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# The Wisconsin Light

## Hate Crimes Show Increase In Milwaukee

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]- Reflecting the national trend, reports of hate crimes against Gays and Lesbians in Milwaukee have increased over the past year.

According to the Gay Information Service (GIS), in 1989, 35 hate crimes were logged by its Hate Crimes Reporting Project. In 1990, 54 hate crimes were reported.

Ralph Navarro of the local reporting project called the figures "exceptionally conservative." He cited the reluctance of victims to report such crimes and the lack of funding which prevents publicity about the reporting service from being more widely disseminated through the Gay and Lesbian community.

Navarro noted that at times when funding has been available to conduct consistent publicity about the phone line — through newspaper ads, business cards, etc. — the number of anti-Gay incidents reported to the project increases.

For the record, the 1990 figures show: 18 cases of verbal harassment; 17 cases of physical abuse; 16 cases of harassment by police; 2 cases of abuse by police; and 1 murder.

Most incidents of police harassment were reported by pedestrians and motorists stopped in the Gay bar district on the lower south side. The two cases of police abuse involved allegations of physical abuse at the hands of police officers.

The Gay-related murder was that of Cleveland "Ricky" L. Roundtree, 28, who was shot twice and set on fire after leaving a central city bar in mid-October. His body was found in an abandoned building on W. Fond du Lac Avenue.

Testimony at the preliminary hearing revealed that suspects in the case had referred to Roundtree as a "fag," yet the District Attorney's office declined to charge the defendants under Wisconsin's new hate crimes law. When asked why, Asst. District Attorney Karine Mareno-Taxman refused to comment. The trial is scheduled for June 12 before Judge Janine Geske.

Navarro has forwarded the 1990 figures to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and the chiefs of the Milwaukee, West Allis and Shorewood police departments (in whose areas the crimes took place).

Anyone in Milwaukee who is the victim of anti-Gay or anti-Lesbian harassment or abuse is encouraged to call the Hate Crimes Reporting Line at 444-7331. The Hate Crimes Project will record the basic circumstances of the incident. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Since passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act on the national level, the US Justice Department is now required to record crimes perpetrated because of the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.

The Justice Department's Toll-Free Hate Crimes Hotline is: 1-800-347-HATE.

## Brown Deer Church Parishioners Vote to Retain Lesbian Minister

By Bill Meunier

You are a Lesbian in a high profile position traditionally reserved for men. You are a Church Pastor and someone asks if the "rumors" about your private life are true. You know that an honest answer will mean newspaper stories, a tremendous upheaval in your life, an opening up of yourself to hundreds of thousands of people. What do you do? If you are like Jan Doleschal, you tell the truth because that's the only way you know how to live.

Last November, Doleschal also known as the Reverend Janice Doleschal, was approached by one of her parishioners at Brown Deer United Church of Christ. He wanted to know if "those rumors" he had heard about her private life were accurate. The answer he got set in motion

## HIV Infections, AIDS Cases Increasing at Alarming Rates



State Rep. David Clarenbach of Madison; President of the Board of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Sharon Otto and the Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Doug Nelson, joined 400 others at the 'Make a Promise' dinner at Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel on April 7.

## ACT UP Madison Protests at Governor Tommy Thompson's Office

[Madison]- On April 16, 21 activists from ACT UP Madison went to the office of Governor Tommy Thompson to deliver to the Governor peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and towels to protest the lack of access to treatment, health care and psychological support of people living with AIDS and HIV+ inmates in Wisconsin prisons. Two specific cases led to the protest.

One is that of Roger Hillman, an inmate of Waupun Correctional Institution who is dying of AIDS. When his doctor, Frank Graziano, prescribed a high caloric diet with frequent feedings, Hillman was given one peanut butter and jelly sandwich each evening in addition to regular prison food.

The second case is that of Donald Woods. In September, 1990, Woods was, according to ACT UP Madison's press release, killed by guards at Waupun. The guards described as being in full riot gear, allegedly stuffed a towel in Woods's mouth and sat on his chest until he suffocated. In a special prosecutor's report, the guards maintained that they took this action to prevent Woods from "giving them AIDS" by spitting on them.

According to Dan Savage of ACT UP Madison, the activists were unable to meet with the Governor who was out of town. However, they waited "patiently" for a half hour for someone to see them.

They were met finally, by Doug Smith of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. ACT UP has been promised

access to all files relating to the Woods case on Monday, April 22.

In a related action, on Wednesday, April 17 at noon, silent pickets marched outside the Department of Corrections in Madison wearing towel "gags" like the one that allegedly killed Woods.

On Thursday, April 18 at noon in the State Capitol, a press conference on AIDS and HIV in Wisconsin prisons will be held (after we go to press). Among the listed speakers are: Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison), Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Brad Jackson, Attorney for Roger Hillman, and ACT UP Madison.

Wisconsin Light will carry a full update in the next issue.

## GALVANize Plans April 26 Meeting

[Madison]- The Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance of Madison (GALVANize) is planning a Lesbian and Gay Pride march/celebration for October 5, 1991, the weekend before "Coming Out Week."

GALVANize exists to increase the visibility of Lesbians, Gay men and bisexuals. Being visible, we create the opportunity to be understood. Acceptance, community and love grow out of this understanding.

The second general meeting of GALVANize will be on Friday, April 26, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. at the UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. in Madison. (Check Today In The Union for room). Work will be done organizing a fundraising dance for May 31 at the Memorial Union. In addition, volunteers are needed to work at the MAGIC Picnic which will be held on July 20. Last year, this was a big fundraising event for many LESBIGAY groups in Madison.

Another item to be discussed is the possibility of bringing part of the Names Project Quilt to Madison for the October 5th March. The meeting will also provide time for volunteers to find out more information about the following GALVANize Committees: finance/legal, events up to and during the March, Fundraising, March/Rally logistics, media, outreach/education, orientation/training, childcare. Access to a TTY phone line is also needed.

Please call (608) 255-8061 if you need childcare for the April 26th meeting.

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

[Milwaukee]- A 75 page report just issued, entitled **Meeting the Challenge of AIDS in the 1990's** should, according to Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) "should shake up Milwaukee to the reality that AIDS will have a devastating impact on our community."

The heavily annotated report, funded by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, was compiled by the Metropolitan AIDS Planning Project which included over 150 leaders from the health care, business, social service, religious, civic, insurance, PWA's, education and arts communities.

The report states bluntly that "By the year 2000, each of us will know someone with HIV disease. Nationally there are 1.5 million people with the HIV illness and 270,000 with an AIDS diagnosis."

In the Milwaukee area which includes Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties with a population of 1.5 million are concentrated 60% of all HIV/AIDS cases in the state.

In this area in 1990, the number of people who have died of AIDS was equal to those killed in motor vehicle accidents or by homicide.

The report projects that by 1995: 12,600 people in the Milwaukee area will be infected with HIV; 1,240 persons will have AIDS; the rate of new infections among Gay and bisexual men will decrease from 78% in 1990 to 67% in 1995; the proportion of new HIV infections among African Americans, Hispanics and other racial and ethnic minority groups will grow from 30% of all cases in 1990 to 35% by 1995; the rate of HIV infections among women will double from 10% in 1990 to 20% by 1995; the number of HIV infected babies will sextuple by 1995, from 20 children to 120 infants/children in 1995; by 1995, the number of persons living with AIDS in the Milwaukee area will reach the 1990 level experienced in Boston, Dallas, Ft. Lauderdale, Oakland, San Jose and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

By 1995 the annual deaths related to AIDS will be three times the number of people who are killed in motor vehicle accidents or by homicide.

The report states that Milwaukee will spend more than \$181 million per year in 1995 caring for people with HIV disease, 66 percent of which is for inpatient hospitalized care. More than \$500 million will be spent on this care between now and 1995.

According to Nelson, up-front investment in programs like MAP's case management system which the report called "essential," and services such as housing assistance can help to alleviate the high cost of hospitalization and a financial crisis for the community.

Dr. Matilde Krim, Director of the American Foundation for AIDS Research seconded Nelson, saying, that if the AIDS crisis "will cause a revolution in the American health care industry."

Currently, according to the report, there are 50 primary care physicians serving an estimated 550 HIV infected or AIDS patients.

The report states that as many as "three times" the current number of primary care physicians treating AIDS patients will be needed by 1995 to meet the demand for care.

The report projects increased costs for care by 1995. For HIV+ persons in good health, the cost will rise from a current \$800 per year to \$1,288.

For a person who is HIV+ and ill but does not yet have AIDS, the costs will rise from \$9,500 to \$14,500 per year.

In Wisconsin, the annual medical care cost of treating persons with AIDS will rise from \$69,000 to \$106,000 per year.

The report terms the AIDS epidemic in the Milwaukee as one of "great proportions" in which MAP and the support it receives both public and private

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### WHO: Homosexuality No Disease

[New York, NY]- Philadelphia Gay News reports that, for the first time, the latest edition of the World Health Organization's (WHO) **International Classification of Diseases [ICD]** will not list homosexuality as a disease.

Gay activists have been lobbying for changes in the widely used disease classification index since the last edition was published in 1972. Gays were assisted in their lobbying efforts by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) whose Executive Director appealed to WHO officials against the continued listing of homosexuality as a disease. The APA dropped its description of homosexuality as a "mental illness" in 1974.

Dr. Myriam Gershenov, a WHO regional advisor, told PGN that all 37 nations of the Americas (from Canada in the north to Argentina in the south) had agreed to delete homosexuality from the WHO index of diseases. She said the decision was made as early as 1984 during a meeting in San Francisco.

The new edition of ICD continues to classify transvestism and transsexuality as "gender identity disorders."

### 'Miss Saigon' Fundraiser Protested

[New York, NY]- Claiming the show's depiction of Asians is racist and sexist, Asian American groups have protested the decision of two major Gay and Lesbian organizations to sponsor benefit performances of the Broadway musical **Miss Saigon**.

Members of Asian Lesbians of the East Coast and Gay and Pacific Island Men demanded that April and October performances of **Miss Saigon**, slated to benefit the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and New York City's Gay and Lesbian Community Center respectively, be canceled.

Tom Stoddard, spokesman for Lambda, said the empathized with the protesters but that the event was expected to raise 10% of Lambda's 1991 operating budget and that plans for the show were irreversible. On April 6, Asian Gays and their supporters picketed outside the theatre where the benefit took place. The Board of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center has now decided to disassociate itself from the October benefit.

When **Miss Saigon** began rehearsals last Fall, Asian groups and the Actors Equity union protested the hiring of an Anglo actor to play the lead role, that of an Asian man. Criticism also focused on the play's stereotypical depiction of Asian women as either pure, passive objects or sexually aggressive whores.

