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# The Wisconsin Light

## New York's Mayor Dinkins Marches With Irish Gays

[New York, NY]- Braving jeers and objects thrown by spectators, Mayor David Dinkins marched arm in arm with a group of Irish Gays and Lesbians in New York City's annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 16.

"It was like marching in Birmingham, Alabama," Mayor Dinkins told the *New York Times*, referring to the abuse heaped on civil rights marchers in the 1960's. "I knew there would be deep emotions but I did not anticipate the cowards in the crowd," said Dinkins.

Racist and anti-Gay chants were raised and cans of beer were thrown as the Mayor and the Gays made their way along the parade route. Mayor Dinkins was showered with beer from one of the flying cans and some spectators were seen to spit at the Gay marchers.

A special cordon of police attempted as best they could to shield the Mayor and the Gay marchers from the hostility of the spectators.

When the Mayor and Gays passed the reviewing stand, some of the parade officials turned their backs to them.

Mayor Dinkins chose to show solidarity with the Gay group after the Ancient Order of Hibernians, organizers of the 230th annual St. Patrick's Day parade, initially refused to allow the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization to participate. Mayor Dinkins suspected the Gays' exclusion was due to discrimination.

The St. Patrick's Day parade is one of the largest public events held in New York City, and mayors of the city have traditionally held an honored position at the beginning of the parade. Mayor Dinkins is the first Mayor to decline that honor.

For days prior to the event, city officials attempted to negotiate a compromise between the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Irish Gays who wanted to join the parade. The *New York Times* noted that the "donnybrook" presented a real challenge to politicians because it pitted the interests of two of the city's most powerful constituencies — the Irish and the Gay and Lesbian community — against each other.

A compromise was finally reached in which the Gays and Lesbians were allowed to march with the Midtown Manhattan contingent of the Ancient Order of Hibernians but were asked not to carry any banners or signs. Neither the Gay group nor the Ancient Order were

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## State Awards Milwaukee AIDS Project \$220,000 Housing Grant

[Milwaukee]- Governor Tommy Thompson announced Wednesday, March 20, 1991, a major housing grant of \$220,000 to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The grant will, for the first time, provide rental assistance funds to people living with AIDS in the metro-Milwaukee area.

The MAP grant was the largest grant announced by the Governor among 10 housing grants awarded. The MAP administered grant will provide direct rental assistance to more than 100 lower income people with AIDS and HIV infection.

"This is one of the largest grants ever received by MAP and it will help us guarantee that no one with AIDS will be homeless in Milwaukee," said Doug Nelson, MAP Executive Director. "These rental assistance funds will significantly expand MAP's housing program. It is a wonderful compliment to the Milwaukee House which is the home we own for people with AIDS," Nelson said.

The Milwaukee House was purchased by MAP in 1988 through the help of Dr. Karen Lamb and other generous

## Rep. Petri Says Homosexuality Is Wrong; Should Be Illegal



Jerry Johnson

Judy Tenuta performed on March 14 at Milwaukee's La Cage to capacity crowds.

## States Congressmen Fail To Give Support To Gays In Desert Storm

[Washington, D.C.]- Lesbian and Gay activists at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) commended 40 members of Congress for their March 15, 1991, letter to President Bush supporting Gay men and Lesbians who served in Operation Desert Storm and calling for an end to the Defense Department's anti-Gay policy.

No member of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation was included among the signers asking that discrimination be ended.

The letter voiced support for all military personnel in the Gulf— "including some fifty thousand Gay and Lesbian soldiers who have served and are continuing to serve so valiantly."

Calling the Pentagon's discriminatory policy "archaic and destructive," the signers pointed out that Lesbians and Gay men endure the "same hardships of war" and "make the same sacrifices" as their non-Gay colleagues, but "must hide an integral part of themselves."

The letter went on to say that Lesbians and Gays "have risked their lives for our country while being told in no uncertain

terms that 'if the Iraqis don't get you, the U.S. military will'."

NGLTF is currently circulating petitions calling on Bush to issue an Executive Order rescinding the Defense Department's discriminatory policy. People wishing to help circulate petitions may contact Tim Drake at NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 332-6483.

Of related interest, ABC's "20/20" program seen in Milwaukee of Fridays on Channel 12 will air a segment on military anti-Gay discrimination on March 22, 1991.

## First Hate Crimes Prosecution Ends With Mixed Results

[Madison]- The first prosecution based on sexual orientation under Wisconsin's new hate crimes law ended with mixed results on Feb. 28, 1991. Gilbert Rosas was found guilty of misdemeanor battery in an attack on Martin Christopher, but the jury failed to find that the battery was motivated by bias.

Rosas faces a fine of up to \$10,000 when he receives sentencing later this month. If the jury had found that the battery had been motivated by prejudice, Rosas would have been convicted of a felony and would have faced sentencing of up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

On Aug. 19, 1990, at around 3:00 a.m., Christopher was standing in front of his house finishing his last cigarette before going inside. He was wearing a T-shirt which read: "We Proudly Served; Gay Veteran's Association" (Christopher served in the U.S. Army).

Christopher was approached by Rosas and another man who asked him what he was doing. When Christopher responded that he lived there, Rosas reportedly said he didn't believe him. Rosas is reported to have said: "You must be a faggot," and the man with him said, "I hate faggots," according to reports. Christopher reported that Rosas assaulted him, hitting him in the face, giving him a black eye and swollen cheek.

The assault continued until Christopher ran for his building. He reached it just ahead of his pursuing assailants, and he managed to open the security locked door and shut it behind him before they reached the door.

Christopher, who was covered in blood, called 911 and the police arrived within five minutes. The police caught Rosas

[Milwaukee]- The United States Student Association (USSA) has responded to comments made by Congressman Thomas E. Petri (R-WI, 6th Dist.) made on March 15, 1991 at the 22nd Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

When asked by a member of the audience for his views on hate crimes legislation, Petri responded: "I voted against the law legalizing homosexuality. I think it should be illegal. It's wrong! I'll be honest with you — you know (that). You do have to set standards. If you want to call it discrimination, it's legal."

In condemning Petri's statements, Julius A. Davis, President of USSA said, "Combating homophobia and heterosexism is a critical component in ensuring the access of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals to higher education and all of society."

"Education and homosexuality are very much related in today's society," Davis said.

In a press release, USSA said that in its struggle to represent all students, it deplores actions such as Petri's which violate the constitutional and human rights of all students.

USSA said it condemns both institutional and individual expressions of homophobia and heterosexism and condemns all hate crimes perpetrated against Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals and has urged its members to publicly equate hate crimes against these groups with all forms of oppression.

USSA is the country's oldest and largest national student organization, representing more than 3.5 million students. Founded in 1947, USSA is the only national student organization representing students on Capitol Hill.

urinating on the front lawn with blood on his pants, but the other man could not be found. The arresting officer said that Rosas called him a faggot at least five times in the police car, although Rosas later claimed he had only said, "I'm not a faggot."

During the trial, Rosas's Public Defender Daryl Jensen sought to prove that Christopher provoked the attack by trying to pick up Rosas and grabbing Rosas's butt. In response, Asst. Dist. Attorney Gretchen Hayward asked Christopher if he found Rosas attractive. Christopher replied: "Absolutely not."

Jensen asked Christopher many questions apparently intended to show that Christopher was trying to pick up men that night in front of Red Letter News, a Madison adult bookstore. Christopher responded that "too many of my friends have died of AIDS for me to do something that stupid." One of Christopher's friends had died of AIDS a week before the trial.

