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#### ACT UP Protests Philip Morris, Inc. Sponsorship at Art Museum

[Milwaukee]- On Thursday, October 25, 1990, members of ACT UP/Milwaukee greeted invitees to the Milwaukee Art Museum's Arts Fest. The event, which was held for the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, was sponsored by Philip Morris Inc., the largest corporate contributor to Sen Jesse Helms (R-NC). (Helms, a long-time enemy of the AIDS-concerned community, is notorious for his recent attempts to censor government subsidized art).

ACT UP distributed flyers explaining the Philip Morris-Helms connection and carried signs calling Helms "America's Most Unwanted." The flyers encouraged those in attendance to voice their disapproval of Philip Morris and Helms to scheduled speaker Karen Brosius.

Brosius is the manager of the Cultural Affairs and Special Programs Department at Philip Morris Inc.

## Judge David V. Jennings, Jr. Accused Of Slurs Against Jews and Gays

During Brosius' speech, several uninvited members of ACT UP stood and turned their backs to the podium. In addition, her speech was interrupted numerous times as Christopher Fons of ACT UP corrected Brosius inaccurate figures regarding Philip Morris' contributions to Helms.

Outside, the demonstrators were generally well-received by the crowd. Many people knew of the Philip Morris-Helms connection and openly supported ACT UP's actions.

Inside, however, those in attendance were silent on the issue and some were annoyed by ACT UP's tactics.

ACT UP/Milwaukee has joined groups across the country in an attempt to make supporting Jesse Helms a bad business decision.

For more information, call ACT UP/Milwaukee at (414) 769-8708.

[Milwaukee]- Wisconsin Light has come into possession of a letter signed by four attorneys of a local law firm. The letter, dated October 5, 1990, sent to Milwaukee County Circuit Judge David V. Jennings, Jr., quotes "jokes" allegedly made by Jennings on October 1 in chambers in the presence of three

By Terry Boughner

lawyers.

Jennings is quoted as saying, "Did you see that bunch of queers marching around the lakefront yesterday?" This in regard to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk of September 31.

The letter goes on to say, "You Jennings followed that comment up with a series of three jokes: first you asked 'What is a queer's queer?' — the answer was 'a boy who likes girls;' second, you asked 'what is a queer Jew?' — the answer was 'a Jew who likes girls more than money;' third you asked 'what is a queer Irishman?'" According to the letter, Peter Guyon Earle, one of the attorneys present, "was so astounded that he couldn't remember the answer."

Beside Earle, attorneys named as present were Gerald Turner and Robert Blazek. The letter to Jennings is signed by Richard Perry, Barbara Zack Quindel, Robert J. Lerner and Earle all of whom are members of the Milwaukee law firm of Perry, Lerner & Quindel, S.C.

The lawyers' letter to Jennings goes on to state that: "We find these statements to be not only distasteful, but also sexist, homophobic and anti- Semitic. Such comments exhibit an explicit and profound prejudice which is incompatable with the judicial function."

The letter further states that "Prejudice such as that inherent in your

jokes undermines all confidence in the fair and unbiased administration of the judicial office."

Copies of the attorneys' letter were sent to Eunice Edgar, American Civil Liberties Union, Mordecai Lee, Milwaukee Jewish Council, Lenor Lee, American Jewish Committee, Doug Nelson, Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), Scott Gunkel, Lambda Rights Network and Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP took the lead in framing a response. A letter to Jennings, written by Nelson, MAP's Executive Director and signed by him, Edgar and Gunkel calls the judge's remarks 'clearly homophobic, anti-Semitic and sexist' and demands from Jennings "a personal statement" that 'rejects the prejudice' expressed by Jennings "for people of all cultures." and "affirms your respect for people of all cultures."

Nelson, Edgar and Gunkel go on to demand that the judge "immediately issue a formal, public apology for your highly offensive and prejudicial remarks."

The three signatories informed Jennings that they have asked the Wisconsin Judicial Commission to investigate his "misconduct" and "to take appropriate action."

**Light** is in possession of a copy of the letter to the Judicial Commission.

Called for a response, Light was told that Jennings was on vacation and unavailable for comment.

Mayor Norquist's press secretary said he was unfamiliar with the letter; that he would find it and call back. As of press time, no call or comment from the Mayor has been received.

However, Lenor Lee, Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee called the judge's alleged "jokes" "unconscionable."

Mordecai Lee of the Milwaukee Jewish Council said, "if accurate" the "so-called jokes are totally unacceptable for an elected official."

Gunkel, President of the Lambda Rights Network said, "The Gay/Lesbian community can not and will not stand silent on this issue. Judge Jennings has breached the standards of his office."

Nelson said, "The people of Wisconsin are entitled to an unbiased judicial system with impartial judges who embody only the highest standards of conduct. Judge Jennings' prejudicial remarks seriously undermine public confidence in the judicial system.

Judge Jennings comes up for re-election in 1992.

#### ACHOICE Accepting Applications From Milwaukee Non-Profit Groups

[Milwaukee]- ACHOICE, a fundraising federation representing fifteen social change and advocacy organizations is currently soliciting applications from new non-profit organizations in the greater Milwaukee area.

ACHOICE raises money through workplace giving campaigns and has experienced dramatic growth since 1981. The nature of workplace giving is

The nature of workplace giving is changing, partly because of the success of alternative funds like ACHOICE, but primarily because donors have expressed a desire for more discretion in their charitable giving. ACHOICE expects to raise \$125,000 this year — an increase of

over 10% from 1989.

ACHOICE member groups receive distributions monthly based on what was raised in the Fall campaign.

ACHOICE member groups must be incorporated for at least one year and have a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status.

ACHOICE funds grass-roots social change organizations which seek to address the root causes of problems by involving those affected in the creation of solutions.

For more information, please contact Bill Hart, Executive Director of ACHOICE, at 672-1920.

## "Not Guilty" Pleas Entered for Two Gay Related First Degree Murders In Madison and Milwaukee

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]- Two Gay related murders have occurred in Wisconsin in the last two months, one in Milwaukee and one in Madison. The following report is an update on both cases.

Two men have entered pleas of "not guilty" to the charge of first degree intentional homicide and being party to a crime while armed in the murder of Cleveland "Ricky" L. Roundtree, 28, on Milwaukee's north side in mid- October. In his statement to police, one defendant called the victim a "fag."

Ricky Roundtree's body was found Monday, October 15 at the bottom of the basement steps of an abandoned building at 2535 W. Fond du Lac Avenue. He had been shot twice, in the chest and abdomen, and then set on fire, possibly to hide the crime and/or to hide his identity. At the preliminary hearing October 31, the medical examiner testified that Roundtree was burned over 80-85% of his body and that he had been dead more than 24 hours before his body was discovered.

The criminal complaints against Charles E. Jackson, 22, and Patrick R. Harden, 18, indicate that the alleged assailants met the victim at the Black Velvet bar, 2505 W. Fond du Lac Ave. on Saturday evening, October 13. The men told police that Roundtree asked Harden for a light for his cigarette and then "came on" to Harden in some way. The men began to argue, but a tavern employee broke up the fight. Another bar patron, who had seen the altercation, suggested "Let's pop the dude," referring to Roundtree.

After Roundtree left the tavern, Jackson and Harden walked along W. Fond du Lac Avenue where they say they encountered an unknown man in some bushes who offered them a gun and encouraged them to shoot Roundtree, who

was standing in the nearby building. Harden says he was reluctant and gave the gun back to the unknown man who then entered the building and fired two shots into Roundtree (Jackson claims that five shots were fired, one of several inconsistencies in the defendant's statements.)

Both men deny killing Roundtree, but Jackson admits to setting fire to the building after the shooting. Jackson was arrested several hours later that evening for carrying a concealed weapon, but was not linked to the murder until several days after Roundtree's body was found. No third person, who the defendants claim committed the murder, has been apprehended.

Jackson and Harden are currently behind bars awaiting trial. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for November 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the court of Judge Janine Geske.

Patrick Harden, in his statement to Detective Brian O'Keefe, repeatedly referred to Roundtree as a "fag." Wisconsin's new anti-bias statute can add up to five years to a prison sentence if there is proof that the crime was motivated by hatred based on the victim's minority group status, including sexual preference. When asked why one or both defendants have not been charged under the new hate crimes statute, Assistant District Attorney Karine Mareno-Taxman said only "No comment."

In the meantime, in Madison, 25 year-old Joseph D. Wills has pleaded "not guilty" to first degree intentional homicide and armed robbery in the slaying of Mark F. Starkey, 21. Because Wills used derogatory words for Gays when speaking about the victim to police, he is being charged under the state's new hate crimes law.

Starkey was found shot to death September 9 in a downtown parking lot. The criminal complaint indicates that Wills showed no remorse for the shooting because the victim allegedly made a homosexual proposition to him. Wills is quoted as saying: "I know this sounds odd, but if I had to do it over again, I would do the same thing."

Wills had just arrived in Madison, by bus, from Minneapolis and was walking in an alley when he was approached by Starkey. According to the complaint, Wills says he rejected Starkey's offer, but when Starkey continued to talk with him, Wills demanded his car keys. In the ensuing argument, Wills shot Starkey in the chest and fled in his car.

Wills drove the car to Onalaska where he surrendered to police. The arresting officers report that Wills said of the victim: "The boy would be alive if he wasn't a derogatory term for Gays. I hate...I just hate 'em.' Gretchen Hayward is the Assistant District Attorney in charge of the prosecution.

Within days of the murder, prominent community leaders in Madison held a press conference to decry the anti-Gay attack as well as recent incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism in the area. Mayor Paul Soglin, Dane County Sheriff Richard Raemisch, District Attorney William Foust, UW Dean of Students Mary Rouse, School Superintendent James Travis and others called for greater tolerance and an end to crimes motivated by hate.

