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“Saving White Babies:” White Supremacists Raise Funds for Kalispell Crisis Pregnancy Center

Kalispell’s April Gaede, a prominent member of the white supremacist movement, is encouraging her fellow racists to send contributions to Hope Pregnancy Ministries. The Montana Human Rights Network is calling on the Ministries to publicly denounce white supremacy and donate these funds to the Montana Indian Education Association.

Despite her own white supremacist activism, it is April Gaede’s daughters who are her biggest claim to fame. Her twins, Lamb and Lynx, comprise the white power musical group Prussian Blue. The two girls have been referred to as the “Nazi Pop Twins.” However, Gaede does have her own history of activism. One of her current endeavors is recruiting fellow racists to move to the Flathead area. For more on Gaede, see the **“Background on April Gaede”** section below.

According to a posting on a popular white supremacist website, Gaede said she’s given to Hope Pregnancy Ministries in the past, and it is a good way to “help save White babies.” She stated a fundraising mailing from the Ministries said a local donor would match all donations dollar for dollar.¹

Gaede’s posting continued by saying she has “personally met many of these people (Ministries’ staff).” She told her peers to tell staff members that they were supporters of Stormfront, the white supremacist website where Gaede made her request, when making a donation. She included the mailing address and website address for the Ministries.² Gaede encouraged her fellow white supremacists to send funds, because “our local population is over 95% White” so they would be “pretty much guaranteed to be helping to save White babies.”³

“It’s pretty clear that April Gaede knows the staff at this organization,” said Travis McAdam of the Montana Human Rights Network. “The staff must also know about Stormfront. That’s the only reason Gaede would be telling her fellow white supremacists to mention it when making a

donation. This money is tainted. We are calling on Hope Pregnancy Ministries to publicly condemn the views of Gaede and her allies and to donate all monies collected from them to the Montana Indian Education Association.”

The Montana Indian Education Association strives to make sure that the history and culture of Native Americans in Montana are taught in public schools. The Human Rights Network believes education is a key component in learning how to appreciate the differences between cultures, understanding the dangers of racism, and being less susceptible to the message of white supremacists.

“Nationally, crisis pregnancy centers are already losing their credibility,” said McAdam. “Accepting funds from white supremacists further erodes the reputation of a local crisis pregnancy center like Hope Pregnancy Ministries.”

Official government reports, local governments, and women’s rights organizations have detailed how the anti-choice movement has built a national network of crisis pregnancy centers. These centers are sometimes not licensed or regulated but present themselves as comprehensive healthcare clinics. Reports indicate that many of the centers intentionally mislead and misinform women seeking pregnancy-related information with the intention of dissuading them from exercising their right to choose.⁴

Crossover between the Anti-Choice and White Supremacist Movements

April Gaede’s fundraising effort for Hope Pregnancy Ministries isn’t the first time there has been overlap between hardcore white supremacists and anti-choice activists in Montana.

In 2006, Shawn Stuart ran for the Montana Legislature. At the time, he was also the state leader for the National Socialist Movement, also known as the American Nazi Party.⁵ The National Socialist Movement believes that people of color, gays and lesbians, and Jewish people should not be allowed to be American citizens. Activists with the group are well known for wearing replicas of Third Reich uniforms at public rallies.⁶

During the 2006 elections, Right to Life of Montana endorsed Stuart despite the statewide press identifying Stuart as a neo-Nazi. The Human Rights Network went public with the endorsement, stating Right to Life was facilitating “Stuart’s attempt to tap into the political mainstream and present himself as a conservative Republican.” When questioned by the press, Right to Life’s Gregg Trude said Stuart shouldn’t have been endorsed. Trude said some of Stuart’s responses to the group’s survey were “questionable.” After the media coverage, Right to Life of Montana withdrew the endorsement.⁷

Bill White, who at the time was a member of the National Socialist Movement and wrote a white supremacist blog, detailed what the “questionable” answers were. White stated the National Socialist Movement opposes abortion of “healthy white babies.” However, the group supports “eugenic abortions for non-whites” and for pregnant women who are in “race mixing” relationships.⁸ In other words, the National Socialist Movement, like April Gaede and other

white supremacists, only oppose abortion when it comes to “white babies.” Otherwise, they support abortion and sterilization for women of color.