Some Gay and Lesbian leaders have decried the insensitivity and lack of judgment shown by the benefit's sponsors.

### Penn. Prom: Heterosexuals Only

[Wexford, PA]- Students at North Allegheny High School located in Pittsburgh's affluent North Hills, are angry over plans for their senior prom which school officials have designated for "heterosexual couples only."

"The high school feels this sort of event is better off in the traditional sense boy-girl couples," said the school district's public relations director. Principal Francis Barnes added: "Stags are harder to control. When people are by themselves, they act a little bit different than when they come with a date."

Student Cassandra Reitmeyer, 18, commented: "I think that statement was very rude and they had no right to do it. People who have an interest in either sex should be able to go." She added: "You go to school for twelve years and that prom is your final party. If you pay full price, you should be able to go stag."

Laura Watson, 18, agreed, saying of the exclusionary policy: "I thought it was discrimination at its finest."

There is no law that protects Pennsylvanians from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

### Battered Lesbian Gets New Trial

[West Palm Beach, FL]- Annette Green, a Lesbian who has been serving a 12 year prison sentence for killing her allegedly abusive lover, has been granted a new trial.

A Florida Appeals Court has thrown out Green's second degree murder conviction, declaring that irregularities in jury selection had prejudiced her defense. Said Green's attorney: "With a fair jury, we would have won the first time."

Green admitted shooting her partner, Ivonne Julio, after a bitter quarrel in October, 1988. But she used the battered woman syndrome in her defense, saying that she had been beaten more than 100 times in her 11 year relationship with Julio. She testified that she shot Julio only when she thought her own life was endangered. Green's is the first case on record in which the battered woman syndrome was applied to a Lesbian relationship.

In a related story, an Ohio appeals court ruled in March that the state's domestic violence law can be applied to violence within Gay relationships. In wording that may inadvertently bolster the legal definition of Gay families, the court ruled that the Lesbian couple involved in the domestic dispute could be considered as legally "living in a spousal relationship."

### Travis, Griffin Deny Gay Rumors

[Nashville, TN]- Angered by a **National Examiner** report that he is Gay, country music star Randy Travis told a convention of radio station executives meeting in Nashville recently that there is not "a man alive on this planet" who can verify the rumor.

Dare reports that Travis also told broadcasters: "Someone in Nashville is quoted as saying, 'If Randy Travis isn't Gay, then my grandmother is Willie Nelson.' The person that made that statement — better tell your grandmother to buy a red wig, get a bandanna and learn to sing through her nose."

Meanwhile, wealthy producer ("Wheel of Fortune") and entertainer Merv Griffin has denied claims that he and a former male employee had been lovers. His ex-bodyguard, Brent Plott, has sued Griffin for breach of promise and asked for half the producer's income from the last nine years of their alleged relationship.

Plott contends that Griffin promised to support him for life. But Griffin, a subject of Gay rumors for many years, called the suit "a shameless attempt to extort money from me."

### Cracker Barrel Retracts Policy

[Nashville, TN]- The Cracker Barrel restaurant chain, with over 100 eateries in the South and Midwest, is under intense pressure from Gay rights groups since its policy of banning homosexual employees came to light earlier this year. At least nine workers were dismissed before public pressure forced Cracker Barrel to retract its policy.

In February, William A. Bridges, a vice-president of Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc., issued the following statement: "It is inconsistent with our concept and values and is perceived to be inconsistent with those of our customer base to... employ individuals whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has led opposition to the policy. Those wishing to protest against Cracker Barrel can call 1-800-325-6000 and ask for Hotline No. 9823. For \$7 a Western Union message prepared by NGLTF will be sent in the callers name to the Cracker Barrel Co.

### Scholarships for Gays Established

[San Francisco, CA]- Two Gay men who died of AIDS complications bequeathed \$200,000 to the San Francisco State University Foundation to establish college scholarships for Gay and Lesbian students.

James Leach, who was 32 when he died in 1989, and Thomas Markowski, who was 28 when he died in 1987, offered the gift as part of their estate.

A dozen scholarships of \$1,000 each will be given annually to Gay or Lesbian students at San Francisco State, the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University.

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.



Jerry Johnson

Shari Harrison received five awards, including the Gold Record (most contributing chorus member) from the board of directors and the most valuable member award from the members of the Chorus at the Cream City Chorus' annual awards banquet held on April 12 at Milwaukee.

### Miller Brewing Receives Two Awards from the Cream City Chorus

[Milwaukee]- Miller Brewing, at the the Cream City Chorus's 4th Annual Awards Recognition Dinner, received two awards from the Chorus celebrating the Brewery's support of the Chorus and the company's grant of \$6,000. The awards were accepted on behalf of Miller by Thomas F. Reed, Director of Corporate Issues for the Milwaukee-based brewery.

The Recognition Dinner was held April 12 at the Park East Hotel.

Among other awards bestowed by the Chorus were two to Al Thomas, owner of the Triangle Bar. Thomas received an award as a Chorus Patron and the prestigious President's Award which is given annually to the business which has been most supportive of the Chorus.

Wisconsin Light was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Chorus. The award was accepted by the Publisher and the Editor.

At the dinner it was announced that the Chorus's long-time Musical Director, Scott S. Stewart, would be leaving because of increased responsibilities with the Florentine Opera. Stewart, who has directed the Chorus from its inception, is

much beloved by its members. In recognition of that fact, a "Scott Stewart Endowment" for the Chorus has been established by a generous grant of \$500 from Rudy Bartelt.

The Chorus now continues its proud tradition of providing inspiration and pleasure in song as it continues with its Rainbow Tour.

**Editor's Note:** On a very personal level, Jerry and I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Cream City Chorus for the award they bestowed upon the paper.

### 10% To Hold Dance April 26

[Madison]- On Friday, April 26, 1991 the Ten Percent Society of UW-Madison will hold its "Out And About Dance" for Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men and friends. The dance will take place in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union beginning at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free and there will be DJ's and a cash bar.

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Jerry Johnson

Some fifteen people picketed at Wauwatosa's St. Pius X Catholic Church April 12 to protest a Pride Week fundraiser being held in the Church complex.

## Hawaii Joins Wis. and Mass. With State Gay Rights Law

By Jamakaya

On March 21, 1991, Hawai'i joined with Wisconsin and Massachusetts as the third state in the union to pass a state-wide Gay rights bill. The Hawaiian law prohibits employment discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation.

"We're going to be celebrating for awhile," said William Woods, spokesman for Hawai'i's Gay Rights Task Force. "It was a long, long effort of sixteen years."

Gay rights resolutions have been introduced in Hawai'i since 1974, but the rapid progress of the new bill surprised everyone. The State Senate passed the bill by a 22-2 vote March 12, the House approved it 34-16 on March 19, and the Democratic Gov. John Waihee signed the measure on March 21.

Gov. Waihee told reporters: "I give a great deal of deference to legislative policy-making powers. The bill is technically sound and so I am signing it. We feel this is something Hawai'i needs."

State Rep. Jim Shon (D), a supporter of the measure, said that Gay rights were "in the spirit of Hawai'i, in the spirit of tolerance." He added that the new law would offer all Hawai'i's residents "a level playing field in the workplace."

A number of factors contributed to the bill's successful passage.

First of all, most amendments to state law are introduced through the Judiciary Committee, but it was widely known that four members of that committee opposed the bill. Sen. Ann Kobayashi (D) decided to introduce the bill into the Committee on Employment and Public Institutions

where she knew she had majority support.

This strategy necessitated limiting the bill to employment protections (earlier versions covered housing and public accommodations), but stymied Gay rights opponents and ensured a floor vote. Its limited focus on jobs may have made it appear less controversial, more reasonable to critics.

In addition, over the past few years, Gay and Lesbian lobbyists, including Wisconsin veteran Leon Rouse, had been slowly gathering endorsements from a wide spectrum of Hawaiian church and community groups.

When the bill was introduced in March, supporters included: the Hawaii Council of Churches, the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, the Governor's Committee on AIDS, the Hawai'i Teacher's Association, the American civil Liberties Union and more.

The Hawaiian legislature is also overwhelmingly Democratic, and the Democratic Party has been generally more supportive of Gay rights issues than has the Republican Party.

Advocates of the bill also tried to avoid confrontational tactics or publicity, fearing that intense media coverage might arouse fundamentalist opposition.

The outcome of these many factors was Gov. Waihee's signature on the Gay rights bill just nine days after its introduction.

In the next few years, Hawai'i's Gay and Lesbian activists will work to amend additional statutes pertaining to non-discrimination to ensure equal access to housing and public accommodations. They also plan to file a lawsuit seeking marriage licenses for same sex couples, a suit they expect to win based on the wording of Hawai'i's current marriage laws.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force believes that, within the next few years, Gay rights measures have a strong chance of passage in Maine, Connecticut and California as well.

## 4-Star Fiction To Host MASN Benefit May 1

[Madison]- In celebration of "Make-A-Difference Day" on May 1 in Madison, 4-Star Fiction and Video will on that day, be donating 10% of all proceeds from the sale of all fiction, non-fiction and video to the Madison AIDS Support Network. Mark May 1 on your calendar and plan to stock up on Summer reading materials as well as gifts for up-coming special occasions.

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- Salvia - med. - red \_\_\_ purple \_\_\_ white \_\_\_
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### UW Board of Regents Showing Lack Of Leadership with ROTC Dispute

The University of Wisconsin Board of Regents is dragging its heels and exhibiting a cowardly lack of leadership by failing to take action against the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) on its campuses.

Openly Gay students are ineligible for ROTC scholarships, and Gay and Lesbian students who participate in ROTC programs cannot be commissioned as officers. The UW-Madison Faculty has voted to remove ROTC from campus by 1994 if its anti-Gay policy is not rescinded.

On April 11th, in Madison, a panel of the UW Regents convened to hear testimony about the ROTC program. Speakers urged the regents to take a strong and principled stand against the exclusionary policies of both the ROTC and the Pentagon.

But Regent Ruth Clusen seemed to express the views of many of the regents when she opined: "The timing of all this is very bad. The nation is awash in a flood of militarism and patriotism right now. The chances of accomplishing this are very, very slim."

Regent Clusen: The timing is never "bad" to grant people equality; the timing is never "wrong" to extend equal protection of the laws to all of our citizens.

Wisconsin statute unequivocally prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. UW policies likewise ban such discrimination. The UW-Madison Faculty has voted to disassociate the university from ROTC. UW-Madison Chancellor Donna Shalala has helped form a coalition of colleges to file suit against the military policy. But the UW Board of Regents plans only to study the problem further...

On a moral and political issue that requires courageous leadership, Clusen and most of the regents offer patronizing expressions of empathy and spineless excuses. The UW Regents' lack of will on this basic issue of justice is a disgrace to Wisconsin's progressive tradition.