In Milwaukee, there has been little response to the murder of Ricky Roundtree, either by public officials or by Gay and Lesbian organizations. The exception was a short news feature run by WTMJ, Channel 4. Roundtree, a Black man, was the 130th victim of murder in the city of Milwaukee this year. The murder toll is now over 140.

#### Blow Off Hate Crimes With A Whistle

[Milwaukee]- Metal whistles similar to those used in San Francisco and other major U.S. cities are being sold by ACT-UP Milwaukee. The whistles are to be used to help deter hate crimes like harassment as a result of AIDS phobia, Gay bashing and other violent crimes like rape.

The idea is that the shrill, recognizable sound of a metal whistle will alert nearby people of a need for help or it may scare off an attacker altogether. People responding to a whistle signal are encouraged to call police, turn on porch lights, intervene in some way, etc. Watch for the whistles in Milwaukee's Gay bars or contact a member of ACT-UP to buy yours. Selling price is \$1.00 each.

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#### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### **Fund for Human Dignity Closes Door**

[New York, NY]- After months of internal conflict, the Fund for Human Dignity, a national Gay educational foundation, has permanently closed its doors.

Problems began this Spring when the Fund's Board of Directors hired Robert Brading, a straight man with no previous experience working with the Gay and Lesbian community, as Executive Director. Staff members criticized Brading's hiring as homophobic and insulting to Gays. The Board accused staff members of insubordination, fired several of them and refused to reconsider its choice of Brading. Gradually, most of the staff and volunteers resigned, bringing the group's programs to a halt.

In the midst of this vacuum, Brading submitted his resignation in early October and the Board, citing the personnel crisis and on-going financial problems, voted to close the

According to the Washington Blade, former staff members are creating a new organization to take over the national Gay hotline which the Fund previously administered. The Fund for Human Dignity was founded in 1974 as an educational arm of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. It became independent in 1986.

#### Stanford Gives Rights to Partners

[Stanford, CA]- The Board of Trustees of Stanford University has decided to extend spousal benefits to the unmarried domestic partners of its students, regardless of their sexual orientation, according to the San Francisco Sentinel.

Under the new policy, Stanford students and their unmarried partners will be allowed to share student housing. Partners will also have access to health care, athletic facilities, libraries and other services of the university. Students simply need to state that they are in a long term domestic partnership, similar to marriage, in which they share "the necessities of life and responsibility for their common welfare."

Stanford is the first university in the US with such a broad domestic partners policy for

#### S.F. ACT UP Splits Into Two Groups

[San Francisco, CA]- A stormy meeting in which the priorities and decision-making process of the group were debated has led to the splitting of the San Francisco chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) into two separate groups. The new chapter is called ACT UP/Golden Gate.

Members of the new Golden Gate chapter complained that the process of consensus decision-making was paralyzing the San Francisco group. They also contended that placing AIDS activism in the context of other social issues like racism, sexism and poverty, which the San Francisco chapter did, was taking the emphasis from AIDS.

Kate Raphael, writing in the San Francisco Sentinel, said the split "is about whether AIDS is to be seen as a unique crisis surpassing all others or as the most recent illustration of a system — medical and political — which kills people because they are poor or immigrants or people of color or women." But a member of ACT UP/Golden Gate told the Advocate that the new chapter "is committed to making AIDS its priority."

#### Justice Powell Admits "Mistake"

[New York]- In a question and answer session at the New York University School of Law on October 18, retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell said, "I think I probably made a mistake on that one" when asked about the 1986 case of Bowers v. Hardwick.

In that case, the Supreme Court voted 5-4 to uphold Georgia's sodomy law and to declare that the US Constitution did not protect homosexual relations by consenting adults, even in the privacy of their own homes.

Powell, who cast the pivotal vote in the close decision, downplayed the case, saying it was of little or no importance: "I thought it was a frivolous case," Powell told the

Associated Press, "I still think it was a frivolous case." Gay rights advocates disagree. Sue Hyde, Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Privacy Project, said last year: "The Supreme Court dealt us a very serious blow with the Hardwick decision. The Hardwick decision is now cited over and over again, not just in court cases, but in the legislative arena as justification and rationale for denying us basic civil rights. The Hardwick decision is cited in every one of the military cases. The Hardwick decision was cited by the New Hampshire state legislature... as justification for denying Lesbians and Gay men the option to be foster parents in the state. Over and over, that decision is cited as justification for denying us basic civil

#### Wight's Killer Denied Appeal

[Gettysburg, PA]- A state superior court has upheld the murder conviction of Stephen Roy Carr, who killed Rebecca Wight and seriously injured her lover, Claudia Brenner, as they camped along the Appalachian Trail in May of 1988. Carr is serving a life term in

In his appeal, Carr argued that the women's sexual involvement just prior to his shooting of them should have been admissible in court to aid his defense.

But Judge Oscar Spicer denied Carr's appeal, saying, "A reasonable person would simply have discontinued his observation and left the scene; he would not kill the lovers. Whatever a person's view about homosexuality, the law does not condone or excuse the

#### Arrest Made in N.Y. ACT UP Blaze

killing of homosexuals, any more than it condones the killing of heterosexuals.'

[New York, NY]- Carlos Alicia, a volunteer with ACT UP in New York City, has been arrested for arson in the fire that caused more than \$100,000 in damage to ACT UP's new headquarters in Manhattan.

Alicia, 20, has two prior arrests for arson. A spokesman for ACT UP/New York said that the group had no reason not to trust Alicia, who had done a lot of work for the organization - sweeping, cleaning and painting.

The fire on September 21 occurred just days before the new headquarters was to be opened. No one was injured, but there was extensive water damage from the sprinkler system. An \$80,000 printing machine and most of the group's records were destroyed.

#### Hollywood Blasted for Homophobia

[Los Angeles, CA]- Responding to an increase of anti-Gay slurs and negative characterizations of Gay people in Hollywood films, the Los Angeles chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) recently placed an ad in the trade paper Daily Variety to condemn such homophobia.

Under the headline "Hollywood Images Fuel Gay/Lesbian Bashing," the ad read in part: "Gay and Lesbian film characters are portrayed either as sissies or victims or murderers and twisted villains. We are verbally abused with offensive terms such as 'faggot' and 'dyke' increasing anti-Gay violence.'

GLAAD cited Darkman, Wild at Heart, Men at Work, Bird on a Wire, Q&A and other

films as containing homophobic dialogue or characterizations.

GLAAD asked that moviemakers depict Gay people in a more realistic and responsible way. The group has produced an 80 page handbook that describes harmful stereotypes and assumptions about Gays and Lesbians and plans to distribute it to producers, directors and writers working in the film industry.

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.



Corey was found late one night busily working in the new Grub's Pub bar and restaurant in the basement of La Cage. Grub's Pub is scheduled to open the first week of November.

#### Moliere's "Misanthrope" Runs Nov. 2-25 at Boulevard Ensemble

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble opens its fifth season of providing entertaining provocative theatre when it presents Moliere's "The Misanthrope."

"The Misanthrope" is a charming comedy of manners in which the petty hypocrisy of both love and art are exposed in explored. The production has been updated from 17th Century France to modern day and the action has been moved from the Court life of Louis XIV to a contemporary art gallery.

"The Misanthrope" will be presented Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, November 2-25 at the Boulevard Theatre,

#### **CCF** Accepting **Grant Applications** Thru Dec. 3

[Milwaukee]- The Cream City Foundation (CCF) is entering its third grant cycle of 1990. Applications can be picked up at the office located at 2821 N. 4th St. or by phoning CCF at 265-0880, (M-W-F, 1:00-4:00 p.m.).

Grant applications are due back at the CCF office by 4:00 p.m., Monday, December 3, 1990, for Board action in December, 1990.

CCF 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 for that community.

2250 S. KInnickinnic Ave. performances begin at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are \$8. To make reservations, call (414) 672-6019.

The Ensemble will round out the 1990-91 season by presenting two other productions:

and "Act Without "Endgame" Words," two thought-provoking pieces by Samuel Beckett, to be presented in February. Both will be directed by company member Nancy Aldrich.

William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," directed by Amy Zeh of American Inside Theatre, will be staged

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#### Milwaukee Counseling Center Offers ACT UP Members Plead Not Guilty **A Variety of Programs**

By Maytee Aspuro

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee offers Lesbians a rich and diverse set of programs aimed at promoting Lesbian well be-ing. Located at 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. in Milwaukee, the Counseling Center programs include Our Space, Silver Space, Free Space, More Space and an Insight Group.

The programs are structured in one of two possible formats. The first, general discussion groups of a drop-in nature and the second, support groups often focused on a specific topic of personal exploration. At all times, the Counseling Center will do its best to insure the confidentiality of all participants.

General discussion groups include Our

Space and Silver Space.

Our Space: Formed in 1986, it is a general drop-in discussion group for all Lesbians. Each program has either a guest speaker or a panel of speakers. Our Space meets the 2nd Sunday of every month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A committee comprised of Lesbians helps coordinate the program and choose topics for discussion. Previous Our Space meetings have explored issues of being single, Lesbian relationships, legal issues, co-dependency and being out.

Silver Space: Having recently celebrated its second year, Silver Space is a general drop-in discussion group for older Lesbians and older women exploring their sexual or affectional preferences. "Older" is self defined depending on each individual woman's experience. In general, most participants are in their 40's or older. Meeting the 3rd Sunday of every month from 6:00-8:00 p.m., the group discusses issues such as forming families and community, retirement as well as other issues of importance to participants.

Differing from Our Space in structure, Silver Space participants pick a discussion topic or group that interests them, break up into small discussion groups for one hour, then regroup to share highlights of the other groups. An informal social gathering at a nearby restaurant follows the meeting.

There is a suggested donation of \$2 for Our Space and Silver Space gatherings.

