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The Wisconsin Light

Helms Complaint Pursued Against AIDS Groups

[Washington, D.C.]—ACT UP Washington, D.C. reports that the Federal Election Commission (FEC) has renewed pursuit of a complaint against a small number of Gay, Lesbian and AIDS groups who organized a boycott of Miller beer and Marlboro cigarettes, two products of Philip Morris Companies, Inc. At issue were the corporation's donations to the re-election campaign of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and a \$200,000 gift toward the building of a Helms Museum scheduled to open near Monroe, NC in 1992.

The original complaint, filed on August 6, 1990, by "Re-Elect Jesse Helms," an arm of the Conservative Campaign Fund, alleges that, by organizing the boycott, ACT UP/DC, ACT UP/San Francisco, the Dallas Gay Alliance, the Tarrant County Gay Alliance, Nancy Solomon and Michael Petrelis violated provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

On February 8, 1991, the FEC issued factual and legal analyses taking the position that there is "reason to believe" that the oral and written communications of the activists constituted "express advocacy" for the defeat of Helms by attempting to remove a major source of his funding. At this stage, the complaints against Solomon and Petrelis are not being pursued.

ACT UP/DC reports that ACT UP will continue its "demand for corporate accountability from Philip Morris." This includes protests against the "Bill of Rights" tour sponsored by the company in its various stops around the country.

Several members of ACT UP, it is reported, have become Philip Morris shareholders and plan to "make their displeasure known" at the corporation's annual meeting on April 25 in Richmond, VA.

Bush Challenged On AIDS Budget By Human Rights Campaign Fund

[Washington, DC]—The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay and AIDS political organization, has charged the Bush Administration with abandoning AIDS volunteers and people with HIV-infection.

The organization's executive director, Tim McFeeley, was sharply critical of President Bush's budget proposal which includes less than \$2 billion for AIDS programs in the Public Health Service. "Unfortunately, the Administration is running away from the reality on AIDS. We believe every dollar spent today on fighting AIDS will save millions of dollars later in lost productivity, spiraling medical and insurance costs and, most importantly, tens of thousands of human lives," McFeeley said.

"Each hour of every day, four American families lose a loved one to AIDS. A state of emergency exists and ignoring it will not make it go away," he stated. "The president's failure to recommend full-funding of the Ryan White CARE Act ties the hands of tens of thousands of American volunteers struggling with the AIDS epidemic," McFeeley said.

McFeeley challenged the assumption that the government is spending too much on AIDS, stating that "if we can afford a station in far off space, we can afford medication for people who live around the corner in every city of our country." McFeeley noted that AIDS is now the leading cause of non-accidental death among American men between the ages of 25 and 44, surpassing heart disease, cancer, suicide and homicide. Among women in that age group, AIDS is expected to rank among the five leading causes of death this year.

"We support greater spending on research into AIDS, cancer, heart disease

State Hate Crimes Law Tested In Appleton Trial



Vincent Van Gogh is played by Tim Roth in the film "Vincent and Theo" which opens March 8 at Milwaukee's Downer Theater. (See a review of the film on page 6).

President Bush Names M.A.P. 383rd 'Daily Point of Light'

[Milwaukee]—On Tuesday, February 19, 1991, President George Bush named the volunteers of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) as the 383rd "Daily Point of Light."

"This is a well-deserved honor to our very special volunteer staff, and everyone else associated with MAP," said Lynn Syverson, director of Volunteer Resources.

and all of America's health care priorities. Spending on health care produces results that expand the whole world's knowledge base and our ability to effectively combat disease," McFeeley stated.

"AIDS is a communicable disease, and the potential expansion of the AIDS virus cannot be ignored. We have already seen the toll that ignorance takes. The government's failure to spend adequate funds on education, research and treatment today will bring an even more substantial expense down the line," McFeeley said.

"This is not the time to put the brakes on AIDS spending, just as our investment in research is beginning to pay off. We must continue to increase research, so that scientists can explore every avenue opened up by the research done so far," McFeeley stated.

Women's Support Phone Line To Start

[Madison]—According to The United's newsletter, the organization's board has committed the agency to establishing a new information and support line specifically to serve the Lesbian community.

During the past year, board members found that the existing Gay and Lesbian phone line was not what women preferred. Lesbians expressed more comfort with talking to other women for support, information and referral.

The new line will be staffed entirely by Lesbians, while the existing service will continue to be operated by Gay men and any women who choose to participate.

Please call the United's office at 255-8582 if you want to be a phone line volunteer.

The President recognizes a "Daily Point of Light" six days a week. According to a description provided by the White House, "Daily Points of Light" are those who successfully address our most pressing social problems through direct and consequential acts of community service.

The White House states that the "Daily Points of Light" recognition is intended not only to honor those who are making a difference in the lives of those in need, but more importantly, to urge every individual, family, business and other institutions to make serving others central to their life work.

All volunteers and employees of MAP and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project have truly learned that they do make a difference.

"Volunteers are the backbone to all that we do at MAP," said Doug Nelson, MAP executive director. "Currently, more than 400 volunteers provide support, time and their expertise to MAP's programs and clients."

Individuals interested in becoming a volunteer with MAP should call the Volunteer Resources Department at (414) 273-1991.

Veterans Group Forming Milwaukee Family Support Network

[Milwaukee]—The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) is happy to announce the formation of a support group called "The Milwaukee Family Support Network" for persons who have family members, significant others or friends serving in the Persian Gulf. Outreach is directed to Wisconsin and Chicago.

The Network was established because of profound concerns expressed by members of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community about those "who remain behind." The Network is open to anyone who has family or friends serving in the war theatre; however, the outreach is directed especially to Lesbians and Gay men who have significant others serving there.

The Network is there to provide friendship and support. Issues the Network would like to deal with are: the needs of those who remain behind (food, money, the loss of a loved one, legal issues, etc.); the establishment of discreet space where people can voice worries and fears without the problem of

Members of Lambda Rights Network and Queer Nation Milwaukee attended the Appleton trial which was the first time that Wisconsin's Hate Crime Law has been used to prosecute someone on the grounds of sexual orientation. The testimony in the case, Outagamie County v. Brian Brown, Jr., began Tuesday, March 5th at 8 AM and continued through approximately 11:30 AM Wednesday, March 6th.

The case involves incidents which occurred late July 26, 1990 and early July 27, 1990 at the Omni Lounge in the Fox River Mall and the parking lot outside the mall. The Fox River Mall is located in Grand Chute, WI, a small town outside of Appleton.

Brian Brown allegedly assaulted and verbally abused Brian Rochon on the night in question. Rochon, who was then employed by a hairstyling salon in the mall, was attending a birthday party in the Omni Lounge, accompanied by other mall employees, while Brown was in the Omni celebrating the end of a police training course with fellow cadets.

A scuffle occurred on the dance floor after one of the other cadets knocked off Rochon's hat. Roxanne Rutten, who had been dancing with Rochon, retrieved the hat. Words were exchanged between Rochon and the cadet who allegedly began to shove Rochon and call Rochon a faggot. Rochon and Rutten then proceeded to the other side of the bar, nearer to the entrance, to retrieve their drinks and money. A group of approximately 10 cadets surrounded Rochon and several of his friends and again verbally harassed him.