## LETTERS

### An Open Letter to the Community From the Pride Committee President

Greetings:

Well, it's tax time again, but more importantly, it's just 2 months to the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade and Celebration at Juneau Park.

Many people seem to think that the Pride Celebration just appears out of the blue. Nothing could be further from the truth. There have been between 10 and 15 people working on the Pride committee many hours every week since our annual meeting last September. There have also been many volunteers working at various jobs since then. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of these people who have put in literally thousands of hours of their time.

Right now is the time when we are most in need of your support. We expect between 3 and 5 thousand people at Juneau Park this year. We will need approximately 100 volunteers to fill 2 and 3 hour time slots for the day of the Celebration. The only requirement is to attend 1 volunteer orientation and job assignment meeting before June 15. We also need volunteers on an on-going basis. Even if you only want to volunteer 1 hour a month, I promise we will give you something to do and that we will have fun doing it.

As much as I hate to say this, President Bush is right. We need a "thousand points of light" giving of themselves to their community. You are one of those points of light, and we need you now.

In closing, I'll leave you with a quote from Margaret Mead.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

—Gary Wells  
President, MLGPC

### Living in Closet

TO THE EDITOR:

I find myself writing to the Wisconsin Light out of frustration.

I have lived in Milwaukee for two years. I am a professional person with a position in a local company that would terminate my employment should they find out about my lifestyle. Yes, legally a company cannot do this, but we all know it happens everyday. I find myself living in the closet more in Milwaukee than in any other city I've lived. I've tried locating a Gay employment agency, hoping to find a company with which I could enjoy working without hiding. I concluded there are none in Milwaukee.

I also have had a hard time locating a personal physician. After finding no Gay physician referral services, I called the local office of a national service. The lady answering my call seemed shocked that I was inquiring about Gay doctors in Milwaukee. She suggested I contact an AIDS service.

I replied that I do not have AIDS, but simply want to find a personal physician sensitive to the needs and concerns of Gay people.

Her response was, "We do not have those kind of doctors in Milwaukee."

My next attempt was to call the organizations listed in *In Step*. I became frustrated when every number I called resulted in an answering machine. Are there no real people working in these organizations on a full-time basis?

With this, I have realized how small and unorganized the Milwaukee community seems to be (perhaps years behind other cities, which is surprising with the laws in place in Wisconsin). I'm not complaining, only surprised.

I have also had no luck in finding a Gay Men's professional club or any support group that deals with Gay people working in "straight" companies. The older I get, the harder it becomes to work and "hide" in a straight work place.

I'm hoping that when other Gay people with the same frustrations (I'm sure there are many) read this, someone will respond with answers or suggestions regarding these concerns.

—Name Withheld  
Milwaukee

### Pride Week

TO THE EDITOR

It appears as we close in on another Pride celebration that the same old story seems to crop up when a fundraising proposal is brought to some of the many Gay and Lesbian bars in the City of Milwaukee.

I, as a volunteer, have been involved with the Pride Committee for about one and a half years. I came onboard last year in the Spring and there appeared to be a lot of organized confusion. I realized that this was because there were only five people planning the entire event which might account for the mistakes that were made in thanking people for their support or contributions. At the same time, I didn't see any of the bar owners, managers or bartenders thanking the Pride Committee for the increase of revenue or tips for that day because of the out-of-town people that the Rally draws.

One can cast accusations back and forth all year and that is not the purpose of this letter to the editor. My purpose is to get people talking on both sides and to iron out the differences. If someone feels slighted or offended by something that happened last year, write the Committee a letter or call the Pride Line and leave your name. Someone will get back to you.

It is time to bury the hatchet into something besides each other. I think also that when business owners view the Pride Committee, they should realize that most of these people have full-time jobs and/or other commitments and that they are all giving up their free time to produce this event.

Lastly, bar owners/managers should consider that the amount raised at fundraisers organized by bars last year was less than 5% of the total revenue brought in. Please keep in mind this letter is not telling you to stop helping. It is asking you to be a greater part of the team to make this year's celebration the largest that Wisconsin has ever seen and make that week even more profitable for bar owners and employees.

This letter may not apply to some of the bars and managers, but if the shoe fits... the choice is yours. The Committee would welcome your input or recommendations. It is a new year and a new Committee.

—S.W. Ausman  
Milwaukee

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### Update: Club 219 Raid

[Milwaukee]-Editor's Note: The following was received by Wisconsin Light from a source outside the police department and is printed as a follow up to our article on the Club 219 raid run in the last issue.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1991 at 11:00 p.m., Squad 213 Det. Peil and Knappmiller, P.O.'s James Sobocinski and Frank Velasquez entered the 219 Club, 219 South 2nd St. to make a tavern check.

While on the premise, the tavern hosted a "Hot Buns" contest, during which ----, a female impersonator was the emcee. During this contest, seven patrons were on stage and were asked to expose their buttocks and genital areas to be judged by the audience. Six of these contestants (there follows a list of the full names. Ed.) did expose themselves. During their exposure, (the emcee) did kiss each of the contestants on their bare buttocks.

Officers identified themselves and placed them under arrest. (A man) fled on foot to avoid being arrested, was apprehended and issued a second citation for resisting issuance of a citation.

Four bartenders on the premises, Kevin Rotar, Scott Gunkel, (two others) were cited for bartenders responsibility.

The licensee, Donald Wilson, who was also the doorman at the time of this incident, was issued 7 citations for Licensee Responsibility.

A patron in the tavern who was arrested on open warrants...

Officers will continue to monitor this premise for future violations.

Editor's Note: The document is signed by Detectives Donald Peil and John Knappmiller and Police Officers James Sobocinski and Frank Velasquez.

### Spaghetti Dinner Is A Big Success

[Milwaukee]- The benefit spaghetti dinner held Friday evening, April 12, 1991, sponsored by the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) and held at St. Pius X Church, was, by all accounts, an outstanding success. Close to 100 supporters showed up, bringing in for MLGPC over \$500.

Outside the Church, on the sidewalk, a group of from 12-15 persons conducted a peaceful demonstration sponsored by an organization calling itself "Conservative Catholic Forum."

For the most part, other than the press and a few on-lookers, the demonstrators were ignored and had no effect on the dinner-benefit. The demonstrators inhabited the sidewalk until about 7:00 p.m. when the Wauwatosa cops sent them on their way.

MLGPC in a press release thanked St. Pius X for "the use of their facilities and for their courage in standing up to bigotry."

MLGPC has also announced that pancakes and porkies will be served on Sunday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon as the last MLGPC benefit dinner for the year.

## OBITUARIES

### GARY ALLEN KLINK

Gary Allen Klink of Chicago died early Jan. 29, 1991 after a five-year battle with AIDS. Klink was originally from Milwaukee, and was interred at Forest Home Cemetery here on Feb. 2. He worked for many years as a performer at virtually every show bar in Milwaukee and had appeared in several other cities. As "Sandi Alexandra," he captured the Miss Gay Milwaukee title for 1973-74. Klink moved to Chicago 12 years ago where he worked for Male Hide Leathers. He was well known in the leather/uniform community and he was an early and active member of the American Uniform Association. Klink also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is sadly missed by his loving Grandma, Harriet Miller. Gary will live always in her heart.

### LETTER POLICY

Wisconsin Light actively solicits Letters to the Editor on any subject. However all such letters must be signed and contain the writer's address although the address is never printed and the name will be withheld upon request. All unsigned letters, notes and stuff scribbled on the sides of clipped columns will serve as cat box liner.

## Pride Week Updates: Cream City Foundation Gives \$2,165 Grant

The Cream City Foundation (CCF) has given the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) two grants totaling \$2,165.50 to help defray the costs of the 1991 Pride Week festivities. MLGPC extends a most heartfelt thanks to CCF for their generosity.

### Gay Bucks

More value for your money—safer than cash, but the same. What is it? It's Gay Bucks. MLGPC members will be "out and about" the Milwaukee area selling Gay Bucks which are good for food, drinks and merchandise on the day of the 1991 Pride & Rally and can be used afterward for MLGPC merchandise and events.

If you buy your Gay Bucks early, you get \$11 dollars worth for just ten bucks. This bargain is good until June 14, so get your Gay Bucks early and help support our community.

### Raffle! Raffle!

MLGPC is excited about announcing their newest fundraiser: THE RAFFLE! The prizes are something to get excited about too. The Grand Prize is a 4 day/3 night trip for two to New Orleans (accommodations and airfare), plus \$100 cash (graciously donated by Horizon Travel). First Prize is \$250; Second Prize is \$100 and three Third Prizes will be awarded. There will be numerous other prizes given away. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. All proceeds go to MLGPC, so enter so you can win!

### Entertainers

MLGPC is still looking for performers to appear at this year's rally. If you're from Milwaukee or the greater Milwaukee area, and would like to showcase your talents, call 32-PRIDE

Unfortunately, at this time, MLGPC is not solvent enough to pay performers. Some speakers invited to speak at the Rally are paid an honorarium and their expenses are reimbursed. Many times the speaker donates the honorarium to a G/L organization. Because of the other expenses incurred in putting on the Rally, there aren't enough funds for paying performers.

However, you can volunteer your services and demonstrate your talent to the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community. Think about it. Call 32-PRIDE and volunteer today.

MLGPC wishes to thank the performers who auditioned at Theatre X

on April 15. The Committee will be contacting some of you shortly to confirm your rally performance. We thank all who auditioned.

### Volunteers Sought For Parade & Rally

Milwaukee—Your Day is Coming! June 15 is the day of our community's annual Parade and Rally and MLGPC can use your help to make it the best celebration ever!

Your time and energy is needed in all areas, so if you'd like to be a part of making the 1991 Pride Events happen, call 32-PRIDE and volunteer today.

If you want to get to know more about the MLGPC, attend an information and volunteer organizational meeting being held Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Public Library on 8th and Wisconsin. The meeting is held in the first floor meeting room with refreshments provided.

If you're interested in participating on the Rally Committee, meetings are held every first and third Thursday at JC's Rainbow Bar (1414 S. 6th St.) at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Larry at 271-9946.

### Ads Sought for Pride Week Guide

There's still time to reserve advertising or directory listing space in the 1991 Pride Guide.

Full pages are selling for \$250; half pages for \$175; quarter pages for \$100; sixteenth pages for \$50 and Directory Listings for \$25. All ads include a Free Directory Listing with a bold lead in, name address, telephone number plus a 20-word description.

The cover of the 1991 Pride Guide will be in full color this year. We're expecting to have at least a 24-page book, plus cover. It's scheduled to be distributed in late May.

Call Havlicek & Associates at (414) 271-5819 to reserve space.