Despite the Public Defender's attempts seemingly to appeal to their prejudices, the jury convicted Rosas of battery and rejected his defense of provocation through sexual advances. However, the jury refused to find that Rosas had committed a hate crime.

The Wisconsin Hate Crimes statute provides that a hate crime occurs when the perpetrator "intentionally selects" the victim because of the victim's sexual orientation. According to a poll of the jurors taken several days after the trial by Asst. D.A. Hayward, the jurors felt that the statute meant the defendant must have been looking for someone who is Gay to attack. In this case, there was no

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Churches Move to Accept Gays

**[New York, NY]**- A Presbyterian study committee has recommended that the church accept Gays and Lesbians as "full participant members" and ordain qualified individuals regardless of sexual orientation or celibate status. The recommendation will be discussed at the Presbyterian church's June convention in Baltimore.

A study commission of the Episcopal Church as recommended not only that Episcopal bishops be allowed to ordain openly Gay and Lesbian priests, but that the church recognize Gay and Lesbian unions. The Episcopalians have scheduled their 1991 convention for July in Phoenix.

In another policy matter seen as a measure of progress, however small, a committee of the United Methodist Church favors dropping the church's condemnation of homosexuality as "incompatible with Christian teaching" and replacing it with a statement that the church is "unable to arrive at a common mind" regarding homosexuality. The proposed change must be reviewed by the church's Council of Ministries and be presented to the Methodists' 1992 General Conference.

### Minnesota Supports Gay Citizens

**[Minneapolis, MN]**- The new year of 1991 has dawned as one of hope and progress for the Gay and Lesbian citizens of the state of Minnesota.

In January, Gov. Arne Carlson signed an executive order that prohibits state agencies and departments from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring and employment matters. In addition, all state offices must keep their work environments free of harassment. The governor also issued an order prohibiting discrimination against people with HIV infection.

That same month, the Minneapolis City Council passed a domestic partners ordinance which allows unmarried domestic partners to register their unions and city employees to become eligible for sick and bereavement leave if their partners are ill or die. The policy went into effect in February.

Meanwhile, on February 14, the University of Minnesota Senate, made up of students and faculty members, voted 151 to 12 in favor of a resolution calling for the removal of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) from campus unless it stops discriminating against Lesbians and Gay men. The policy has to be reviewed by the university's Board of Regents.

### Bomb Squad Detonates Dildo

**[San Francisco, CA]**-Gay Community News reports that in an apparent example of war hysteria, San Francisco police recently seized a vibrator dildo from the glove compartment of an Iraqi-born man and, fearing it was a terrorist device, had bomb squad technicians detonate the sex toy.

Police discovered the dildo during a routine search of the automobile of Duraid Jafer Azawi, who had been arrested on a forgery charge. After concluding the object found in the glove compartment was an "unidentified electrical device," officers called in the bomb squad. Residue from the exploding dildo has been turned over to federal investigators, but Detective Gregory Clayton recommended that bomb-related charges against Azawi be dropped. Det. Clayton cited "national hysteria" and "misinformation" for distorting the incident.

### Lesbian Battered Spouse Acquitted

**[Boise, ID]**- Priscilla Forbes, a 28 year-old Lesbian who employed the "battered woman defense" against charges that she stabbed her woman partner, was acquitted by a Boise jury in February. Her partner, Lynn Zarek, has recovered from the wound. If found guilty, Forbes could have received 15 years in prison.

Defense attorney Robert Chastain told syndicated reporter Dell Richards: "Forbes was in her own home, protecting herself against a much bigger and stronger person... Given the violence that occurred between the parties over the past several years, she had every right to fear for her personal safety."

"We tried to stress that it doesn't matter who you are or what you do, you don't deserve to get stabbed in the back," said prosecutor Bruce Skaug. "But I think the jury didn't like the victim. She looked too 'Lesbian'."

In 1989, the battered woman syndrome was employed unsuccessfully by a Florida Lesbian, Annette Green was sentenced to 12 years in prison for killing her allegedly abusive woman partner. Last Fall, a Los Angeles municipal judge sentenced a woman who assaulted her female lover to three years probation and enrollment in a batterers' treatment program.

### Dannemeyer to Seek Senate Seat

**[Redding, CA]**- Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA), a vocal opponent of Gay rights and funding for AIDS research, has announced his intention to run for the US Senate in 1992. He will target the seat currently held by Sen. John Seymour (R). (Seymour was recently appointed to complete the term of Pete Wilson, the newly elected Governor of California.)

In announcing his candidacy, Dannemeyer attacked Seymour as a "classic liberal" who has "joined the camp of moral relativists supporting abortion, and accepting homosexuality as an alternate lifestyle."

California Gay activists say that while in the state senate Seymour supported AIDS legislation. He also intervened when right wing Republicans like Dannemeyer tried to exclude Gay Republican groups from working with the state party.

Dannemeyer is the ranking Republican member of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment. He has frequently attempted to block and water down AIDS legislation on that sub-committee. Much of his financial support comes from the right wing and fundamentalist groups.

### Was St. Paul a Repressed Gay?

**[New York, NY]**- Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong suggests in a newly published book called *Rescuing the Bible From Fundamentalism* that St. Paul was probably a "self-loathing and repressed Gay male."

"Nothing else could account for Paul's self-judging rhetoric, his negative feeling toward his own body and his sense of being controlled by something he had no power to change," writes Bishop Spong of the Newark, New Jersey diocese.

Spong told the *New York Times* that Paul's sexuality may explain his hostility to women (whom he ordered to "submit to your husbands") as well as the fact that he never married. Spong, 59, has long championed the inclusion of Blacks, women and Gays into the Episcopal Church. His new ideas have already met with criticism from conservative members of his church.

### Bush Honors Leonard Matlovich

**[Washington, D.C.]**- Sixteen years after his forced separation from the Air Force and almost three years after his death from AIDS, Leonard Matlovich, the highly decorated Vietnam veteran who was discharged from the service for admitting his homosexuality, has been honored posthumously by President Bush.

A scroll honoring the war hero was signed by Bush and presented to Matlovich's parents. The scroll reads: "The United States of America honors the memory of Leonard P. Matlovich. This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the armed forces of the United States."

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 (QN) has announced that they have made several successful ventures into the straight world and had "one frustrating confrontation."

According to QN's press release, the Queer Shopping Network episodes at Mayfair and Grand Avenue Malls went smoothly. The Queer National presence was "particularly strong at the Grand Avenue where approximately 25 Queers of varied colors and genders shopped openly for compact discs, clothing and wedding rings. Queer Nation has committed itself to a full schedule of Queer Shopping Networks."

However, QN reported that "it was a different story when Queers attempted to place same-sex dedications with WMYX-99 FM." Queers who managed to get through the "maze of busy signals" were informed that WMYX-99 FM would not play same-sex dedications for "moral reasons."

QN has said that this will be a "hot topic" at their next meeting on Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in the first floor meeting room of the downtown Milwaukee public library.

Also to be discussed will be responses to the Appleton Hate Crimes trial,

Amnesty International's exclusion "of Queers." Queer marriages and domestic partnerships, Queer Nights Out, a Queer National Holiday on June 27 (the anniversary of Stonewall), fundraising and merchandise options and the Queer National presence during Lesbian and Gay Pride week.

