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The Wisconsin Light

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around the country will converge in Atlanta on January 8-9 for two days of demonstrations to demand that sodomy laws be repealed and that the Government expand the epidemiology and definition of AIDS.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.

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

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.

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."

"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

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'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.

[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)."

When asked how the Wisconsin AIDS Fund's relationship was to the Milwaukee AIDS Project, 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.

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

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