The Counseling Center support groups are closed groups usually comprised of 8 to 10 participants and 2 trained facilitators meeting between 8 to 12 weeks. Participants must be committed to the giving and receiving of support, validation and affirmation. Support groups are

offered under the Free Space, More Space and Insight group format.

Free Space: A support group for women wish to explore sexual/affectional preferences. Possible topics include: "Coming Out" to oneself and others; bonding and building Lesbian relationships; the Lesbian/Gay culture and developing support for oneself.

More Space: This support group is for women who are established in a Lesbian lifestyle and varies from either a general group to one focused on a specific topic. The general support group's goal is to provide a safe environment for Lesbians to give and receive support, develop trust and build a network of friends. Exact issues are determined by group participants.

Specific support groups exploring issues such as Letting Go, Couples (for Lesbian couples facilitated by a Lesbian couple) and Partners are available. The current topic is "Women who are or have been in a committed relationship with a sexual abuse/incest survivor.

Insight Group: A new support group, this group is targeted towards Lesbians 17-22 years of age. It offers Lesbians in this age group an alternative space to meet and explore issues of mutual

A donation of \$5 per support group session is requested, but is negotiable for women with financial difficulties. Women interested in entering a group should be aware that a waiting list may exist. It is not uncommon for it to take between 2 to 12 weeks before a group becomes available.

All support groups are peer facilitated. The Counseling Center is looking for Lesbians interested in becoming facilitators. Training requires a commitment of 3 hours a week for 9

Lesbians are encouraged to contact Cheryl Orgas at 271-2565 for more information. If Cheryl is not available, you can leave a first name and phone number where she can return your call. The Counseling Center mailing list is confidential and all mailings are done in a manner to insure privacy.

The Counseling Center is a United Way Agency. Anyone who donates to the United Way through their employer may designate the Counseling Center as a direct recipient. It's one way of supporting those who support the Lesbian and Gay community.

#### Wells Elected President; Two Women Join Milw. Pride Committee

[Milwaukee]- The annual meeting of the Lesbian/Gay Milwaukee Pride Committee (MLGPC) was held on September 10, 1990 in the Banquet Room at Milwaukee's M&M Club. The space was generously donated by owner, Bob

On Friday, Sept. 28, 1990, the newly elected MLGPC Committee met for the first time. They elected two new members to the Committee; Elaine Pridgen and Diane Gregory. Also elected was the Executive Committee for 1991. The Committee consists of Gary Wells, President; Diane Gregory, Vice-President; Terry Coughlin, Treasurer and Don Clabots, Secretary.

At this meeting it was determined to extend the deadline from 30 to 60 days to fill the remaining open women's positions. The new deadline is November 10, 1990. At that time, if the four remaining posts have not been filled from

#### **Pride Committee Seeks Committee** Volunteers

MLGPC has organized subcommittees for the 1991 Pride Celebration. The committees are:

Parade Committee, Rally Committee, Community Relations Committee, Public Relations Committee, Merchandising Committee, Fundraising Committee, Administrative Support, Volunteer Coordinators Committee.

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the women's community, they will be opened to the community at large.

Women wishing to apply for the open positions may do so by writing the Committee at P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. In your letter, please describe why you would like to be a member of the Committee as well as any qualifications you have which you think would most benefit the Committee.



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## For Distributing AIDS Information

[Milwaukee]- Five members of ACT UP/Milwaukee pleaded not guilty to charges of disorderly conduct at a preliminary hearing in Municipal Court Friday, October 26, 1990. Doug Radtke, Christopher Fons, Dan Fons, Chris Lubus and Stan Straka had been arrested while attempting to distribute AIDS information and condoms outside the Marquette University High School (MUHS) homecoming dance on October 6.

ACT UP was only able to reach the first group of students to arrive for the evening. These students were very curious and receptive to the materials. But this also alerted the faculty to why ACT UP was outside the dance. The school administration became terrified that ACT UP members might reach their students and condoms.

The security guards began physically coming between ACT UP and the students, escorting kids "safely" from their cars to the doors. ACT UP remained as such a "threat" that MUHS found any excuse to have enough members arrested and detained by police to keep the group away from the school until the dance was

ACT UP returned to MUHS the following Monday morning to protest the arrests and to point out the fear and denial that had led to the panicy behavior. No parent or teacher had looked at the State Department of Health brochures that the group was handing out. Their actions had been based on fear of condoms and the word "AIDS." MUHS found it necessary to address this issue to its students through a fourth period announcement and to their parents through a letter.

When ACT UP went to Bay View the next weekend and Whitefish Bay two weeks later, Dave Begel from the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) admitted that while MPS may not like ACT UP's actions outside the dances, the group was within its constitutional rights of speech and assembly. At both public schools, parents thanked ACT UP for what they considered necessary information and students made few

comments beyond "thanks" or "eeew! Condoms!" While some of the brochures were discarded before students reached the doors, no condoms were found on the

Now that ACT UP has brought the issue of high school condom distribution to the attention of the public, it is working with other organizations to create a proposal for the Milwaukee School Board to consider at its November meeting. It will also be following proposed state legislation on Sex/AIDS education that could include similar proposals.

ACT UP will continue its immediate and long- term efforts because in the words of Christopher Fons, "If parents and teachers will not teach teen-agers about condoms and will not allow us to teach them, not only are they denying us our rights to free speech and assembly, but they are killing their children."

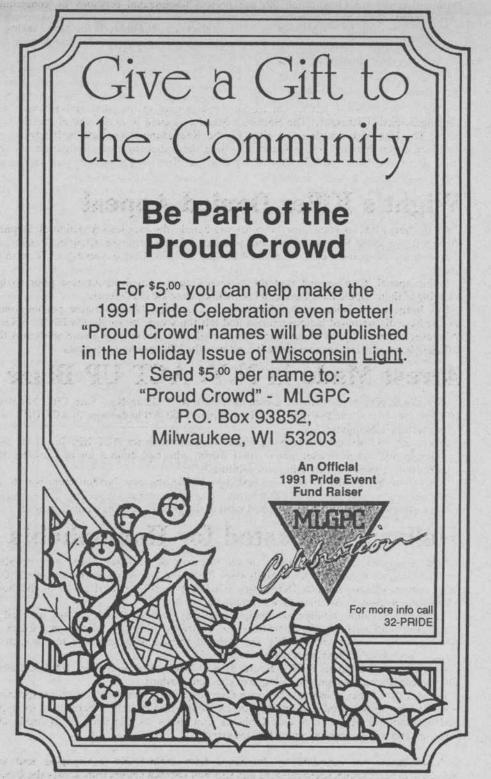
A further hearing to entertain motions in the case of the ACT UP defendants will be held on December 6, 1990. ACT UP hopes the charges will be dropped. If not, a trial is expected in mid-1991.

For further information about the arrests or proposals, call ACT UP at (414) 769-8708.

#### **Senate Approves Arts Appropriation**

[Washington, D.C.]- On October 24, 1990, the U.S. Senate approved a \$170 million, one- year appropriation for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) after defeating attempts by Sen. Jesse Helms to ban funding of sexually explicit art. The move comes after a year of intense lobbying by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the arts community.

Sensing defeat of his measures, Helms said on the floor of the Senate, "I say to all of the arts community and homosexuals who may be upset... What is past is prologue. You ain't seen nothing yet." As usual, Helms attacked Robert Mapplethorpe, Lesbian artist Holly Hughes and others during his



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#### EDITORIAL

## Candidates Endorsed For Tuesday, November 6 Election

In the race for governor, the Democratic candidate, Tom Loftus, has a record of being a leading progressive spokesperson in the Wisconsin Legislature. Loftus has presided over the Assembly as Speaker at a time when most of the landmark Gay and Lesbian civil rights measures became law. He has voted 100 percent right on civil rights and funding initiatives.

However, Loftus' campaign for Governor has neglected to reach out to our community. In addition, the incumbent, Republican Governor Tommy Thompson has been considerably more moderate than was expected — Thompson signed the hate crimes law in 1988, agreed to AIDS funding in 1989 and approved the AIDS Bill of Rights earlier this year.

We recommend a cautious vote for Loftus.

In the race for State Attorney General, James Doyle, as the chief law enforcement officer in the state, will oversee prosecution and implementation of Wisconsin's civil rights laws. Doyle's record as Dane County District Attorney shows his aggressive style, which is in stark contrast to incumben, Republican Don Hanaway's lackluster administration.

As State Senator, Hanaway opposed Gay and Lesbian civil rights and, as Attorney General, he showed no willingness to enforce the law.

Doyle's pro-choice abortion stand provides voters with the best contrast on the statewide ballot. We earnestly recommend a vote for Doyle for Attorney General.

In State Assembly races, Peter Bock (D-Milwaukee), authored the \$200,000 insurance premium pick-up plan that allows the state to pay insurance coverage for people with AIDS who lose their jobs and would otherwise be left without health insurance coverage. For those in the 8th District, we recommend a vote for Bock.

In the 20th Legislative District, we recommend a vote for Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee). Carpenter chairs the important Assembly Health Committee through which all AIDS legislation passes. Carpenter has consistently provided leadership on all civil rights and AIDS funding initiatives and has used his position to forcefully speak out on behalf of our community.

In the 78th Legislative District, we recommend a vote for David Clarenbach (D-Madison). Clarenbach is the Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly. He authored Wisconsin's historic Gay Rights Law, sponsored the new AIDS Bill of Rights and helped push through the \$1.4 million appropriation for AIDS Service Organizations. Clarenbach is considered a likely candidate for higher office in the near future.

In the 18th Legislative District, we recommend a vote for Marcia Coggs (D-Milwaukee). As the senior member of the African American caucus, Coggs uses her post on the powerful Joint Finance Committee to guarantee adequate AIDS and other human services funding. Her efforts to assure better enforcement of all civil rights laws will be a high priority for our community next session.