The following are the dates for future Queer Shopping Networks according to QN: Mar. 24- Northridge Mall; Mar. 30-Stonewood Village; April 6-Bayshore Mall; April 14-Brookfield Square; April 20-Capitol Court; April 28-Southridge Mall. QN says that Queers will be meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the food courts of the malls — except for Bayshore Mall where they will meet at Gloria Jean's Coffee Bean and Brookfield Square where they will meet inside the mall near the entrance to J.C. Penny's.

QN is a multi-cultural direct action group dedicated to fighting anti-Queer bigotry and to promoting Queer visibility and welcomes womyn and men of all gender identities, sexual orientation, races, abilities, ages, classes and cultures. QN's statement of purpose demands the same rights and privileges that the heterosexual population of this country enjoys and takes for granted.

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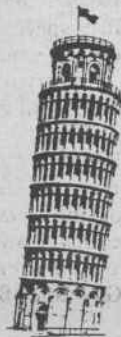
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## Major Speakers Highlight Gay Awareness Week at UW-M

By Todd Lillethun

Milwaukee shares an exciting opportunity with the Gay and Lesbian community this April. Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week will be celebrated at UW-Milwaukee during the week of April 15-18. Several reknowned speakers from around the country will present insights into modern day Gay and Lesbian issues for the students and the general public in the UWM Union. The week is designed to educate and sensitize the campus and the community at large, especially students entering social welfare and human services careers. All of the programs will be free of charge.

**Monday, April 15** Susan Vasbinder will speak on "Sensitizing Our Awareness" in the Wisconsin Room of the Union from 4:00-6:00 p.m. She aims at breaking down misconceptions and stereotypes in society and sensitizing people toward Gay and Lesbian needs and concerns.

Vasbinder has been teaching and training people on Gay sensitivity for over 20 years in universities across the country. She is noted for her week-long workshops dealing with sexual orientation and for her programs sensitizing individuals in the office and in the classroom about anti-Gay discrimination. She is also politically active as well-analyzing state laws and university policies dealing with sexual orientation and reforming the system to be more compassionate toward the Gay and Lesbian community.

**Tuesday, April 16** Dr. Michael Bailey will discuss "Sexual Orientation with a Genetic Basis" in the Wisconsin Room of the Union from 4:00-6:00 p.m. He will share recent research on the role of genetics on sexual orientation.

Bailey is the Asst. Professor of Psychology at Northwestern University. His findings in the fields of behavior genetics and sex research have been widely published. His current work in the genetic role in sexual orientation is the result of a new, yet unpublished study.

**Wednesday, April 17** Ivy Young will appeal "Yes, Virginia, We Have Families, Too" in the Wisconsin Room of the Union from 4:00-6:00 p.m. She will present new dimensions for Gay and Lesbian relationships with recognized marriage, child adoption and child custody.

Young is the Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Families Project. Her credentials include staff member of the Center for Black Lesbians and Gays and organizer of the Sixth Pan African Congress and Lesbians and Gays for Jesse Jackson in New York City. Currently, she works with agencies, activists, and government officials to educate communities and lobby for protection of Gay and Lesbian families, child custody and child adoption.

**Thursday, April 18** Dr. Gregory Herek will explore "Anti-Gay Prejudice from a Social Science Perspective" in the Art Gallery of the Union from 4:00-6:00 p.m. He will analyze social influences that create hostility and hatred for Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals.

Herek is the Associate of Research Psychology at the University of California at Davis. He formed and taught a graduate level course on anti-Gay prejudice in 1984 and on the psychological aspects of AIDS at City University in New York in 1987. As the Chair on Gay and Lesbian concerns of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), he has testified for the APA to push for an anti-Gay violence bill. Presently he is editing an anthology on anti-Gay violence.

Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week is sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students, the Gay and Lesbian Community at UWM, Union Programming, SA Minority Affairs, and the Department of Sociology. The Week could not have been possible without the help of Carmen Witt, the Dean of Students at UWM.

The birth of the Week came from the controversy sparked by ex-homosexual speaker Bill Windel back in October, 1990. The event reflected a need for the Gay, Lesbian and straight community to be provided with updated information on sexual orientation, social and human issues. Carmen Witt and Jeff Wellhoefer, president of the GLC at UWM, worked together to confront these problems. Witt proved instrumental in getting the week off the ground by providing necessary

funding and seeing the program through the necessary hurdles.

For more information, contact Jeff Wellhoefer at the GLC Office at 229-6555. Especially as the precursor to the First National Graduate Student Conference on Lesbian and Gay Studies beginning on April 18, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week will be an exciting event for all those who attend!

## Madison Queer Liberation Front Protests UW Policy

[Madison]- In a letter dated March 15, 1991, the Queer Liberation Front sent a letter to University of Wisconsin-Madison's Chancellor Donna E. Shalala demanding that the University "live up to its alleged commitment to minority issues." The letter was signed by 94 supporters including David Clarenbach (D-Madison) and Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) along with David Runyon among others.

The letter specifically asks "for information on any plans to start comprehensive programs to educate the student body, University faculty and staff on racism, sexism and homophobia."

Enclosed with the letter was a copy of the Academic Staff Assembly resolution in support of an active educational program on Lesbian and Gay men's issues and a copy of the Wisconsin Student Association bill SB38-44.

The resolution asks that UW-Madison create a student lounge or other center for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community along with separate office space for the Ten Percent Society; create a Gay/Lesbian studies department or program; actively recruit Lesbian and Gay students, faculty and staff; provide housing and other benefits afforded married couples to domestic partners; open married student housing to domestic partners, including Lesbian and Gay couples and sponsor a regular program of speakers on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual

## Social Workers Schedule Confab

[Baltimore, MD]- The Association of Lesbian and Gay Social Workers of the University of Maryland at Baltimore are sponsoring a conference on "Building Bridges" between the homosexual, bisexual and heterosexual communities. The conference will also focus on decreasing homophobia and increasing the awareness of Gay and Lesbian issues among social workers. For more information, call (301) 889-1298.

issues for the residence halls, fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations.

In addition, the resolution "demands" that the University "Divest from Phillip Morris Corporations, Inc., as a protest to their support for...Jesse Helms" and "publicize and open to public scrutiny administration efforts to end discrimination against Lesbians and Gays by the Reserve Office Training Corps (ROTC)"

The letter to Shalala noted that on November 9, 1990, the Ten Percent Society sent a "7-page letter" to the Board of Regents on the problems faced on the campuses of the UW system by Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual students. The Society was told: "that this University works 'bottom up' rather than 'top down' and that the project needed grass roots support."

In its letter of March 15, the Queer Liberation Front said "the grass roots support seems to be in place, but the resources are missing." The letter went on to say that "We demand the University to commit personnel and funds to fulfill its responsibility to its minority students."

The letter concludes saying, "We are asking the University to provide a harassment free, safe environment where students can concentrate on their academic pursuits without being harassed for their sexual orientation, race or sex."

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## EDITORIAL

### Milwaukee School Board Election

We would like to recommend the following candidates when you vote on Tuesday, April 2nd.

In the Milwaukee School Board race there are 5 candidates running. We recommend the following:

**Member-at Large: Kathleen Hart.** Her experience on the school board from 1981-'85 brings her the knowledge and depth of dealing with complex issues. In addition, she has the understanding, knowledge and compassion needed. She has promised a willingness to sit down and discuss issues and programs concerning Gay and Lesbian youth in the schools.

