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# The Wisconsin Light

## Police Disrupt Madison ROTC Demonstration

By Jean Christenson

[Madison]- A 10-hour sit-in protesting the ROTC's presence on the campus of UW-Madison ended late April 23 when University Police and Security (P&S) and Wisconsin Capitol Police forcibly removed and injured several students occupying the UW Board of Regents room on the 18th floor of Van Hise Hall.

Some 52 students took part in an attempt to pressure UW System President Kenneth Shaw to sign a disclaimer noting the contradiction between ROTC policy barring Gays and Lesbians from the program and UW System policy against such discrimination.

Both Shaw and Chancellor Donna E. Shalala have indicated that they do not plan to sign such a disclaimer which would be placed on University materials mentioning ROTC.

As P&S arrested and then released roughly 40 student protesters, a crowd outside cheered and chanted "In the dairy state, you cannot discriminate."

Police officers wore rubber or leather gloves when handling the protesters.

## Chicago Police Arrest, Assault ACT-UP Protesters

By Tim Grair

[Milwaukee]- Several Milwaukee and Madison activists (including this reporter) joined 1,000 members of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) from around the country to demonstrate in downtown Chicago on Monday, April 23, 1990, to protest AIDS-phobic health insurance policies and the lack of public health care.

As a result of the protest, 134 people were arrested two of which were hospitalized due to injuries sustained during the operation. Among these were Jay Hanson, a member of ACT-UP-Milwaukee, Hanson was charged with mob action (a class C misdemeanor) and hospitalized for cuts, bruises and numerous wounds to his knees.

Karyn Teufel, also of Milwaukee ACT-UP was similarly charged with mob action, but was not hospitalized.

ACT-UP protesters first targeted Prudential Insurance Company. Prudential was charged with "red-lining" Gays in West Hollywood, CA, a heavily Gay area. Prudential has denied the charge.

## Former Governor Tony Earl To Speak At Milwaukee Pride Rally June 16

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) announced on April 30, 1990, that former Wisconsin Governor, Tony Earl, will be one of three main speakers at the Pride Rally at Cathedral Square on Saturday, June 16 that will follow the Pride Parade.

Earl was Democratic governor from 1982-'86, succeeding Republican Lee Dreyfus who, in February, 1982 signed into law the first Gay Rights Bill in the nation.

One of Earl's first acts as governor was to establish a Task Force on Gay and Lesbian issues. The Task Force functioned until 1986 when it disbanded itself knowing that newly elected Governor Tommy Thompson would not continue it.

Earl also appointed Earl Bricker as liaison to the Wisconsin Lesbian/Gay community. (Bricker is currently the Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network).

In addition, Earl appointed as his Press Secretary, Ron McCreia, an openly Gay man, a fact headlined by the Milwaukee

## Fundamentalist Bigot Forces UPI To Fire Woman Reporter

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- Julie Brienza, a reporter for United Press International (UPI) was fired on April 28 by UPI from her job as a reporter of the Supreme Court after pressure was brought to bear on the news organization by Vic Eliason.

Eliason is the founder and owner of Voice of Christian Youth, a right-wing fundamentalist Christian organization that has as its center, WVCY-Channel 30, an FM radio station, both in Milwaukee and three other radio stations and two other TV stations in other parts of the country.

According to Eliason, speaking on April 10 and 11, on his program "In Focus", aired 7:00-8:00 p.m. weeknights, Brienza called him on April 9, saying she was working on a story for *The Washington Blade* which Eliason repeatedly identified on his show as "a homosexual newspaper." Eliason told his listeners that Brienza said she was working on a story dealing with how the electronic

media can influence public opinion, specifically in relation to AB 590.

However, John Robinson reporting for *The Boston Globe*, reported that the story was to be about "hate radio." Eliason didn't say that.

At the time of her call, Eliason told his listeners, he was not in.

The following day, April 10, Eliason returned her call. He said she answered the phone saying, "Julie, UPI." Eliason said when he challenged her on whether she was working for *The Blade* or UPI, she said, "Forget the whole thing" and hung up.

Eliason, claiming that Brienza, had a conflict of interest, then whipped up a radio campaign against UPI that led to a flood of calls.

On April 11, *Light* contacted UPI in Washington and was told by reliable sources that UPI intended to take no action against Brienza; that there was no story.

Over two weeks after the incident had

begun, Brienza was fired. According to UPI senior vice president, Milt Capps, Brienza was dismissed for "showing disregard for UPI's reputation as an impartial news service." According to *USA Today*, Capps denied that outside pressure or homophobia had played a role.

Eliason's stations together pay \$200 a week to UPI, according to *USA Today*. The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of UPI is Dr. Earl Brian who is connected with a variety of conservative causes. *Light's* sources say that UPI rents dish facilities from Eliason in Milwaukee.

While Brienza herself could not be reached for comment, *Light's* sources at UPI have said that there is considerable fear for their own jobs as a result of Eliason's actions.

However, off the record, they indicated considerable anger with upper level management's decision to fire Brienza and that middle management and staff are behind her. *Light* has further learned that two petitions are currently in circulation at UPI protesting Brienza's firing. As of press time, one petition had 44 signatures on it and the other had 30 names.

Sources at UPI said that the rule under which Brienza was fired was seldom, if ever, enforced. In the beginning *Light* was told, when Eliason began to complain, Brienza was to receive what was characterized as "a mild slap on the wrist." But as things heated up, "the pressure built", that action changed and, ultimately, she was fired.

Don Michaels, publisher of *The Blade* told *Light* "If these folks think it's Christian-like behavior to do this — it's a travesty."

Eliason begins his fund drive next week and, according to one Milwaukee major media personality, "Eliason will use this (Brienza's firing) as a trophy. He'll put her head on a pike," the source said.

wearing badges and only one would give his badge number when asked. Finally, the police resorted to "pain compliance" holds to arrest protesters.

Two groups, PISD (People with Immune System Disorders) and the James Baldwin and Harriet Tubman Brigade opened the street so that the Women's Caucus could create an "AIDS Ward" with mattresses and banners. Cook County Hospital's AIDS ward has only 30 beds, only 15 of which are in use due to a shortage of staff.

"I'm wondering what will happen next year when this epidemic doubles; what's going to happen to the women and

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## President Bush Signs Hate Crimes Act As Activists Watch

[Washington, D.C.]— On April 23, 1990, President George Bush, in the presence of several invited openly Gay and Lesbian activists, signed the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act at a public White House ceremony. The historic event marked the first time legislation that includes sexual orientation has ever been signed into law by a president and the first time openly Gay and Lesbian leaders and activists have been invited to such a White House event.

"The fact that President Bush invited Gay and Lesbian organizations and activists into his home to witness the signing of this important bill is a major advance for Gay and Lesbian political visibility and effectiveness," said Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Vaid was originally on the list of invited guests, but was rejected by the White House for her demonstration at a recent Bush AIDS speech.

NGLTF was asked by the White House to bring seven people to the ceremony. These included Art Schenck, grassroots hate crimes activist with the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Susan Kaplin, staff person to Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL), sponsor of the bill.

Also attending were eight representatives of the Human Rights Campaign Fund as well as members from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). Before signing the bill, Bush made a ten minute speech calling for a "society blind to prejudice, a society

open to all." The President explained hate crimes covered by the bill, mentioning crimes committed because of "sexual orientation" and added, "the faster we can find out about these hideous crimes, the faster we can track down the bigots who commit them."

The Senate passed the bill on February 8, 1990, by 92 to 4 after defeating an attempt by Jesse Helms (R-NC) to attach an anti-Gay amendment to the law. The House passed the bill last June 27 by 368-47. The bill takes effect this year.

## Hauptert to Become Chicago House Director

[Milwaukee]- Marc Hauptert, a long-time Gay leader in Milwaukee and a founder of *The Wisconsin Light*, has announced that he has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Chicago House and Social Service Agency (CHASSA). He will assume his new duties on June 3, 1990.

CHASSA is the second largest AIDS-care agency in Chicago and operates three residential facilities for those with AIDS and ARC. One facility allows for independent living, one for supervised living and one for 24-hour care.

Marc will be moving to Chicago to take up his new job.

*Light* wishes him all the good fortune in the world. He will be badly missed.

Protesters then demonstrated at the Chicago offices of Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Aetna Insurance Company before going on to the American Medical Association (AMA) building.

There ACT-UP protested the AMA's stand against anonymous HIV testing and their position in favor of contact tracing. ACT-UP has also charged the AMA with stifling alternative health therapies to protect its members' incomes.

At the AMA, protesters staged a die-in and engaged in street theatre in front of the building before blocking the entrance. People wearing lab coats threw bloody "play" money into the streets while singing "A fistful of money helps the medicine go down."

The protesters moved on to the Mutual of New York (MONEY) offices. MONEY is charged with denying a woman coverage despite her negative HIV status because the company said, "she was too promiscuous which placed her at risk for AIDS," according to ACT-UP's Cindy Acosta.

Police rode watchful guard on the demonstrators. Some were seen to be wearing rubber gloves; several were not

Sentinel the following day.