Rochon decided to leave and walked out of the Omni and down the stairs towards the main exit of the mall. As he turned on the landing he noticed the pink shirt which he had earlier noticed on Brian Brown and increased his pace.

According to Rochon, Brown then said, "I want to see your ID! I'm going to bust you, you fucking faggot!" Rochon ran to the exit and around an area where construction was going on until he found bushes approximately 10 feet high. Rochon hid behind the bushes to avoid further contact with Brown. Brown continued to follow, yelling out, "I want to see your ID, you fucking fag!" Brown stopped in front of the bushes where Rochon was hiding and continued yelling. At this time Rochon decided to try and

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military detection; "social nights out" where those who remain behind can get out to let off steam with friends who care.

Future goals include potluck dinners, a "Veterans' Wall of Support" for Gay and Lesbian Vets to place a photograph and personal statement of support for the troops in the Persian Gulf, and rap groups which would address concerns not already identified.

The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) has lent its support to the Network. Pastor Chris of MCC-Milwaukee attended the first meeting and confirmed her support as a Pastor and veteran for the Network and GLBVA/Milwaukee Chapter. She will be available at future meetings to counsel individuals and lend her ear.

The next meeting of the Network/GLBVA is scheduled for March 10, 1991, at 3:00 p.m. at the Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee. For more information, please call (414) 342-6543 or (414) 933-6233.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Lesbian Heads Antarctic Expedition

[St. Paul, MN]- Ann Bancroft, the Lesbian explorer who was the first woman ever to reach the North Pole as a participant in the Will Steger Polar Expedition in 1986, is planning an all-woman trek across the 1,700 mile expanse of the Antarctic. If successful, Bancroft and her team will be the first women to reach the South Pole.

The American Women's Trans-Antarctic Expedition will begin in October of this year and is expected to take at least four months. Bancroft and her four team members will not use motorized vehicles or dogs. They plan to ski and hike their way across the continent. Temperatures in the Antarctic rarely rise above zero degrees Fahrenheit and winds blow up to 100 miles per hour. The surface is 99 percent ice.

"It's intended to send a message to people of all ages that they have the power to do what they want to do," Bancroft told **Equal Time**. "Without strong role models to show them otherwise, it's tempting for people, especially women and young people, to believe they can't change the status quo. We hope to encourage everyone to take on challenges, to be role models themselves."

On the Steger expedition, Bancroft was the only female among eight explorers and 49 male dogs. When asked if an all-woman team was sexist, she replied: "You bet."

Gay Man Is 'Teacher of Year'

[Philadelphia, PA]- James Gallagher, 50, was chosen from among 40 nominees by the Philadelphia Board of Education as its 1990 Teacher of the Year. Gallagher, an openly Gay man who is also legally blind, has taught Math and Science for 25 years. He will receive a \$5,000 award.

"Anyone who is Gay is more likely to be sensitive toward children that are different," Gallagher told the **Advocate**. "I will always pick that child out and make him or her blossom. I love creativity and uniqueness in children. I know what it feels like to be picked on. I've been called every name in the book-- "four eyes" and "faggot"... It's a shame Gay kids have to hide a part of their selves, their creativity. I can always pick out a Gay child. They are very special."

In addition to his classroom expertise, Gallagher is a founder of the American Federation of Teachers' Gay and Lesbian Caucus and of the nation's first union for disabled teachers.

FCC Fines Chicago Radio Station

[Washington, D.C.] The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has fined Chicago radio station WLUP-AM \$6,000 for broadcasting offensive jokes about Gays, according to the **Washington Blade**.

The FCC labeled "patently offensive" and "explicit and vulgar" comments aired during the popular Steve Dahl and Garry Meier show. The FCC cited Dahl and Meier's comments about former Miss America Vanessa Williams' **Penthouse** magazine photo feature in which she posed with a woman. It also cited their airing of a caller's joke about Gay men and anal sex and another caller's "song" about a Gay man taking pornographic photos.

Gay Credit Card Issued

[Dallas, TX]- The Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union has issued a new credit card, licensed by Mastercard, to be marketed to the Gay and Lesbian community. It is the second such credit card issued by a Gay institution.

Last May, the Pride Foundation, a non-profit organization in Seattle, won authorization from Mastercard and Visa to issue a credit card, called the "Pride Card." A small percentage of each purchase made with the Pride Card is returned to the foundation, which funds Gay and Lesbian projects.

The Dallas Gay Alliance (DGA) card is a standard Mastercard. It has no annual fee, but holders must belong to the DGA and have an account in its credit union. The card has a relatively low 14% interest rate. Unlike Seattle's Pride Card, no funds from purchases on the DGA card are channeled to Gay groups.

Chicago Kiss-In Spurs Anger

[Chicago, IL]- A Valentine's Day kiss-in staged by Gay activists on the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois brought a hostile reaction from people nearby and resulted in the arrest of one man for battery, according to **Outlines** reporter Rex Wockner.

Several hundred students in the cafeteria witnessed the kiss-in. A group of about 30 men yelled anti-Gay slurs and chanted "Fags get out!" After one of them was arrested for spitting at a Lesbian participant, the men grew even angrier. Police informed the men that homosexuals can lawfully kiss each other in public.

One of the anti-Gay hecklers told police: "We're fuckin' tryin' to eat our fuckin' food here, and these fuckin' homos come in here fuckin' each other in our faces and then you fuckin' arrest us?" Another argued: "It ain't fuckin' right! You're fuckin' defending the fuckin' fags. They ain't got no right to fuckin' do this shit."

The **Wisconsin Light** was unable to determine by presstime if any of the 30 men are currently enrolled in an English grammar course.

Studds Named To Key Committee

[Washington, D.C.] Openly Gay Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) has been appointed to serve on the Health and Environment Subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The Subcommittee plays an important role in AIDS-related legislation. Rep. Pete Kostmayer (D-PA), who has been a strong promoter of AIDS funding and research, was also appointed.

Studds and Kostmayer will have their hands full. William Dannemeyer (R-CA), who has consistently blocked and watered down AIDS bills, is expected to become the ranking member on the Subcommittee once Edward Madigan (R-IL) is confirmed as Secretary of Agriculture.

'Faggot' Remark Costs \$2,000

[Washington, D.C.] The **Washington Blade** reports that an airport security firm has paid \$2,000 in damages to a Gay man who was called a "faggot" by one of the firm's guards near a boarding gate at Los Angeles International Airport.

Kevin Fowler had demanded that the Ogden Allied Services Corporation compensate him for the "intimidating" anti-Gay remark by making contributions to two Gay rights organizations. The company's insurance carrier instead issued a \$2,000 check to Fowler, suggesting that Fowler disburse the money to the groups himself.