**District 1: Jeanette Mitchell** (incumbent) Her experience on the Board is these difficult transitional times demands her re-election.

**District 2: Sandra Small**

**District 3: Joyce Mallory** (incumbent) She has demonstrated great concern and experience in her many years on the Board. She should be re-elected.

**District 8: Christine Sinicki**

**City of Milwaukee Municipal Judge: Stanley A. Miller** (incumbent) Judge Miller has been exemplary as a Municipal Judge since his appointment by the Common Council in 1988 and his election in 1989. His sensitivity for those thousands of citizens who have been in his court illustrates his genuine compassion and understanding. He has been a true friend of our community and deserves our support for re-election.

—Michael S. Lisowski

### New York Mayor Dinkins Praised

There are some politicians who seemingly would take their grandmother out and hustle her old bones for a mess of pottage. Then there are others.

The others are people like Mayor David Dinkins of New York who see the good, the right and the just and stand up for it — no matter the cost. Mayor Dinkins walked proudly in the St. Patrick's Day parade, marched with Lesbians and Gays because it was the right, the good thing to do. We applaud that. We applaud that with everything, every word, every gesture we can think about doing. In that march, Mayor Dinkins endured the cat-calls of bigots and came through smiling. Later, joining Lesbians and Gays and our supporters, he cried at the warm welcome he received. He richly deserved that reception.

Mayor Dinkins will never read this editorial. We will never meet him, never get to shake his hand. But from over 1,000 miles away, we here at Wisconsin Light say a great big hearty "Thank You" and extend to him our full admiration and respect.

## LETTERS

### Homophobia

#### TO THE EDITOR:

If I believe in anything, I believe in "Judyism" as practiced by Judy Tenuta. No one can make me laugh like "la bella" Tenuta. But my delight turned to rage and frustration at Judy's 10:30 performance last Thursday night (March 14). A group of loud, disorderly, drunken homophobes disrupted the show, and the La Cage management let them get away with it.

Judy Tenuta herself requested from the stage that this group be dealt with. Management sent someone over to talk to them (I had the bad luck of being seated right next to them under very crowded conditions). They quieted down for about a minute and then started up again. I'm curious, very curious indeed, to know why, at that point, they weren't ejected.

As it was, they continued their litany of obnoxious, fag-baiting remarks all through the show. I tried very hard not to listen, but one of them stiff-armed me from behind, thereby ensuring my attention for the rest of the show.

Management obviously knew that there was a problem. They offered to let me and my friend, Alderwoman Mary Ann McNulty, stay for the final show. The offer was too little and too late.

I haven't a clue why George Prentice, the owner of La Cage, tolerated this abusive, scary behavior. I phoned him repeatedly over the week-end. He finally called Monday afternoon when I was out. I then phoned him repeatedly again, leaving a number of options for him to reach me with his employees and a wide time frame to do it in. But George's manager at La Cage, Al, said that George was unavailable for comment. When I asked Al for his last name, he hung up on me.

So all I can do is guess why George Prentice permitted the outrageous conduct of a table full of homophobic straight people at a MAP fundraiser.

Could it be that George is afraid of alienating his straight clientele by sending a clear message that homophobia will not be tolerated?

On the face of it, the trouble makers were straight. They raised their hands with socket-wrenching eagerness when Judy Tenuta asked how many straights were in the audience. But then one never can tell about these things. For all I know, the chief harasser was wearing a maid's uniform under his dockers. The point is that it was allowed to continue.

Another possible reason for management's passivity is the belief that a little homophobia is okay. Well, George, if that is the case, I would like to disabuse you of that notion because A LITTLE HOMOPHOBIA IS NO MORE OKAY THAN A LITTLE RAPE!

Allow me to explain why I get so exercised about this particular topic. The last time I encountered this kind of harassment, in New York City, the perpetrator stuck a knife with a six-inch blade into my back up to the hilt. I nearly died three times that day — from my heart wanting to stop, from infection, and from blood loss. The white, middle class, male homophobe who did it got indicted for attempted murder and sent away for felony assault. And then do you know what he did when he got out of prison? Six weeks later? HE DID THE SAME THING TO SOMEONE ELSE!

It's a mug's game to think that there are not people out there in Milwaukee right now — many who are of the straight, white male variety — who think it's perfectly swell to be openly, violently homophobic. And many of them carry knives and guns and would murder a Gay person with no more thought than they'd give to gutting a fish.

So okay. Are you getting the picture, George? I'm pretty cheesed off.

Another guess as to why you tolerated the behavior of these odious types — who, by the

happens to a public official who has always been extremely sensitive and receptive to all her constituents, regardless of race or sexual orientation.

Thinking that the matter was resolved and our apologies accepted that night, I considered that the matter was ended. Evidently it is not. So now I personally apologize to Mary Ann, Mike and anyone else in the vicinity who had to put up with the verbal abuse that night. I must also explain the rationale behind my decision not to eject the parties responsible.

Before I became aware that there was any problem, the people causing that problem had been warned twice to keep quiet by employees. When I got there I warned them in no uncertain terms that if they continued, they would be ejected. My first inclination was to eject them, but I had to make an on the spot, split second decision. My decision was not to eject but to stand and make sure it did not continue. My reasons for deciding not to eject are as follows.

There was a show going on and the room was extremely crowded. Given their degree of drunkenness and attitude, I did not want a physical confrontation to break out in a crowd situation, taking the chance of someone being hurt. The damage had already been and I thought an attempted ejection might only make it worse. Right or wrong — it was my decision and under the circumstances, I believe the right one. After the show was over, the people responsible were permanently barred from La Cage.

Mike — as to your suggestion that we might in any way be tolerant of homophobia in any form is at the very least an inaccurate one. I and most of my staff have suffered from it both randomly and deliberately, even from the police department and certain city officials. I have been involved in the management or ownership of "Gay" clubs in Milwaukee for 21 years and the very notion that a place like La Cage could exist on a busy corner, out in the open and amongst some of the most popular "straight" clubs in the city, was unthinkable until the very recent past.

We do not solicit "straight" business in any way, but we legally could not screen or discriminate against "straights" even if we wanted to — which we do not.

I would think, and I always have, that the ultimate good would be integration to the point where one's sexual orientation was as unimportant as the color of one's eyes or hair. I am the sole financial support of one of the phone lines to which the hate crimes are reported. The mixing of "Gay" and "straight" people again (it started in 1976 until interrupted by the hysteria surrounding the AIDS epidemic) is a pleasant and positive thing to see happen. It should not be interrupted by the occasional distasteful incident. Anyone that is a regular patron of La Cage knows that it works 99.9% of the time.

One last thing Mike — I did return your calls, not knowing who you were or what you wanted, twice. The first time there was no answer. The second time I got someone besides you and left

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way, were belly-crawling, grass-grabbing drunk — is that you simply didn't feel equal to the task of ejecting them. Tis so? If that's the case, I have a solution for you.

Last summer I worked at a nightclub in Cambridge connected to Indigo, a popular Lesbian bar. The women had been harassed by local straight men who were intent on "converting" them. So they got themselves the meanest, ugliest, bloodthirstiest, acne-pitted thug they could find and put him on the door. And what do you know? The homophobes now stay away from Indigo in droves.

I can't imagine any Gay club in any other city I've lived in allowing a group like the little "bund" that was at La Cage last Thursday night to go blithely about their noisy, nasty, homophobic business.