During the 1986 governor's race, Republican candidate, Tommy Thompson, made an issue of Governor Earl's pro-Gay/Lesbian stand. Many analysts still claim that Earl's loss to Thompson was due, in part, to Earl's courageous stands taken on behalf of our community.

In addition to Earl, Ivy Young and Wayne Schwandt will join the former governor on the speakers stand.

Young is Director of the Families Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). As an African-American Lesbian, she exemplifies the rich ethnic heritage of our community. Young spoke out defiantly against Christian right-winger Lou Sheldon when the "minister" was in Washington for something billed as a traditional values conference.

Schwandt is the President of the Gay/Lesbian Parenting International (GLPCI) and, as such, can speak to the numerous Lesbians and Gays who are engaged in parenting.



## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Conflicts Arise Within Gay Groups

[New York, NY]- Conflicts have erupted in two of the country's largest Gay and Lesbian rights organizations, causing the resignations of staff members and the interruption of services.

At the Fund for Human Dignity, an educational foundation in New York City, the Board's hiring of a heterosexual man with no previous experience in the Gay community as Executive Director was denounced by the staff as "an insult to every Gay man and Lesbian... a manifestation of homophobia and self-hatred."

Board members responded to this "insubordination" by firing the acting Executive Director, and a string of resignations by paid staff and volunteers followed. The National Crisis Line for Gays is now only intermittently staffed and other projects, like a Gay writers conference scheduled for June, have been postponed.

Meanwhile, David Bryan has resigned as Legal Director of National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) only two months after being hired.

In an interview with *The Advocate*, Bryan reinforced the criticism that has engulfed NGRA for several years. He said that too much emphasis was placed on fundraising and image-making at the expense of the group's legal casework. He called it "the job of my dreams that turned out to be a nightmare."

### San Francisco Ordinance Upheld

[San Francisco, CA]- Superior Court Judge Ira Brown has ruled that San Francisco's anti-discrimination ordinance is constitutional and does not conflict with California state law, according to the *San Francisco Sentinel*. It is a significant victory for Gay activists because if the judge had ruled the other way, his decision could have automatically invalidated all municipal Gay rights laws in the state.

The ruling came in a discrimination suit filed against Western Union and AT&T by Gay employees. The corporations claimed they did not discriminate and challenged the constitutionality of the San Francisco ordinance on the grounds that state anti-discrimination statutes do not include sexual orientation.

Local laws which conflict with state or federal laws are generally voided. But Judge Brown accepted the employees' argument that the San Francisco ordinance did not conflict with state law, it merely extended it.

### San Diego Passes Gay Rights Law

[San Diego, CA]- On April 5, the San Diego City Council voted 8-1 in favor of a Gay rights ordinance, concluding a two year campaign by activists to win such legal protections.

The Human Dignity Ordinance outlaws discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, city services and education. The ordinance exempts religious groups, disavows any endorsement of a homosexual lifestyle, and denies any special privileges to Gay people.

Fundamentalist religious groups such as the Traditional Values Coalition, headed by Rev. Lou Sheldon, plan a petition campaign to seek a referendum vote on the measure in November.

### Mass. Approves Gay Foster Parents

[Boston, MA]- In early April, the state of Massachusetts announced a major change in its foster care regulations which will, once again, allow Gay people to become foster parents.

The policy shift came in response to a lawsuit filed by a homosexual couple who claimed that state guidelines for foster care were discriminatory. In 1985, state officials had removed two foster children from the home of Donald Babets and David Jean after the mens' Gay relationship was revealed. In response to the publicity, the state's Department of Human Services also implemented a more restrictive policy, placing Gays and all unmarried people at the bottom of its list of potential care-givers.

The new policy, announced by Human Services Secretary Philip Johnston, makes parenting experience, rather than marital status, the key factor in placement decisions.

### Lesbian Erotica Defaced

[Washington, D.C.]-The *Washington Blade* reports that unidentified vandals poured red dye over the Lesbian sex magazine *On Our Backs* at Lambda Rising Bookstore recently, destroying 30 copies along with other periodicals.

Jim Bennett, co-owner of Lambda Rising, cited previous incidents of Lesbian sex and S&M literature being turned to the wall or covered by feminist anti-pornography titles. At Lammass Bookstore, also in Washington, owner Mary Farmer said that most, if not all, copies of the January/February issue of *On Our Backs* were stolen from her shop.

Susie Bright, editor of *On Our Backs*, said, "Our customers are intelligent people who can make up their own minds on what they want to read... What bothers me the most is that with all the terrible things going on against women and Lesbians in the world right now, someone is choosing *On Our Backs*, a grass roots, progressive, innovative publication, published by and for Lesbians, as their most hated target."

### Steel Chair for AIDS Defendants

[Limestone County, AL]- *The Advocate* reports that court officials in Limestone County have created a special 200 pound steel chair for people with AIDS who appear in circuit court. The seat resembles an electric chair with restraints for the legs, arms, chest and waist.

The chair was built shortly after a detainee with AIDS broke loose from guards and threatened to bite anyone who approached him. The judge who presided over the incident requested added security for the courtroom.

Public Defender, Jim Moffat, strongly objects to the chair and thinks it may deprive defendants with AIDS of a fair hearing. "All a jury is going to see in that chair is a rabid dog in a cage," he said.

### Church Attacks Radical Feminism

[New York, NY]- The second draft of a pastoral letter by the U.S. Catholic bishops claims to condemn "the sin of sexism" but reasserts the Roman Church's traditional prohibitions on contraception and the ordination of women. The statement also warns against "radical feminist groups."

The criticism of radical feminist groups referred to those who advocate "such aberrations as goddess worship, witchcraft, liberation from conformity to the sexual morality taught by the church, or the acceptance of abortion as a legitimate choice for women under pressure."

The new draft of the pastoral letter is much more restrictive than the previous one which suggested that there was room for dialogue on some issues. The current draft is closer to Pope John Paul's position that "debate is closed."

### Maplethorpe Endows AIDS Care

[New York, NY]- Controversial photographer Robert Maplethorpe, who died of complications from AIDS in 1989, donated \$1.3 million of his estate to two hospitals which treated him for the disease.

Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City was the recipient of \$1 million for the creation of a 28-bed AIDS ward. Boston's New England Deaconess Hospital will receive \$300,000 for expansion of its AIDS research facility.

News Briefs are compiled by Jamakaya from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.

### Milwaukee June 16 Pride Parade Route Announced

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) on April 18, 1990, announced the route of the 1990 Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade to be held Saturday, June 16.

To finalize the route, members of the Committee met with representatives of the police, the Department of Public Works and Alderman Henningsen in whose district the parade will occur. Milwaukee Common Council approval was needed as well which must sanction any parade that utilizes Wisconsin Avenue.

The route is as follows:

**Beginning at Ogden and Van Buren, the parade will move east, along Ogden, to Marshall. It will travel south on Marshall**

**to Wells, move west on Wells to Jackson, and then south on Jackson to Wisconsin Avenue where it will again turn west until it reaches Water St. It will turn north on Water to Kilbourn, going east on Kilbourn until it reaches Cathedral Square.**

Line-up for the Parade is set for 11:00am and will take place on Jefferson St. south of Ogden and along the south side of Ogden from Jefferson to Van Buren. Step-off is at 12:00 Noon.

This year's route was picked because of ample parking in the vicinity of the Parade line-up and Rally and because of the space available to facilitate concession stands at both the parade start-up point and at the Rally.

### MASN Sets June 1 Deadline For Erotica Book Submissions

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is accepting erotic stories, fantasy tales, artwork (black on white) and safe sensual turn-ons. The goal of the project is to create a collection of works that affirm Gay sexuality and encourage safe sex.

Sound interesting? We would love to have your ideas and welcome art and writing. A big thank you to all the men who have been sending in erotic and romantic stories!

A special section of the handbook is being reserved for masturbation in a "Hints From Heloise" format. If you have techniques to share, drop MASN a line.

The deadline for this project is June 1, 1990. If possible, please submit your written works typed, double-spaced. If you have any questions, call Sue at (608) 255-1711. Material may be sent to MASN, attn: S. Krause, P.O. Box 731, Madison, WI 53701.

### Chris Klein To Host Cream City Chorus Benefit May 12

[Milwaukee]- Partners at 813 S. 1st St. will play host to C.A. Klein's Second Annual Cream City Chorus Benefit Show on Saturday, May 12th at 10:00 p.m.

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## Police Brutality Rampant At Chicago Act-Up Demonstration

By Tim Grair

[Chicago]- "I have been at many ACT-UP demonstrations across the country, and we've never encountered this level of police violence and brutality," said Jill Harris, an attorney for ACT-UP-New York at a press conference held in Chicago, Tuesday, April 24.

Spokespersons for ACT-UP claimed that there were at least 35 incidences of police brutality at the demonstration held over the weekend, April 21-22, 1990, with a number of people seriously injured. Charges of brutality also included verbal abuse.

One of those arrested and hospitalized was Jay Hanson of Milwaukee. Hanson said he was beaten and dragged on his knees to the squad wagon and had difficulty standing up or walking.

Chicago Police Chief LeRoy Martin commented, saying, "That is not brutality. If you don't want to get dragged on the ground, get up and walk to the wagon. You have to give my men the right to do something." Like Hanson, most of those arrested claimed they were not allowed to walk to the wagon.