### Electrician Needed

MLGPC is looking for a certified electrician who would be willing to donate his or her services setting up the wiring needed for the Rally on June 15. The Rally will be held in Juneau Park. If interested, call 32-PRIDE or Brian at 372-5556.

# Shake Rattle & Roll!

It's time for Casino Night '91!  
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# Perspective: Unique Lesbian States of Being; Suspended Connections

By Maytee Aspuro

Between two women a relationship sometimes exists which defies naming. The women are neither lovers, sexual partners, passionate friends, friends or acquaintances. I consider it a "connection" for lack of another word. It is a suspended relationship, suspended in a time and place that may not translate well outside its unique realm.

A "suspended connection" is an awareness by two women of a shared commonality that in its mutual significance attracts each to the other. It may be a shared interest in the arts, advocacy, sports, travel, or ..... The possibilities are unlimited.

As Lesbians we often live in isolation. The more "out" we are; the more we link ourselves to our community, the more we may experience these unique connections. They often arise at conferences and festivals, when moments of intimacy are created within the acknowledged limitations of an event. There is a sense of safety when the other woman lives a thousand miles away. If you reveal yourself you don't have to worry about ever seeing the other again. At least not until the next festival.

I believe that "suspended connections" are not an uncommon occurrence in the Lesbian community. Women who are actively involved have numerous opportunities to meet one another. These encounters provide a feeling of belonging. They also contribute to the emotional upheavals often experienced. The surge of excitement that they raise in us is often taken for more than what they are. We fall into state of being beyond the "crush" mode and in turn crush others as we ignored or abandoned our established relationships.

A "suspended connection" is not sexual although the women experiencing such a connection may lead themselves to believe that it will inevitably culminate with a sexual interlude. Such an assumption is often the result of a lack of a definitional reference. Lesbians, hungry as we may become for affection, for another's touch, often have failed to learn to interact without having the four-posts of our beds with us.

At times such a "suspended connection" is threatened by an inappropriate sexual intimacy. Inappropriate, not because two women should never experience their sexuality in a stolen breath of time, but because one or the other, misinterpret that such an expression of affection equates with a commitment, if not to become life partners then to consider the possibility of becoming life partners. Such a leap of expectation is destructive.

Void of the sexual, a "suspended connection" is not a friendship and will often crumble under the guise of being such. A "suspended connection" is not able to bear the greater expansiveness of expectations brought forward by a friendship. Once again, intention and motivation are the key.

I met a stranger and had dinner with her. I shared my thoughts and stories. She shared her thoughts and stories. Afterwards I felt we had connected. I do not expect to see her again. It was for that very reason that I was so open. Speaking to a stranger, starting with a clean slate, can be an empowering exercise of affirming who you are. There are no expectations, no preconceived notions other than that what may arise from one's

visual presence. This is an example of a "suspended connection."

A "suspended connection" is often ignored or agonized over because it does not fit a niche in everyday life, yet the limited meeting of mind, spirit or heart (or all) enriches those who experience it. Like a good book, the relationship may touch, provoke and inspire. Rarely does a woman carry a book with her at all times. Even if its affect is profound and she references it in the future. It is kept in a special place, accessible, safe and visible. So could our precarious connections with one another, if we see them and experience them for what they are, extraordinary within their limits.

I recently encountered another woman. The attraction to her was strong. I wanted to talk to her, to share my thoughts with her, to share more than a superficial moment with her. Due to geographical limitations we could only see each other on a limited basis. It took me months to consider our developing relationship a suspended connection but once I did, I embraced her as an exceptional addition to my life. I was able to relax and enjoy our sporadic meetings. I do not limit the potential for this connection to grow and change into a friendship, but that possibility is one which will reveal itself with time. We have time to learn about one another, to discover our compatibilities as well as our points of departure, to determine if we both would want to extend our limited access to one another. Gratification need not be instant.

As we experience more of these connections suspended in time and place, we will hopefully become more proficient in managing our emotions and expectations. Such a connection may be an oasis in the dry desert of the current culture. They are points to quench our thirst and satiate our hunger, to reach out beyond our selves. They should not be transfigured into a mirage promising permanent sustenance. Their resources are insufficient for us to thrive.

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Milwaukee Pride Committee members, Brian Kipp, Larry Taylor and Terri Coughlin served a hungry crowd at the organizations spaghetti dinner fundraiser on April 12 in Wauwatosa.

## Madison Council Approves Transit Passes for Domestic Partners

[Madison]- On April 2, 1991, the Madison City Council passed a resolution designed to provide employees of the Madison transit system the opportunity to obtain free bus passes for their domestic partners. Currently, Madison Metro employees can obtain free bus passes for their spouses. The resolution passed with only three of the 22 Aldermen voting against it.

The resolution urges the Mayor to offer the free bus pass benefit for domestic partners in the next bargaining session with the union which represents the transit system employees. Because it is the labor agreement which provides for the free bus pass benefit for family members of employees, it must be changed to include domestic partners under the definition of immediate family. Last year, a Metro employee had a free pass taken away from her domestic partner when Metro management learned

that the staff had mistakenly issued it.

Madison already provides employees in domestic partnerships the same rights as married employees in the provision of sick and bereavement leave. According to openly Gay Alderman Jim McFarland, Dist 8, adoption of this resolution leaves only health insurance for city employees as a domestic partners agenda item that has not been achieved.

While McFarland, the sponsor of the resolution on free bus passes, retired from the City Council as of April 16 because he is graduating from law school and taking a job in Milwaukee, openly Gay Alderman Ricardo Gonzalez, Dist. 4, and Alderman Ken Golden, Dist 10, have agreed to take over leadership on the domestic partners issue. They intend to press the Mayor and the City Council to provide city-sponsored health insurance to the domestic partners of city employees.

## 1991 Festival Schedule

For your convenience, we've compiled the following list with the dates, locations and addresses of some of the major festivals planned for this year. These listings are in chronological order and were double-checked for accuracy with the producers/organizers. We hope it comes in handy!

### CAMPFEST

May 23-27 (Memorial wknd), usually in Oxford, PA  
Campfest, RR 5 Box 185, Franklinville, NJ 08322  
phone (609)694-2037

### WIMINFEST '91

May 24-26 (Memorial weekend)  
WIMIN, PO Box 80204, Albuquerque, NM 87198-0204

### SOUTHERN WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FEST

May 23-27 (Memorial weekend), in Cleveland, GA  
Robin Tyler Prod, 15842 Chase St, Sepulveda, CA 91343  
phone (818)893-4075, FAX (818)893-1593

### NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 30-June 2, in Bloomington, IN  
NWMF Dept LC, PO Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206  
phone (317)636-7382

### EAST COAST LESBIANS' FESTIVAL

June 20-23, at Lakeside Camp on the NY/PA border  
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### MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 13-18 near Hart, MI  
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### WEST COAST WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FEST

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### NORTH EAST WOMEN'S MUSICAL RETREAT

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### RHYTHM FEST

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Rhythm Fest, 604 W Chapel Hill St, Durham, NC 27701  
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### SISTERSPACE POCONO WEEKEND

Sept 13-15 in the Pennsylvania Poconos  
Sisterspace, 351 S 47th St B-101, Philadelphia, PA 19143  
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Source: Lesbian Connection, March/April 1991

## Dykes To Watch Out For





REVEREND JANICE DOLESCHAL

## Gay and Lesbian Professionals Must Come Out of the Closet

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but as she asks "Why weren't these problems brought out before?"

If Doleschal was just the pastor for Brown Deer United Church of Christ, the vote on retaining her would have been big news on the religion pages. But Jan Doleschal holds another position, one with a much higher profile. Between 1974 and 1988 she was a Co-Commissioner of Athletics for the Milwaukee Public School System (MPS), and for the last three years she has served as the Commissioner of Athletics for MPS, a high stress job, in fact some have called it a "real hot seat."

As a result, her honesty didn't just make the religion section, it made the front pages and the sports pages as well. Jan didn't decide to be open and honest in an attempt to get publicity. In fact except for *Wisconsin Light* and the *Milwaukee Sentinel* she has refused to grant interviews to the media. Why then did she do it? Why come out?

"It absolutely lifted a big weight off of me," said Doleschal. "I am basically a very honest, open person. It had been very difficult for me not to share with people, who I am; because I am open and honest."

Did she worry about the reactions of others? No, because in her own words, "I can't be responsible for other people's reactions they have to be responsible for themselves."

"Let me put it this way," she said. "I think that when anybody who is in a high profile position decides to make their life known or decides not to hide it anymore, they really have no idea what the reaction will be. I had no way of knowing what people's response would be either in the school system or the church."

While some, especially in the Lesbian and Gay community, may have been distressed at the publicity, that same publicity gave the straight community the opportunity to show its support; and that support was overwhelming.

Doleschal said: "This has been an incredible experience. People have been very supportive. I had a couple of calls and two crank letters but outside of that, people have been wonderful. They have sent letters, flowers and cards. They've called to express their support, and stopped by to see me. I received quite a bit of support from Robert Horst who is the South East Wisconsin Regional UCC (United Church of Christ) Minister. I also received support from other clergy in the Metro Milwaukee area not necessarily limited to UCC." In addition to that support Jan found support from her partner and from Gays and Lesbians within UCC and from the Milwaukee Public School System. Jan says, "I have received 100% support from the

administration and staff of MPS."

She adds, "I have a basic belief in the dignity of people and that most people given the chance will choose to be supportive of other people as opposed to antagonistic. If they chose to be antagonistic that says pretty much about where they are in the development of their lives."

Why does she think this positive reaction and not the witch hunt one might have expected took place? "I think we are in a new era, because the indications I have received are that people are much more willing to discuss the issue of sexual orientation and be educated regarding it. I don't think it's as much of an issue as it was 20 years ago. I think people are beginning to understand that it is not sexual preference, its sexual orientation and that falls on a range that could be from totally heterosexual to totally homosexual."

That understanding manifested itself when her parishioners voted 46 to 37 to retain Doleschal as Pastor. The vote was close but some of those who voted against her were still on the Parish rolls, despite not attending services at Brown Deer UCC for almost four years. Furthermore there were a number of supporters who were ill or out of town and could not come to vote.

Doleschal says she is not one of those who flaunt their lifestyle, but neither has she been someone who hides the truth from those she has a relationship with. "I think in most cases Gay and Lesbian people who are hiding their orientation are probably fooling themselves; not the people they are close to. I have never flaunted my lifestyle, nor have I ever volunteered the information but if people have asked me I have been honest about it."

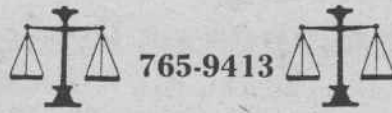
Does that mean Jan thinks that everyone who asks should be told? No. "There are cases when people ask you and its none of their business. They are doing that because they want to make it an issue, I don't bother with them. I am talking about people who you have a relationship with," said Doleschal, "No one has a right to say to someone 'Are you homosexual?' any more than they do to ask 'Are you heterosexual?' We've got to start considering people as people."