Unfortunately the Gay community in Milwaukee seems to be stuck in a certain amount of denial about the existence of hate crimes here. Fortunately, there are organizations in Milwaukee like Lambda Rights Network, Queer Nation and ACT UP who know the score.

Homophobic harassment is the seed of hate crimes that cannot be allowed to grow. Hate crimes against queers and women and people of color flourish in all their malignant glory when there is apathy.

So, George, my question is this: This is the question I would have asked you if you'd returned my phone calls: How the Hell could you, someone who was out there early and often raising money for the AIDS crisis, have dropped the ball like you did in such a spectacular fashion? How could you do that, George?

—Mike Neville  
Milwaukee

### La Cage Responds

#### TO THE EDITOR:

**Editor's Note:** The following letter was sent to Mike Neville and Alderwoman Mary Ann McNulty

...

I did not become aware of the fact that the unfortunate incident of Mar. 14th had not been resolved until today when I received a call from the editor of Wisconsin Light newspaper.

An incident of this nature is intolerable under any circumstances, but doubly so when it

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## Distrust Led To Questions Over Phone Service Funding

By Sue Burke

When Scott Gunkel publicly criticized Ralph Navarro for seeking funds for his telephone referral line, Gunkel had an important fact wrong.

But he was moved by a deep distrust of Navarro and the telephone line after a failed business relationship between Navarro and Lambda Rights Network.

Gunkel, now president of LRN, fired off a letter in early February to both Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay newspapers, Wisconsin Light and Wisconsin In Step. Navarro replied in a letter that was printed in In Step two weeks later.

But they differ on more than what was in the letters.

Navarro's telephone referral line, Gay Information Services, is a subsidiary of Navarro's business, Shalom Enterprises Inc. In 1989, Navarro brought LRN the idea of using the line to collect information about hate crimes against Gay and Lesbian people.

LRN, a Milwaukee organization formed in 1984 to provide lobbying and education on Lesbian and Gay rights, was looking for a way to do something about hate crimes against Lesbian and Gay people — crimes that are growing in number nationally, and probably locally. LRN decided to try to collect statistics about hate crimes.

But Navarro was president of LRN when he brought the proposal to its board of directors. Gunkel was on its board of directors.

"It was very hard for the board to begin with having someone on the board and getting paid," he said, but Navarro presented the cheapest offer.

LRN sought to avoid a conflict of interest by negotiating a contract with Navarro. He agreed to provide 24-hour telephone coverage, to keep written records "in an appropriate format," and to provide monthly reports and aggregate information.

LRN agreed to publicize the project through public relations, advertising and publicity in the Gay and Lesbian and mainstream communities, and to obtain funding.

Navarro was paid \$40 per month for the services of GIS, Gunkel said.

Both men agree that GIS did not supply the required number of reports to LRN.

In 18 months, Gunkel said, GIS provided written reports on as few as 7 calls, and said Navarro reported at meetings that the line was receiving one or two calls a month.

Navarro said he provided regular oral reports on the line, but only three or four written reports because LRN was not living up to its part of the bargain to publicize the line.

In his letter to the editor, Navarro wrote, "The board of LRN totally failed to regularly inform people about the line. The impression we received from attending one of their board meetings was that unless there were hundreds of reports, it wasn't worth supporting the line."

Gunkel said he was in charge of the committee to publicize the telephone line. He said he acquired grants of \$750 and \$250 from Cream City Foundation and a grant of \$600 from Resist, another foundation.

Gunkel said the money paid for about five adds in In Step, four in Light, and several thousand business-size cards describing the telephone line. He said about 5,000 of the cards were distributed in bars and at the Gay Pride Parade. The telephone line was also described in LRN's newsletters and in press releases.

The money also paid for the monthly operating cost for the line, Gunkel said. "Once we ran out of money we could no longer afford to go out and advertise," he said.

Both men agree that advertising increased the number of calls to the line. "As soon as we did advertising or put the cards out we did get calls," Navarro said.

But he said LRN didn't do enough. "We couldn't even get our own people to hand out cards," he said.

He said he created the telephone line for the advancement of LRN. "Did they produce anything to make it happen? No."

Over Navarro's objections, LRN discontinued the telephone line in October 1990 and Navarro was replaced as president shortly after that.

Gunkel said, "We had to get rid of this

particular hot line because it was getting expensive and wasn't producing anything."

He added, "I don't think GIS is at fault for the hot line failing. I think it was the community that failed us."

The hot line was intended only to collect information about the number and type of crimes. LRN had planned to turn that data over to national Gay and Lesbian organizations, to the police and to the U.S. Justice Department to urge greater and more sensitive protection of Lesbians and Gay men.

Instead, Gunkel said, callers expected LRN to provide intervention and counseling. "People would call and think we would do everything," Gunkel said.

Navarro said another problem was that a number of callers would provide only minimal information.

Navarro has continued to operate the hate crimes and violence hot line as part of GIS, but the telephone line does more, he said.

It is advertised only in listings in the telephone book, the Yellow Pages and the In Step directory, and the line gets about 25 calls a day, Navarro said. Most of the calls are for people seeking referrals to bars and social establishments, he said, and many of those callers are business and professional people visiting the city who look up "Gay" in the telephone book.

The second most common referral is for professional services, he said, people looking for doctors, counseling or attorneys. About one-fourth of the calls are hang-ups or threats and insults against Gay people, he said.

The number of calls from Lesbians and the number of calls AIDS-related calls are increasing, he said.

He said the purpose of GIS is to promote Gay and Lesbian professionals and services. "We try to help people find answers to questions and find services they're looking for. We are not a hot line. We are not a counseling service. We do not do crisis intervention."

But business charges for the telephone alone are \$110 to \$130 a month, Navarro said. Two volunteers help him answer the line. "I know how to work with volunteers," he said. "I am trying to get economic support so I can do something for the people who do the work."

So Navarro has been approaching businesses to help fund the line.

When Gunkel found out about this, he wrote a letter accusing Navarro of "attempting to profit off of hate crimes," for "going around collecting money for a hot line and telling people that his hot line is getting over 600 calls per month."

After reading Navarro's reply, Gunkel said apparently the 600 calls were for all GIS services, and maybe the line does get that many calls for all the things it does.

But Gunkel does not trust the operation. "I would just like people to ask the basic questions about what they are giving their money to," he said.

In his contacts with some businesses, Navarro has provided a number of referrals he said the line made, but he said there has been a lack of support from the businesses that get the most referrals, the bars.

His goal is not only to continue and expand the program, but to make it a non-profit. The IRS wants an organization to be in business for two years before it grants tax-exempt non-profit status, and GIS was created in October 1987, Navarro said.

He would like to get advertisements about the telephone line into mainstream entertainment guides and the referral information kept by hotels, so it can better serve the "unbelievable" number of visitors to the city. Navarro said he likes Milwaukee and wants to promote it.

In his letter, Navarro wrote, "GIS seeks out funding to pay not only for the 24-hour service, but to ensure full and ongoing support for this vital program. We also seek funding to build our significantly-used Speakers Bureau and Trainers."

"During the last quarter of 1990, we spoke to over 700 people in numerous gatherings about Gay and Lesbian people," he wrote.