Others charged that the squad wagons were overheated. Karyn Teufel of Milwaukee said that the vans were so hot that one person in her group passed out and several more were dangerously close.

Teufel said, "When they finally

opened a window, a cop stood right in front of it blowing cigar smoke in at us." At least one wagon was left locked and unventilated with the heater running until one of ACT-UP's lawyers noticed.

There were numerous complaints of cut and bruised wrists caused by cuffs that were too tight. ACT-UP-Chicago's Shelly Schneider Bello attested to that and added, "We were abused with homophobic expressions. They were calling us bitches, assholes, dykes, queers." The processing officers were even more direct, telling New York's Marvin Palmer, "We hope you die of AIDS."

Commander Ray Risley, 18th Precinct, told reporters, "If you've got 500 police officers and some are extremely frustrated, something might happen. You can't control all of that." Risley continued, "It's almost criminal for members of that organization (ACT-UP) to accuse us of brutality when we showed so much restraint."

Perhaps in a city where the police are coming under fire for alleged routine torture of black suspects, this behavior could be seen as restraint, but the only restraint this reporter witnessed from the police were plastic handcuffs.

At last report, 15 separate charges of police brutality were being filed with both the Chicago police Office of Professional Standards and the civil court system.

## Concerns Raised About University Police AIDS Knowledge

[Madison]- Reports indicate that the University of Wisconsin-Madison Police who escorted or forcibly removed students protesting the University's affiliation with ROTC on April 23, 1990, were wearing rubber gloves.

"The fact that a peaceful demonstration was broken up using force, accompanied by homophobic comments by the University Police, is abhorrent enough," stated Earl Bricker, Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), "but the fact that rubber gloves were worn suggests serious ignorance by those in charge. HIV is not transmitted through casual contact. Unless the police expected in advance to be coming into contact with the blood of protesters, there would have been no logical reason to wear rubber gloves," Bricker said.

Bricker continued, "I would request that Chancellor Donna Shalala add this question to the proposed investigation of excessive force used by the campus police: what education have these people been given about AIDS and HIV infection, and is it not the responsibility of the University to educate its employees in this area?"

Bricker went on to ask, "What does this say about the UW's focus on diversity? Does the Madison Plan stop at the level of academic staff?"

"The actions by the University Police are insulting to persons affected by AIDS and HIV infection," said Bricker. "I recommend a complete training of all

current University Police officers regarding the reality of HIV transmission and including this information in future training of new hires."

Bricker said that MASN "would be pleased to participate in such an endeavor with the hope of stemming further transmission of ignorant and harmful attitudes."

## Rep. Clarenbach Seeks Re-Election

[Madison]- State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) announced on April 26, 1990 that he will seek a ninth two-year term in the State Assembly this Fall. Clarenbach is Speaker Pro Tem and the senior member of the Dane County delegation to the Assembly.

Clarenbach is 36 years-old and lives at 454 Sidney Street in Madison. The 78th Assembly District includes the east side of Madison and the Village of Maple Bluff.

"The accomplishment of which I am most proud is the creation of the Dane County Watershed Commission. Nothing is more important for our quality of life than cleaning up Madison's lakes," Clarenbach said.

Clarenbach's committee assignments include Labor, Agriculture and Rules. He is also the legislative member on the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

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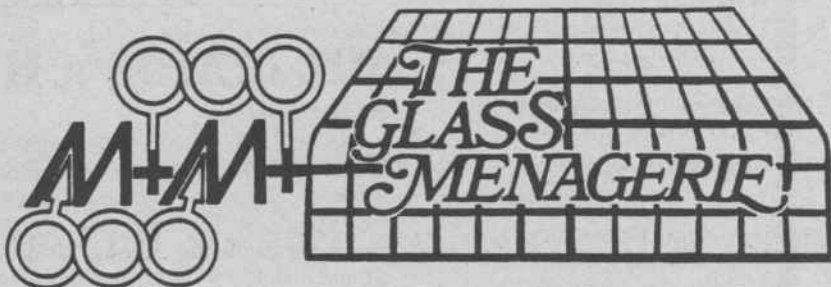
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## EDITORIAL

# UPI Firing Shows Bigots Leading War Against Gays Everywhere

United Press International (UPI) buckled quickly and unceremoniously to pressure brought to bear by Vic Eliason and a pack of right-wing fundamentalists and dismissed a young woman from her job at UPI.

We find it impossible to believe that Eliason or his minions care one hoot who works at UPI or that she was doing some work for the *Washington Blade*. What they do care about is Eliason's constant use of the word "homosexual" in identifying *The Blade* on the air. It was this, the word "homosexual" that got these people excited and it was this that brought the flood of calls to UPI demanding that she be fired.

Sadly, UPI put its tail between its legs and caved in and so we must question its credibility as a news organization. We cannot believe that UPI's concern was with impartial news coverage. Too much time elapsed between the time the incident began and the time Brienza was fired. The firing came only after Eliason began his pressure campaign and UPI began getting all the calls.

But more is at stake, much more. If there is anyone, anywhere in Milwaukee, Madison, in all Wisconsin or throughout the United States who thinks that Julie Brienza's cause is not our's, they are badly mistaken.

Consider, for a moment Mr. Eliason, the man who started all this. On April 18, Eliason told a caller on his show "In Focus" that it was a "lifestyle" that spread AIDS and, he added, "Let's get to the cause."

On the same show, Eliason told a caller that if he knew someone was HIV positive, he would not shake hands with them. (To paraphrase, "I was sick and ye wouldn't touch me.")

From all we have heard, Eliason cares little about the disease or those who are victims of it. His crusade is against Lesbians and Gays. This is why Brienza's case is our's. Eliason's campaign against her is simply part of his war against us all.

There are those in UPI who are decent people; trying to uphold the credibility of their organization. Help them. Call UPI and protest this injustice. In Washington, the number is [202] 898-8000. In Milwaukee UPI's number is [414] 225-2360.

If you don't think this concerns you here in Madison, Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin and everywhere this paper goes, then think again.

Brienza's case is our's. Help her. Call UPI and let your views be known.

## LETTERS

### MIL-MAIDS a Hit

TO THE EDITOR:

The organizers of the annual MIL-MAIDS Bowling Tournament deserve yet another round of applause, specifically Joe Feigley, Terence Gilles, Michael Carpenter, Brian Shoop and Mark Krause. Held in Madison this year on Saturday, April 21, the event yielded a donation of more than \$3,000 to the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)! The entire tournament was professional from beginning to end, continuing the fine tradition of excellence that has come to be associated with this "institution." While Wisconsin AIDS Service Organizations are fortunate in receiving government support, the need to raise additional money is increasingly important as the number of people wishing support services grows larger and larger. Events such as the MIL-MAIDS Tournament, and the people behind them who put in hours of organizational time, are more appreciated than this letter can convey.

I wish all fundraising endeavors were as enjoyable as MIL-MAIDS. While I personally got off to a shaky start, knocking down only one pin when I threw out the first ball (although it's important to know that I picked up a spare!), I had a great time and could not remember why it had been ten years since I last went bowling. It won't be that long again. I'm hopeful to get an MASN team into the regular leagues, and I look forward to being part of a team in next year's MIL-MAIDS at the Red Carpet Lanes in Milwaukee, with the proceeds going to the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Actually, I'm most looking forward to seeing my good friend, Doug Nelson, throw out the first ball.

—Earl Bricker  
Executive Director, MASN  
Madison

### Sheldon Top Bigot

TO THE EDITOR:

The TVC (Traditional Values Coalition) is the leading Right Wing Christian Fundamentalist organization in the state of California, and Lou Sheldon is the head bigot. This man was not joking when he said, paraphrasing,

"People with AIDS and homosexual men, women and children should be placed in 'cities of refuge for their own safety and the safety of others.'"

The *San Francisco Sentinel* (Feb. 23, 1990 issue) listed just a small and well-publicized portion of TVC's agenda

We at the Gay and Lesbian Political Action Committee (GALPAC) have studied this organization and its people very closely and with much input from the NAACP, the Center for Democratic Renewal, People for the American Way, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the American Civil Liberties Union,

among others. All agree that TVC represents a clear and present danger to the lives and freedom of homosexual men, women and children, as well as people of color, women, the disabled, etc. The policies and attitudes that Traditional Values Coalition advocates must be challenged and then confronted.

Therefore, GALPAC has called for a California-wide demonstration against TVC. This is to be held Saturday, June 16 and will be A March on the Traditional Values Coalition.

TVC declared war. It's time for homosexual men, women and teen-agers to get to work. The alternative may be concentration camps. We tried those once, it didn't work out.

—J. Phillip Harrison, Secretary  
GALPAC  
Lafayette, California

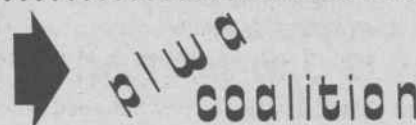
### Hate Mongering

TO THE EDITOR:

When faced with people like Lou Sheldon and his Traditional Values Coalition, perhaps we should move the focus away from our efforts to defend our rights as human beings with our own unique way of loving, and turn the spotlight on the real pathological misfits in these masquerades-- the ever-so-endearing and concerned "true Lou", Sweet Jesse and Dannemeyer, and their cohorts, all "God fearing Christians" out to save society from the scourge they attempt to create us as being. Let's unmask and attempt to understand... just what the meaning of all this hate mongering is and what are its implications in a world experiencing such dramatic changes...