But at the same time, Doleschal feels that Gay and Lesbian Professionals have to take a stand. As she puts it, "I don't know what we can do to try and convince professionals that they have to take a stand. If enough of us take a stand and let people know who we are, maybe we can make a significant impact on this whole issue."

Jan Doleschal took that stand, and in so doing she has provided further proof that as the song says, "The times they are a changing."

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is of crucial importance.

According to the report, "Unless effective vaccines or new treatments are found, nearly all of the people presently infected will die by the end of the century."

The report notes that "Many of the people currently infected are not aware they are HIV positive and therefore may infect others." The report recommends the essentiality of people being tested, avoiding needle sharing and "at risk" sexual behaviors to protect themselves and others.

## Grass Roots Army Fights For AIDS Support

[Washington, D.C.]— In the first nationwide effort of its kind, ACT UP/D.C. has organized what it calls "a grass roots army" of citizen lobbyists from around the country to meet with U.S. Senators and Representatives at home in their district offices to press for a more compassionate federal response to the AIDS crisis.

From May 24, 1991 to June 3, members of Congress, home for the Memorial Day recess, will receive requests for constituent visits from people with AIDS, HIV-positive persons, Gay and Lesbian activists and others.

Among the lobbyists' goals will be increased funding for prevention, care and research programs and for replenishment of the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act (Ryan White Care Bill).

National AIDS Lobby Days is also intended to mark an anniversary in the AIDS epidemic. June 5 marks the 10th anniversary of the first AIDS cases reported by the federal Centers for Disease Control.

ACT UP/D.C. reports that now, in 1991, there are 1,000 new cases reported every eight days. By the end of 1990, more than 100,000 Americans had died of AIDS and an estimated one to two million are infected with HIV.

Joining ACT UP/D.C. in promoting the effort is the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Coming Out Day among others.

For further information, contact National AIDS Lobby Days, Box A151, 1140 19th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 or call Robert Warnock at (202) 328-8253.

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## Cream City Chorus Mixes Humor And Emotion with Messages of Pride

By Bill Meunier

One of the greatest strengths of the Cream City Chorus is its ability to move an audience with waves of emotion one moment and waves of humor the next. Its Rainbow Tour Concert, performed in Milwaukee on April 14th, shows this Chorus' talent for blending humor, emotion, and powerful messages of pride as skillfully as it does the harmonies contained in the songs that evoke them.

### 17th National Music Festival May 30-June 2

[Bloomington, IN]- Singing legend Odetta, award-winning writer Marge Piercy, politician Geraldine Ferraro and the hot new women's band Two Nice Girls are among the guests scheduled to appear at the 17th Annual National Women's Music Festival. The largely indoor



festival will be held May 30- June 2, 1991 on the Bloomington campus of the University of Indiana.

Ronnie Gilbert of the Weavers, singer/songwriter Ann Reed, Kay Gardner and the Sunwomyn Ensemble, comedian Marga Gomez, radical feminist Sonia Johnson, Lesbian "sexpert" Susie Bright, Afro-American ritualist Luisah Teish, reggae artists Casselberry-Dupree and many others are scheduled to appear.

More than just a music festival, the Bloomington event includes dozens of speakers, workshops, dances, films, concerts and craftswomen — all celebrating women's culture, past and present.

Childcare, 24-hour recovery support groups and services for differently-abled women are available at the festival. Dormitory and community housing as well as meal packages for campus food can be reserved in advance. In addition, local hotels, restaurants and stores are close to the Bloomington campus.

The deadline for mail registration is May 15. For further information and a registration form, write to: National Women's Music Fest, P.O. Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206, or call (317) 636-7382.

Gay and Lesbian Pride was evident with a wonderful rendition of "Before Stonewall." Prior to its performance, a member of the chorus pointed to the importance of passing our "folk history" to a new generation.

A show stopping rendition of "You Will Never Walk Alone," was dedicated to those who have come out of the closet and worked for change.

The Chorus turned to humor with its next five songs. The best, in my opinion, were Mark Liester singing about his wish to "fix my own car," and "wear flannel shirts," in "If I Were A Lesbian." Liester has a pleasant voice but needs to project it more fully. Patty Micale fantasized about "matching china" and "eating brunch every day," with a delightful performance of "If I Were A Gay Man."

The Chorus turned serious again with a moving performance (arranged by Cream City Director Scott Stewart) of "Singing For Our Lives." Stewart added an appropriate touch, a voice-over well performed by Scott Sowles to show that while we are a community we are also individuals.

There were some problems with the next two selections. During a couple of songs, a very few of the section entrances and exits were not quite as tight as they should have been. These minor flaws can be expected when a chorus performs a large number of songs, some which have intricate arrangements with numerous entrances and exits. But during part of "Brother James Air" the problem was more than minor. Although the chorus did a fine job with "Swing Down Chariot," the soloist could not be heard.

The second half of the concert began with the Beauty Shop Quartet singing "Beauty School Dropout." The Quartet was a riot of color with blue beehive wigs, and bright smocks. The choreography, lyrics and style were equally riotous and an appreciative audience ate it up.

The Creamettes made an appearance too. The flair and style with which their performance of "The Birth of the Blues," "My Funny Valentine," and a medley "Rhapsody in Rhythm" was outstanding.

I can't comment on the last three selections, due to a member of the audience sitting behind me who decided to sing along. He made it impossible for me and others to hear the rich harmonic subtlety of "Brothers and Sisters," "Hand In Hand" and "I Love Myself," with all the attention that the music and the chorus deserved.

The Green Bay community is in for a real treat. The concert will be repeated at Za's in Green Bay, on Saturday April 27th at 10:30 pm.

## Flirtations Will Hold Autograph Party after April 30 Madison Concert

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is presenting The Flirtations, the country's hottest Gay singing team, in a fundraising concert on April 30, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood, Madison.

The Flirtations, a group of five men, are an exciting a capella group that has been experiencing little less than phenomenal success wherever they have performed. Described by reviewers as "A Howling Delight," they have entranced audiences from Boston to California.

Two of the Flirtations have AIDS. Michael Callen, a long-term survivor with the disease, he has written a book entitled "Surviving and Thriving with AIDS." Thus, the Flirtations' music is full of not only Pride, but a heady exuberance of life that is an inspiration to all who see and hear them.

Advance tickets for the concert are \$10, and \$12 at the door. Ticket outlets include Steep & Brew on State St.; Four Star Fiction and Video, A Room Of One's Own, Green Earth, the Barrymore Theatre, The United and MASN. Tickets by mail can be purchased through MASN. Visa and Mastercharge will be accepted at the Barrymore Theatre and MASN. For more information about tickets, contact Peaches Lacey at (608) 238-6276.

There will be an autograph session at Rod's Bar, 636 W. Washington Ave. at 10:30 p.m. on April 30.

If you have not had the happy experience of hearing The Flirtations, you

are in for a joyous, exciting time. Their music is powerful and yet, with a light-hearted harmony to it that others labor for and seldom, if ever achieve. The celebrate us in a time when we need to be celebrated. They sing of light when times can be dark. Go and hear them. You won't regret it.

### 'Lost Episode' Premieres on T.V.

[Milwaukee]- "Yellow On Thursday," a comedy television series with a Gay bent, has announced April 25, 1991 as the premiere date for its "Lost Episode." The never-before-seen program airs on Warner Cable Channel 14 at 10:30 p.m. Additional airing dates of April 28, May 2, 5, 9 and 12 have also been set.

"Yellow On Thursday's" "Lost Episode" features hilarious skits, commercial parodies and plenty of surprises. Skits include, "La Dolce Giorgio!" featuring George Cabal as Giorgio and Alan Kurth as Antollinni. Other segments include a hilarious talk show titled "Joe's Chat" featuring Joseph Rogan. The show cast is rounded out with the talents of Bryce Clark, Mike Westerhausen, Aryln Kampen, Tom Livieri, Kristie Coryell and W.W. Wells III.

"Yellow On Thursday" is produced by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network which received funding through the Cream City Foundation.

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**Little Paper Costumes Brings Paper Folding to Kokigami Art**

**Kokigami, The Intimate Art of the Little Paper Costume.** Text by Burton Silver, Art by Heather Busch. Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, CA, 1991. \$14.95

**Reviewed by Geno**

Kokigami is described as a refinement upon Origami, the art of paper folding with which most of us are already familiar. However, Kokigami is an erotic art form devoted to enhancing sexual pleasure by imaginative play with colored paper cutouts.

This book is printed on expensive art papers and includes fourteen cutout patterns with illustrations by Heather Busch (see the accompanying illustration of Ondori, The Cock.) In an introduction by Dr. Mary Scrott, Kokigami is said to have evolved from **Tsutsumi**, the Japanese art of packaging gifts: "The Japanese have always considered it most discourteous to pass an unwrapped gift to another, so it's natural that the most important gift of all — the male organ — should be similarly treated."

The authors have supplied a sizing chart so that the Kokigami can be made to fit securely, and among the various costumes to choose from (though the Japanese are supposed to have hundreds) are such traditional Kokigami as the

Dragon, the Fish, the Squid, the Butterfly and the Rose. But such modern artifacts as the Fire-Engine, the Space Shuttle and the Private Investigator are here, too. Also provided for those using this book are playful directions for each of the costumes. The directions for the Space Shuttle are typical:

"The Space Shuttle waits for the mighty rocket to carry it into the black silence of space — rigid, swift, exploratory. 5...4...3...2...1...We have lift off."

And so forth. The wearer of the Kokigami is told to hold out his arms like delta wings, to lean well forward and to make loud whooshing sounds. Later, while swirling around silently the pilot can go into orbit and then prepare for re-entry. Talk about elaborate foreplay!

Although the authors do not suggest this, two males, each wearing his own Koki, might make interesting juxtapositions of The Butterfly and The Rose or The Fish and The Squid.

Hey, wait a minute! Kokigami? Dr. Scrott? Heather Busch? Is someone putting us on? The academic trappings and ancient illustrations are convincing until the comments on Art Dicko and the

Nippon Slipon tend to give the show away. Busch and Silver are New Zealanders and their remark that some of their rural readers were disappointed that a sheep koki had not been included likewise suggests a tongue in cheek attitude.

If this is an elaborate hoax, the authors have nevertheless produced a colorful, beautifully illustrated book that certainly can stimulate conversation and maybe more. Perhaps, too, it may add a new dimension to the reader's sexuality.

Any help from readers who know Japanese will be deeply appreciated.



Ondori: the Cock paper cutout.