Navarro said he is the speaker in the speaker's bureau. In early November, he spoke at five speaking engagements, one to a sociology class of 250 students at UWM, to a Sociology Department seminar of 150 Carroll College students, three

## First National Gay Studies Conference Coming to Milwaukee

By Maytee Aspuro

The city of Milwaukee, specifically, the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee, will be hosting an extraordinary event — The First National Graduate Student Conference on Lesbian and Gay Studies. The conference, made possible in part by a grant from The Cream City Foundation, will take place Thursday, April 18 — Saturday, April 20.

Conference organizers Cheryl Kader and Thomas Piontek have created an event that will bring together graduate students, community leaders, activist and thoughtful Lesbians and Gays from across the country and across the disciplines working in or interested in the area of Lesbian and Gay studies. The conference will focus on the diversity of the Gay and Lesbian community — the respective histories, assumptions and conceptual frameworks that have shaped Lesbian and Gay self-representations and the other ways in which the discourses of sexuality and other "minority discourses" overlap — as well as the relation between feminism and Lesbian and Gay studies.

This powerful mission has been designed to extend beyond the academic community and to bridge the gap between representatives of different Lesbian and Gay organizations. Topics include the response to aids, community activism, subcultures, sexuality, drag, Lesbian battering as well as academic scholarship and theory.

Conference organizers, Kader and Piontek, are graduate students in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at UWM. Both Kader and Piontek acknowledged the isolation experienced by Lesbian and Gay graduate students as they work towards their degrees. What they find exciting about the new generation of scholars is their courage to explore issues relating to the Lesbian and Gay community prior to obtaining a tenured position within a university. Unfortunately, they note that graduate students do not have many opportunities to discuss their work. This conference is meant to diminish that sense of isolation even if only for a few days.

Piontek stated that the response to this conference has been encouraging in that it has demonstrated that Lesbian and Gay studies is alive and well and that graduate students are doing ground breaking work.

More than eighty presenters will be traveling to Milwaukee from all corners of the United States and Canada. The mid-west and southern regions of the United States will be well represented. This was important to organizers who felt that east and west coast scholars often have greater opportunities to meet. Panels are scheduled at 90 minute intervals in Curtin Hall on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Panels will consist of the presentation of three papers and time for questions and answers.

Each evening will provide conference participants, as well as the general public, an opportunity to attend a special event. On Thursday, April 18, Thomas Yingling, a professor in the English department of Syracuse University, will be giving a keynote address exploring the present and future of Lesbian and Gay studies. Yingling has published a book on poet Hart Crane entitled *Hart Crane and the Homosexual Text* as well as numerous essays on Gay cultural studies. The following evening, Joan Nestle, co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York and writer of the highly acclaimed book *A Restricted County* and co-editor of *Women on Women*, a collection of Lesbian short stories, will give a slide presentation and lecture on "Voices and Lesbians prior to the Movement." Both Yingling's and Nestle's presentations will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Curtin Hall. On the final

classes at the Milwaukee Area Technical College and to some church groups.

This kind of speaking helps overcome homophobia, he said.

LRN still wants to do something about violence and harassment of Lesbians and Gay men, Gunkel said. The organization has held two community speakouts, and met with a "mixed response," he said. The organization may consider a community education program, but no plans have been made.

evening of the conference, "Dr. Queen's Drag Academy" consisting of one female and three male graduate students will present a multi-media combination variety show and academic panel. Dr. Queens previously performed at Harvard's Gay & Lesbian & Bi-sexual Conference. This latter event will take place at 8:00 P.M. at the UWM Alumni House.

All members of the Lesbian and Gay community are encouraged to attend. For Lesbians unable to attend the National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta during the same month, this is a worthwhile alternative. As Piontek stated, UWM will be Queer for three days.

Registration for the conference will occur between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Center for Women's Studies in UWM's Mitchell Hall. The fee is \$10 for all conference events or \$5 for each evening event. For more information call (414) 229-5918. In addition, the conference needs volunteers to host participants. Any extra bed or floor space would be highly appreciated. To volunteer, please contact Julie Magida at 374-1073.



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The Flirtations, (l to r) Jon Arterton, Aurelio Font, Jimmy Rutland, Cliff Townsend and Michael Callen will perform on April 26 in Milwaukee at the Plankinton Theatre, located in the Auditorium building. The concert will be a benefit for the Milwaukee Pride Committee.

## Clarenbach To Be Auctioneer At 'Make A Promise' Dinner

[Milwaukee]- Five special donations to the Fifth Annual "Make A Promise" Dinner will be offered to participants in the event's first voice auction. The Dinner, to be held Sunday, April 7, 1991 at the Pfister Hotel, is being sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison), Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly, father of Wisconsin's Gay rights law and author/sponsor of all AIDS legislation in the state will be the auctioneer.

"David Clarenbach is a great legislator and he will be a great auctioneer at the dinner," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP. "We are thrilled that David will be with us at the Make A Promise Dinner again this year. His dedication to the struggle against AIDS is an example to all of us," said Nelson.

The five items Rep. Clarenbach will be offering for bids are: a porcelain vase valued at \$780, a leather chair valued at \$2,300, a reproduction of a Frank Lloyd Wright window valued at \$900, a five-day trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico valued at more than \$900 and a painting by renowned Milwaukee artist, the late Robert Uyvari. The painting is said to be priceless.

In addition to the voice auction, there will be the traditional silent auction with nearly 100 items up for bids.

"We are truly overwhelmed by the degree of support we experienced when putting the auction together," said Steve Bahr, auction coordinator and a member of MAP's Fundraising Committee. Bahr expressed his delight with the beauty of the items up for bids.

Louise Searing, special events manager at MAP said that the AIDS service organization anticipated a crowd of

"more than 600 people" at the Make a Promise Dinner.

The menu, prepared by the chefs of the Pfister will include a choice of filet with mushroom sauce, breast of chicken with rice, apricots and pistachio nuts. A vegetarian medley will also be available.

The Make A Promise Dinner is not only a delightful social occasion, but is a critically important fundraising event for MAP that underwrites crucial services for people with HIV disease in Milwaukee.

Tickets for the Dinner are \$45 for general seating and \$75 for preferred, reserved seats and are available at outlets throughout Milwaukee or from MAP by calling (414) 273-1991.

The site of the Dinner is the Pfister's Grand Ballroom. The hotel is located in downtown Milwaukee at 424 E. Wisconsin Ave.

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## 'Flirtations' To Perform For Milwaukee Benefit April 26

[New York]- There's a hot, new singing group in the music scene. They're called "The Flirtations" and they're America's only openly Gay and politically active singing ensemble.

AND they are coming to Milwaukee on April 26 as part of a Midwest tour for a concert sponsored by the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

They are well worth hearing. In less than three years, The Flirtations have developed an almost cult-like following in the Lesbian and Gay community across the country and are now in the process of garnering a strong interest in the broad general audience.

Their repertoire ranges from songs of Pride and Protest to Sweet Honey in Rock and Holly Near to Peter Gabriel and Fred Small to original works and more.

New York's 7 Days Magazine has raved over them, saying, "Boasting a glorious ensemble sound, The Flirtations... combine the elegance of Take 6 and the winking humor of La Cage Aux Folles. They're funny, poignant, provocative and celebratory all at the right times."

The Flirtations have appeared on both coasts; in New York, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco and many other places — but this is their first Midwestern tour and their first time in Wisconsin.

They have just released their premiere compact disc and cassette which can be ordered directly from The Flirtations at

P.O. Box 421 Prince St. Station, New York, NY 10012. Compact discs are \$15 and cassettes are \$10 plus \$2.50 for postage and handling.