Lou, Jesse, Billy Boy, it is clear to us that your rhetoric is just that, and does not stem from love, therefore you are not adhering to the voice of the one you call your Master.

I have compassion, as I am sure all Gay people and other minorities who have been barred entrance into the sweet country of love do also, for we have been so sorely mocked and shamed by those who use the Bible and other religious texts in order to condemn and spread hate, merely so they can go on swimming in the safety of their own little goldfish



The PLWA Coalition is an organization of people living with AIDS which has taken up the mission of advocacy on AIDS related issues. We are attempting to contact people living with AIDS or who are HIV positive to develop an agenda of their needs. Some of the issues include: *Political Action, Medical Concerns, Social Issues, and Legal Concerns.*

Please contact us at (414) 273-2437 and ask to speak to a coalition member.

bowls.

Traditional values, you say? The love shown us by the man called Jesus, which is available and within us all, is a tradition I would much rather uphold and stand for than the tradition of fear and the hatred and violence it engenders toward those things or people it perceives as a threat. That tradition is the real pathology here, and one we are all, as humans, trying to come to terms with and release into more love.

—Scott McLennan  
San Francisco, CA

**Editor's Note:** The writer is responding to an article in the March 8, 1990 issue of the *San Francisco Sentinel*, titled "The Sheldon Road Show."

## Contact Tracing

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to alert you to an article which appeared in the March 23, 1990 issue of the *Colorado Statesman* in which Congressman Newt Gingrich (R-GA) is quoted as accusing Democrats of being liable for spreading AIDS. This most recent and irresponsible statement associates Rep. Gingrich with the company of people like right-wing Congressman Bill Dannemeyer (R-CA) and demonstrates that Rep. Gingrich, who as Minority Whip, holds the number two spot in the House Republican hierarchy, has not changed his extremist approach to politics.

As proof for his absurd hypothesis, Rep. Gingrich cites Democratic opposition to legislation which would have required contact tracing of people testing positive for the HIV. The vote Rep. Gingrich was specifically referring to in the article is an amendment which was offered to the AIDS Federal Policy Act passed by Congress in September, 1988. The amendment, offered by Rep. Dannemeyer, failed by a vote of 70-327, clearly placing Rep. Gingrich in a fanatical minority. With the majority of Republicans voting against the measure (67 yeas to 95 nays), Rep. Gingrich was even opposed by most members of his own party, as well as several organizations hardly known for leftist values, including the American Medical Association.

In advocating contract tracing, Rep. Gingrich offers a simple-minded "solution" to a complex problem. Virtually all experts in the field recognize that contact tracing simply is not an effective means of combating AIDS, and this has been borne out statistically. After South Carolina instituted a policy in February, 1986 requiring that the names and addresses of all those testing seropositive be reported to state health authorities, monthly attendance at test sites in the state dropped by 51% among Gay men. Conversely, when Oregon began to allow anonymous testing in December, 1986, the demand for HIV testing among Gay men increased by 125%.

Rep. Gingrich contends that the Republican Party is an "action-oriented, idea-oriented governing party." However, his extremist statement about contact tracing demonstrates that he is out of touch with both the common sense and the responsibility necessary for a governing party. This is particularly disturbing since Mr. Gingrich is not only a Congressman, but the number two Republican leader in the U.S. House of Representatives.

—Christopher Gould  
Washington, D.C.

## DIGNITY AIDS SERVICE

[Milwaukee]- Dignity- Milwaukee will be presenting a special service entitled: "Living with AIDS-A Celebration of Life." The service will be held on Sunday, May 20, 1990, at 6:00pm at St. Pius X Parish, 76th and Wright Sts. Please use tower entrance. All are welcome.

PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS OF WISCONSIN



## Earth Day 1990

By Jamakaya

Brace yourselves, here's yet another post-mortem on Earth Day 1990, this one from a Lesbian-feminist perspective.

The Holly Near/Claudia Schmidt concert at the Pabst Theatre was an absolute dream — well produced, well attended and infused with an energy and unity the Milwaukee political community hasn't seen in years. Hats off to Earth Day organizers, Hurricane, Meridian and the Mobe for a wonderful event.

Lesbian presence at the Earth Day Festival was out-standing, but the lack of Gay men (there, and especially at the concert) and the absence of any organized Gay groups was less impressive. Earth Day was an event which brought together most of the progressive elements in our community. It was a day for building bridges and raising consciousness. I can't help thinking that the organized Gay community missed an important opportunity to forge alliances.

One personal note of admiration and thanks goes out to my dear sister Rae Vogeler, who was a major organizer of Earth Day. Rae was one of the first women I met when I got involved in the feminist movement in the 1970's. She extended her friendship, taught me to organize, and generally inspired me with her tireless example and her broad political vision. She has inspired and activated dozens of other organizers in the same way (one life does, indeed, touch so many) and is still raising hell after fifteen years. Rae, I'm proud of you.

Now here's the little speech I gave on Earth Day. I spoke in the afternoon, but skipped my evening appearance in Central Park because the atmosphere was more conducive to dancing and drinking than lambasting the Patriarchy! I didn't want to have things thrown at me! Apologies to those who came to hear me. After encouraging personal responsibility to help our planet, I said:

But all of our individual actions will come to naught if not accompanied by a profound change in the value system under which we live. In this area, Native Americans and feminists have something important to teach us.

For centuries, Native Americans have noted how the White Man perceives himself as above nature, superior to plant and animal life, superior to other races of Man, and most certainly, superior to women. Religious doctrines and governments throughout history have reinforced and codified Man's rule, using violence to extend Man's dominion over all the elements of the Earth.

The consequences of this unlimited power and of the arrogance of those who see themselves as separate from or above nature have been devastating for the planet.

Such attitudes have brought about the willful destruction of our land and trees, the exploitation of animals for their labor, their meat and pelts, and the

## Illinois Seeks Domestic Partners Law

[Chicago]- In a history-making move, at the request of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, legislation validating Domestic Partnership relationships was introduced in mid-April in the Illinois General Assembly. This is the first attempt at enacting laws on a statewide basis anywhere in the United States.

The proposed law provides that two people who meet certain qualifications may enter into a domestic partnership by filing a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the County Clerk of the county in which they live.

The qualifications require that the two people must be residents of Illinois, not related to each other, not currently married, must live together, must be at least 18 years of age, be competent to enter a contract and "agree to be responsible for each other's welfare."

Copies of the legislation can be obtained by writing IGLTF at 615 West Wellington Ave., Chicago, IL 60657 or calling (312) 975-0707. Copies can also be obtained from the House or Senate Bill Rooms, State Capitol Building, Springfield, IL 62706.



Jamakaya

subordination of women in enslavement of whole racial and ethnic groups, and have found their final expression — as our Native American, Jewish and African American sisters and brothers know too well — in periods of human genocide.

The world under Patriarchy is not a pretty picture. It is a grim picture, painful to relate and difficult to hear and accept. But the exploitation of our environment, of animal and human life, is all clearly **inter-related**. It is the logical result of a value system which extols power, domination, profit and arrogance over equality, cooperation, responsibility and humility

When talking about the environment, we often refer to "Mother Earth" and we use the phrase "rape of the earth" to describe the terrible conditions around us. This metaphor is revealing.

Feminists have written eloquently about the connections between women and nature (and in a much less lyrical way than the poets of days gone by). They have suggested that the subordination of women, the control of their bodies by the male organs of church and state, and the use of women as cheap labor throughout history is analogous to Man's control and abuse of the natural world around him.

In a world where Man is dominant and views everything around himself as inferior, passive matter to be manipulated and used at will, and for profit, nothing and no one is safe.

I would suggest to you that the mentality which rationalizes nuclear power and strip mining is hardly different from that which supports the breeding of animals for slaughter, or the practice of genital mutilation and other crimes against women.

In a world saturated with violence against women, when women are not safe in our own neighborhoods or even in our own homes, when one of our own mothers, sisters or daughters is raped every 8 minutes, is our talk about the "rape" of Mother Earth merely a metaphor, merely a figure of speech?

It is clear to me that contempt for women is an integral part of Man's contempt for all of nature and we cannot address one without addressing the other.

We all — women and men alike — have the responsibility of working to save our planet. But unless the underlying values which have brought us to this sorry state, the values of male-dominated society, unless these values are changed radically, there will be no sustained improvement in our environment

I'd like to conclude on a more optimistic note, with a thought that gives me hope for the future.

First of all, it seems no accident to me that of all the thousands of biologists, botanists, naturalists, physicians and chemical experts, it was **Rachel Carson** who first alerted us to the poisoning of our environment with her book **Silent Spring**.

It isn't hard to figure that of the hundreds of families who were victims of the chemical poisoning and cancers at Love Canal, it was **Lois Gibbs** who came forward to demand accountability and compensation.