Fowler has donated \$1,000 each to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Los Angeles chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Insurance Co. Recognizes Partners

[Washington, D.C.] Firemen's Insurance Company has become the first insurance company in the United States to recognize domestic partnerships in the same way it recognizes legal spouses on its homeowners policies, according to the **Washington Blade**.

Domestic partners — straight or Gay — will now receive the same coverage rights enjoyed by legal spouses and relatives of policyholders. Firemen's offers insurance coverage to both renters and owners of dwellings in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland.

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.

Queer Nation Plans Milwaukee Shopping Mall Excursions

[Milwaukee]- Queer Nation Milwaukee fared much better than Woody Allen and Bette Midler in their recent foray into the land of endless parking lots and limitless charge cards — the Queer Nationals had such a good time at Southridge Mall that they decided to continue the fun at Mayfair, Grand Avenue and other malls near you.

Saturday, March 9th Queer Nationals will congregate in the food court of Mayfair Mall, 2500 N. Mayfair Rd. (Hwy. 100 and North Ave.) at 2:00 p.m. The food court is located on the second floor near the main entrance. As always, Queers of all persuasions are invited to join and non-Queers are encouraged to watch. Call for directions or car-pooling information.

On Friday, March 15th, Queer Nationals will be dedicating love songs to fellow Queers on WMYX. To dedicate a song to your loved one, call (414) 799-1099 at 7:00 p.m. and listen for your song on 99FM WMYX.

The following week will find Queer Nation venturing downtown to the Grand Avenue Mall located on Wisconsin Avenue just west of the Milwaukee River. Queer Nationals will again meet at the food court (or Speisegarten) on the third level of the New Arcade Building at 2:00

p.m. on Sunday March 17th.

These actions are part of Queer Nation's continuing attacks on compulsory heterosexuality. These mall actions as well as earlier action at Southridge and future shopping sprees at other area malls comprise the Queer Shopping Network. Each episode is designed to increase Queer Visibility and make it safer and more comfortable for Queers to be out of the closet in all places at all times.

Queer Nation is a direct-action group dedicated to fighting anti-Queer bigotry and to promoting Queer Visibility. We welcome womyn and men of all gender identities, sexual orientation, races, abilities, ages, classes and cultures. We demand the same rights and privileges that the heterosexual population of this country enjoys and takes for granted. We will settle for nothing less!

Write to Queer Nation at P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call Stan at 643-5833 or Tim at 384-3911. Queer Nation's next two meetings are Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 p.m. Both meetings are in the first floor meeting room of the downtown Milwaukee Public Library.

Jamakaya To Speak at MATC and UW-Milwaukee For History Month

[Milwaukee]- In celebration of Women's History Month, **Wisconsin Light** columnist and historian, Jamakaya, will be presenting several programs during March. The following events are free and open to the public:

On Wednesday, March 13, Jamakaya will speak at the downtown campus of the Milwaukee Area Technical College about women's history and the impact the feminist movement has had on women's lives. The inspiring music video **One Fine Day**, which highlights influential women of the past and present, will be shown. The program is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room S116 of the

MATC Student Center, 700 W. State Street.

"Getting Emotional About Women's History" is the topic of the lecture Jamakaya will deliver on Thursday, March 14 at 12 noon at UWM's Greene Hall, 3347 N. Downer Ave. The lecture is sponsored by the Center for Women's Studies and the Association of Women in Education.

Jamakaya will present a slide show called "Norma Rae's Sisters: Prominent Women Labor Leaders" on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:15 p.m. at the Allied Industrial Workers (Local 232) Office, 7620 W. Burleigh.

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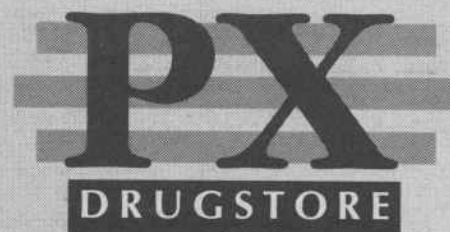
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Fourth Casino Night Planned For May 19 by Cream City Foundation

[Milwaukee]- Preparations are underway for the Fourth Annual **Casino Night**, sponsored by Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF). The 1991 CCF Casino Night will be held on Sunday, May 19th at the Milwaukee Art Museum (the "War Memorial Center"), 750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, at the east end of Wisconsin Avenue. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the big raffle drawing is at 10:00 p.m.

CCF's Casino Night, the original Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian casino event, is the only one that features a casino-like setting, actual casino equipment and professional croupiers. A buffet and cash bar are available and musical entertainment is provided throughout the evening.

Tickets are only \$10 per person in advance and \$15 at the door. Each ticket gives the holder one chance in the 1991 CCF Casino Night Raffle. Grand Prize this year is a pair of round-trip tickets for any destination to which Midwest Express flies (tickets donated by Midwest

Express). Additional prizes in the raffle will be donated by area businesses. Mini-raftles are held throughout the evening for additional prizes.

CCF is Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian non-profit charitable organization. The community's support of Casino Night as CCF's biggest annual fundraiser makes possible its continuing support for many Lesbian and Gay causes, events and organizations throughout the year.

During the past two years, CCF provided over \$30,000 to such groups as: Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration (Pride's biggest contributor both years), NEWIST-Green Bay (for Gay/Lesbian student orientation program) and a host of other organizations.

Contact CCF or any CCF Board or committee member for more information or tickets. CCF can be reached at (414) 265-0880; offices in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St., Suite 217B, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

Madison GALVANize Sets March 15 Meeting For Fall March

[Madison]- The Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) of Madison is alive and well! Your support and ideas are needed to make the second GALVANize march a screaming success.

The first general meeting will take place on Friday, March 15, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. (before the 10% dance) at the UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., Madison, WI. (Check in the Union for

room (TITU)).

September 14, 1991 is no longer available for the march due to changes in the UW football schedule. A new date will be announced at this general meeting. Please call for childcare. Snacks will be provided.

For more information, call (608) 255-8061 or write: GALVANize, P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI 53701-1403.

Future Milwaukee Accepting Applications for 1992 Class

[Milwaukee]- Applications for the 1992 Class of Future Milwaukee are now available and are due in the Future Milwaukee Office by March 29, 1991. The office is located at 1442 N. Farwell Ave., Suite 300, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Future Milwaukee is a premier leadership training organization established to develop and enhance the leadership skills and community understanding of those selected for participation. Future Milwaukee's training is designed for adults from diverse backgrounds who are willing to accept the challenge to make a positive difference in the Greater Milwaukee community through volunteer action at

strategic levels.

The first round of applicant screening will be completed by April 25, 1991. 120 applicants will be selected for interviews of whom 55 will become participants.


Each participant will participate in a Study Group Study, beginning in December, 1991. Assignments and report sessions will be completed by May, 1992. A minimum of 30 hours is expected.

Upon acceptance into the program, a \$150 materials fee will be charged. Financial constraints will not limit applicants from participating in the class.

Applications can be received by writing to Future Milwaukee at the above address or calling 276-1540.

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LETTERS

Queer Nation

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to an article by M. Vince Turner ("Is Queer Nation Lighting Sparks Where None Have existed?"), which appeared in the February 21 issue of *The Wisconsin Light*.