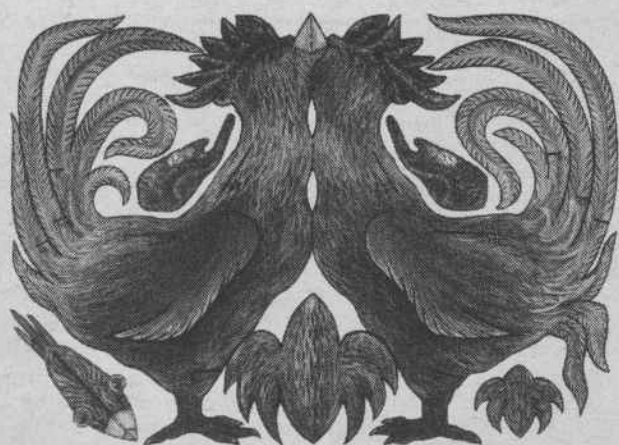
**Wisconsin Arts Boards Seeks 2.5 Million Dollar Increase**

[Madison]- State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) was one of the chief speakers at the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance. The Committee was conducting hearings on April 4 concerning proposals for the 1991-93 budget for the Wisconsin Arts Board. The Board is requesting a \$2,492,000 increase over the next two years.

Clarenbach, speaking in support of the Arts said: "There is no better way to judge a society's commitment to the future for the human climate than its support for the arts."

According to a 1987 study by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, arts events in Wisconsin drew audiences of 6.2 million in 1986. This is more than the in-state attendance figures for the Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Bucks, Green Bay Packers and attractions in Door County and Wisconsin Dells combined.

Clarenbach said: "The public is now making its support for cultural programs clear to policy makers and to the administration. We in the legislature ought not let them down."



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## POLITICALLY SPEAKING

### Gulf War and Reapportionment Might Slow Gay Rights Movement

By Bill Meunier

The Gay/Lesbian rights movement is likely to see the hard won momentum it built in the last Congress come to crashing halt at least for a while. The reason, The Gulf War combined with reapportionment.

The vast majority of Gay/Lesbian rights supporters in Congress are Democrats. Most Democrats voted against the use of force on Iraq and many of them are in deep political trouble as a result. The combination of voting against a popular war and for controversial Gay and Lesbian rights issues, with a popular President heading the opposition ticket in a reapportionment year may be enough to spell defeat for many of our friends and they know it. In fact, several Republican spokespersons are already calling the Democrats "the party that stood against the war and for the homosexuals."

It is doubtful that many of the Democrats who voted against the war relish the thought of a Republican opponent attacking them for being against the flag and for the "fag."

How bad is the damage inflicted by a no vote on the Gulf War? Consider Senator Terry Sanford (D-NC) who voted against using force in the Gulf. Once considered to be a sure bet for re-election; Sanford is now close to trailing "anybody else" in the polls. Senator Fitz Hollings, (D-SC) joined Sanford in voting no on the use of force and is also fighting for his political life.

The political fallout is not just in the South either. It reaches up to Wisconsin where Congressman Jim Moody, a good friend of the Gay and Lesbian community, is rethinking his plan to take on Senator Kasten in 1992.

Moody voted against the war, participated in peace demonstrations, and joined others in suing Bush to try to stop the use of force in the Gulf. Kasten on the other hand, supported the President and introduced a series of bills to extend veterans benefits to the Gulf troops, make their pay tax free, and give them free mailing privileges.

Kasten barely won his last bid for re-election despite outspending his opponent by a margin of over two to one, but is reportedly licking his chops at the prospect of taking on a "Milwaukee Liberal who tried to undercut our troops."

A sure sign that Moody won't take on Kasten, is his search for a home in Milwaukee's North Shore area. The rumor in the State Capitol is that reapportionment will push his Congressional district to the north.

Reapportionment is worrying the Democrats. In 1992 all Congressional Districts will be reapportioned. Many Congresspersons will have to compete in substantially changed districts where

large numbers of new constituents will severely diminish their power of incumbency. That makes them even more politically cautious than would normally be the case.

Another problem faced by our Democratic friends in Congress is a huge shift to the Republican Party. The latest polls show that for the first time in decades, Americans identifying themselves as Republicans outnumber Democrats by a wide margin. The most troublesome figure for the Democrats is the one showing that those in the 18 to 30 year old age group say they are Republican by a two to one margin.

With his popularity soaring, the wimp image gone and his re-election prospects brighter than any President since Ike in 1956, Bush can now push his own agenda on a mollified Congress. That agenda will not include Gay and Lesbian issues, and it will take up a considerable amount of what time and energy Congress will have.

Some predict that Bush's high approval ratings, the shift of young voters to the GOP and reapportionment will mean massive gains for his party in the House of Representatives and Senate.

Anyone who thinks that a Congress controlled by Republicans or even just more evenly split between Republicans or Democrats will give enthusiastic support to the Gay/Lesbian rights agenda should check into the Home for the Terminally Optimistic.

Of course the election is next year, which means that everyone is campaigning this year. Still a lot can happen between now and November of 1992. Bush's callous manipulation and abandonment of the Kurds does not sit well with the American people. His attempt to force Congress to accept a Free Trade Agreement with Mexico which would clearly cost thousands of Americans their jobs may make a potent campaign issue. Furthermore the economy is at best shaky.

But unless the economy goes down the sewer, the American mood of euphoria sours over Hussein's massacre of the Kurds, and several other, as of yet unforeseen events, take place to work against Bush, the overriding fear of being turned out of office will cause most of our friends in Congress to withhold support for all but the most non-controversial items on the Gay and Lesbian agenda.

That agenda will not see much if anything in the way of progress until after the next election, and depending on the outcome of that election we could find it put on hold for years to come.

**Editor's Note:** In the last issue, Bill Meunier's by-line was inadvertently left off the column.

### 'Make A Promise' Dinner Raises \$29,000 for Milwaukee AIDS Project

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) first major fundraiser of the year raised in excess of \$29,000 for AIDS care. More than 400 people attended the gala "Make A Promise" dinner, show and auction at the Pfister Hotel on Sunday, April 7, helping to raise an increase of 26 percent over last year's benefit.

The dinner was sponsored by the M&M Club and by Miller Brewing Company and is produced by MAP.

Tom Boll, volunteer dinner chair expressed his delight at "the generosity" of all those who gave their support.

The volunteer Fundraising committee includes the following members: Robert Archer, Steve Bahr, John Day, Stan Matschnig, Ron Marks, chairperson, Bea McGee, Lynn Schmidt, Michael Sessler, Gary Steen, John Terhardt, Roger Usila and Tom Wayer.

One of the new attractions at this year's dinner was the voice auction conducted with due aplomb by Rep. David Clarenbach. Steve Bahr, volunteer auction chair for the event expressed his gratitude with the generosity of both donors and bidders.

The evening's entertainment was provided by members of the String Academy of Wisconsin, the Skylight Opera Theater along with Barbara Roberts and Melvin Rhyne, Jessica Frankel, Paula Dewey, Colin Cabot, Ruth Schudson and Montgomery Davis.

"It was truly gratifying to hear so many positive comments from the audience about this year's fine entertainment," said Boll. "Many fine performers from throughout the Milwaukee area put on a great show."