In the 12th Legislative District, we recommend a vote for Barbara Notestein (D-Milwaukee). Notestein authored the new AIDS education law that requires public schools to offer courses in AIDS prevention and education. She is one of the fast-rising young leaders in the legislature who we can count on.

In the races for U.S. House of Representatives, we recommend a vote for Jim Moody in Milwaukee and Robert Kastenmeier in Madison. According to voting records tabulated by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, both Congressmen have consistantly stood with our community in support of AIDS bills and civil rights.

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Less than two weeks ago, as I write, on Sunday, a man left a Milwaukee Gay bar. He is old, somewhat frail and he was alone, going to catch a bus.

He is a friend of mine. He is a friend to many people, kind, generous; a gentle person with a constant twinkle in his eyes, always offering a shy "hello" when I see him.

On the way to the bus stop that Sunday, someone jumped him. "I'm gonna get you fag," the basher shouted and punched him to the ground.

The old man could not defend himself; couldn't even begin to try. His face was badly beaten and battered. His dentures were broken. He can't afford new ones. And, save for the timely arrival of a car, he could easily have been killed.

Yes, I know, it goes on all the time, in Madison, in Milwaukee, all over the courntry, the beatings, the murders as our blood is spilled in the streets. But knowing that doesn't make it any easier. The old man is a friend of mine and his pain makes me hurt like hell.

What scares me even more is that my friend's tragedy is only one example of a great, stygian reservoir of prejudice and hate in this country. Nearly everyday, I read or hear people who knowingly or without thought, add more drops to the already vast pool. Unthinking aldermen, judges, Fundamentalist ministers and strident radio talk show hosts contribute their bits.

They never seem to realize that intolerance is a demon. Conjure it up with your words against me and mine and soon, very soon, it will turn on you and yours.

So my friend's pain and mine for him is all of a piece with the desecration of Jewish temples and synagogues and every other kind of prejudice and hate that rise from a miasma of poisoned words, judgements and even tones of voice.

I don't know the answer to it. All I know is that intolerance must not be met with intolerance; judgement must not be met with judgement; hate must not be met with hate nor violence with violence.

Gandhi, I think, was right. Gather the community; practice love (St. Augustine supposedly said, "Love and do what you want.") and practice passive resistance. If there is to be a "kinder, gentler nation", this may be the only way.

#### LETTERS

#### **Commitments**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in support of Lesbian and Gay commitments to long-term relationships. Recently, my partner of 4 years and I decided to formalize our commitment to one another by exchanging rings and verbal expressions of our love and commitment. We chose to celebrate this special occasion privately at a favorite vacation spot, and our weekend was moving and particularly bonding.

What has troubled us since returning, however, has been the equivocal response our announcement has received from our Gay and Lesbian and heterosexual friends alike. There is probably no question that had this been a heterosexual marriage, the fan fare would have been significant and the expressions of congratulations and best wishes would have been automatic and forthcoming.

The news of our union, however, received a lukewarm reception for the most part; which lacked the spontaneity, the joy and the expression of support and confidence that our heterosexual counterparts receive. We surely do not fault our friends as we are clear that they

wish us well. But rather, it appears that our Gay and Lesbian community has little experience with warmly welcoming and celebrating commitments for lasting relationships. Neither are the mechanisms in place to celebrate one another's joy or to encourage one another's partnerships.

In her book, Permanent Partners: Building Gay and Lesbian Relationships That Last, Betty Berzon writes about the "tradition of failure" that undermines Gay and Lesbian relationships. She names the lack of visible evidence of long-term partnerships, coupled with the lack of legal and social supports as additional roadblocks to homosexual unions.

I believe that our newspapers that support Gay and Lesbian issues can play a significant role in providing a structure and format in which to announce and celebrate our unions. Author Berzon suggests that we entreat our community's newspapers to devote a column for newly forming relationships, anniversaries and news of long-lasting commitments as examples of the longevity and strength of our relationships. Such a column will support our successes; will celebrate our love and will help to make us proud.

—Pat Hanson Madison

#### **Mixed Reaction**

TO THE EDITOR:

Your Oct. 18 edition of **Wisconsin Light** was truly a plethora of suggestive articles, many of which beg response.

To Ben-Shalom's all-Gay regiment, Thumbsdown! To Lisa Badner's critique of Brian Kipp, Thumbs-up!

To the author of the article about Among Friends and the Press Gazette on page 9, your fears are totally unjustified. The Wisconsin public accommodations statute prohibits discrimination against specific categories of citizen based on race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, handicap, etc. The law, in this regard, is very specific.

It may come as a surprise, but hate groups, anti-abortion supporters, or any other such are not included within the statute. Therefore, what's the problem? We are denied access precisely because we are Gay/Lesbian. The Press Gazette made no excuses, and in fact they stipulated that we were excluded only because we identified as Lesbian/Gay. Since we are what lawyers call a "suspect category" and intentionally enumerated within the public accommodations statute, and because the State of Wisconsin ruled in a hearing that 1) the law covered papers and 2) we were discriminated against contrary to the law, we had standing to take the Press Gazette to court. But, and I stress this, no alternative main-stream paper ever has to accept any ad if the editor feels the ad is in bad taste, espouses hate, violence, or any political position at odds with the paper's philosophy. These are simply irrelevant to the

Hats off to your editorial!

Jay Hatheway Madison

#### **Passing Silence**

TO THE EDITOR

We come out in force when we feel threatened by the heterosexual community and partake of battle.

We take offense and band together in protest when our rights as human beings and as Gays are being questioned or denied.

We march for those who are fighting for their lives and we hold vigils for those whose lives have perished

have perished.

We parade in efforts to support community pride.

But yet we remain passive, complacent and comfortable when we should be acknowledging and expressing our openness and acceptance in ourselves and our strength within the community as a whole.

National Coming Out Day has once again passed us by in silence. Our own silence. Have we really Come Out to ourselves, one another and to the community? Can we claim acceptance and pride if we remain within our familiar shells — afraid to take the extra step out into the community as a whole? Not chancing to step out of the safe confines of the Gay unit.

How can we expect others to acknowledge our presence, accept us as equals and welcome us as worthwhile contributors to the community as a whole when we fail to do so ourselves?

We will not be welcomed by others until we take that needed step, pushing the door open and stepping out from within.

-Daniel G. Trzebiatowski Milwaukee

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#### POLITICALLY SPEAKING

#### Local and National Election Predictions Are Upon Us Again

By Bill Meunier

Well folks here we go again with another in the seemingly never ending rounds of electoral battles that periodically force at least some of us to take our citizenship seriously. In other words another election is almost upon us. While not pretending to be as skilled a prognosticator as some who get big bucks for predicting electoral trends, (I must not be since I don't get paid for this) I do have some opinions on what is likely to happen at least in some of the races that are or should be of interest to us. For what's it worth here they are (but remember you get what you pay for).

Wisconsin - Wisconsin's Governor's race offers its Gay and Lesbian community a clear choice. Democrat Tom Loftus, has been consistently pro Gay/Lesbian rights, while his opponent incumbent Governor Tommy Thompson, voted against every piece of Lesbian/Gay rights laws proposed while he was in the Legislature. In 1988, Thompson attacked then Governor Tony Earl for appointing a Gay and Lesbian Issues council and for hiring openly Gay staff members.

Thompson has raised a record \$5 million for his re-election effort which is more than the combined total of what he and Earl spent four years ago. Furthermore despite the proven ability of Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community to bring votes, money and hundreds of volunteers into a campaign, Loftus has not made any serious attempts to tap into it, even failing to answer a Wisconsin Light request for an interview.

The upshot of all of this is that Loftus is likely to lose by the biggest margin a Democrat has lost by in Wisconsin since the forties when his party consistently came in third, running behind the Progressives and the Republicans.

The real statewide interest is in the Attorney General's race where incumbent Republican Don Hanaway is opposed by Democrat Jim Doyle. Hanaway is no friend of the Gay community, while Doyle is. Hanaway leads in the polls, but Doyle has now hit the airwaves with some good commercials denouncing Hanaway's record on drugs. The question is can Thompson's landslide pull Hanaway through or will Doyle's last minute media blitz make a difference. This one is too close to call.

Another area of interest is whether or not Thompson's landslide victory will translate into Republican gains in the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate. If it does that could spell trouble for Gays and Lesbians. Lesbian and Gay activists are hoping that our community turns out in force to keep the Democrats in control of both houses of the Legislature.

Wisconsin's congressional delegation should remain unchanged with the possible exception of Congressman Toby Roth. Roth who is one of Congress's most virulent homophobes is in real trouble. His opponent State Senator Jerome Van Sistine has mounted a serious challenge to Roth, who is considered by many to be an ineffective idealogue.

North Carolina Senate — This years political target of America's Gays and Lesbians is Senator Jesse Helms. His opponent is Harvey Gannt former Mayor of Charlotte who is articulate, polished,

honest and intelligent. If Harvey Gannt was running in another state (like Maryland or Massachusetts) he might win big. Unfortunately for Gannt (and the rest of us) he is running in North Carolina

The polls say that Gannt and Helms are neck and neck and some even have Gannt running slightly ahead. Gannt has also managed to match Helms in fundraising over the last three months. No matter what the polls say about the closeness of the race between Gannt and Helms, the South isn't ready for a black U.S. Senator. Gannt has caused some problems for Helms and he has put Helms on the defensive over educational and environmental issues. Furthermore Jesse's redneck message is wearing a little thin with an electorate that is becoming increasingly urbane. It would indeed be ironic if Gannt a black man were to defeat Helms who has opposed nearly every piece of civil rights legislation brought to the Senate, but don't bet the farm on it, because it won't happen.