Mr. Turner accuses Queer Nation and the tactics it employs to advance Queer visibility and Lesbian and Gay liberation of threatening to destroy the harmony that more conservative groups have worked so hard to build between "Gays and straights." Our militancy "belongs to another era" and "embarrasses an entire history of activism," according to Mr. Turner.

Mr. Turner, where were you during the Eighties? Where were you when your "make-no-waves," "pretty-please-may-I-have-my-civil-rights-now-I've-been-so-good," assimilationist politics smashed head first into the emerging AIDS crisis? Where did all the harmony you had developed between Gays and straights get us? It got us into hospital wards and obituary pages. It got us murdered.

This heterosexist society, that you are so concerned with endearing yourself to by not asking for too much, too soon, was content to sit back and watch us die. It wasn't until groups like ACT UP (thank god for Larry Kramer) began making demands that anything be done about the AIDS crisis.

Now groups such as Queer Nation are forming in an attempt to kick-start the Lesbian and Gay civil rights movement. A movement that had for too long been floundering under the leadership of self-hating apologists and their put-on-our-best-face, kiss ass organizations.

Mr. Turner writes that the Stonewall Generation would be embarrassed by the "actions and titles" of today's "brash young activists." The first action of the brash young activists back in 1969 at Stonewall was a riot. The true "stonewallers" were betrayed when leadership of the Lesbian and Gay movement was usurped by middle class apologists, petty power brokers and assimilation-at-any-cost prudes. Queer Nation, and like groups, are the true guardians of the flame of the Stonewall RIOTS and the spirits of the brave Lesbians and Gays who participated in them.

Mr. Turner writes that "society has yet to reach the comfort zone allowing it to embrace Gays." Mr. Turner then goes on to imply that out of consideration for the current military and economic problems facing this country, Lesbians and Gays should lay low; we should put off making any demands of this society at this time.

How many more decades are we supposed to wait, Mr. Turner, for this society to overcome its homophobia? How many more of us have to be the victims of bashings before society comes around? How many more of us have to grow up in fear and isolation and ignorance, thinking we're the only Gay or Lesbian person on the planet, because older Lesbians and Gays are trying to buy acceptance with respectable "discretion?" How many more Lesbian and Gay teen-agers have to take their own lives before society is ready? How many more AIDS deaths, Mr. Turner? How long do we have to wait and how much do we have to suffer before we can be allowed to start demanding what we should already have; lives free from violence, isolation, fear and premature death.

I, for one, have no desire to be embraced by society. I have served notice to it that I will not tolerate its hypocrisy. The liars will be confronted with their lies, and held personally responsible for their actions. I will not put up with anti-Lesbian and Gay violence. I bash back. I will not put up with people pretending Lesbians and Gays do not exist. I will live my sexuality as openly as any straight person lives their sexuality. I will not put up with entertainers, politicians or supreme courts that perpetuate homophobia. The society in which I live should fear my queer power and respect me. Embraces I can live without.

One last point: Queer Nation is not a "bawdy, brattish brigade of belligerent badboys." Queer Nation is Lesbians and Gay men concerned with Lesbian and Gay visibility and liberation. Alliteration can be pretty; sexism is never pretty, Mr. Turner.

Nothing can stop a movement whose time has come, and nothing will stop our renewed and reinvigorated struggle for our civil rights. AIDS won't stop us, bashers won't stop us, decorum won't stop us, and the discomfort of self-hating homosexuals tucked away in Ocean City, Maryland won't stop us.

We're here, Mr. Turner, we're queer. Get used to it.

—Dan Savage
Madison, WI

Meeting Planned

TO THE EDITOR:

A new organization is forming in Milwaukee. We are a Queer Nation. We would like to invite you to join us at the Milwaukee Public Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 1991.

Queer Nation is a multi-cultural direct-action group dedicated to fighting anti-Queer bigotry and Queer invisibility. We welcome womyn and men of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races, abilities, ages, classes and

cultures. We demand the same rights and privileges that the heterosexual population of this country enjoys and takes for granted. We will settle for nothing less! Anyone can suggest an action and should come to meetings prepared to implement it.

We call ourselves Queers much like we wear pink triangles. When we no longer turn and run, when we give our meanings to their words, they can never use them against us again. We are a Nation, members of the same "family." Our ties cut across all boundaries, real or imaginary.

Queer invisibility only allows bigotry to thrive. We live in every community in this country. Until others see us as we are, they cannot know that we are their neighbors, their friends and their family. This knowledge is essential to ending the myths that surround Queers.

On Valentine's Day, a group of Queer Nationals went to shop openly and freely at Southridge Mall. After learning to ignore the security forces' attempts to keep us away from other shoppers, we split into smaller groups to increase the suburbanites' chances to witness self-respecting Fags and Dykes spending Queer Money. Some shoppers may have looked twice. Some teen-agers may have giggled. But every exposure people receive to a different culture decreases their nervousness and misunderstanding.

Earlier that day, two men entered the county clerk's office requesting a marriage license. Their request was denied. They were not allowed "official" recognition of a relationship that has existed for five years because our government refuses to go beyond the words "husband and wife" to allow "every person who has attained the age of 18 (to) marry if otherwise competent."

All the "freedoms" we take for granted were won twenty years ago when our communities were not afraid to be militant. The last ten years of waiting for "them" to give us our freedoms have gotten us nowhere. We can wait no longer! We must act before another person is subjected to threats or violence. We cannot allow another person to victimize themselves because society tells them to.

Queer Nation needs everyone's ideas and participation for future consciousness-raising efforts. For information, please call Tim at 384-3911 or Stan at 643-5833.

—Stan Straka
Milwaukee

Suburban Support

TO THE EDITOR:

I read your editorial today concerning Mike Lisowski's loss in last Tuesday's primary. I am also saddened by his loss as I supported his campaign.

Unfortunately, I was unable to vote for Mike. The reason is that I live in West Allis and obviously cannot vote in a City of Milwaukee election.

I am very politically active in the Greater Milwaukee Gay and Straight community. I vote regularly in every primary and general election in my community.

I think there are many Gay/Lesbian voters out in the various suburbs like myself who are very politically active in Milwaukee, yet can only vote for candidates and on issues in their own communities and on a county-wide and state-wide basis. We cannot vote in City of Milwaukee elections, but certainly have our own opinions and views concerning those elections.

I am not making excuses for the poor turnout in Milwaukee; a massive voter registration drive is obviously necessary. The Gay/Lesbian community does seem more apathetic than ever these days. But I ask you not to forget about us folks in Shorewood, South Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, West Allis and all the other communities in the Greater Milwaukee area. Many of us are politically active and care a great deal about the City of Milwaukee, too.

—Ken Short
West Allis

Madison Benefit

TO THE EDITOR:

Our thoughts and philosophy on the Feb. 8, 1991 Madison-held Benefit/Show for Women and AIDS:

The purpose of the show is to create a space that feels and is safe to everyone, yet allows for individual differences. Our expression of creativity has unfortunately caused our community to grow apart in the past. The goal of this celebration is just that...to celebrate that we all are unique and different, yet can come together in acceptance for a common cause.