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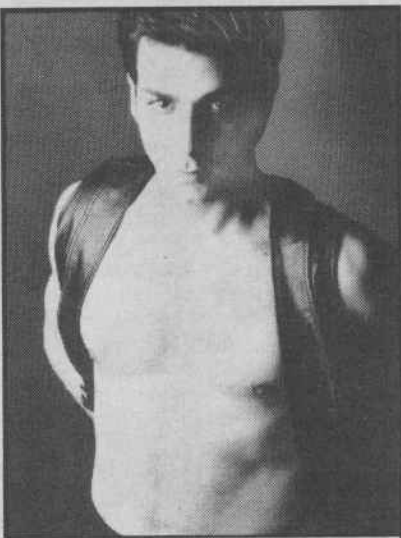
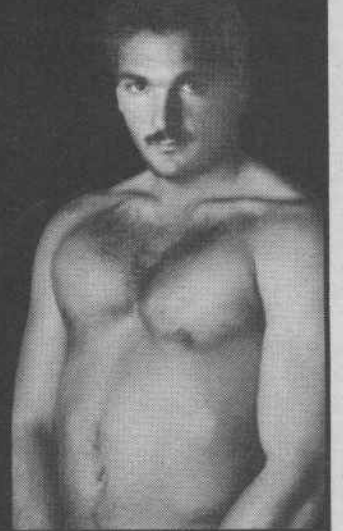
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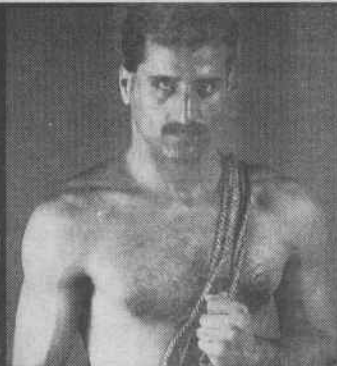
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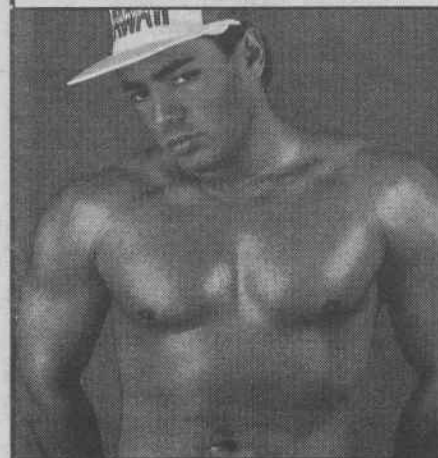
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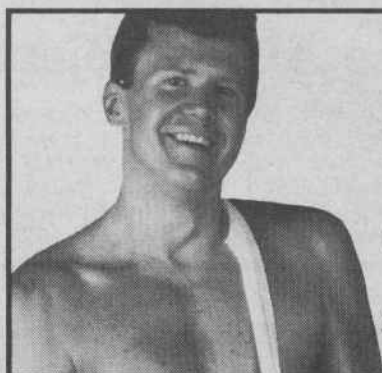
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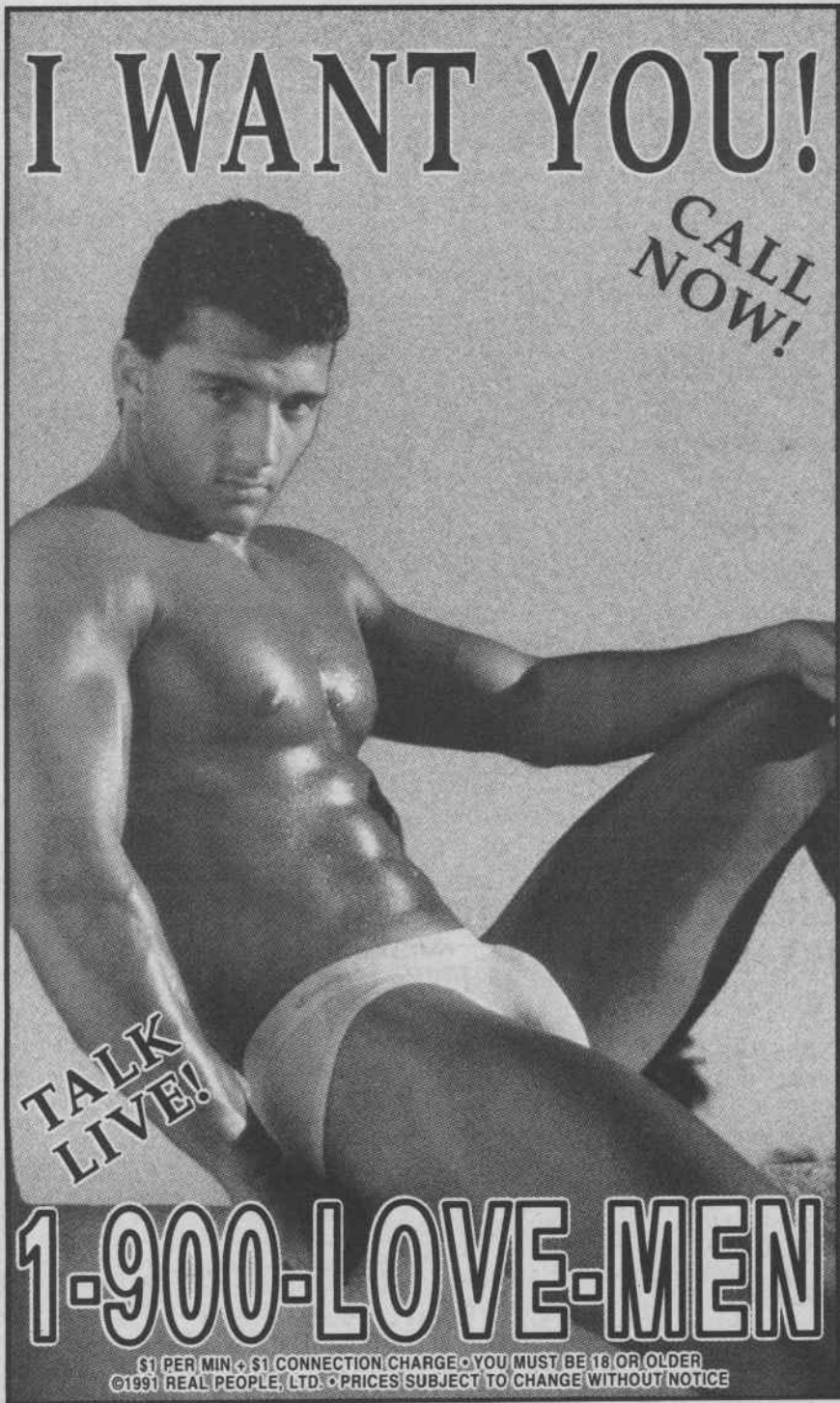
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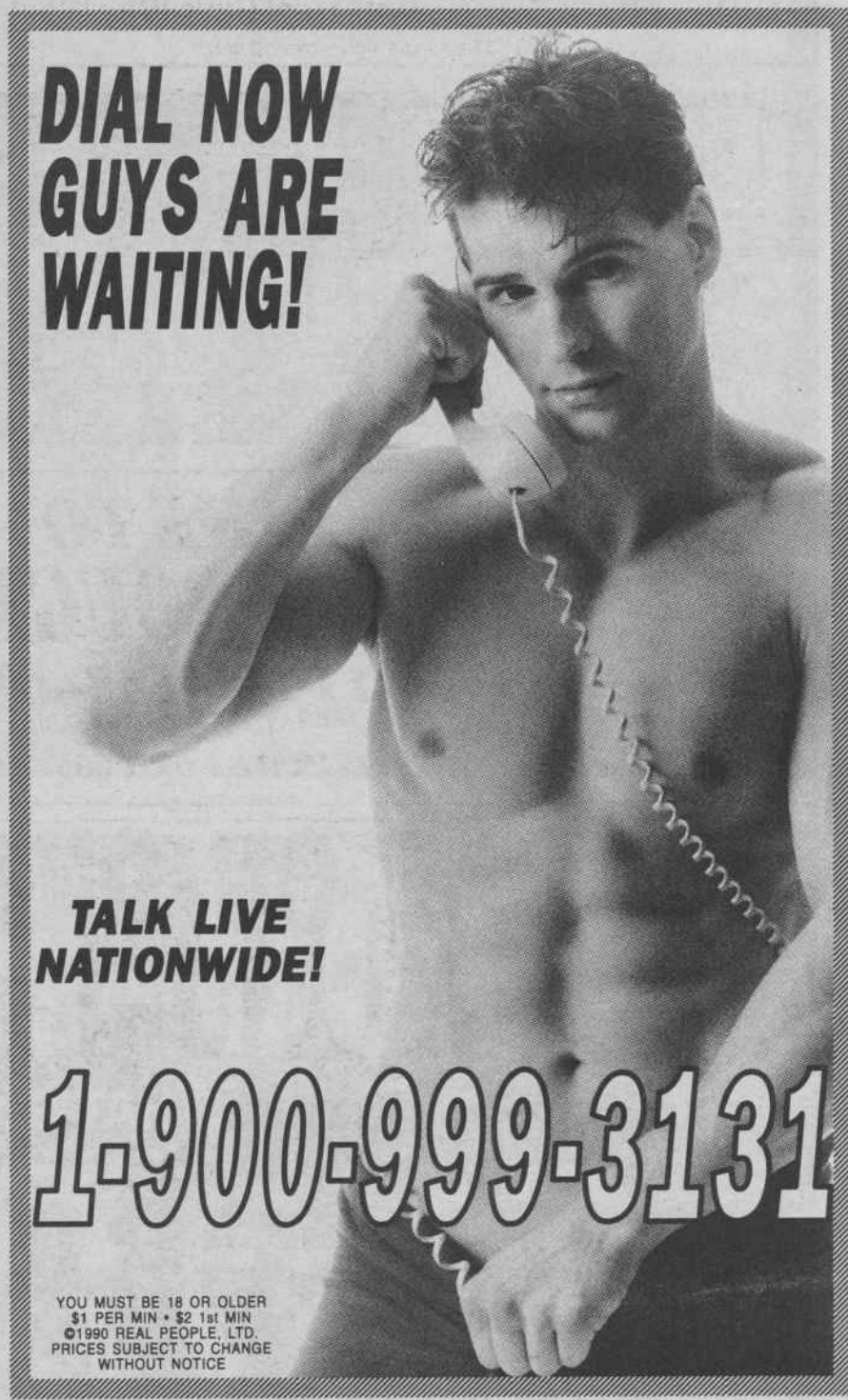
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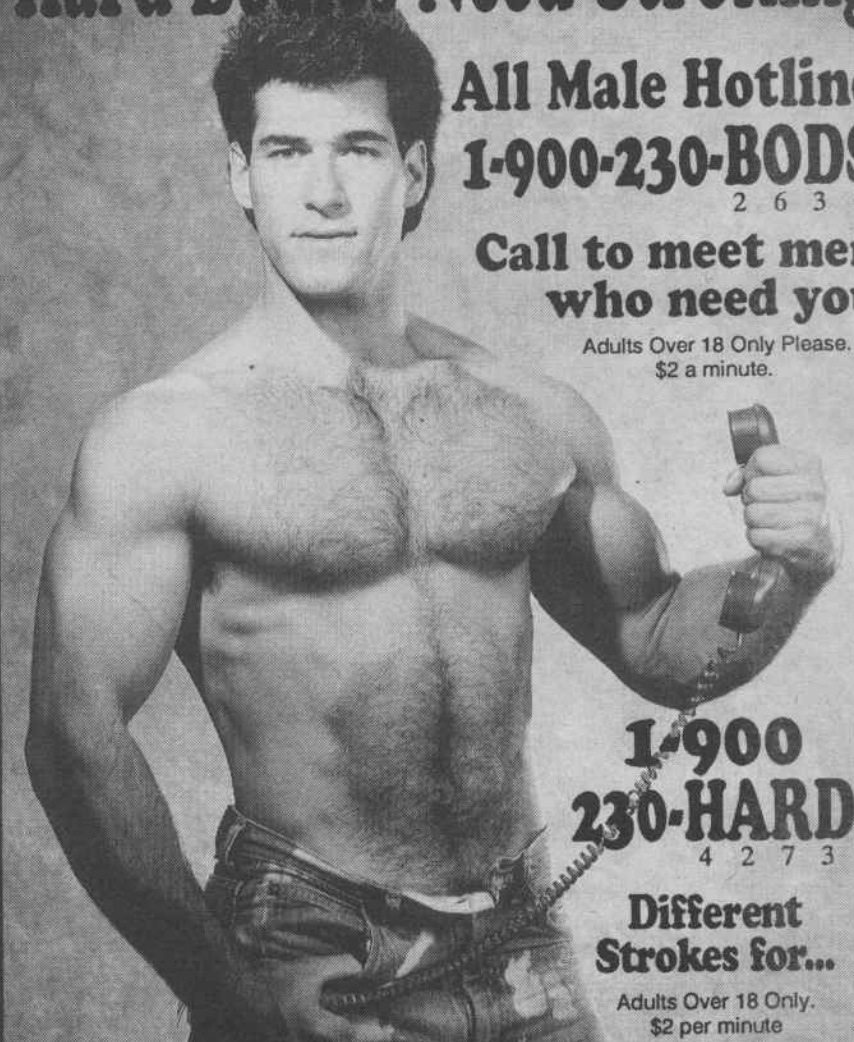
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## Justice Dept. Defends Use of Word 'Homo' by Judge in Steffan Case

[Washington, D.C.]—The Washington Blade reports that Justice Department attorneys are defending the use of the word "homo" by the judge hearing the case of Joe Steffan, the Gay naval cadet discharged because of his sexual orientation.

Steffan's lawyers are seeking to disqualify Judge Oliver Gasch from presiding over the case after he made a disparaging remark about "homos" and referred to Steffan, the plaintiff, as a "homo." Both comments were made in open court. Steffan's attorneys contend that Judge Gasch's comments reveal "personal bias" and "prejudice," both strictly forbidden by federal statutes and the American Bar Association's Code of Judicial Conduct.