The group is good, very good. They have attracted SRO audiences wherever they've performed. They will be appearing on April 26 at the Plankinton Theatre (auditorium building). Tickets will go on sale on April 1st.

## 'Thirtysomething' To Feature AIDS Plot April 30

[Los Angeles, CA]- Paul Monette, the author of *Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir*, has co-written a script about the disease for the ABC-TV show "Thirtysomething." The AIDS episode is expected to air on April 30 of this year.

Monette, an award-winning Gay writer, collaborated on the script with one of the show's producers, Peter Frechette will play a character who discovers he has the human immuno-deficiency virus.

Two years ago, ABC reportedly lost up to \$1 million in advertising revenue when a "Thirtysomething" episode featured two Gay men talking to each other in bed. Monette said the new show about AIDS proves that the producers are not "going to avoid hard issues."



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## Female Impersonators To Be Featured on New Tri-Cable T.V.

[Milwaukee]- Several African American and white female impersonators and entertainers were interviewed by moderator Michael Lisowski. The program will be seen on the up-coming New Tri-Cable Tonight.

Guest panelists included: Vanessa Alexandre, Miss Gay Wisconsin, 1990-'91; Echo Chambers, Miss Black Gay Wisconsin, 1986-'91; Sidney Johnson, Coordinator of the Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin "On the Move" Pageant 1991; Dominique Mahon, Miss Club 219, 1990-'91; and Mary Richards, 1st Runner Up, Miss Gay Wisconsin, 1990-'91.

Perceptions of racial tensions among entertainers as well as attitudes about "drag" by women were discussed, as well as other issues. In addition, each program features performances by two entertainers: Vanessa and Echo in the first of a two-part program, scheduled for cablecast on March 21, 24, 28, 31 and April 4, 11, 14 and 21.

The New Tri-Cable is a Gay/Lesbian issues-oriented program and features stimulating, sometimes opposing viewpoints lead by a knowledgeable moderator. All programs are cablecast on City of Milwaukee Warner Channel 14

(public access), on Thursday and Sunday evenings at 10:30-11:00 p.m.

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network (MGLCN) is always looking for volunteers and new ideas. Write to MGLCN, Box 239, Milwaukee 53201 or call 265-0880. MGLCN is a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Inc.

## Lesbian Confab Opens In June

[Houston, TX]- Paz Y Liberacion reports that the International Lesbian Information Service (ILIS), founded in 1979, will hold its next international conference June 19-23, 1991 at the Lake Front Camp in Pennsylvania. The Conference is being hosted by the East Coast Lesbians' Festival.

The Conference will include reports on Lesbian rights world-wide, workshops on Lesbian health, culture and much more. Conference participants will have full access to the Lesbians' Festivals' programs.

The Conference fee is \$200.00 which includes all conference papers (in English), vegetarian meals and accommodations.

Send payment (payable to Particular Productions) before April 15 to ECLF, 132 Montague St., Box 274, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Tel. (718) 643-3284.



Debbie Davis will perform in "Sex and the Circus" from April 4-20 at Milwaukee's Lincoln Center for the Arts.

## Debbie Davis Presents Sex and the Circus' April 4-20

[Milwaukee]- "Sex and the Circus" and "What I Know So Far" are original works to be presented by performance artist Debbie Davis and actor Lisa Saunders. The performances will be staged at the Lincoln Center for the Arts, Room 222, 820 E. Knapp St. in Milwaukee and run Friday and Saturdays from April 5-20, 1991 with a preview on April 4th. Time is 8:00 p.m.

"Sex and the Circus" by Debbie Davis has been described as "a multimedia confrontation of the fear and power in the most universal of our tricks and pleasures. It is a resistant personal salvation through film, rope walking and handstands."

"What I Know So Far" has been taught in every sentence uttered, every dollar spent, every vote cast, every video seen. This second piece by Lisa Saunders is the human record of many voices. After understanding there is no return without

complicity.

"Sex and the Circus" is Davis' sixth annual production of original works in Milwaukee. She co-founded the San Francisco-based Women's Circus and has been the recipient of grants from the Wisconsin Arts Board, the Cream City Foundation and Kissing Girls Productions.

Saunders has performed with eight local companies, ranging from the Florentine to Friends Mime and has most recently toured nationally with the Ohio-based Mad River Theater Works.

Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door and \$5 preview. They may be purchased at People's Books, 1808 N. Farwell St. and Outpost Natural Foods, 102 E. Capital Dr. The show is funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board and co-sponsored by Media Jar and the Milwaukee Public Theater.

## Boulevard Opens 'Twelfth Night' April 19

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble will close its 1990-'91 season when it presents William Shakespeare's comedy, "Twelfth Night."

Amy Zeh, a former member of Clavis Theatre and a current member of American Inside Theatre of Milwaukee, will direct the Ensemble's production.

The Ensemble will present "Twelfth Night" from April 19 to May 12 at the Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. in Bay View. Tickets for all performances will be \$8 and can be reserved by calling 672-6019. All performances begin at 8:00 p.m.

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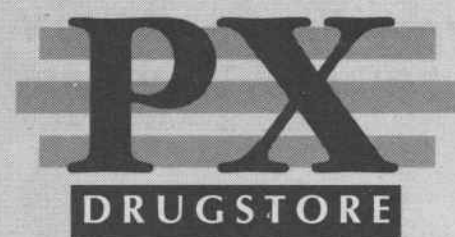
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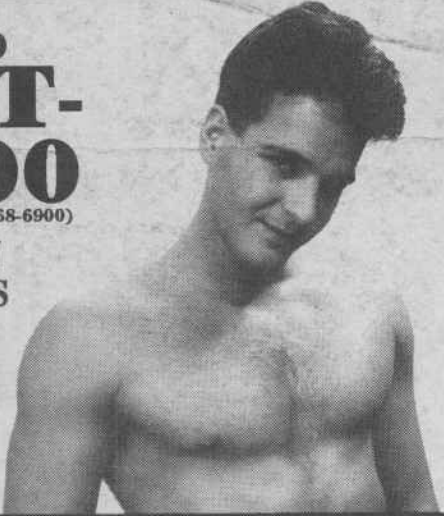
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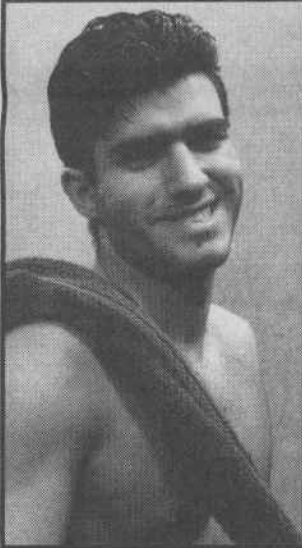
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## Bowlers Plan Nov. H.I.T. Tournament; AIDS Benefit

[Milwaukee]- The Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) has begun plans for its '91 bowling tournament to be held over Thanksgiving weekend.

Those holding board positions for the '91 season are: Dean Mawhiney, Director; Cindy Olsheske, Asst. Director; Pat Prudlow, Secretary; Bob Doornek, Asst. Secretary; Bruce Lemke, Treasurer; Jeff Whitt, Asst. Treasurer; Debi Vance and Bob Gliniecki, Awards; Rick Steiner, Banquet; Joe Kender, Hospitality; Mark Dekker and Doug Sleaper, Graphics and Publicity; Timm Elmer and Tim McCall, Marketing.