What some thought could not be done in the Madison community, was done. Performances ranged from safe sex demonstrations to alternative insemination; to country line dancing and guitar and banjo playing. A little comedy here, a lot of eroticism there (such as) the Tush-push and toe stomp and a lot of leather and fish nets. Looking around, one could see as much diversity in the audience as in the performers.

Thank you, Madison for your attendance, acceptance and donations for this event. Total funds raised for the evening were \$1,340 less expenses. We were able to donate the sum of \$876. Those proceeds went to the newly formed Women's Support Group at the Madison AIDS

Support Network. The Rodney Scheel PWA House also received a donation as did Beth Zemki (she will be speaking at the Madison Senior Center on March 9, 1991 on the subject of Lesbian sex.)

Again I would like to thank everyone involved with this show and to those who attended this show for their contributions and encouragement that made this all possible.

—Pam Meyer
Madison

Editor's Note: We are sorry that this letter could not appear in our last issue as the writer requested, but the letter only reached us after we had gone to press.

Guggenheim

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for publishing the excerpt from the novel by Geno. It was entertaining and informative. What a fantastic character!

I can see that the description of Peggy Guggenheim is based on personal observation and the author makes her come alive, but is there any rule about introducing real people into a work of fiction? I do like the idea of real and imagined characters interacting in a novel and look forward to more chapters as promised.

Again, thanks for sharing David's adventures with us.

—A Faithful Reader
Milwaukee

Geno Replies

TO THE EDITOR:

GENO REPLIES:

It is a good feeling for a writer to hear the reactions of readers to his work, and I am pleased that you have enjoyed the excerpt from my novel, "We Open in Venice." As to the rules governing fiction, today there are no rules. The novel and short story have adapted cinematic techniques, stream of consciousness methods of telling a story, symbolic, abstract and expressionistic styles.

But there is a long precedent for the inclusion of living and/or historical characters and happenings in works of fiction. Writers of historical novels do it almost of necessity — everyone is familiar with Scott's novels like "Ivanhoe" in which King Richard, Robin Hood and other historical individuals enter into the lives of fictional characters like Rowena, Sir Cedric and Rebecca. Tolstoy introduced General Kutuzov into "War and Peace" to expound his (Tolstoy's) theories of the destiny of Mother Russia and the dynamics of history. A contemporary novelist who follows this strategy is E.L. Doctorow in works of fiction like "Ragtime" and "Loon Lake" where familiar historical characters from this century influence the lives of his fictional characters.

Yes, Peggy Guggenheim was a real person, and you are right in thinking that "Dinner at Peggy's" is based largely on personal experience, but later in the novel she takes part in a purely fictional series of events that change the life of David who is the narrator. I also introduce other well known individuals like Ezra Pound into the action since my meeting with them influenced my own thinking. This mingling of the real and the imaginary gives the reader, I hope, a feeling for the time and the place. Peggy Guggenheim, for example, was a highly visible part of the Venetian scene for almost forty years and Ezra Pound's return to Italy and Venice after his imprisonment was of world wide interest.

If I have done my job as a writer and have people in my novel act believably "in character," whether they are or were well known personalities or fictional characters, I hope that you and other readers can enjoy the story and will grant me "that willing suspension of disbelief, for the moment" which is the reader's faith in what the author has to say.

—Geno
Milwaukee

Visible and Vocal

TO THE EDITOR:

For two decades the Gay/Lesbian movement has been up against a lack of understanding and acceptance from that of the mainstream, heterosexual community. All of which has contributed to us (as a G/L community) having been and continuing to be discriminated against, morally downgraded, rejected, hated and objects of violent acts.

From our past experiences, it is clear that forcing our views, feelings and lifestyles on others can lead to negative and destructive results. Forcing others to face our choices, sexuality and accept our lifestyles is not a positive approach in order that we may overcome the barriers that divide the Gay and mainstream communities.

Views and practices such as held by "Queer Nation" will only digress our achievements thus far, and harm our future progress. It will feed further hatred.

We need to be visible and vocal — but in a responsible, positive, non-threatening way. Getting out on the straight dance floors and displaying our sexual interests in anger to combat homophobia isn't the answer. In this manner, we are only creating and feeding existing fear through negative visibility. Acceptance can only come from within.

—Daniel G. Trzebiatowski
Milwaukee

Major Uyvari Painting Is Featured at Make-a-Promise Auction

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, April 7, 1991, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will hold its 5th Annual Make A Promise Dinner and Show at the Pfister Hotel Grand Ballroom, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave. Proceeds from this annual benefit will support the many programs for people affected by AIDS offered by MAP.

Tickets for the dinner, show and silent auction are \$45 for general seating and \$75 for preferred seating. Reserved seating is available for tables of eight or ten. Tickets for the show only are \$25 per person.

Hosted by James Pickering of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, this year's show will feature Ruth Schudson and Montgomery Davis of the Milwaukee Chamber Theater; Barbara Roberts and Melvin Rhyne of the Inner City Arts Council; Colin Brown, Helen Jenner and Jim Simpson of the Skylight Opera. Also performing will be Paula Dewey and Colin Cabot.

The Make A Promise Dinner will again feature a silent auction. More than 60 items, donated by merchants and individuals from throughout metro Milwaukee will be available for bids. Items include dinner and hotel packages, antiques, ticket packages, artwork and more.

Again, this year, through the generosity of the former owner of "Your Place" and the owner of "Partners," the Make A Promise silent auction will feature a piece by Robert Uyvari.

"Fallen Angel," a painting by Uyvari, was featured at last year's dinner. The piece brought in an impressive bid of nearly \$4,000, which supported the success of last year's benefit. Uyvari's work has been widely displayed throughout the country since his death in 1986.

This year's dinner is expected to draw more than 600 participants, according to Tom Boll, who created the concept of the Make A Promise Dinner in 1987, and a member of the MAP Fundraising Committee.

"The idea was to hold a fundraising event where people could come, have fun and enjoy themselves while contributing to MAP," said Boll. "It has been rewarding, watching the program grow and professionalize."

"The success of the Make A Promise Dinner and all the other special

fundraising events held by and for MAP helps us to manage the difficult challenges that AIDS places on our community," Boll added.

For tickets to this year's Make A Promise Dinner, please call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

Attorney To Speak At March 21 LAMM Meeting

[Milwaukee]- "Planning for the Future Together: Wills and Power of Attorney" is the topic of the March meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) on Thursday, March 21.

Alternate lifestyle couples often do not have their relationships validated. It is important and necessary to protect our relationships, our rights to visit our loved ones in the hospital and make decisions for their well-being when they cannot, and to give gifts of our property to each other upon our deaths.

Attorney Deb Procknow, a partner in Mueller & Procknow, a feminist lesbian law firm serving the community, will address concerns about wills, Medical and Durable Power of Attorney and property contracts.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a potluck at 6:00 p.m., at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. All Lesbians are welcome. For information call LAMM at 264-2600.