Background on April Gaede

History in the White Supremacist Movement

April Gaede says she grew up in a “racially conscious household” in Fresno, CA.⁹ Bill Gaede, her father, shod horses and was a rancher. He used the Nazi swastika as his cattle brand, wore it on his belt buckle, and plastered it on the side of his pickup.¹⁰

A college dropout, Gaede eventually made her mark in the white supremacist movement.¹¹ Her thoughts on race are clear. “I’m a racist,” she has said.¹² She has lamented that Hitler is “vilified” and claimed that anti-Semitism is a “disease” that “you catch from Jews.”¹³ Her formal white supremacist activity began with The Creativity Movement (at the time known as the World Church of the Creator) and the National Alliance.¹⁴ Writing as a member of The Creativity Movement, she urged white people to “preserve our endangered race.”¹⁵ She also claimed that an influx of people of color to an area led to a “rise in crime and violence in general.”¹⁶ She described Matt Hale, the national leader of The Creativity Movement at the time, as an “intelligent, handsome and charismatic” leader and said she voted for him as a write-in candidate for president in 2004.¹⁷ Currently, Hale is serving a 40-year prison sentence for trying to have a federal judge assassinated.¹⁸

With the National Alliance, Gaede served as the leader of local unit and won an award from the group in 2004 for her activism.¹⁹ She frequently contributed articles for the National Alliance’s publication *National Vanguard*.²⁰ In one piece, she stated America’s founders wrote laws only for their descendants, “by which they could only have meant White people [emphasis in original].”²¹ In 2005, internal fighting caused a split in the National Alliance.²² Gaede joined the group that splintered off, the National Vanguard, which was led by Kevin Alfred Strom.²³ It quickly became a major player in the white supremacist movement. However, it fell apart when Strom was arrested on child pornography charges in 2007.²⁴ In 2008, Strom was sentenced to 23 months in prison on the charges.²⁵

Despite her own racist activism, it is her daughters who are her claim to fame. Her twin daughters, Lamb and Lynx, comprise the white power musical group Prussian Blue. The two girls have been referred to as the “Nazi Pop Twins.”²⁶ White supremacists also appreciate Gaede’s name choice for her youngest daughter, Dresden. Dresden was a German city decimated by Allied bombings during World War II.²⁷ Gaede is a follower of eugenics, the science used by the Third Reich, and has gloated that her kids are “ideal eugenic quality.”²⁸

Gaede made sure that her daughters grew up steeped in white supremacy. She taught her girls the alphabet using a scheme that started “A is for Aryan, B is for blood...” She home schooled Lamb and Lynx for seven years.²⁹ She stated her goal in home schooling was to let her girls know that their main duty was to “raise lots of white children.”³⁰ After seven years, the twins started attending public school, as they did when they moved to Kalispell in 2006.³¹ The Gaedes resided in Bakersfield, CA, prior to moving to Montana.³² She said she wanted to move because

California was not “white enough.”³³ In a posting on Prussian Blue’s website, the motivation was even more explicitly racist—to “get away from the mud [nonwhite] invasion.”³⁴

Pioneer Little Europe

Since National Vanguard folded, Gaede has kept busy. One of her current projects is called “Pioneer Little Europe.” Through this venture, she is recruiting other white supremacists to move to the Flathead area. She posts jobs available in the Kalispell area, along with touting the area’s high population of white people. Recently, she has also offered her services as a matchmaker to pair up white supremacists with the goal of saving “the future of our race.”³⁵