## Deadline For Plant Orders Is April 9

[Milwaukee]- It isn't quite "parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme", not all four, anyway. Thyme isn't there. But three's enough and there are others besides.

There's pungent Italian and regular parsley, marjoram, sweet basil and tangy oregano. They are being offered for sale by **Wisconsin Light** as part of its benefit for the Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

Now, lemme say this about them. I don't know one blessed thing about plants. I look at the plastic variety and they wilt, but herbs, even I can grow — and I do out in a little space I've managed to wrest from my green-thumb spouse.

Herbs are a delight. On warm Summer days in their spots of sun, the air is fragrant with their sweet aromas. I cut some lush sprigs to use in cooking (fresh sage in stuffing really does turn a turkey into a Dickensian delight). And fresh oregano in spaghetti sauce? Magnifico — really.

Some, like sage or oregano, can be left out all Winter. The others, like parsley, come in to fill little pots with greenery.

Anyway, if, like me, you can't grow a damn thing, herbs, believe me, will thrive for you. You can order them until April 9. The cost is \$2.25 and it all goes to a good cause. For more information see the ad on page 11.

HIT still needs more help. To volunteer, call Dean at 482-1700 or Cindy at 871-4735.

Watch **Wisconsin Light** for details on all HIT's future fundraisers. A couple to keep in mind are "HIT Against AIDS" on May 18, 1991 and the infamous pie toss, this year to be held with the Cream City Chorus.

In other HIT news, Spring bowling is now getting under way. This is a ten week league beginning and is great for new bowlers. It starts on May 14 with bowling every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Landmark Lanes. There will be an organizational meeting at Landmark Lanes on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. Free bowling will follow the meeting. For more information, call Cindy at 871-4735 or Rick at 482-1964.

## IRISH

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totally pleased with the agreement, but it enabled the parade to proceed.

Despite the compromise, Mayor Dinkins declined his lead position in the parade and declared that "for reasons we all understand," he planned to march with the Irish Gays and Lesbians from start to finish.

Warned by his advisors that other politicians would benefit from his choice and that he might lose support among Irish voters, Mayor Dinkins said: "Whatever I have to yield in terms of not leading the parade I'm willing to do because I'm more interested in the overall good of our city."

The day after the parade (which was actually St. Patrick's Day), Mayor Dinkins joined in an Irish jig with Gays and Lesbians gathered in Sheridan Square, in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. Hundreds of supporters surrounded the Mayor, chanted his name and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Gays and Lesbians were key members of the coalition that supported David Dinkins' bid for Mayor. Mayor Dinkins has appointed many qualified and openly Gay people to positions within the city administration. He has also repeatedly

spoken out against the increasingly violent attacks on Gays and Lesbians in New York City.

On the other hand, some Gay and AIDS activist groups continue to criticize the Mayor and the city's Health Department for what they believe is an inadequate response to the AIDS epidemic.

## GRANT

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income below 50 percent of the county median; 2) net assets not exceeding \$5,000; 3) enrollment in the MAP case management system; 4) residency in Milwaukee County and 5) confirmed diagnosis of symptomatic HIV disease.

Nelson explained that MAP will employ a full-time housing coordinator to work with housing projects throughout the metro area to identify apartment units for lower income clients and implement the rental assistance program.

"AIDS is a disease that quickly depletes financial resources," Nelson said. "This combined with the unfortunate fact that many people with AIDS lose the emotional and financial support of their families, underscores the immense value of this grant to MAP and to the Gay community here in Milwaukee."

Nelson said that rental assistance program is likely to begin by June 1, 1991 and that MAP clients should contact their case manager for more information on the program.

Nelson pointed out that "this grant funding is highly unusual in the U.S. because state housing dollars are seldom earmarked for people with specific

disease. It is even more astounding," he said, "because of the historic discrimination, particularly in the housing market, that people with AIDS have encountered."

"Once again Wisconsin has taken a national leadership role in responding to the AIDS epidemic. The Milwaukee AIDS Project and all of its clients are fortunate to be the true beneficiaries of Wisconsin's historic progressive commitment."

## HATE CRIMES

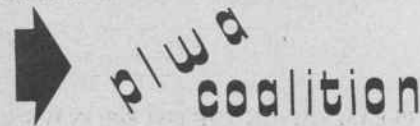
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evidence that Rosas and his friend were walking around specifically looking for a Gay to beat up.

Hayward was also concerned that the jury might find that there was no way Rosas could have known Christopher was Gay because one cannot determine sexual orientation by sight. In fact, at a preliminary hearing Rosas's Public Defender asked Christopher, "You're in fact a heterosexual, correct?" Christopher responded, "No, I'm not," eliciting apparently a great deal of surprise from both Rosas and his Public Defender. Hayward feels that this could be a problem in future prosecutions.

Despite the difficulty of the trial, Christopher is glad he pursued it. While he is disappointed that the hate crimes law was not applied, he is pleased that the jury refused to accept the defendant's "bigoted" defense.

Other victims of hate crimes should press charges Christopher believes. "We must stand up for our safety if we expect to have any," Christopher said.



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**LETTERS**

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my name and personal office number. Perhaps I could have been more diligent in trying to contact you, but I spent all day Sunday closeted with my lawyer and all of Monday and the better part of Tuesday in court on a personal matter.

Again — our deepest regrets and sincerest apology, and please, feel free to stop in or call me anytime.

—George Prentice  
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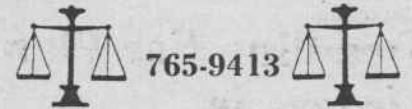
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## MASN Begins Support Group For Women

[Madison]- Though women are the fastest growing population of HIV infected persons in the U.S., they are still considered at little risk and too small in number for serious concern.

However, during the 1990's, the total number of female Wisconsin residents infected with HIV is expected to increase by 393 percent over the total number at the end of the 1980's. It is also projected that African American and Hispanic women will continue to acquire HIV infections at rates greatly exceeding those of Caucasian women.

Because the issues facing HIV positive women and women with AIDS are different from men, the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is sponsoring a support group specifically for HIV+ women. This group will meet Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. A light meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Child care is available and transportation will be provided upon request. For further information, call Robbie or Gretchen at MASN, 238-6276.

## Milwaukee Pride Week Updates

Two more dinners are planned, also to be held at St. Pius X in Wauwatosa. Friday, April 12, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., MLGPC will be serving Italian Spaghetti with garlic bread. Each dinner costs \$5. Beverages are additional.

Pancakes and porkies will be served on Sunday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. All proceeds benefit MLGPC.

**Rummage Sale** MLGPC will be holding a rummage sale on April 20 and 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3307 West Wells (garage).

If you have donations you'd like to drop off, you can do so on Saturday, April 13 at the above address, between noon and 5:00 p.m. If you can't drop off your items, but can still have things to donate, a tentative pick-up schedule is set for April 13 and 14. Call 32-PRIDE to make arrangements.

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- MONDAYS • "Shake a Drink"
- TUESDAYS • "Two Bit Tuesdays"
- WEDNESDAYS • Special "T" Drink Nite
- THURSDAYS • "Slice of Pizza" 50¢ w/Drink Purchase
- FRIDAYS • Fish Fry till Midnite
- SATURDAYS • "Rock-n-Roll Beer Bust"

#### COCKTAIL HOUR

5-9 — Pull Tabs

DART & POOL LEAGUES

Now Forming. See Corey

dance dance dance