North Carolina is still part of the South (unless Jesse managed to get them to move it even further away from San Francisco). Last year a black man, Doug Wilder won the Governorship of Virginia. It was supposed to a walk over, but it turned out to be a squeaker, despite Wilder's commanding lead in the pre-election polls and his previous successful campaigns for state wide office. Southern voters not wanting to look bigoted tell the pollsters one thing and do another.

The racism of the South will be too much for Gannt. I fervently hope I am wrong and I will rejoice if I am but I'm afraid that we can all look "forward" or maybe "backward" would be a better word to another six years of Mr. Helms.

New York Governor's Race — This one should be of interest to us because of Governor Cuomo's support for Gay and Lesbian rights, and his potential Presidential bid in 1994. 'President Cuomo' would be the most sympathetic President the Gay and Lesbian community has ever seen.

A landslide victory in New York would give Cuomo a springboard for a 1992 Presidential bid. The GOP is clearly worried about Cuomo and has sent several hatchet men to New York to attack him. Their efforts will prove to be too little too late. A disorganized Republican campaign, lackluster opponents and Cuomo's popularity with the voters will deliver to him a victory margin not seen in New York since the days of Nelson Rockefeller.

California - Governor The California Governor's race pits Democrat, Diane Feinstein against Republican Senator Pete Wilson. Feinstein the former Mayor of San Francisco is clearly pro Gay/Lesbian, while Wilson is a tough talking conservative. Lesbian/Gay issues have not (at least on the surface) played a significant role in the campaign. Feinstein is trailing in all of the polls although she is within striking distance. Feinstein's advisors have employed a dangerous strategy in allowing her to be the issue in the campaign.

Both candidates have sufficient funds and well organized campaigns. Wilson's main advantage is that has run and won statewide races in the past. Feinstein really needed to score big in her televised debates with Wilson, but failed to do so. The GOP will hold onto to the Governor's mansion in California.

Illinois - Senator Incumbent Senator Paul Simon has faced a stiff challenge from challenger Lynn Martin. Simon a definite friend of the Lesbian/Gay community has gotten stronger as the race has worn on, so much so that Martin is being mentioned as a possible replacement for GOP Chairman Lee Atwater. Atwater is suffering from a brain tumor.

One fly in the ointment for Simon, however, is the emergence of the Washington Party in Chicago. Founded by Chicago Alderman Timothy Evans to back his mayoral bid, and build a black political movement, the party is named after the late Mayor Harold Washington. The Washington Party was at first denied a place on the ballot in Cook County, the only County in which it fielded candidates in. A federal judge ordered that its candidates must be placed on the ballot. Democrats fear is that blacks who normally vote the straight Democratic ticket will vote the straight Washington Party ticket and ignore the Statewide races. Some say that this could cost the Democrats as much as 2 or 3% of their statewide vote, making it difficult for them win in the tight race for Governor and making the Senate race closer.

US Congress - A few months ago the Republicans were taking about making gains in the Senate, now a gulf crisis and budget crisis later they are worried about losing seats. Despite their attacks on the Democrats for causing the budget crisis, the GOP may lose several senators.

Besides Helms, Republican incumbents in several states especially Mark Hatfield in Oregon and Boschwitz in Minnesota are reported to be in trouble. Boschwitz's troubles were worsened when the GOP candidate for Governor withdrew from the race on the heels of allegations that he tried to get two teen-age girls to swim with him sans clothes. On the Democratic Side Senator Larkin of lowa is running neck and neck with his challenger.

The voters while angry at Congress don't seem to buying the President's Bush's attacks on the Democrats. They don't understand how Bush can propose a budget deal, beg the Democrats to support it and then attack them for doing so when its election time. Furthermore the Democrats are making hay by attacking Bush for proposing a budget that increased taxes on the middle class while he refused to increase them for the wealthy. The biggest loser of all in this election could turn out to be Bush. He has campaigned hard for Republicans but has had little effect. Many Republicans are backing away from him now that his popularity ratings are taking a nose dive.

When all the hoopla is over with it will make little difference to us on a national level. We will probably lose of a friends, but gain some new ones. On a state level, there could be significant changes depending on the size of the Thompson victory and the length of his coat tails.

Remember to vote and remember that last month the Wisconsin Republican Party put out a brochure outlining their differences with the Democrats and guess what one of those differences was? You got it, the Democrats support Gay and Lesbian rights. They said it themselves folks. Keep that in mind when you vote.

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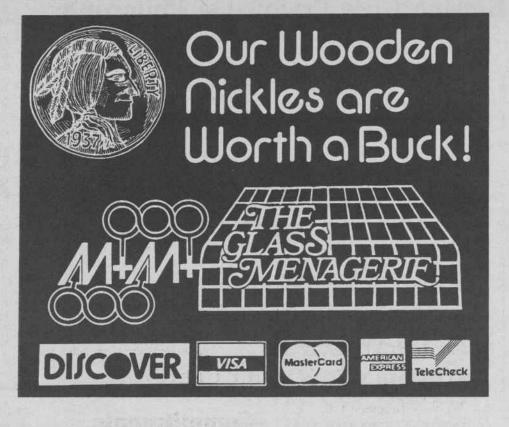
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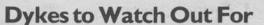
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#### Maxine Feldman To MC Kissing Girls Nov. 17 Madison Variety Show

[Madison]- Kissing Girls Productions (KGP) is thrilled to be bringing Madison's 5th Annual Lesbian Variety Show, "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls 5", to the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave., Madison at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, 1990.

But first, let us tell you why we're so excited. One reason is that we have an entire weekend of events lined up for all you wonderful dykes and womyn friends. Here's our weekend line- up:

Friday, 11/16 KGP is proud to showcase in its own special forum, a fun and vibrant Opening to the Lesbian Art Show from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison. The artwork will continue to be on display until 9:00 p.m.

Friday, 11/16 KGP will be producing some of the best Lesbian poets around at the Lesbian Poetry Reading, running concurrently with the Art Show at the Senior Center from 7-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, 11/17 KGP will continue its exhibit of Lesbian Artwork at the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 11/17 The BIG SHOW at the Barrymore! And do we have a surprise for you... Maxine Feldman will do the honors of being our Special Guest MC! And of course, you'll be entertained by an incredible array of Lesbian talent. The evening promises to be magical!

Sunday, 11/18 Maxine Aft-Feldman will present: "Womyn's Music History — An Afternoon With Max" at the Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Ave., Madison from 2:00-4:00 p.m. There's a sliding fee scale at the door of \$5-\$10. Entrance to this event is NOT included with your Variety Show ticket.

Tickets for the Variety Show are \$10 and go on sale at: A Room Of One's Own, the Barrymore Theatre, and Whole Earth on Nov. 1st. Out of town mail order purchases can be made until Nov. 9. Mail your check payable to "Kissing Girls Productions, Inc." for \$10 per ticket, to LVS, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Include SASE. Get your tickets early...this show sells out fast.

This year, your ticket to "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls 5" will include admission to all of our weekend events (except Sunday afternoon with Max). Please be prepared to show your ticket at the door of the other events...but, hold onto them for the Sat. night show!

If you miss out on an opportunity to get tickets to "THE SHOW", please join us at the Art Show and the Poetry Reading. Admission is \$2 and all womyn are welcome. And, of course, Max on Sunday is \$5-\$10...sliding scale.

Also, please look for donation tins at all the weekend functions. We desperately need your help to pull this weekend extravaganza off... and more importantly, to continue our new tradition of awarding annual Kissing Girls Cultural Arts Grants. Lesbian artists need support from their community, because they're not going to get it anywhere else. We all need YOU!



Halloween was again celebrated with style throughout Wisconsin. Here, the winners of Milwaukee's This Is It bar costume contest are shown, with bar owner, Joe, at far right.

#### MAP and Milwaukee Ballet to Host Nov. 10 Benefit Reception

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Milwaukee Ballet will co-host a benefit reception on Nov. 10, 1990 in the Performing Arts Center's Magin Lounge. Donations for the reception, which will benefit programs at MAP, are \$15 per person.

The reception will follow the Saturday evening performance of the Milwaukee Ballet's Nov. 8-11 three-ballet series which includes "Of Rage and Remembrance," a ballet inspired by the Names Project AIDS quilt. The ballet addresses the AIDS epidemic and its effect on humanity. Tim Hess, 1990 Wisconsin AIDS Walk Co- Chair, will perform in this ballet.

Sponsored by Miller Brewing Company, the reception will feature Kathryn Posin, choreographer, who was commissioned by the Milwaukee Ballet to create "Of Rage and Remembrance," and will be an opportunity to meet many of the evening's dancers.

People are encouraged to purchase tickets for the ballet and reception

through a special order form available from MAP by calling (414) 273-1991. In addition to the proceeds from the reception, for every ticket purchased through this special order form, 20% of the sale will be donated by the Milwaukee Ballet to MAP.

"The Milwaukee Ballet Company deserves the highest praise for producing this world premiere ballet on AIDS and for dedicating a portion of the performance proceeds to MAP," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP. "The Ballet and the Saturday evening reception promises to be an inspiring evening. Once again, we are very grateful to the Miller Brewing Company for underwriting the costs of the benefit reception.

The Milwaukee Ballet's November 8-11 series also features the Milwaukee premiere of Milwaukee Ballet Artistic Director Dane LaFontsee's work "Underlight," and "Who Cares?" a work by George Balanchine, which is put to the music of George Gershwin.

#### **Kissing Girls Production Philosophy**

KGP has decided to remain committed to our original intent of bringing both Lesbian variety and emotional safety to our audience. This means that ALL Womyn are welcome to attend the show.

However, we will not knowingly produce any S/M activities, racist, ageist, able-ist or other material that we perceive as denigrating to womyn.

