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The Wisconsin Light

Art Festival Added To Pride Rally

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is proud to announce the 1st Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Art Festival. The Festival will be held in conjunction with Pride Celebration activities on June 15, 1991 at Juneau Park. This event will be a juried show with prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100. The show is open to Lesbian and Gay artists as well as artists supportive of the Lesbian/Gay Community.

The deadline for submission of slides is April 13, 1991. Slides will be returned and accepted exhibitors will be notified by May 11, 1991. Please enclose a \$15 non-refundable application fee with your slides. For more info, write to: Art Festival, c/o MLGPC, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call (414) 32-PRIDE

Nursing School Investigates The Impact of AIDS On The Family

[Milwaukee]- Professors Ruth McShane, Carol Patsdaughter and Judith Bumbalo of the School of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee are currently conducting a study on the impact of AIDS on the family. As concerned health professionals, they are interested in parents, brothers and sisters of persons living with AIDS (PWA) as well as PWAs themselves.

Although there has been attention in recent years to PWAs and their significant others, there has been relatively little systematic study of AIDS as a family issue. This team of nurse researchers believes that such knowledge gaps must be addressed if health professionals expect to provide comprehensive services and holistic care for PWAs.

Recent estimates indicate that there are presently 125,000 PWAs living in the U.S. This figure is expected to double in the next two years according to the AIDS Surveillance Summary, 1990.

Given the average family size of 4.4 persons, approximately 5,500,000 family members are currently affected by AIDS in a family member and this number is expected to increase exponentially in the near future.

Although persons with alternate lifestyles often leave their families to live autonomously in a supportive community, PWAs often return home to seek family support during their illness. In addition to dealing with the AIDS crisis, this is often the first time the family comes face-to-face with the lifestyle associated with AIDS transmission.

The increasing incidence of AIDS in women and their children further exacerbates and complicates AIDS as a family problem. Given that fifty percent of persons with AIDS die within 2 years, family members are left to cope with multiple adjustments in a short period of time as well as with the aftermath of the devastating illness. Despite access to resources for PWAs, there is a lack of services and support for family members.

Drs. McShane, Patsdaughter and Bumbalo have received funding for their research from the Nurses' Foundation of Wisconsin and an American Nurses' Foundation/Sigma Theta Tau International Award. They are currently conducting surveys and interviews with PWAs and their family members across the Midwest.

All information is treated confidentially. Anyone interested in participating in this project can contact them at (414) 229-5460 or write to The Family and AIDS Project, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

New York ACT UP Storms Grand Central Station; Disrupts T.V. News



The 1991 Milwaukee Pride Week Logo By Cynthia Lampman.

Logo Selected for Milwaukee's June Pride Week Celebration

[Milwaukee]- In response to the request for submission of entries for the 1991 thematic logo contest, a total of six designs were submitted by five area artists and illustrators. Many thanks to Ms. Annabelle R. Havlicek and Ms. Lori A. Kolosowsky, both of Milwaukee and to Mr. Jim Buckett and Mr. Dann Trainer IV, both of Madison, for sharing their talent with our Community in this effort.

Ms. Cynthia L. Lampman of Racine, a Quality Control Inspector in the plastics industry, who loves cartooning and has produced animated television commercials, gives this account of her development of the logo.

"While remembering the 1990 Pride Parade, I vividly recall how the color guard leading the parade were verbally and emotionally harassed by a Black minister and various others identified as Fundamentalist Christians — or so their picket signs suggested. This minister walked the parade route continually

demanding (shouting) that the members of the color guard 'put that flag down! You don't deserve to carry that flag! The American Flag does not belong to you!'"

Lampman further said that "through my design, I wanted to portray community, solidarity and a feeling of strength by having the 'walking' lambdas carrying 'our' flag. I do not want anyone telling me and other members of the Gay and Lesbian community which flag(s) 'belong' to us."

MLGPC is deeply honored to use Ms. Lampman's design throughout the coming year in celebration of "Together in Pride." A black-and-white-version of the logo design appears on this page.

The Community can expect to see a wide assortment of Prideware featuring the 1991 logo — buttons, coffee mugs, painters caps, sweatsuits, swatchwatches in a specially prepared merchandising display soon to be available at various locations around the Community.