In rejecting the motion for disqualification, Justice Department attorneys denied that the word "homo" has negative connotations. They argued that Judge Gasch's comments were consistent with his "judicial responsibilities" and suggested that since Steffan was not present in court at the time of his remarks, Judge Gasch could not have been exhibiting "personal bias."

To bolster their case, Steffan's attorneys submitted an affidavit by Yale historian John E. Boswell. Boswell wrote: "I can affirm with absolute assurance that 'homo' is and has always been a derogatory term that is usually employed by adolescents or acknowledged opponents of civil rights for Gay people."

"It may be slightly less vulgar than 'queer,' 'fag' or 'faggot,' but is equally a sign of antipathy. No objective person could reasonably conclude that an adult who repeatedly employs the term 'homo' in a public forum, particularly a courtroom, is open-minded or fair on the subject of homosexual orientation," Boswell stated.

The question of disqualification is before Judge Gasch himself. He will rule on whether to excuse himself from the case. His decision can be appealed to a panel of US District Court judges.

There is another irony in the case. The federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990 mandates that the Justice

Department collect information on anti-Gay and other hate-motivated crimes. The specter of Justice Department attorneys arguing that "homo" is not an anti-Gay epithet makes even the most jaded observers question the Justice Department's commitment to alleviating bias-related crimes.

## Church Welcome Program Offered

[Milwaukee]—Even in liberal religious communities, many Gay, Lesbian and bisexual people have voiced concern about not feeling welcome. The **Welcoming Congregation Program**, prepared by the Unitarian Universalist Association's Office of Lesbian and Gay concerns, is a resource and teaching manual for congregations and people interested in providing a welcome atmosphere for Gays, Lesbians and bisexuals.

The program's author, Rev. Scott Alexander, will present an introductory workshop called "The Welcoming Congregation: What It Is and How to Get Started," at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee, on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be coffee served at 9:30 and lunch will also be available.

The cost is \$5. For more information, and required registration, contact Andy Dunn at (414) 962-7743.

## Review Seeks Gulf War Writings

[Minneapolis, MN]—The **James White Review**, a Gay men's literary quarterly, is soliciting creative writing; memoirs, poetry, short stories and art related to the recent Gulf War. The **Review** will also consider reflections of past wars, military service, media censorship and other related issues. The work should be personally reflective.

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## March on D.C. Meeting Planned

[Washington, D.C.]—A national planning meeting has been called to discuss the possibility of a future march on Washington for Lesbian and Gay civil rights. The meeting is scheduled for May 11-12, 1991, and is open to all interested individuals, activists and organizations and is free of charge.

The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. N.W. in Washington. On Saturday, May 11, the meeting runs from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Individuals or groups are encouraged to register as soon as possible by calling 1-800-832-2889.



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## Task Force Releases Major Report On Bias Crimes; New Campaign Against Hate Crimes Launched

[Washington, D.C.]—Violence against Gay men and Lesbians was a "widespread and critical problem" in 1990, with key U.S. cities reporting dramatic increases in "Gay bashings" and other incidents. These findings were presented in a national report on anti-Gay attacks, released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute (NGLTF).

The sixth annual NGLTF report, **Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization & Defamation in 1990**, documents widespread and increasing anti-Gay violence in six major cities across the nation and presents a shocking picture of the problem of bias crime against Gay men and Lesbians.

A total of 1,588 incidents — including harassment, intimidation, physical assault, vandalism, arson, police abuse, and murder — were reported to Gay agencies in the six cities featured in the report: New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, the Boston area, and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Taken together, anti-Gay episodes in all six cities increased 42 percent over incidents reported in 1989. Physical assaults were among the most serious incidents to increase.

"Widespread and growing anti-Gay attacks across this country are a form of domestic terrorism intended to drive us back into the isolation and self-hatred of the closet," said Kevin Berrill, director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project. "In painstaking detail, this report makes real the magnitude and terrible consequences of this crisis."

This year's report differs from previous surveys in that it focuses on local trends in key U.S. cities instead of tallying all anti-Gay incidents nationwide. The six cities were selected because of their professionally staffed agencies that monitor anti-Gay violence and provide assistance to Lesbian and Gay crime survivors.

"Given that cities as geographically diverse as these are documenting

consistent increases, it is likely that other U.S. urban areas — and perhaps suburban and rural communities — are experiencing a similar upswing," said Berrill.

### Statistics

A total of 1,588 incidents were reported last year to agencies in the six cities. New York City recorded 507 incidents, the highest number of episodes, followed by San Francisco, 425; Los Angeles, 199; Chicago, 198; the Boston area, 147; and Minneapolis/St. Paul, 112. These incidents are believed to reflect only a fraction of the episodes that occurred in these cities last year.

Compared to 1989, reported anti-Gay incidents increased in 1990 by 11 percent in Chicago; 20 percent in Los Angeles; 29 percent in San Francisco; 65 percent in New York City; 75 percent in the Boston area; and 133 percent in Minneapolis/St. Paul. On the average, episodes rose 42 percent in all six cities.

Physical assaults were among the most serious incidents to increase last year. Reports of beatings and other assaults rose by 14 percent in Chicago (88 incidents); 39 percent in San Francisco (230); 64 percent in the Boston area (69); 100 percent in Los Angeles (50); 114 percent in New York City (257); and 210 percent in Minneapolis/St. Paul (31).

"The rise in reported episodes reflects a variety of factors, including revised documentation methods and greater reporting by victims," said NGLTF's Berrill. "But a major factor is the violent backlash against increasing Gay and Lesbian visibility and activism that, paradoxically, also have helped reduce prejudice and foster greater acceptance for Gays."

Berrill pointed out that anti-Gay violence in 1990 occurred in a context of widespread attacks against Jews, women, Arab-Americans and other people of color.

## Psychic Numerologist Beverly Kay To Perform April 28 in Milwaukee

By Terry Boughner

Do you want to know if there really is "someone" destined for you? How about questions about your future in other areas; career, your strongest talents? All this and more can be answered when internationally famed Psychic Numerologist Beverly Kay comes to "Miss M's Walker Street restaurant on Sunday, April 28.



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For example, she predicted the destruction of the Berlin Wall and foretold that the land war in the Gulf would begin and end in February, 1991.

Beverly appears regularly on WGLB, 100.1 out of Port Washington and every Thursday in Grafton at McCormick's II restaurant and is in high demand with business and professional groups. In addition, she has been written up in the

Milwaukee Sentinel and numerous other publications.

At Miss M's on April 28 she will appear on stage and do one-on-one readings in intimacy and strict confidentiality for \$5.

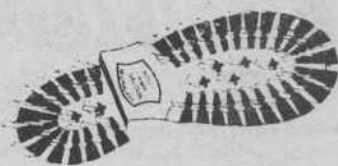
Prior to Beverly's performance, there will be a dinner at Miss M's. The menu is choice of tenderloin tips and noodles or lasagna, soup, salad, garlic bread and desert. Miss M's is located at 1106 S. First St. in Milwaukee. Dinner is set for 6:00 p.m. with the show to follow at 7:30. Please call for reservations at 384-7999.

## National Coming Out Day Materials Available

[Santa Fe, NM]—National Coming Out Day makes available valuable guidelines for individuals and community groups that wish to increase their effectiveness.

"Guidelines For Obtaining Local Media Coverage", "Starting Your Own Support Group", "Coming Out Day Event Ideas", "Ideas For Coming Out", are but a few of the rapidly growing collection of useful handouts available at no charge from National Coming Out Day.

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## Specific 1990 Hate Crimes Against Gays and Lesbians

The following incidents are only a small sampling of the thousands of attacks on Gays and Lesbians nationwide documented in the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's 1990 annual report.

### Violence

**North Fort Meyers, FL:** Two men confessed to police that they murdered another man on Sept. 13 because they hate Gay people. The killers admitted strangling the Gay man at his home, pouring liquid drain cleaner down his throat and dumping him near a roadside.

**Nashua, NH:** A man who confessed to murdering two Lesbians in 1988 was set free July 10 after three juries failed to reach a verdict. In a confession he later recanted, the suspect said he killed the women because he "loathed their lifestyle." He had allegedly threatened to kill the women on several occasions.

**Burlington, VT:** On April 16, an assailant brutally attacked a Gay man outside of Pearls, a Gay bar, leaving him unconscious in a pool of blood. The victim suffered multiple fractures, brain damage and partial blindness. The suspect told police: "You want to know the truth? I went looking for it. I went to Pearls, found a fag and kicked the shit out of him."

**New York, NY:** Shouting "Lezzies, Lezzies," a gang of about 10 boys harassed two Lesbians they observed on a Greenwich Village street corner. When one of the boys punched one of the women, the whole group of boys joined in the assault. Both women required hospital treatment.

**San Francisco, CA:** In the early morning hours of November 16, vandals firebombed the Metropolitan Community Church, whose members are mostly Gay and Lesbian. No one was injured in the blaze but the church suffered \$1,000 in damages.

**Seattle, WA:** On May 12, FBI agents arrested members of the Aryan Nations, a white supremacist group, just hours before they planned to explode a powerful bomb during the busiest hours at a popular Gay disco. They hoped to turn the bar into a "meat grinder." It was to be the first in a series of bomb attacks against establishments serving Gays, Jews, Koreans and African Americans.

**Biloxi, MS:** In February, members of a skinhead gang invaded a Gay/Lesbian bar, picked up pool cues and bar stools and assaulted patrons. Several victims required emergency medical attention. Four of the skinheads were arrested and charged with trespass and assault.

**Chicago, IL:** Screaming "This is what I do to faggots," an off-duty Chicago police officer severely beat a Gay man on May 14. The victim suffered a broken nose, swollen eyes and lips and back pain from the incident. A complaint has been filed with the Chicago Police Department.

**Salt Lake City, UT:** Gay and Lesbian student leaders at the University of Utah received threatening mail in November after they launched a campaign to add sexual orientation to the school's non-discrimination policy. The letters included swastikas and the messages, "Death to the Gays" and "Thank God for AIDS."

### Defamation

**Raleigh, NC:** Notoriously anti-Gay Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) used his re-election campaign announcement on January 14 as a platform to denounce Gay men and Lesbians as "disgusting people."

**New York, NY:** Sebastian Bach, lead singer of the heavy metal band Skid Row, was featured in the January issue of *Metal Edge* wearing a T-shirt which read "AIDS Kills Fags Dead."

**Detroit, MI:** A promotional video produced by the Chevrolet Trucks Division of General Motors included a remark in which a customer referred to a foreign model pick-up as "some little faggot truck." After complaints by Gay activists, GM apologized for the video and deleted the offensive comment. Shortly thereafter, GM issued a policy directive prohibiting discrimination against its employees based on sexual orientation and promising a workplace free of anti-Gay/Lesbian harassment.

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