The S/M issue, in particular, has been a very painful and divisive issue for the Lesbian Community... the dialogue needs to continue. The forum for that needs to be other than the Lesbian Variety Show. We do not want to produce such material. However, we would encourage womyn involved in S/M activities to find another avenue to share these activities with womyn who knowingly and consciously choose to participate either in the show or

as audience members.

We are fully aware that this decision will cause some of us to be alienated from one another, for that we are sorry. However, we are also aware that we will not and cannot possibly please 800 or more Lesbians... because we are still so diverse. All we ask is that you trust the fact that we have been very thoughtful in our decision making process.

We hope that whether or not you completely agree with our decision... you will still give us your support. There is still a great deal of latitude for diversity, creativity, and humor. It's generally worked for four years, we remain hopeful for the fifth. Please know that we try, we try hard. We do this for ourselves and we do it for you. Thanks!

## Ever Want to Do-Si-Do Your Partner At the M&M? Here's Your Chance!

[Milwaukee]- It's exciting, wild and crazy! You now can fulfill your most wonderful fantasy about doing a Do-Si-Do with the man or woman of your dreams! A Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Square Dancing Group is being organized. A planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 6, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. on the second floor of M&M's (124 N. Water St., Milwaukee). The purpose of the meeting is to set up a group that will plan, publicize and organize a weekly square dancing class and a monthly square dance party.

The first monthly "open" party will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 25, 1990 at 4:00 p.m. in the banquet room of the M&M Club. Our caller will be Buford Thingvold, an associate member of Caller Lab, the nationally recognized certifying organization. The cost will be \$3 per participant. Buford will lead us through some of the very basic steps — so all skill levels are welcome.

There is no gender-specific role in Gay Square- Dancing, Gay men and Lesbians are both encouraged to attend. Several dancers from the Chi-Town Squares will join us as "helping Angels" and to

demonstrate some stylized Gay moves.

Milwaukee GAMMA has agreed to serve as a start-up facilitator for this activity. There are 35 active Square Dancing clubs and annual conventions for Gay men, Lesbians and their friends in the U.S. and Canada. The Chi-Town Squares write, "Today, we have square dancing with disco overtones... hoots and hollers... Rockette kicks... Gay styling."

The nucleus of the new Milwaukee

group began after a fun-filled Sunday afternoon of dancing and demonstrations hosted by M&M and featuring the Chi-Town Squares. Call Ron at M's (347-1962) or Bob at GAMMA (963-9833) if you have any questions — or if you want to help with the new club — but are tied up on November sixth.

#### Madison's Jade to Appear at Room Of One's Own

[Madison]- There will be a reception/book signing for Jade, author of To Know: A Guide to Women's Magic and Spirituality, at A Room Of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson St., on Monday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Jade, a Madisonian, is a Witch who has been an organizer in the Women's Spirituality Movement since 1975. She co-founded Of a Like Mind, an international newspaper and network for spiritual women, as well as the Re-formed Congregation of the Goddess, the first legally recognized religion serving the women's spiritual community. Her new book, To Know, explains the who, what, where and why of Women's Magic and Spirituality.

Womyn in Support of Political Prisoners meets every Wednesday in Memorial Union in Madison from 7:30-9:00 p.m. See Today In The Union for location.

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## Queer Nation Doesn't Expect To Change Minds — Only Behaviors

By Jim Roche

The Advocate continues to push their agenda of Gay/Lesbian assimilation based on monetary standing — let's buy our way into acceptability. Dave Walters has even called for Lesbian and Gay groups to stop opposing ROTC programs, as ROTC, he says, gives closeted Lesbians and Gay men a way to serve their country.

The Advocate and similar Lesbian/Gay publications continually complain about the use of the words "fag", "homo" and "queer" which a new breed of activist uses to describe itself.

In cities like New York, where a call went up to boycott the Gay New York Native and in Washington where ACT-UP occupied the offices of the Washington Blade, the Lesbian and Gay press is under attack from activist groups who want to make it clear that there is no going back

The new group, Queer Nation's (QN), call is "We're Here! We're queer! We're Fabulous! Get Used to It!" QN's T-shirts have left behind the "Maybe Gay-Maybe Not" slogans of ACT-UP like "Silence=Death" and demand visibility with words that leave very little to be imagined or questioned. They scream out "Queer", "Fag" and there is a map of America with the words, "Queer Nation" written across it. There's a T-shirt warning that from now on, "Queers Bash Back."

QN has started to catch on. There are now QN groups in Boston, Washington,

San Francisco, Rhode Island, Ithaca, Philadelphia, Montreal and England. QN-Philadelphia has even called for a Queer Nation Constitutional Convention to be held there next year.

Some Lesbians and Gay men fear that QN's tactics may result in a "straight backlash." Some fear that it is already happening. But QN has more in store.

They have visited New Jersey malls (and those in Seattle and San Francisco) for "the Queer Shopping Network." They have welcomed Greg Louganis to Macy's and almost weekly invade some local New York straight bar to hold a kiss-in. QN has decided that, whether Middle America likes it or not, it's time to stand up and be counted.

These actions aren't absurd or new as some would have us believe. They reflect the same techniques used by Blacks who refused to move to the back of the bus, marched into small restaurants and ordered coffee and drank from fountains that said "Whites Only."

QN's actions are meant to antagonize. They are meant to put Gay and Lesbian rights, pride and visibility first, Over and above coalitions, assimilation or satisfying those in power.

QN's position is that they aren't willing to negotiate or wait and they don't care what you think. QN will fight back, kick holler and scream. They don't intend to change minds. They only intend to change behaviors. As one member said, "All we want to do is hold our lover's hand in public."

## Station II, Jet's Place Bars Collect \$1,500 for MAP Food Pantry

[Milwaukee]- In mid- September, the Sunday Green Bay Packer Club at Station II bar in Milwaukee started a collection of money to purchase food for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) Food Pantry.

In the last six weeks, Station II has collected more than \$1,000 in donations for the Pantry. Nightengales and Leaded Shade II (formerly the Alternative) have accepted challenges from Station II and have also begun collecting donations.

MAP thanks Shirley Fitzpatrick and all the bars and organizations who have taken on the challenge of meeting the dietary needs of HIV positive individuals including Jet's who donated \$500 in money and in-kind items for the Food Pantry through their annual fashion show.

Jet's will also be holding a "Turkey Bowl" benefit for MAP on Friday, November 23 from 8:00 to Midnight. To put it mildly, this is unique.

A bowling lane will be set

A bowling lane will be set up in the bar, but instead of balls, participants will bowl frozen turkeys. The cost is \$5 for four frames with one half going for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and the other half going to MAP. Jet's also encourages everyone to bring in items for the Food Pantry at any time.

The MAP Food Pantry has given out more than 18,000 bags of groceries and personal hygiene items in the past year and a half. More than 100 people use the Pantry each month and projections are that more than 300 people will be using the Pantry this time next year. The many financial and food donations given to MAP help to meet this need.

For information on donating to MAP's Food Pantry or accessing its services, call Christina Kotlowski, social worker at MAP at (414) 273-1991.

#### Pride Committee Sponsors Midwest Confab in March

[Milwaukee]- The International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators Conference was held in Minneapolis, October 4-7, 1990 and was attended by approximately 130 people from the U.S. and Canada.

Gary Wells and Steve A. were the representatives from the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC). They attended 9 workshops and have come back with a plethora of ideas that will make Pride Week '91 an even bigger celebration.

The International Theme as voted on by those attending the Conference is "TOGETHER IN PRIDE."

Wells was also elected to be one of the two representatives from the Midwest region to the International Board of Directors, along with Larry Koenig of Minneapolis.

The Minneapolis Pride Committee and MLGPC will be co-sponsoring a Midwest Regional Pride Organizers conference to be held in Milwaukee in March, 1991. The site for the conference is the downtown Wisconsin Hotel.

As part of the program, Wisconsin In Step and Wisconsin Light and Annabelle Havlicek of Havlicek and Associates will be doing a reprise of "Getting The Word Out" discussing the ins and outs of publishing in the Lesbian/Gay Community.

#### Jewish Groups To Meet Dec. 14-16 In Dallas

[Dallas, TX]- Congregation Beth El Binah is proud to announce the first Southwestern Regional Conference of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish organizations. The Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas, December 14, 15, 16, 1990. The theme of the Conference will be "On Being Gay, Lesbian and Jewish."

There will be a variety of topics discussed, guest speakers, Havdalah and Shabbat services. The Conference will be both educational as well as present individuals an opportunity to meet other Gay and Lesbian Jews from throughout the country. All those interested in attending, please call (214) 840-3553 or write: Congregation Beth El Binah, P.O. Box 64460, Dallas TX 75206.

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#### "Where Are We Going?" Speak Out Draws Standing Room Crowd

[Milwaukee]- On Tuesday evening, October 30, 1990, the Lambda Rights Network (LRN) sponsored a Community Speak Out titled "Where Are We Going? A Look at Lesbian and Gay Life in Milwaukee." The Speak Out was held in the banquet room of the M&M Club and was attended by approximately 75 persons.

A panel of people representing nine organizations participated. Included were Scott Gunkel of LRN, Gary Wells of the Milwaukee Pride Committee, Warren Breitlow of the Cream City Foundation, Kitty Barber of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Mike Lisowski of Gay Youth Milwaukee, W. Michael Ross of Black and White Men Together, Christopher Fons of ACT UP/Milwaukee, Steve Byers of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Jeff Wellhoeffer of the Gay/Lesbian Community at UW-M and Jan Gruner of Grapevine.

Each member of the panel spoke for about three minutes and then were questioned by Ron Geiman of In Step, Jamakaya of Wisconsin Light and members of the audience.

A vigorous discussion took place, primarily over hate crimes, but also including a discussion of the need for unity in the Lesbian/Gay community.

According to Gunkel, another such

forum is being planned that will center of the subject of hate crimes and anti-Lesbian/Gay violence.