And it certainly doesn't surprise me that of all the thousands of employees of the Kerr-McGee Company around the world, it was **Karen Silkwood** who risked her life so that the dangers of nuclear power and the evil intent of its purveyors could be exposed.

It is the conscience and leadership of women which as always inspired me and pointed the way. And it is the female values and emotion and energy that will ultimately heal this planet.

I ask all of you here today to look to your hearts and then, **look to the women.**

## Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry Needs Donations

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) food pantry is in need of food donations. Donations can be made by calling the MAP office, (414) 273-1991.

MAP's Food Pantry, coordinated by Christina Kotlowski, receives one-third of its food stock from the Hunger Task Force, one-third from Second Harvest Food Warehouse and the remaining third from private food and money donations.

The Food Pantry has been serving MAP clients for nearly a year. To date, more than 270 individuals have received assistance through the Food Pantry.

The Pantry is in desperate need of the following items: Grains-flour, cake mixes, muffin mixes, rice, noodles; Dairy-milk, cheese, eggs, butter; Canned Goods-soups, vegetables, stews, peanut butter; Household Goods- laundry soap, bleach, bathroom cleaners; Miscellaneous-coffee, dried milk, fresh fruit, ensure, sugar, ketchup, mustard; Self-Care Products- shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant; and Paper Products- toilet paper, facial tissue, paper towels.

The Food Pantry is open to all MAP clients. Clients should contact their case managers prior to using the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry hours are: Mondays-9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays-3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Thursdays- 11:00

a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Fridays-11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

For more information on MAP's Food Pantry, call Christina Kotlowski at (414) 273-1991.

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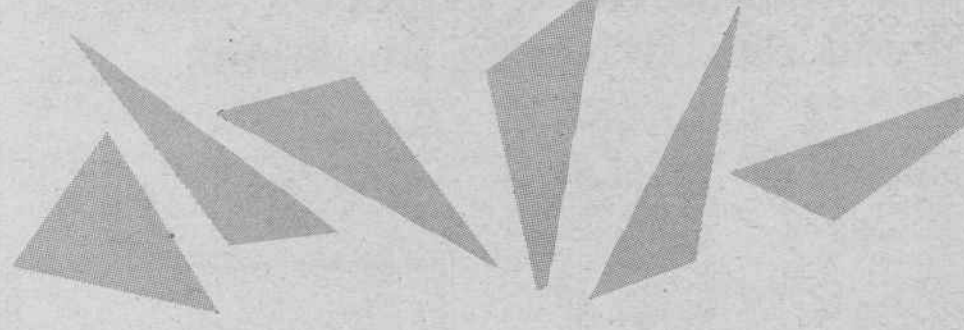
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# The Light LIVELY ARTS

## “Gutzman Goes Gershwin” Musical Review Opens June 15

[Milwaukee]- Dale Gutzman will continue his tribute to great American composers this Summer with “Gutzman Goes Gershwin,” a George Gershwin revue, in association with the Skylight Theatre, the PAC and independent productions. Gutzman has presented musical tributes to Noel Coward, Irving Berlin, Kurt Weill and Cole Porter.

“Gutzman Goes Gershwin” differs from previous productions in both location and size. The show will be presented at the Robert Pitman Theatre at Alverno College, 3401 S. 39th St. in Milwaukee.

In regard to size, “Gutzman Goes Gershwin” boasts a cast of 10 professional singers and dancers performing 35 Gershwin favorites — and a few surprises.

Audiences will enjoy such Gershwin standards as “I’ve Got A Crush On You,” “S’wonderful,” “Strike Up The Band,” “Someone To Watch Over Me,” “I Got Rhythm,” “They All Laughed,” “Funny Face”...and many more.

Gutzman and musical director, Lorraine Greenberg, have created new and fascinating arrangements of these melodies including several medleys and some interesting counterpoint singing.

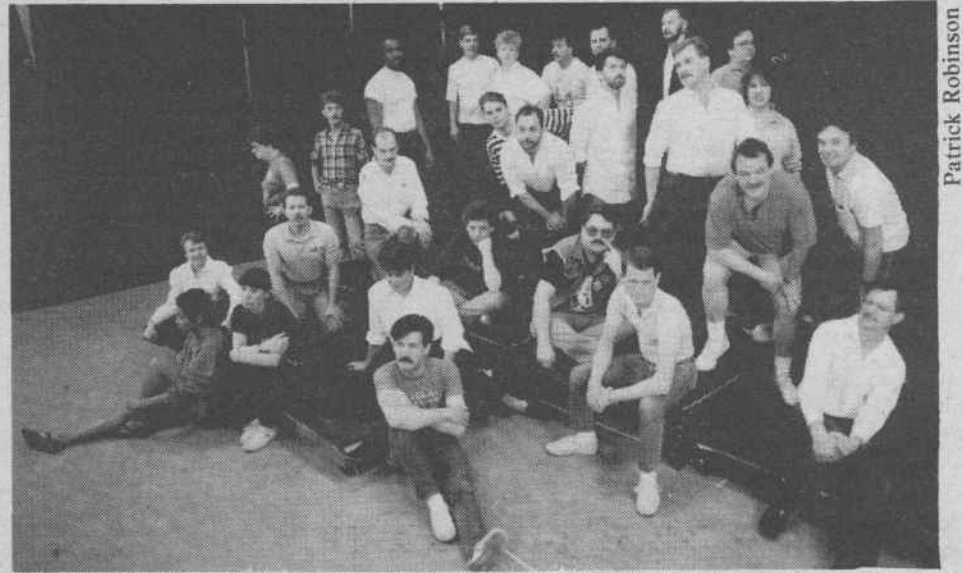
The show will trace Gershwin’s career from a song plugger to international stardom and will feature sections from his classical piano pieces, a “Porgy And

Bess” medley, and a tribute to the Fred Astaire films using Gershwin music along with film clips of the famous dancer.

The cast is one of the most sensational Gutzman has ever put together. Singing and dancing chores will be shared by William Reilly who appeared on Broadway in “On A Clear Day You Can See Forever”, “My Fair Lady”, “I Can Get It For You Wholesale” and others and danced in the film “Singin’ In The Rain.”

Also appearing will be Michael Stebbins, who appears in the new John Waters film, “Cry Baby” and is part of the professional actors training program at UW-Milwaukee, Dean Drews who has danced with the Baur Dance Company, Debbie Berry who has performed throughout the U.S. and now teaches for William Reilly and Gutzman regulars: Dena Wegehaupt, Diane Sotski, Marilyn White, Barbara Kerr, Rebecca Spice and James Strange.

“Gutzman Goes Gershwin” will be performed on Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16 and the following week, June 22 and 23 at Alverno College’s Pitman Theatre. All four shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$13 with student and senior rates available. For reservations call (414) 382-6044. For more information call Dale Gutzman at (414) 355-7548.



Patrick Robinson

The Fest City Singers at a recent rehearsal preparing for their “Let’s Go To The Movies” Concerts.

## “Let’s Do It. Let’s Fall In Love” Shows Three Aspects of Love

By Terry Boughner

It is a warm April evening with just a sliver of a moon in the sky. It is a time for the ancient mysteries of love — and to be reminded once again how little two people need to know about each other to fall in love.

This is the message of the three, one-act comedies being presented by Milwaukee’s Boulevard Ensemble; “A Marriage Proposal” by Anton Chekhov, “Mysteries of the Bridal Night” by Martin Epstein and “Amicable Parting” by George Kaufman and L. MacGrath collectively titled “Let’s Do It. Let’s Fall in Love!”

The plays are, in the hands of directors Peter Reeves and Amy Zeh, first of all, fun. You have a good time as you watch the characters stumble around in their separate little worlds where love and sex have become excuses to avoid conversation. And that’s where the laughter is; in the clash of words spoken by people who profess to be in love, perhaps are in love, but don’t have the faintest comprehension of what makes the other person tick.

I have a certain amount of hedonism when it comes to the theatre. I want above all, to enjoy myself — and I did. I want to get lost too. I don’t want to think half-way through that I need a cigarette — I didn’t. I want to be made to forget that actual time is passing — to regret the curtain coming down — and I did.

The women in these plays — Donna Ferrier, Susan Fete and Mary Timpany — are presented as strong, independent characters, in no way subordinating their identity to the men — a tribute both to their talent as actors as well as Reeves’ and Zeh’s skilled direction.

Peter Zettel as Chekhov’s hypochondriac in “Marriage Proposal” is delightful, a skilled contrast to his

appearance as the aggressive Pale in the Clavis’s production of “Burn This.” While Ted Tyson in “Mysteries of the Bridal Night” is stirring in what is essentially a surrealist play.

“Let’s Do It. Let’s Fall In Love!” is well worth seeing — and made more enjoyable by being able to talk informally to the actors afterward.

The Boulevard Ensemble’s production runs to May 13. Performances are Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8:00 p.m. with tickets at \$8. The theatre is located at 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Call (414) 672-6019 for reservations.

## Wausau, Appleton To Host USA Preliminaries

[Milwaukee]- King Productions has announced the dates of its next two Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA preliminaries.

The First Annual Miss Gay Wausau Pageant will be held at Masquers, 320 Washington St. in Wausau on Saturday, May 26, 1990.

