware of the opportunity to work with Milwaukee's School kids.

Of course there are those who we believe should get plenty of coal this year. You can start with Jesse Helms, who

would probably enjoy some coal. It would match all of that black velvet art he has. Jesse is no friend of ours and word has it that next year he is going to ban any Christmas cards showing you and your elves. It seems he thinks that any pictures with all of those guys in them are homoerotic art. Dr. Lorraine Day is another one of our choices for several tons of the black stuff. Maybe this wicked witch of the West will be able to use it to power her broom. By the way Santa if any of your elves break any bones when in San Francisco don't take them to Dr. Day unless of course they can prove they're married. Governor Thompson doesn't even deserve coal. He refused to issue a proclamation memorializing Wisconsin's AIDS victims. You should bring him a defeat in next November's Governor's race. Mark Belling of WISN Radio has been a very bad boy. He stirred up lots of trouble over the Milwaukee Pride Week Proclamations. Like Thompson coal would be too good for him. Bring freedom to Nelson Mandella, a good sense of balance to Mikhail Gorbechev (to help him walk that tight rope he's on) and peace to Central America. President Aquino of the

Philippines could use an army she can trust and the African National Congress could use an army period to help it overthrow the apartheid system of South Africa.

Bring something extra special to those faculty members at UW Madison who voted to boot ROTC off the campus if it continues to discriminate against us. Speaking of UW a good football coach would be a big help right now.

One request is very special to many of us. We lost a very good friend this year, Alvn Hess. Alvn was one of the driving leaders of our Milwaukee community. You could never replace him Santa, but if you have anything in your sleigh that would help fill the void that Alyn's death left us with, we would certainly appreciate it.

Our final request, Santa is for a cure to the disease that took Alyn from us, AIDS. If you don't have one yet, please put your elves to work on it. We want everyone to be with us next Christmas.

Believe it or not Santa there are those who don't think you exist. They're wrong of course. The problem is that they don't see you in the people who donate their time and money to help others.

They don't recognize you in people who take the time to listen to the problems of others. They don't always understand that they can bring you to life themselves. They don't realize that to find Santa, they only have to open their eyes and see him in those around them. They look at the Grinches and not the elves.

With Christmas being such a magical time maybe they will see some of your magic at work in those who work so hard all year long to make our community a better one.

That's all for now Santa, and to you and all of our readers, have a safe and happy holiday season and the best of New Years.

Sincerely, Bill CONCERT

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performed on the Broadway stage to SRO audiences.

His most recent album, released this fall, is a collection of songs from great Metro Goldwyn Mayer musicals.

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According to Peter Mahler, volunteers to sell tickets are needed. Those wishing to help out can call the Milwaukee Foundation at (414) 272-5805. A prize of dinner for two at Grenadier's restaurant is to be awarded to the person selling the most tickets.

Proceeds from the benefit will be used for the Wisconsin AIDS Fund which supports AIDS prevention and treatment programs in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Appleton To Host Miss Gay Great Lakes USA Pageant

[Chicago]- Jimmy King of King Productions, the sponsor of the Ms. Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant has announced the recent purchase of three pageant franchises: Miss Gay Great Lakes USA. Miss Gay Wisconsin USA-At-Large, and Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA.

The Miss Gay Great Lakes USA Pageant, tentatively scheduled for March 17 and 18, 1990, will be held at the Pivot Club in Appleton. This will be an open pageant allowing contestants from the entire country to enter.

The Miss Gay Wisconsin USA-At-Large pageant is scheduled for Sunday, June 24, 1990 at the Pivot Club in Appleton. The one stipulation in entering this contest is that you must weigh at least 200 lbs.

The Mr. Gay USA Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 1990 and will be held at the Pivot Club in Appleton.

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King hopes that Jerry Bird, owner of the National Miss Gay USA Pageant, will bring that Pageant to Milwaukee in 1991. That pageant is a five day event, with three nights of preliminaries at a bar, a Stars of the USA Show on Saturday night and the Pageant itself, held at a convention center on Sunday.

This year's Miss Gay USA Pageant will be held April 4-8 in Louisville, Kentucky. Tania Michaels, holder of the Miss Gay Wisconsin USA title and Alicia Kelly, First Runner-up, will represent Wisconsin.

For further information concerning the pageants, contestant handbooks and videos of the Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant, (\$19.95), write to King Productions at P.O. Box 8932, Waukegan, IL 60079 or call (708) 872-0055.



PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS **OF WISCONSIN** tion

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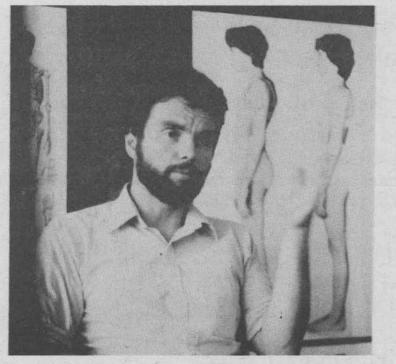


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