#### Ripon College Support Group Meets Weekly

[Ripon, WI]- The Ripon College Gay community is invited to participate in a weekly support group which will allow Gay and Lesbian students to discuss problems associated with leading an alternative lifestyle in a conservative community.

Gay and Lesbian students will be able to meet and talk with others who have experienced problems or pain associated with the homophobia present in the Ripon community and in society in general. The group will also discuss difficulties in accepting one's own sexuality as well as problems concerning "coming out" to one's parents and friends. Anonymity and privacy are guaranteed.

If you have any questions or concerns about your sexuality or if you are Gay and would like to help someone else by sharing your experience, please contact Sherry Lynch (college counselor) at 748-8312 for further information.

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For further information, please call Annabelle Havlicek at (414) 271-5819.

#### Your Freedom Depends on It! Vote Tues., Nov. 6

#### **Patrick White**

Patrick Victor Martindale White, the distinguished Australian writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1973, died on September 30, 1990 at his home in Sydney. He was 78. White, a Gay man, is survived by his partner of 45 years, Manoly Lascaris.

White was born in London while his parents were vacationing, but he was raised on a sheep ranch in Australia. He attended Cambridge University and served as an intelligence officer for the Royal Air Force in the Middle East during World War II. After the war, he returned to Australia to travel and write.

Among White's many novels and collections of short stories are Happy Valley, The Aunt's Story, The Tree of Man, Riders in the Charlot and, perhaps his best known, The Eye of the Storm.

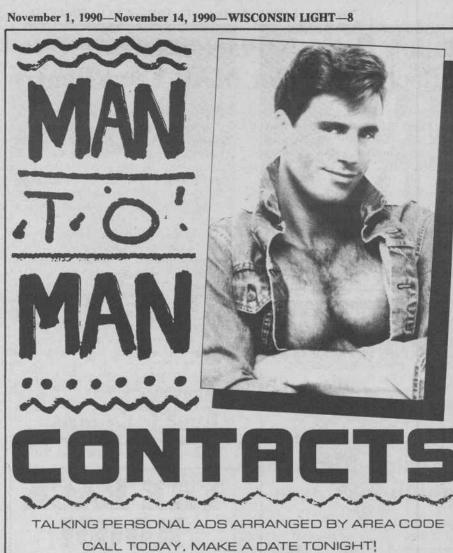
White published his autobiography, Flaws in the Glass: A Self- Portrait, in 1981. Writing in the Gay Book of Days, Martin Greif recommended Flaws in the Glass to anyone who wants to "understand how the Gay experience, in the hands of a master craftsman, can be transformed into great art."

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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.

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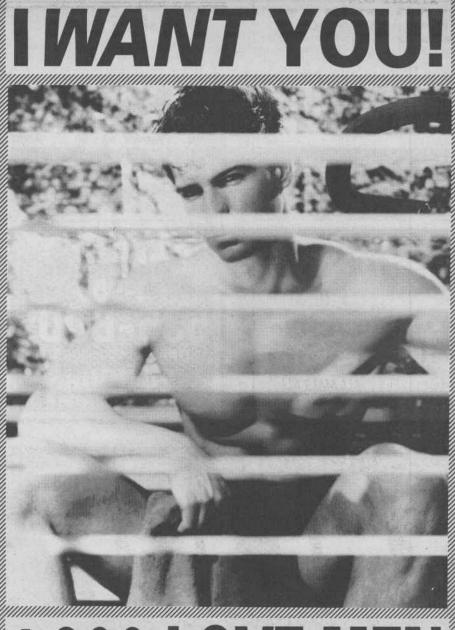


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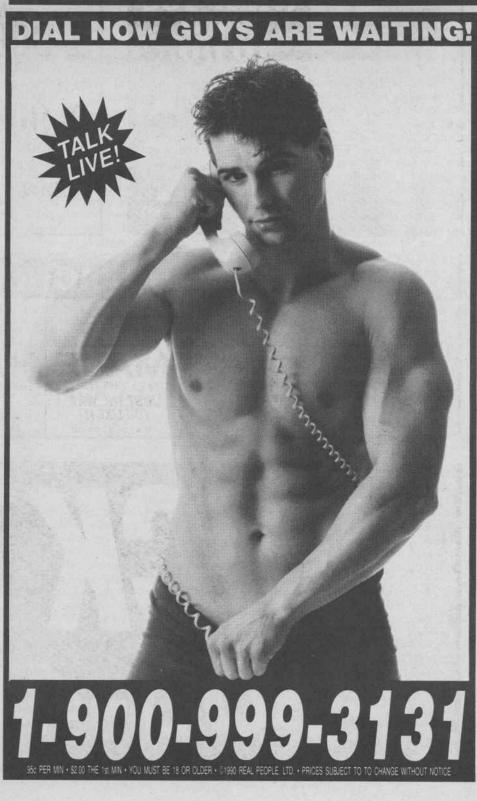
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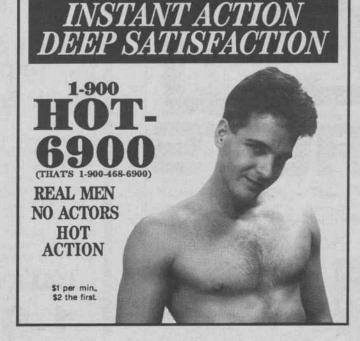
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#### Without a Proper Will the State Decides Who Inherits Your Estate

By Deb Procknow

Do you have a Will? If you were to become incapacitated, do you know who will take over your finances? Do you know who will make health care decisions for you if you can't? Everyone should be asking themselves these three questions, especially Lesbians and Gay men. If you have answered "NO" to any of the above questions, you have given up your right to make critical personal choices. As unpleasant as thinking about the possibility of illness, injury or death may be, planning for these possibilities is self-protection, as well as protection for your partner.

In a series of articles, I will try to familiarize Wisconsin Light readers with various documents used in making plans for the future. I will begin by discussing the one most people have some familiarity with, the Will.

A Will is a legal document that provides for a particular distribution of property when the owner dies. If you die without a Will, called dying "intestate," the State of Wisconsin will distribute your property according to a statutory scheme. This is called "intestate succession." Under intestate succession only relatives of the deceased receive anything from the estate. A relative is defined as related by blood, by adoption or by State licensed marriage. There are no provisions for life partners or friends in intestate succession.

A Lesbian or Gay man who dies without a Will, may be putting a partner, as well as friends, in a terrible situation. In addition to the grief from the loss, there may be a pitched battle in court to deal with. Just who owned a piece of property could very well be the subject of prolonged litigation. This kind of litigation will take a tremendous toll on the estate, and on the surviving partner and friends. If the deceased were the sole owner of the house shared with the partner, that partner might well find himself or herself literally out on the street.

If you are now convinced to get a Will drafted, do not make the mistake of using a do-it-yourself book. You may save some

money now, but you risk having your Will declared void or, at the very least, you may cause your estate to lose assets defending your homemade Will. A Will is a legal document which must contain all the provisions required by State law. It must also conform to very strict requirements on witnesses. Most importantly, your Will must stand against a challenge in probate.

Probate is the court proceeding where your Will is proven valid or invalid. After the probate court is satisfied that your Will is valid, it will direct your personal representative, formally known as executor, to see to it that the estate is inventoried, any taxes or debts are paid, and the property is distributed according to the Will.

Lesbians and Gay men are well aware that their sexual orientation has often led to rejection by their families of origin. Some families systematically deny not only the lifestyle, but the existence and significance of a life partner. Therefore, it is critical for Lesbians and Gay men to have their Wills drafted by a capable attorney who understands their situation.

Two of the primary challenges to the validity of a Will are incompetence and duress. An incompetent is legally incapable of having a Will drafted. If a person had their Will drafted a certain way because of threats or pressure, duress, that Will is legally invalid. Not only can your attorney advise you as to the law and draft your Will to conform to the technical and legal requirements, that attorney will also be able to certify that you were competent and acting voluntarily.

In summary, everyone should have a Will drafted by a capable and understanding attorney. If you die without a Will, your property will go to your relatives. If you want to decide what happens to your property after your death, you need to have a Will drafted. Having an attorney draft your Will saves money in the long run and reduces the likelihood of a successful challenge to that Will.

#### Madison Interfaith Committee Plans Holiday Spiritual Retreat

[Madison]- People with AIDS or HIV infection can experience difficult times during the Holiday Season said Rev. E. Ellwood Carey, pastor of Parkside Presbyterian Church and member of the Madison Interfaith Committee on AIDS/HIV Ministries

"At Peace with the Holidays" is the theme of an ecumenical retreat where participants will be able to explore their own spirituality while discussing the upcoming holiday season in small groups. People of all religious or spiritual traditions are encouraged to attend. Caretakers, close family members and friends are also welcome.

St. Benedict Center, the Wisconsin

Conference of Churches AIDS Task Force, Integrity/Dignity of Madison, the American Red Cross and Damien Ministries are working together to plan this retreat.

The overnight retreat will cost \$50 per

The overnight retreat will cost \$50 per person, but participants who are HIV-positive will be able to attend without charge. Checks to register for the retreat or sponsor someone who has the HIV infection should be made out to "St. Benedict Center/AIDS Retreat." For more information, write to George Hinger at the St. Benedict Center, P.O. Box 5070, Madison, 53705 or call him at (608) 836-1631.

#### Entries Sought For 1991 Pride Week Logo

[Milwaukee]- The 1991 Pride Theme "Together in Pride," will be the central focus of the Logo Contest sponsored by the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC).

MLGPC is looking for a logo built on the 1991 theme for next year's pride events. The logo will be utilized in all media, advertisements, etc. and will be featured on 1991 merchandising.