Marijuana Laws To Be Discussed March 12

[Milwaukee]- The next meeting of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) will be held in Milwaukee at the Marshall Building, 207 E. Buffalo St., Suite 555, Milwaukee, WI 53202 on Tuesday, March 12, 1991 beginning at 7:00 p.m. For further information, call: (414) 273-4367.



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Comedian Judy Tenuta to Appear March 14 at La Cage MAP Benefit

[Milwaukee]- She is being billed by **Time Magazine**, **The New York Times** and the **Chicago Tribune** among many others as "the fastest-rising" and "hottest" stand-up comic in the country. She is being mentioned in the same breath with such luminaries as Jay Leno, Steven Wright and Jerry Seinfeld.



"She" is Judy Tenuta and she will be coming to Milwaukee's La Cage on Thursday, March 14.

Tenuta's comedy has been described as "biting," sometimes "caustic" often "cynical" and the funniest stuff to come along in years.

A self-described goddess and founder of her own religion, named naturally enough, "Judyism", she has leaped onto the national stage from Oak Park, IL after, she says, a little matter like graduating from St. Obnoxious and

Jazz Ignored In Enjoyable Flower and McLaren Concert

By Maytee Aspuro

Robin Flower and Libby McLaren presented an enjoyable but not totally successful concert performance at the Madison Senior Center on Saturday, February 23rd. The concert was a benefit for the Kissing Girl Productions (KGP) Lesbian Culture and Creativity Grants.

The Flower — McLaren combination of bluegrass and popular music left this listener wanting smoother transitions and a greater dose of the promised jazz. In fact, I did not consider any of their music in the realm of a traditional or contemporary jazz performance.

The performers were consummate professionals, establishing an early rapport with the estimated audience of 150. Robin Flower's exquisite musicianship on the violin and mandolin cannot be denied. It was refreshing to listen to the variations of bluegrass music. Compositions reflecting both Cajun and Irish influence were interwoven with more traditional works.

In addition to accompanying Flower on keyboard and accordion, Libby McLaren sang a number of more pop oriented songs. Having previously heard McLaren at the National Women's Music Festival, a few of the songs were familiar to me. I found her renditions lacking emotional depth. I believe the responsibility laid more on the performer than on the material.

The evening began with a 30 minute set by "Patty & Cathy" also known as "Identical Cousins." Their performance balanced humor and poignancy. They provided a thoughtful repertoire of music with fine vocals. I recommend that they work towards managing their preparation time between songs with more precision. The delays were, at best, distracting.

The performance space was troublesome. One spot light failed twice during the Flower — McLaren set. A constant electronic hum was heard during the "Identical Cousins" set. In addition, my companion walked away with a crick in

Bondage High which she says is an all-girls punk rock school.

To her audiences (who she is wont to refer to as "stud puppets", "love slaves" and a variety of other suitably endearing terms), she is the self-anointed "Empress of Elves", the "Petite Flower" and "Living Saint" whose recently released first album is titled "Read This, Pigs."

Judy slams everyone, from Southern sheriffs to the "derelicts of Congress and other whore houses" to her family ("My brothers are like the Small Primate House") to those (men and women) who ask her out (She tells them she's "looking for something a little closer to the top of the food chain" and would never be seen with "a squid in stretch pants.")

She is off-beat, "the queen of malcontents" as the **Times** has called her affectionately and, most definitely, not your traditional comic ("You remind me of my brother Bingo — except he has a human head). It intrigues her that "We were all once cream of chromosome soup."

Judy will be appearing at La Cage for one night only, Thursday, March 14 for two performances, one at 10:30 and one (suitably enough) at midnight. There will be a limit of 150 people per show. Her appearance is a fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call La Cage at (414) 383-8330.

her neck, having to lean to the side in order to see the performers. Its unfortunate KGP could not secure a small performance space designed for musical concerts.

Madison audiences will have another chance to hear "Identical Cousins" when they open for Teresa Trull and Diedre McCalla on June 22nd at the Barrymore Theatre. This latter concert is produced by Fallen Woman Productions. I would be remiss if I did not note my disappointment that this concert was scheduled on the same evening as the Dianne Davidson and Monica Grant concert in Milwaukee. With so few professional events in this area I found the timing frustrating. I wonder if the Milwaukee and Madison producers share their plans with one another.

'Art for AIDS' Auction To Benefit Milwaukee AIDS Project June 2

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, June 2, 1991, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will hold its first "Art For AIDS" auction and brunch at the Italian Community Center in downtown Milwaukee.

In 1990, MAP was strongly urged by the arts community to host an art auction to support AIDS services in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin.

As a result, a committee of volunteers, many of whom are respected members of the arts community, began planning, organizing and producing the "Art for AIDS" event to support AIDS care and education services at MAP.

"We are anticipating more than 400 potential buyers, gallery owners and affluent members of the artist community to attend the "Art for AIDS" benefit and raise an estimated \$30,000," said Terry Hueneke, co-chairperson, "Art for AIDS" auction.

The event will include a buffet brunch, entertainment and viewing, followed by an auction.

A verbal auction will feature

Acclaimed Film, 'Vincent and Theo' Portrays the Brothers Van Gogh

Reviewed by Geno

"Vincent and Theo," opening at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre, begins at an auction of Van Gogh's painting of "Sunflowers" at Christie's in London where bids beginning at 5 million pounds are being made. The scene then shifts to the Borinage where Vincent, looking like the coal miners, "The Potato Eaters" he lives with, is talking with his dapper younger brother Theo. Throughout this scene as Theo and Vincent discuss their dismal financial straits, the voice of the auctioneer is heard in the background calling out the bids in millions.

This ironic presentation expresses the conventional observation that everyone makes about the artist who sold just one painting during his lifetime for a paltry sum while today works like his portrait of Dr. Gachet fetch \$82,500,000. Director Robert Altman ("MASH," "Nashville," "Brewster McCloud," "Popeye," et al) fills in his portrait of the two brothers with the well known elements of the familiar story: Theo's unselfish concern for his childlike brother who spends his money at the brothel where he admits he is impotent or buys Japanese prints instead of buying food; of his unsuccessful attempts to sell Vincent's painting to rich bourgeois who prefer Millet; of Vincent's madness, the cutting of his ear and the eventual suicide.

But Altman and screenwriter Julian Mitchell take these familiar elements and make us see, feel, hear what living this story must have been like. Theo's life receives as much attention as Vincent's and we see not only his concern for his brother's genius, but his resentment, at times, at the constraints that these demands put upon his own life.

Altman fills the screen with marvelous scenes that envelope the viewer — Paris ateliers, wretched hovels, wheatfields and fields of sunflowers, the local brothel and the comfortable home of Vincent's physician, Dr. Gachet. Yet the focus remains the two brothers and their interdependence; their mother outlived them, yet she is not even mentioned nor is the fact that Vincent was, at one time, a minister — except in Vincent's meaningful wall inscription during a scene of his madness.