The overall goals of the Pioneer Little Europe (PLE) movement are outlined in the *Pioneer Little Europe (PLE) Prospectus* compiled by H. Michael Barrett. Barrett was an organizer for long-time Klansman David Duke in the 1970s and a supporter of the British National Party, a neo-fascist group in Great Britain. In the *Prospectus*, Barrett defines a PLE as a:

“conscious White community – initially possessing greatly contrasting views among its residents – which comes to dominate a geographical area...A Pioneer/Little Europe is a generic term for any local community where Whites live in close proximity to businesses which offer cultural facilities and services, most of whom openly support their political revival...[they] are based on a study of the organizing principles shared among the more modern political communities that continue to dismember Whites geographically, culturally, and politically.”³⁶

The Kalispell PLE is the latest incarnation of the Northwest Territorial Imperative which was supported by Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler. During the 1970s, Butler moved his group to northern Idaho from California and set up his compound. Some families moved with him. He and other supporters of the Imperative envisioned carving out an Aryan homeland in the Pacific Northwest. Over the years, the idea has been known by numerous names.³⁷ The overall result has been that moving to Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon has become a central part of white supremacist myth and lore. While many racists have dreamed about it, occasionally some actually do relocate.

According to Gaede, one benefit of living in Kalispell is that it is 95% white.³⁸ She has also cited the area’s conservative Christian beliefs and a strong Constitution Party of Montana.³⁹ She has written:

“The atmosphere of the area has a distinct ‘Montana’ feel and attitude. That attitude is to leave others alone and allow them to have their own beliefs and choices. There is a strong pro gun and pro hunting population and one of the strongest Constitution parties that I have seen yet. There is still a strong Christian attitude and people practice what the [sic] preach, trying to do what is right. Our Christmas parade still goes by that name and we have a nativity scene in our public square with a Baby Jesus.”⁴⁰

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http://www.adl.org/Learn/Ext_US/nsm/default.asp?LEARN_Cat=Extremism&LEARN_SubCat=Extremism_in_America&xpicked=3&item=nsm and the Montana Human Rights Network's fact sheet on Shawn Stuart:

<http://mhrn.org/publications/fact%20sheets%20and%20advisories/NSMBriefingpaper.pdf>.

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http://www.adl.org/learn/extremism_in_america_updates/individuals/matt_hale/default.htm.

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²² Southern Poverty Law Center, "The Wannabe: Former National Alliance 'Intellectual' Kevin Strom Wants to be Boss," Fall 2005.

²³ National Vanguard, "A Time for Leadership," April 21, 2005.

²⁴ Southern Poverty Law Center, "Child Porn Charges Against Neo-Nazi Leader Detailed," May 25, 2007.

²⁵ *Charlottesville Daily Progress*, "White Nationalist Sentenced in Child Porn Case," April 21, 2008.

²⁶ For more on Prussian Blue, see the October 2006 and August 2007 editions of *Network News* available at www.mhrn.org.

²⁷ *The Guardian*, "White Off the Scale," Jan. 24, 2006.

²⁸ National Vanguard, "Eugenics and Cystic Fibrosis," March 29, 2004; Southern Poverty Law Center, "The Gaede Bunch," Summer 2005.

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³⁰ Southern Poverty Law Center, "The Gaede Bunch," Summer 2005.

³¹ National Alliance, *American Dissident Voices*, April 9, 2005.

³² Ibid.

³³ ABC News, *Primetime*, Oct. 20, 2005.

³⁴ Prussian Blue website, July 24, 2005.

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³⁷ Coalition for Human Dignity and the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, "The Northwest Imperative," (1994), pp. 9-13.

³⁸ Vanguard News Network, April Gaede posting, Nov. 7, 2008.

³⁹ For more on the extreme views of the Constitution Party of Montana, see the Human Rights Network's report *The Constitution Party of Montana*, <http://mhrn.org/publications/specialresearchreports/CPMReport.pdf>.

⁴⁰ Vanguard News Network, April Gaede posting, Nov. 7, 2008.