\$11,700 in Grants Awarded By Madison's New Harvest Foundation

[Madison]- Some \$11,700 in new grants to deserving Gay and Lesbian causes in Dane County is being distributed by the New Harvest Foundation (NHF) during the coming months, according to NHF co-chairs Mark Porter and Harriet Forman. Over the past 12 months, they reported, the Foundation will have given more than \$22,000 to assist the community. The specific programs receiving Foundation grants for the first part of 1991 are:

Rodney Scheel House for Persons with AIDS — \$1,959 for furnishings and medical equipment; Campus Women's Center — \$830 to co-sponsor a "Women's Herstory Week" at UW; Madison Community United — \$3,000 to support and expand its Speakers Bureau; Lesbian Parents Network — \$1,665 for further development; Madison AIDS Support Network — \$500 to assist in

publication of a safer sex erotic handbook; Madison Interfaith Committee — \$1,000 to conduct a spiritual retreat for people with AIDS/HIV; Prevention and Intervention Center — \$1,300 to continue its work with school staffs on sexual orientation issues as they may relate to drug and alcohol problems; Nothing To Hide TV — \$115 to archive videotapes of significant Gay and Lesbian events; Women's Transit Authority — \$500 to offer additional Pro-Diversity Workshops; Back Porch Radio Broadcasting — \$865 to assist WORT-FM in providing radio programs dealing with Gay and Lesbian themes.

In the past six years, New Harvest has granted over \$95,000 to support various groups and causes.

Editor's Note: The above article was taken from the Winter, 1991 issue of *The Gleaner*, the NHF newsletter.

[New York, NY]- At 5:07 p.m. on January 23, 1991, over 500 angry, cheering activists from the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) stormed the main concourse of Grand Central Terminal in New York and took control of the station for nearly an hour. The action began when a giant banner reading, "Money For AIDS Not War" was floated to the ceiling by helium-filled balloons. Subsequently all normal commuter traffic was halted.

The Grand Central disruption was the culmination of ACT UP's "Day of Desperation," drawing attention to the fact that AIDS has already claimed more than twice as many American lives as the Vietnam War. While the Pentagon spends billions a week in the Persian Gulf, AIDS funding in the U.S. has been decimated.

The "Day of Desperation" actually began the evening of January 22, when groups of activists disrupted two national news shows, the CBS "Evening News" with Dan Rather and PBS' "The MacNeil-Lehrer Report." 14 activists were arrested during the actions, ACT UP New York reported.

At 7:00 a.m. the following day, 2,500 activists and their supporters marched from Wall Street to City Hall and delivered caskets to the offices of Gov. Mario Cuomo, Mayor David Dinkins and City Health Commissioner Woodrow Myers, among others. Three were arrested as they tried to deliver to Myers infected needles collected during ACT UP's on-going illegal needle exchange program.

At noon, hundreds demonstrated in front of the State Office Building in Harlem, staging a protest in which traffic was brought to a halt on 125th Street and coffins were deposited in the street. 25 people were arrested after attempting to take the coffins inside.

Throughout the day, ACT UP continued its protests: at the discount ticket booth in Times Square at 2:00 p.m., dumping a coffin full of bones, figuratively stained with the blood of AIDS deaths at the office of Health and Hospitals Corporation Executive Director, Emilio Carrillo and elsewhere.

ACT UP said that for all the "cacophony" the message was very simple: "The AIDS crisis is just beginning." From the time the Day of Desperation began until it ended 24 hours later, 168 more people had died of AIDS.

Woman Separated From Army

[San Francisco, CA]-The New York Times reports that an Army reservist who declared her lesbianism as her unit trained for deployment in the Persian Gulf has been discharged.

The 25 year-old reservist, Specialist 4 Donna Lee Jackson of San Diego, received an honorable discharge 11 days after she had challenged the military's ban on homosexuals by sending her commanders at Fort Ord a letter saying that she wished to be deployed "as an open lesbian with dignity."

Shortly after her declaration, Specialist Jackson of the 129th Evacuation Hospital was temporarily reassigned to a support unit stationed permanently at Fort Ord, where her San Diego unit was awaiting deployment.

Lesbian and Gay rights organizations have been closely watching Specialist Jackson's case to see if the Army would send her to the Persian Gulf and then try to discharge her when she returned. Such a move, they said, would underscore the hypocrisy in the military's policy.

Specialist Jackson is seeking legal counsel regarding her discharge.