One incident concerns Paul Gauguin who, before going to Tahiti, unwillingly accepted Vincent's invitation to join him in the south of France where he hoped naively to found an artists' colony. In a telling scene during his growing madness, Vincent straddles Gauguin who has been sleeping and with a long knife pointed upward from his groin, speaks incoherently to the unperturbed Gauguin and then kisses him on the mouth. The rest of the scene leading up to the ear slicing is harrowing, yet Tim Roth who is Vincent underplays much of it — no wild histrionics a la Kirk Douglas.

Both Roth and Paul Rhys who portrays Theo, live their roles with passionate understanding and make Vincent and Theo come alive. Johanna Ter Steege is wonderful as Theo's wife, her marvelous Dutch face expressing motherliness, and sensuality at the same time. The entire cast are convincing individuals and Altman's repertory production team have given them a world to inhabit and fill with life. Experience it.

"Vincent and Theo" opens Friday, March 8, 1991 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre, 2589 N. Downer Ave.

Wynton Marsalis' Musical Mastery Entices Audience at AIDS Benefit

By "V. F."

There were no bright lights and techno sound system for Wynton Marsalis and his talented entourage of six musicians; and they certainly weren't needed.

The eight time Grammy Award winner performed a benefit concert for the Wisconsin AIDS Fund at the PAC's Uihlein Hall in Milwaukee on Thursday, February 28, drawing a crowd of 2,200.

Marsalis enticed his audience with sassy melodic rhythm and harmonic swings through tunes like "The Majesty of the Blues" and "Sugarfoot Blues",

often times overshadowing the staid conservatism of Uihlein Hall and replacing it with the ambience of Preservation Hall in New Orleans. The trumpeter's musical biography transcends the classical to jazz sphere, incorporating many of his own compositions. The evening encompassed a kaleidoscopic musical imagery of such greats as Ellington, Porter, Gershwin and Monk.

Playing with timely team spirit through "Green Chimney's" and "Caravan", individual showmanship was also displayed throughout the evening with solo spots by band members: Eric Reed (piano), Wes Anderson (saxophone), Wycliffe Gordon (trombone), Reginald Veal (bass) and Herlin Riley (drums). An evening highlight was a composition by tenor saxophonist, Todd "Deacon" Williams entitled, "The Cat in the Hat is Back." As the title may endearly display, that's the closest we come to Dr. Seuss as Williams smoothly engages us as individuals wagering in a smoke-filled barroom.

Yet, it was befitting to present only Marsalis at encore performing "For All We Know", for to listen to it was to clearly understand why his musical mastery is recognized within the world of jazz music.

However, to remember why we were there is to acknowledge the opening remarks by Jerold Rieser of the Marquette Electronics Foundation, a co-sponsor of the benefit. Rieser's moving salutation encompassed the essence and purpose of the evening. Moreover, he stressed social, corporate and governmental responsibility, which in turn, may serve to overcome the apathy surrounding AIDS.

Bill Kieffer, associate art director at Birdsall-Voss & Associates is donating the design of the logo, poster and invitation, as well as a booklet describing each item in the auction. Kathy Greenberg, also of Birdsall-Voss, will be assisting with much of the written work.

Members of the performing arts community, including Jonathan Stahl of the Milwaukee Ballet, will provide entertainment throughout the afternoon.

"It's exciting to see such a well-organized, dedicated group of volunteers working to make the Art for AIDS auction a success," said Louise Searing, special events manager at MAP.

For more information on the Art for AIDS auction, call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

Spring Square Dancing Party To Be Held March 9 in Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Square Dancing Society announces that its Spring Party will be held the evening of Saturday, March 9, 1991 in the upstairs hall of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water St. Calling will begin at 6:30 p.m. Buford Thingvold, an associate member of Caller Lab, the nationally-recognized certifying organization, will lead the Squares.

All skill levels are welcome at this activity that is growing in popularity throughout the nation's Gay and Lesbian

Madison Writer To Sign New Book March 10

[Madison]- The Four Star Book Club welcomes local author, John Peyton Cooke, on Sunday, March 10, 1991 at 3:00 p.m. at Madison's Four Star Fiction & Video, 315 N. Henry St.

Cooke, author of *The Lake*, will read from his latest work just published by Avon, *Out For Blood*, and sign copies.

Out For Blood is a Gay vampire novel set largely in Madison: its hero lives on East Gorham St. and its characters inhabit such familiar Madison haunts as the New Bar and the Caribou.

Cooke and *Out For Blood* were featured in the February 26 issue of *The Advocate*, which concluded that it was "a good book, but the hero sucks."

Idles of March Dance Planned In Madison

[Madison]- The UW- Madison Ten Percent Society will be holding a dance for Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men and their friends. The dance, called "Be Aware of the Ides of March" will be held on the ides of the month, Friday, March 15 in the Great Hall of Memorial Union, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$2. There will be DJ's and a cash bar.

Community. The cost is \$3.00; western dress is preferred. Please arrive promptly. This one-night stand will include both instruction, practice and dancing. At 8:30 p.m., following the Dance, a group will stay for dinner and a Country Western show by that popular (and handsome) singer, J.T.

The Square Dancing Society is sponsored by Milwaukee GAMMA. Call Bob at 963-9833 for more information.

Women's Center Seeks Volunteers In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Women's Center is seeking volunteers to help staff the Women's Crisis Line and the Women's Refuge, a shelter for battered women and their children.

Volunteers will serve as women's advocates, answering calls on the Crisis Line, assisting the house manager at the shelter and caring for children who have come to a safe place with their mothers.

Training for volunteers will be provided. Training sessions are scheduled for March 9 and 23. For more information, call Beth at the Women's Center: 272-6199.

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Denmark Celebrates The First Anniversary of Gay Marriages

[Seattle, WA]- *Partners: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples*, reports that one year after Denmark legalized marriage for Gays and Lesbians, government figures show that a total of 700 homosexual couples have been united in marriage. Women constituted 125 of those couples, men, 575.

The first anniversary of the groundbreaking marriage law was celebrated by Gay and Lesbian Danes last October.

Partners reports that when a government lawyer and a Copenhagen police officer married last June, eight police officers in attendance removed their hats and created a canopy for the grooms to walk under.

In another historic first, a Danish

woman was convicted of bigamy as the result of marriage to her Lesbian partner. The 33 year-old woman was previously married to a man whom she had not yet divorced. She was sentenced to a four month jail term and dissolved her relationship with the woman.



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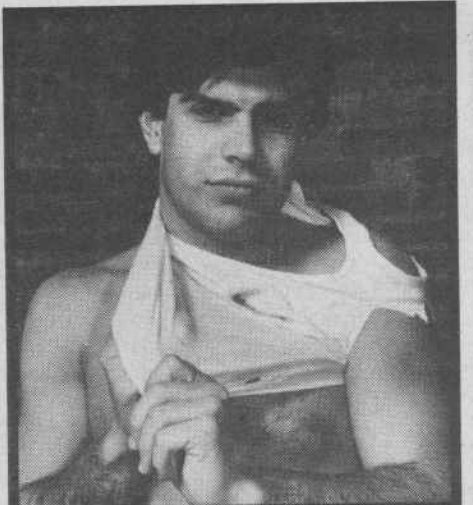
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State Supreme Court Upholds Sentence of Man With HIV

[Seattle, WA]-Seattle Gay News reports that the Washington State Supreme Court has upheld the seven year sentence issued to Steven Farmer, an HIV-positive man who was convicted in 1988 of patronizing a juvenile prostitute and exploitation of a minor.