The Sixth Annual Miss Gay Fox Valley Pageant will be held at the Pivot Club, 4815 W. Prospect Ave. in Appleton on Sunday, May 27, 1990.

Contestants will compete in personal interview, talent and evening gown. Guest entertainers will include Tania Michaels, Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA and Joey Black, Miss Gay Fox Valley.

Applications are available at Masquers (715) 842-3225, the Pivot Club (414) 730-0440, or King Productions (414) 342-1466.

The only way an entertainer may compete in the Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant this year is to win one of the twelve preliminary pageants to Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA.

## Movie Music Lovers Shouldn’t Miss “Let’s Go to the Movies”

[Milwaukee]- For the past three weeks, Milwaukee’s Original Fest City Singers have been in the midst of intensive rehearsals for their upcoming production of “Let’s Go to the Movies!” at the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

Working Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons sharing the rehearsal spaces of the Rep and working side by side with major theatre groups, the Singers have enjoyed the heady experience of professional theatre performance.

Platforms for the Stiemke stage have been completed in the carpentry shop and a flashing theatre marquee as part of the motion picture theme has been tested. The costume and prop tables have been carefully organized, ready of dress

rehearsal followed by the excitement of opening night.

For three evenings, May 11-13, the stage of the Stiemke Theater will become a movie palace, the scene of the Fest City Singers slightly irreverent look at 60 years of music from the movies.

The Singers offer their audiences the convenience of ordering tickets for “Let’s Go to the Movies!” through the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Box Office in the Milwaukee Center, 108 E. Wells St. Telephone 1-414-224-9490. Tickets may also be obtained from Fest City chorus members as well as by phoning the FCS hot line at 1-414-263-SING.

Performances on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12 are scheduled for 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday, May 13 performance for 7:00 p.m.

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## Cream City Chorus "Tomorrow Belongs to Me" Concert June 16

[Milwaukee]- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus has announced its annual Spring concert to be held at Centennial Hall in the downtown Milwaukee Public Library on Saturday, June 16, 1990, at 8:00p.m. The concert, entitled "Tomorrow Belongs to Me", will be the closing event for Milwaukee's Gay Pride Day activities and is planned as an evening of inspiring Gay and Lesbian oriented music.

Tickets will be on sale soon, at \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Chorus members will be selling tickets at all the well-known gathering places around town.

In related news, the Chorus recently performed in a special surprise concert entitled "April Foolishness" at their rehearsal hall on April 8. The concert was attended by some 300 people who enjoyed special musical selections from well-loved literature of the past three years. There was also a "teaser" in the form of music planned for the Spring concert. The concert was followed by a special reception for the audience, celebrating the Chorus's birth on April Fools Day three years ago.

In other Chorus news, the annual election for Board members was recently

held. Jay Reinke who has been Vice President for the past year, was elected President of the Chorus. Reinke will have a big job trying to fill the shoes of out-going two-term President Ron Thate. Thate was recently honored by the Chorus as the "Father of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Choral Movement."

Gene Schilling was elected Vice-President. Schilling had been serving as Membership Committee Chair.

Scott Sowles, who, in a special election four months ago, was named Treasurer of the Chorus, was re-elected to that position.

Also elected was Ebbie Duggins, to the post of Board Secretary. Duggins served in that capacity for the 1988-'89 term and replaces Nancy Doughty.

The Three C's wish to express their gratitude for the efforts of the out-going Board of Directors and to express a vote of confidence in the newly elected Board.

Watch for special performances by the Cream City Chorus on May 19, for the Walker's Point Historical Society Walk; on May 20 at the Cream City Foundation's Casino Night and again on May 20, for the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Candlelight Service.



Michael Gambon (Center) is Peter Greenway's "The Cook, the Thief, His Wife & Her Love" which is now playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

## Cream City Chorus Gives Out Awards at Annual Banquet

[Milwaukee]- Wisconsin's Cream City Chorus celebrated its third anniversary with a gala recognition and awards banquet at the Park East Hotel. The banquet was held on the eve of April Fool's Day, the date of the Chorus's inception.

Bruce Paul Goodman was honored with the coveted President's Award. This award is given each year to a Gay or Lesbian businessperson who has been responsible for the largest financial contribution to the Chorus.

Joe Arneith received the Most Contributing Friend Award, given each year to a non-singing member who has made the most outstanding contribution of effort. George Keen received the Gold Brick Award for the largest financial contribution to the Chorus from a singing member. Gene Schilling's outstanding efforts on behalf of the Chorus earned him this year's Gold Record Award.

The Chorus also honored special sustainers, presenting Patron Awards to Bruce Paul Goodman, George Keen, William Morehouse, Sharon Megna, Joe Arneith, Christine Klein, Larry Stussy, Rudy Barlett, Allen Thomas, D.H. "Cass" Magnuski, Jim Balistreri, Mark Waldenberger, Gary Chapman and Mike Kalowski.

Chorus members themselves voted on three special awards this year. These were the Morale Booster Award, the Best Shining New Star Award and the Most Valuable Member Award. These were given respectively to Michael Johnston, affectionately known as "Karen Valentine", Bill Schumacher and Greg Roettgers.

Outstanding Effort Awards went to Mary Ann Pieters, Barb Larkin and Jay Reinke, each of whom produced one of the Chorus's concerts in 1989.

Sandra Kurjiaka, a specially named member of the Board was the recipient of a special Humanitarian Award for her

efforts on behalf of the Board. Jim Michels was honored with the "If I Can Help Somebody" Award for his tireless energies and Peter Goldberg was feted for his Service Beyond The Call Of Duty.

In addition, the Creamettes, Greg Roettgers, Scott Sowles, Jennifer Kayser, Patti Micali, Sharon Megna, Jay Reinke, Bill Schumacher and Dennis Mannering all received special commendations for their participation in all of those extra rehearsals. And Jim Michels; D.H. "Cass" Magnuski, and Bill Schumacher were the recipients of special Certificates of Achievement from Stewart for their participation in the musicianship class of 1989-'90.

Attendance Awards were given to Michael Johnston, Barb Larkin, D.H. "Cass" Magnuski, Earl Merkes, Jim Michels, Jay Reinke, Greg Roettgers, Rick Roberland and Scott Sowles for attending the greatest number of rehearsals.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to David Nihart, Ebbie Duggins, Sharon Megna, Ron Thate, Nancy Doughty, Peter Goldberg, Earl Merkes, Diane Gregory, Shari Harrison, Gary Barter and Gene Schilling for their special efforts on behalf of the Chorus.

At the end of the evening two very special engraved plaques were awarded to Musical Director Scott Stephen Stewart and two-term Chorus President, Ron Thate.

Stewart's award read, "For Outstanding Leadership and Dedication." Thate's read, "To The Father Of Milwaukee's Gay And Lesbian Choral Movement."

Chef Duane Coan was applauded for the extraordinary cuisine that made for such a memorable experience. The banquet, a result of the efforts of the Chorus's Membership Committee, was, for the first time ever, financially successful.

## Rezza To Sign Prints For Pride Week Benefit

[Milwaukee]- The 1990 Pride Theme, "Look to the Future: The Gay 90's" has been interpreted by Tom Rezza, one of the premier Gay artists in Wisconsin, into an exquisite charcoal sketch that will be reproduced in a limited quantity of 200 and sold to raise funds for the 1990 Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

Tom Rezza will be signing these high quality, 18x24 poster prints at an upcoming Artist's Cocktail Reception tentatively scheduled for June 2, 1990 at Partners, 813 S. 1st St. in Milwaukee.

Each print will be numbered and signed by the artist and will cost \$25. Ten dollars from each print will be donated to the

Pride Committee to help defray costs of the upcoming Pride Celebration.

"I'm proud to do this piece, said Rezza. "I'm glad something I do can give pride to the community."

The sketch portrays Rezza's idea of the 1990 Pride Theme. In the foreground are two ethnically mixed couples (portraying the ethnicity of our own community). The couples are holding the Rainbow Flag. A larger group of community members are portrayed in the background.

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# HOLLY BROWN SAYS "GOOD-BYE" TO MILWAUKEE



Jerry Johnson

The many faces of Holly Brown... from Shirley MacLaine (left center) to Bette Davis (far right) Holly Brown brought her characters to life on the La Cage stage during her final Milwaukee appearance, April 30.

## S.R.O. Audiences Cheers Holly Brown in Her Milwaukee Finale

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- To a packed house of her friends and admirers, singer, comedienne and dancer, Holly Brown, on Sunday night, April 29, 1990, bid an emotional farewell to Milwaukee with a gala performance at La Cage as she prepared to leave for her native Australia.

Brown who headed up "Holly and Co," a troupe whose shows at La Cage have, over the years, gained for them an enthusiastic following among both the Gay/Lesbian and straight communities, told her audience that, while she will be returning to the Cream City for visits, she will not be performing here again.

In several moving and sometimes tearful tributes, Brown thanked the people she has known, "the ones who made all this possible" and the audience

responded in kind.

Holly and Co put on a show to their usual high standards with Brown appearing as Bette Davis and Shirley MacLaine among others. But perhaps the to Goldie Adams, Adams lip-synced to "Changes" while she removed her make-up and costume to metamorphize into a male softball player. The distress on Adams' face at this, the final curtain, was evident.