"Together in Pride" has endless possibilities — considering the many talented graphic artists within our community. Interested participants should submit a quality copy of their interpretation of the 1991 Pride theme, along with a brief biography of themselves and a synopsis of their idea to: MLGPC, P.O. Box 93582, Milwaukee, WI 53203. The deadline is December 15, 1990.

A decision on the winner will be announced shortly after January 1, 1991. If you have questions call 32-PRIDE.

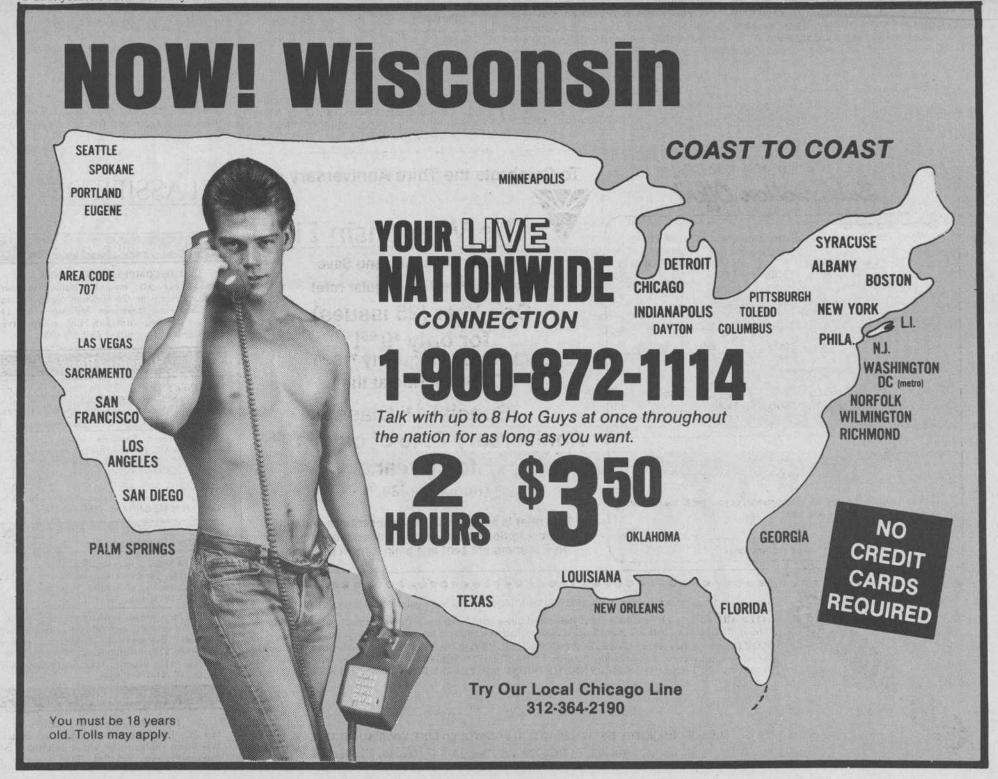
The winner of the 1991 Pride Theme Logo Contest will be presented an award at the 1991 Pride Rally.

#### GAMMA Celebrates 12 Yrs. With Banquet

[Milwaukee]- GAMMA, Milwaukee's Athletic and Social Organization, celebrates its 12th birthday with a social hour, banquet and annual meeting on Friday, November 2, 1990. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Miller Inn, 4251 W. State St. The Miller Brewing Company is our host for the social hour. The banquet will feature a chicken and roast beef buffet.

The short business meeting will include the election of four Board members to serve for two years, a discussion of the goals of the organization, and a decision concerning a "Paint-Ball" session this Winter. Beau Beaumont, a co-star with Jeff Stryker, has been invited to join in the party. Non-members are welcome to attend at \$10 each. Call Bob at 963-9833 for reservations.

Milwaukee GAMMA began with a November banquet in 1978 and is one of the oldest Gay social/athletic groups in the country. Activities for November will include Volleyball, Square Dancing, Game Night, dining out and a trip to watch the Wave Soccer team.





Brittany Morgan, Toni and Pede Daniels, the owner of Miss Continental Milwaukee Contest, were found at Ces't La Vie in Milwaukee celebrating Halloween. Brittany dressed as Bambi, a la Thunder

#### JC's Rainbow Bar Opens In Milwaukee on South Sixth Street

[Milwaukee]- There's a new Gay bar opening in Milwaukee - or more accurately, will be open by the time we're

JC's Rainbow Bar opens November 1, 1990. It is located at 1414 South 6th St. in Milwaukee's South Side.

According to Wade, the manager of the bar, while the Grand Opening isn't planned for some 30 days, the bar will be humming with activity well before then.

For example, there will be a Sunday beer bust which will be repeated every Monday. Tuesday will be pizza night

while Thursdays will be Levi/Leather night. And those are only examples of the good times.

The bar will be open at 11:00 a.m. every day with Happy Hour from 3:00 to 7:00

Opening day, Nov. 1st, will see dollar rail and wine and fifty cent draft beer all day. There will also be vegie and other snacks available.

Wade said security for patrons will be ample with a bouncer and a well lighted, secure parking lot next door.

#### Fashion, Entertainment, Auction **Highlight MAP Benefit at Skylight**

[Milwaukee]- You are invited to participate in the festivities on Sunday, November 18, 1990 at the Skylight Opera Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson St. in Milwaukee. A reception, art exhibition (sponsored by Art Muscle Magazine )and silent auction will begin at 2:00 p.m.

A fashion-entertainment production will follow at 3:00 p.m. featuring The Great Lakes Opera, the Skylight Opera, The Milwaukee Ballet School and Neal Gittleman of the Milwaukee Symphony. Included in the presentation are clothing fashions from Valentina's, Tres Bon,

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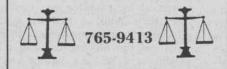


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Cost for the weekend is \$69 for accommodations plus \$15 additional for food/or each man may bring a bag of groceries to share with the community. For more information call (312) 604-4410 or send a SASE to P.O. Box 2547, Chicago, IL 60690.

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There will be DJ's and a cash bar. The cost is \$2 at the door. Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays and friends are welcome. Wear your best black and white.

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## Wisconsin Lightstyles



#### Wisconsin's Inn at Pine Ridge Offers Women Quiet Get-a-Way In the North Woods

By Maytee Aspuro

The Inn at Pine Ridge, owned and operated by Joanne McGibbon and Charlotte Gervais, offers women from Wisconsin and surrounding states an ideal place to escape from the daily pressures of be-ing.

Less than two and a half hours north of Madison and 30 minutes south of Eau Claire, the Pine Ridge is nestled amongst the Jackson County farmlands. The Black River State Forest is nearby and the surrounding area offers canoeing, cross country skiing, bicycling, hiking, fishing and golf. I was a radical guest and chose to do nothing.

Built at the turn of the century, the Inn is "country comfortable." The interior is complete with finely crafted hardwoods. The front parlor is home to a brick fireplace. Decorated in antiques, with an exceptional collection of children's books and games, as well as stuffed animals, Joanne and Charlotte have purposely and creatively designed a unique and delightful atmosphere for adults to play and have fun. I found myself toying with an antique children's picture wood block puzzle and reading an award-winning children's book. (The books are all scrutinized for positive depictions of girls, feminine gendered animals and adult and older women.)

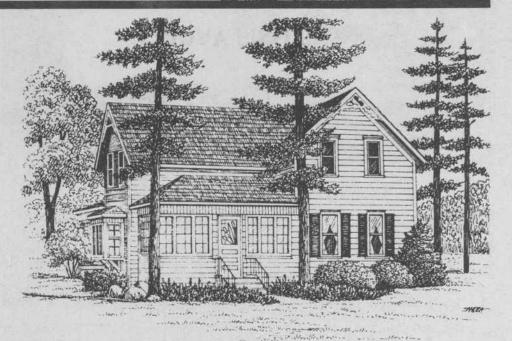
The Inn accommodates up to eight guests. The woman-only rule is flexible if the Inn is reserved in total. Rates for a

single room vary from \$35-\$50 and \$60-\$75 for a double with discounts for extended stays. All rooms share a bath. Guests are also encouraged to use their sauna.

I slept in two different rooms during my stay. The single/small double is more than comfortable for one, but I hesitate to recommend it for tall or large couples as I would any full-size bed accommodations. The queen double room is large and comfortable with a gentle view of the front yard. During all four nights of my stay, I buried myself in the down pillows, sleeping long and deeply.

Included with the room is a breakfast/brunch designed to satiate the hungriest appetites. During my stay, the menu was never the same. Each meal included fruit juice and coffee. The latter either a blend of Almond Nut and Columbian or a water-processed decaf. With fresh, home-made bakery (coffee cake, muffins or popovers), a fruit plate (three of the following: kiwi, banana, grapefruit, pear, peach or grapes), a hot multi-grain cereal, an entree (vegetable omelet, broccoli quich, Spanish omelet, blitzes) and an assortment of high quality condiments (pure maple syrup, warmed raw honey, brown sugar, etc.), there was not an unhappy face nor empty tummy at the table. A long walk was a personal prerequisite before I could once again

Needless to say, the Pine Ridge is



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highly recommended. You will be doing yourself a great favor by visiting. Joanne and Charlotte have succeeded in creating "a place for women in-between destinations." In addition to being applauded for their efforts, they deserve out support.

Two final notes. The Inn is a smoke-free environment and is home to one resident cat who charmed this dog lover into providing extended tickling behind her ears.

Reservations can be made by calling (715) 984-2272 or writing: Inn at Pine Ridge, Rte 1, Box 28, Hixton, WI 54635.

### Fiction of Lesbian Experience Sought

[New York, NY]- Amethyst Press will now be entering the Lesbian market and is actively seeking fiction manuscripts that deal with the Lesbian experience. Proposals should include a cover letter, synopsis and sample stories or chapters. If accepted, complete manuscripts will be requested.

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