Such crimes normally garner a sentence of 90 days for first offenders, but Farmer was handed the seven year sentence after being compelled by the judge in his case to take an HIV test. The results of the HIV test were then used to determine sentencing.

Paradoxically, the State Supreme Court ruled that Farmer's constitutional rights were violated by forcing him to take the HIV test, yet it sustained the extraordinary seven year sentence that

Persian Gulf Gay and Lesbian Military Supported

[Sacramento, CA]-The Reverend Jerry Sloan, President of the Lambda Community Center in Sacramento, has announced a national campaign to support Gay and Lesbian military personnel serving in the Persian Gulf who may be facing a less than honorable discharge when they return from the war because of discriminatory policies concerning Lesbians and Gays in the military.

Sloan has requested that people everywhere wear a rainbow ribbon or bow and put rainbow ribbons and bows on their trees or doors and windows at home as well as in the windows of businesses to show support for Gay and Lesbian military personnel.

"Regardless of our feelings about the war," Sloan said, "Gays and Lesbians who served should be treated as heroes when they come home just the same as the heterosexuals who served."

The Lambda Legal Defense Fund in New York has documented a number of cases where it is indicated that Gay and Lesbian service personnel will be given less than honorable discharges when they return to the US.

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outrun Brown to his car. Brown pursued Rochon and allegedly tackled then punched and kicked Rochon.

Rutten, who had followed the two outside saw Rochon being tackled and

resulted from it.

In addition, the charges were based on Farmer taking photographs of a 17 year-old male prostitute. The prostitute himself denies that any sexual assault took place.

SGN reports that a "media circus" orchestrated by a local TV station, an ambitious county prosecutor running for governor and an emotional debate over state AIDS legislation all contributed to the "hysteria" which led to Farmer's sentencing.

Gay organizations and AIDS activists in Washington are holding emergency meetings to determine future strategy. An appeal to the Supreme Court is possible, but could take several years.

beaten and she returned to the mall screaming, "Someone call 911! Brian's getting the shit beat out of him!" After she knew someone was calling for help, Rutten returned outside. Once she exited she saw a vehicle with flashing red lights (mall security) approaching and then witnessed Brown with his arm around Rochon. Brown then said to Rochon, "Everything's OK, come upstairs and I'll buy you a beer." Rochon replied, "I don't want fucking anything from you!" Rutten and friends grabbed Rochon while Brown left with another cadet.

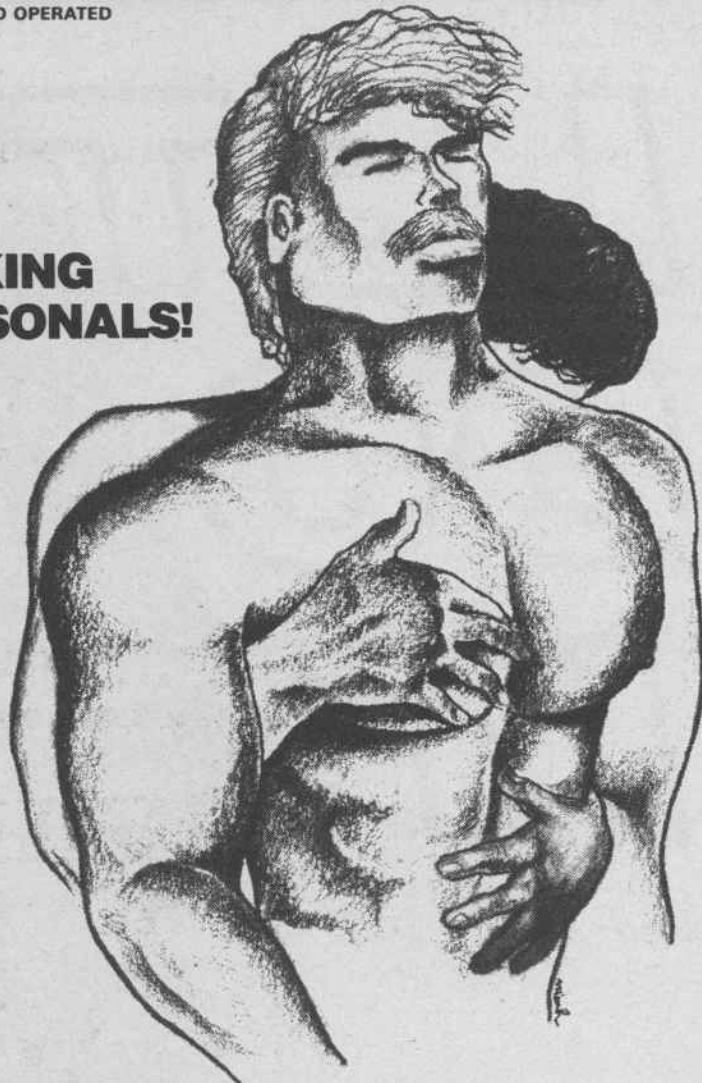
Grand Chute police officers arrived and Rutten told Rochon that he could leave because she would stay and tell the police what happened. The police were informed that Brown had left and were given a description of the vehicles of cadets who had left. Two other Grand Chute police squads retrieved the cadets and brought them back to the mall. Rutten was giving a statement to a police officer when Brown was returned. Brown told Rutten, "Shut up, you didn't see anything," upon which the police had to forcibly move Brown back to his vehicle.

Rochon went with a friend to his friends apartment in nearby Neenah, WI. Rochon was bleeding at the mouth and was complaining of pain in his ribs. After Rochon vomited blood, another friend drove him to the emergency room at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

All testimony has been received by the Outagamie County Court and closing arguments will be heard today and a verdict is also expected soon. Further details about the trial will follow in the next issue of Wisconsin Light.

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner Planned For March 16

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) will hold a fundraiser, "St. Patrick's Day Stew" on Saturday, March 16, 1991. The event will run from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Ave. in Wauwatosa. There is plenty of free parking by the church just off 74th St.

The menu will be Irish Stew both with meat and vegetarian style. The cost is \$5.00 with soda extra. All proceeds go to benefit MLGPC.

'Tongues Untied' Film Back For Another Showing

[Milwaukee]- BWMT- Milwaukee will be showing the acclaimed film "Tongues Untied" at their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 16, at 8:00 p.m. The screening will be followed by a discussion.

Although the premiere of the film was a success during UWM's Black History Month, there were still many persons who were not able to see the film at that time. BWMT-Milwaukee meets at All Saints Cathedral Library at 818 E. Juneau. For more information, please call Michael at 265-8500.

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