Brown told the crowd that she will be leaving on May 1 for Los Angeles, then spend a week in Mexico, before heading for "Down Under."

While Brown has left, La Cage has announced that the shows that the public has so warmly received, will continue.

## Women's Music Festival Planned

[Bloomington, IN]- The 16th National Women's Music Festival will be held May 31-June 3 at the University of Indiana at Bloomington.

Mainstage performers include Patty Larkin, Ferron, Holly Near, Adrienne Torf, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Heather Bishop, Sherry Shute, Diedre McCalla and Two Nice Girls.

Featured speakers include eco-feminist organizer Rachel Bagby, author May Sarton, African-American filmmakers Christina Springer and Zeinabu Irene Davis, poet Minnie Bruce Pratt, healer and spiritual dancer Arisika Resak, Jewish-feminist scholar Karla Jay, Native American medicine woman Amylee She-Who-Catches-the-Rainbow, therapist Kay Leigh Hagan and Margot Adler, author of *Drawing Down the Moon*.

The festival is largely an indoor event with dorm space and cafeteria food available. There are also near-by hotels and alternative housing. Restaurants are within walking distance. Child care and differently-abled services are available free to those who pre-register. Addiction recovery support is offered to all participants 24 hours a day.

For a registration form and more information, call (317) 636-7382 on Monday or Wednesday evenings. Or write: National Women's Music Festival, P.O. Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1427.

## Pride Committee Seeks Volunteers

[Milwaukee]- Preparations for Pride '90 are still underway and with about only a month and a half left to go before the Pride Parade and Rally on June 16, the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is looking for volunteers — lots and lots of volunteers — to help out.

MLGPC encourages bars, businesses and organizations to register for participation in the Parade.

MLGPC is looking also for performers, musicians, all sorts and kinds of people, who are interested in participating in the Rally at Cathedral Square.

The pace is quickening. There are a trillion things to do. **Please Help!** This can be the biggest and best celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride ever — but only if you HELP.

Get involved. Become part of the effort. Call the Pride Line at 32-PRIDE to volunteer or to obtain more information.

## Sponsors Needed For Pride Week

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) gratefully extends its appreciation to the five "Organizational Sponsors" who have joined so far in supporting Pride Week '90—"Look To The Future: The Gay '90's" by contributing \$100. Current sponsors include: The Milwaukee AIDS Project, Wisconsin Light, Wisconsin In Step, Attorney Tom Martin, and Brady STD Clinic.

MLGPC's Sponsorship Organizational Program includes these benefits:

- your organization will be listed in all MLGPC mailings as a sponsor;
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MLGPC is still actively seeking Pride Week '90 Sponsors whether they be individuals, businesses or organizations. Remember, if you want to see a better Pride Week in 1990, your support is urgently needed and will surely be appreciated. For more information, please call 32-PRIDE about MLGPC's Sponsorship Organizational Program.

## Foundation Accepting Grant Applications

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) has announced its next Grant cycle for Gay/Lesbian causes and organizations. Grant applications are available now through the CCF office and are due back to the Foundation by May 31, 1990. Grant applications will be reviewed in June for Board action in July, 1990.

For more information, call (414) 278-0880 or stop by the CCF Office at 225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee 53204.

The Cream City Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds from the Gay/Lesbian community of Wisconsin. Those funds are granted to some 30 Gay/Lesbian organizations to "Build Community" through out-reach efforts and new programs.

## MADISON Writers Wanted

Wisconsin Light is seeking one or more volunteer writers to help cover Madison. This person(s) would write "people" profiles, attend events and write reviews, cover organization activities and general non-political news according to their interest and time constraints. For further information write: Wisconsin Light, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212 or call (414) 372-2773.

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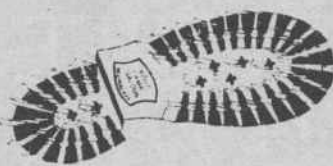
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## POLITICALLY SPEAKING

### From Sissy Presidents To Hypocritical Presidents

By Bill Meunier

Well I'm back, and contrary to popular rumors, I was not kidnaped by a bunch of Reagan fanatics who held me tied and gagged while they assaulted my body. And I did not go into hiding after exposing Richard Chamberlain to the press. I simply started a new job and was working two jobs at once for a while. Then shortly after starting the new job I was promoted to run the place. But that doesn't mean that I didn't observe what was going on while I was on hiatus. Despite the heavy load, I did manage to catch the news and as a result I have about six weeks of steam to vent.

First of all I want to thank George Bush for being the first sissy President. Who but a sissy would follow his Mother's instructions and eat a vegetable he didn't like even after he turned 60 years old. If the intent of the bold Bush proclamation was to show that he wasn't a wimp, it failed miserably.

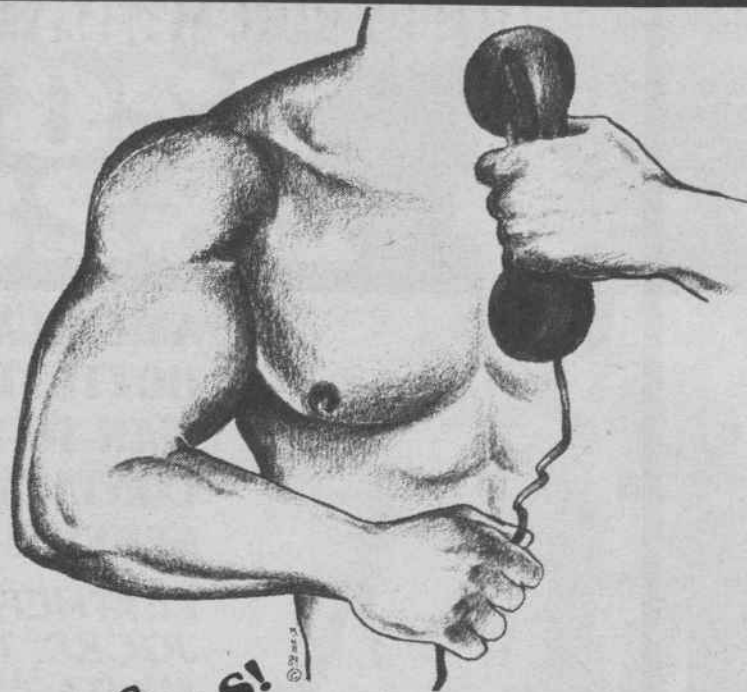
Next I wish to thank those protectors of public morals, the City Fathers of Cincinnati for their courageous stance against smut. These esteemed gentlemen and ladies convened a grand jury to prosecute their own Art Museum for showing the Mapplethorpe exhibition. Thank you, Thank You, Thank You. Due to your good efforts the next time I hear someone saying Milwaukee is the most culturally backward major City in the country, (I won't have to cite the symphony, the world famous rep, the ballet or the Skylight, I'll simply say but one word, Cincinnati.

Bush deserves a second thank you for so movingly speaking of AIDS. But as they say "Talk is cheap," and "Action speaks louder than words." I also wish to thank the people of Dallas. It seems some of them were upset because the Lesbian and Gay community wanted to put up a memorial to AIDS victims. Oh these pointy heads were perfectly willing to

allow the memorial provided the words, Gay, Lesbian and AIDS were left off. I am surprised that they were willing to leave on the words victims and died. I suppose they concluded that even if they were able to fool anyone into believing that Dallas doesn't have a Gay or Lesbian or AIDS case they wouldn't ever get anyone to believe that no one in Dallas dies. These bigots deserve our thanks for proving once again that the further South you go, the stranger the people become.

I also wish to thank those folks who helped me organize the party for Miriam Ben Shalom. Most especially, Al (Aunt Alice) owner of the Triangle Bar for donating the bar and the beer.

Lastly the hypocrite of the decade (so far) award goes to Ronald Reagan. Reagan wrote eloquently of the trials endured by Ryan White, the hemophiliac who recently died from AIDS. White was the kid who was harassed out of Kokomo Indiana when his classmates and their parents showed the kind of ignorance that one would expect to see in a state populated by so many Republicans. All this happened while Reagan was President. While it was happening, White was denied access to his school out of ignorance. Reagan spurned calls for the federal government to spend money on AIDS education while this courageous young man was being called a faggot by those he thought were his friends. Reagan refused to speak out against those who so brutally assaulted the psyche of an innocent young child. Now that White is dead, Reagan writes in his newspaper column of this courageous and remarkable young man. If he thinks that in so doing he has in any way absolved himself of his guilt and complicity in what happened, not only to Ryan White but to untold tens of thousands of his fellow Americans he had sworn to protect, he is sadly mistaken.



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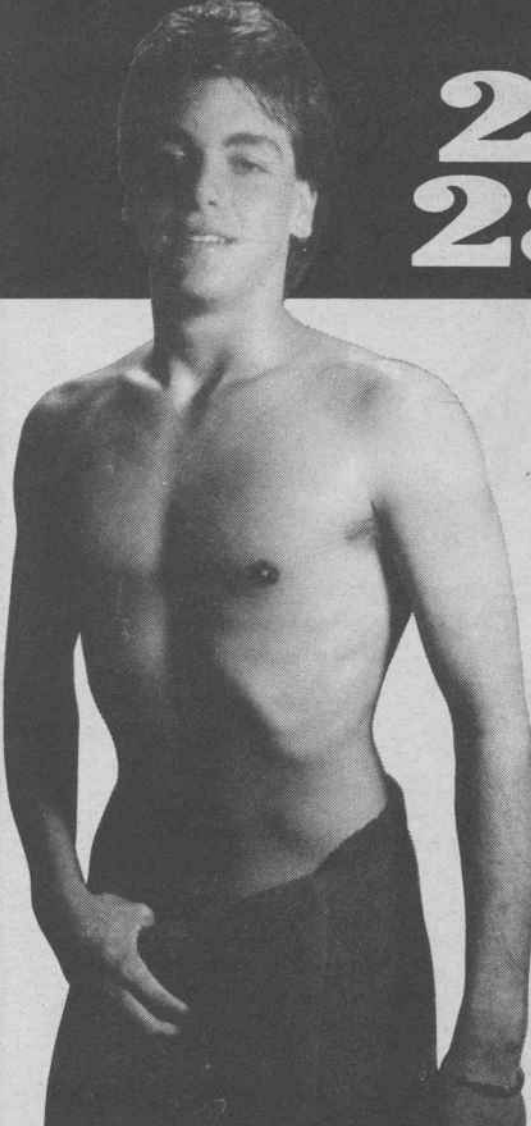
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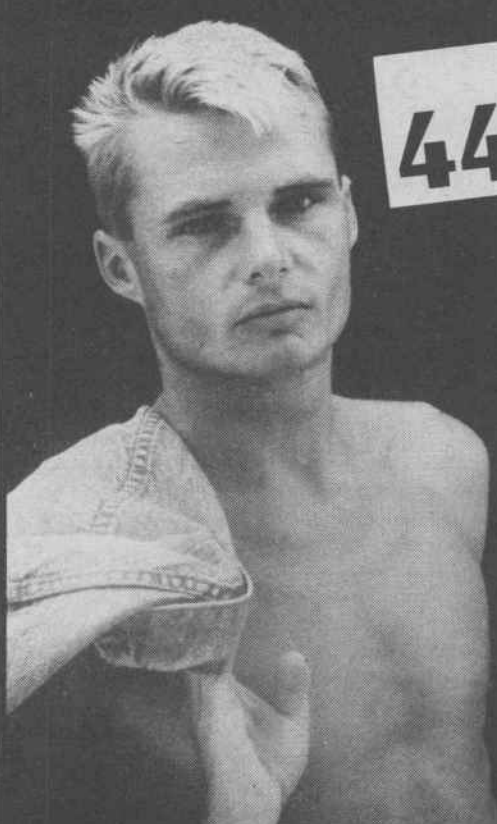
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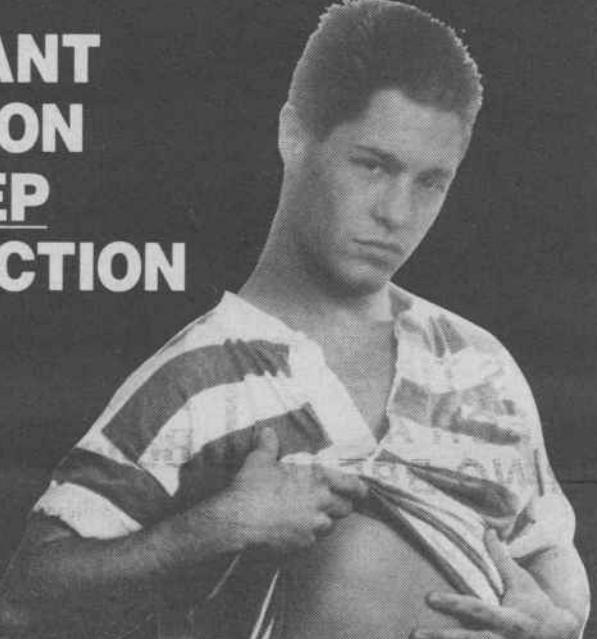


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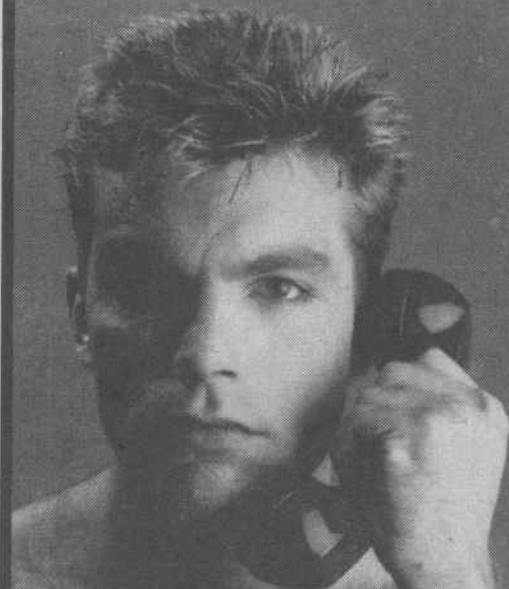
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Jerry Johnson

During the recent ROTC protest rally at the UW-Madison, scores of students are shown listening to teachers assistant Pat Cochina (far right) address the crowd on Lesbian history.

## Universities Across Country To Protest R.O.T.C. Program

[Madison]- On May 4, 1990, at 1:30 CDT, over 28 colleges and universities across the country, ranging from Northwestern and MIT to UW-Milwaukee, the University of Arkansas and the University of Oklahoma, will be joining UW-Madison in a national press conference protesting the exclusion of Gay, Lesbian and bisexual students from ROTC programs. Although each press conference will be organized differently, all participating schools will read an identical speech denouncing the exclusionary policy which is a Department of Defense directive.

In part the speech reads, "The exclusion of Gay men, Lesbians and bisexuals from military service violates a fundamental trust that we place in our

society. There is an idea supposedly ingrained in our conscience; that people will be judged on the basis of their merits, and that irrelevant criteria based on stereotypes and prejudices will be recognized as obsolete and useless, and accordingly treated as such.

"We are serving notice... that the future of America will not — must not — include discrimination or acceptance of discrimination."

Said organizer Jordan Marsh, "Students are mobilizing across the country to rid their campuses of one of the last bastions of institutional discrimination left in this country. This movement will continue to grow and become more powerful until this policy is changed."

## This Is It To Host Pride Benefit May 12

[Milwaukee]- I remember my father. Once a week, he would slip away to go to this little bar down the street. There he would talk if he was of a mind or work on the math problems that he loved. This Is It is like that, a friendly neighborhood bar.

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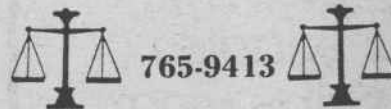
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## Ben-Shalom To Be Parade Marshal

[Milwaukee]- Miriam Ben-Shalom has honored her hometown, Milwaukee, by accepting the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee's (MLGPC) invitation to be the Grand Marshal in the Second Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade to be held June 16, 1990.

MLGPC believes that Ben-Shalom's 16 year struggle with the U.S. Army to attain acceptance of the right of Lesbians and Gays to serve their country in the military, best exemplifies the full meaning of our Pride Week Celebration; the on-going fight of Lesbians, Gays and all people throughout the country to achieve their full and complete civil rights.

As a leading Lesbian, civil rights activist, Ben-Shalom's commitments take her across the United States and Canada to speak out against discrimination and for the right of all people to equality. Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade will give us all a chance to welcome this courageous woman home with honor, gratitude and Pride.

## Gilgun To Read At Woodland Pattern

[Milwaukee]- Woodland Pattern Book Center, for ten years Milwaukee's Public Forum for writers, musicians and contextual artists, will host John Gilgun in a reading of his own fiction and poetry. The reading will take place on Saturday, May 19, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.

Gilgun's latest work is "Music I Never Dreamed Of" and is of special interest to Gays and Lesbians. In our next issue we will be carrying an interview with Mr. Gilgun-- so watch for it and reserve May 19 on your calendars.

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## ACT-UP Continued from Page 1

children?", asked Novella Dudley.

Meanwhile, police continued using "pain compliance" tactics, dragging demonstrators and roughly throwing them into squad wagons. Pickets

chanted, "The Whole World Is Watching," reminiscent of the shouts heard at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Chicago Police Chief LeRoy Martin charged into the crowd yelling, "This is entirely out of order!" Later, Martin stated, "We were not brutal. Nobody has any evidence of brutality." His words were cast into doubt when the whole thing appeared on the 5 o'clock news.

As the demonstration wound down, people gathered a half block away on Daley Plaza to commemorate Holocaust Day. One rabbi said, "Look at what they're doing...It proves that America is a great democracy; that we won't deny anyone the right to speak. If we wouldn't allow them to speak, we would be emulating the Nazis. And we're here to remember what the Nazis did."

Ferd Eggan, an ACT-UP-Chicago spokesperson said, "Our goal was to show that the AIDS epidemic needs more attention right now. We showed that."

Another spokesperson for ACT-UP-Chicago said, "People in the AIDS movement are doing more than fighting for themselves. Every demand they've issued today is a demand for everyone."

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