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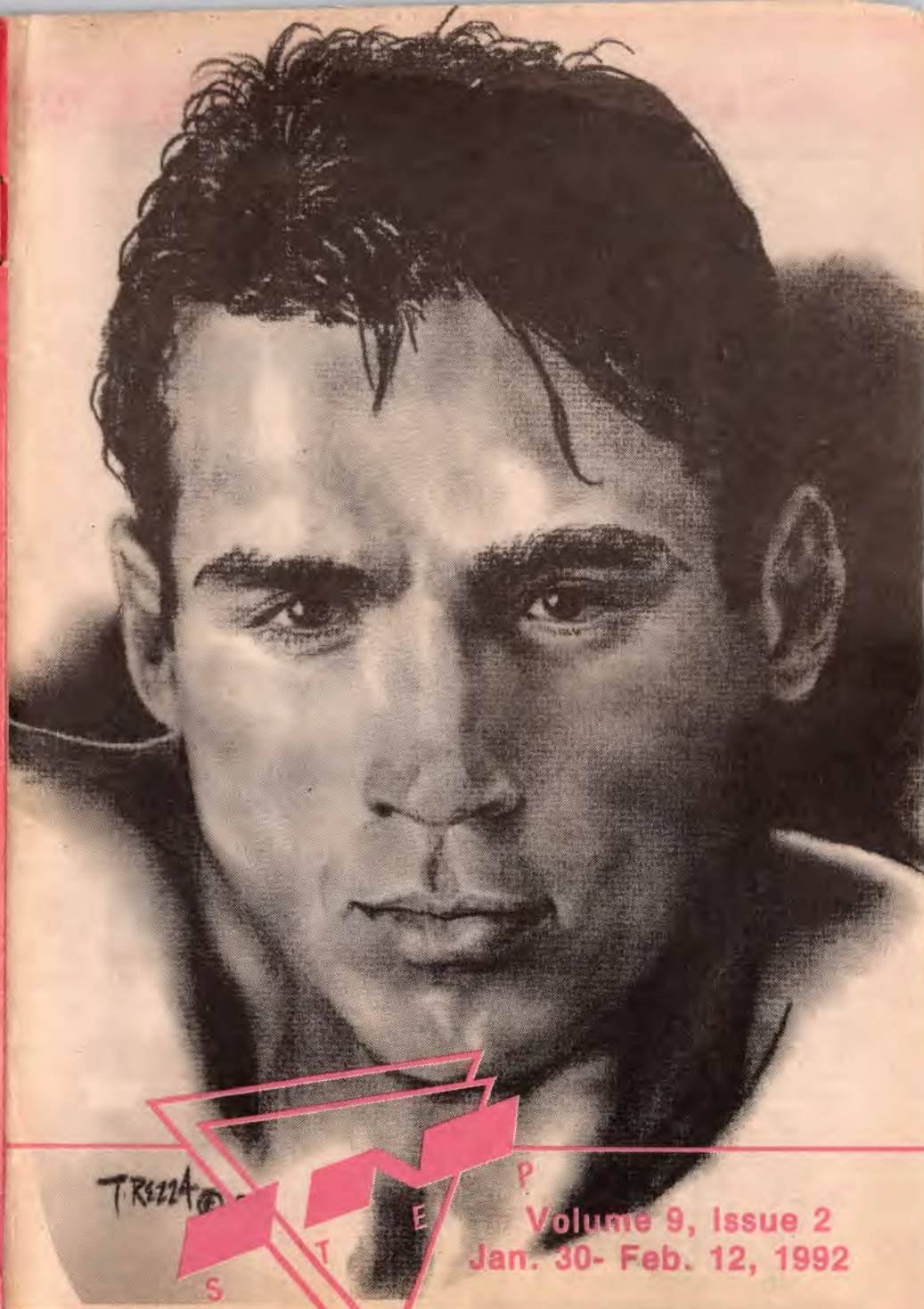
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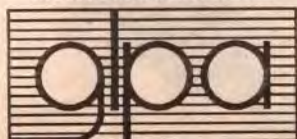
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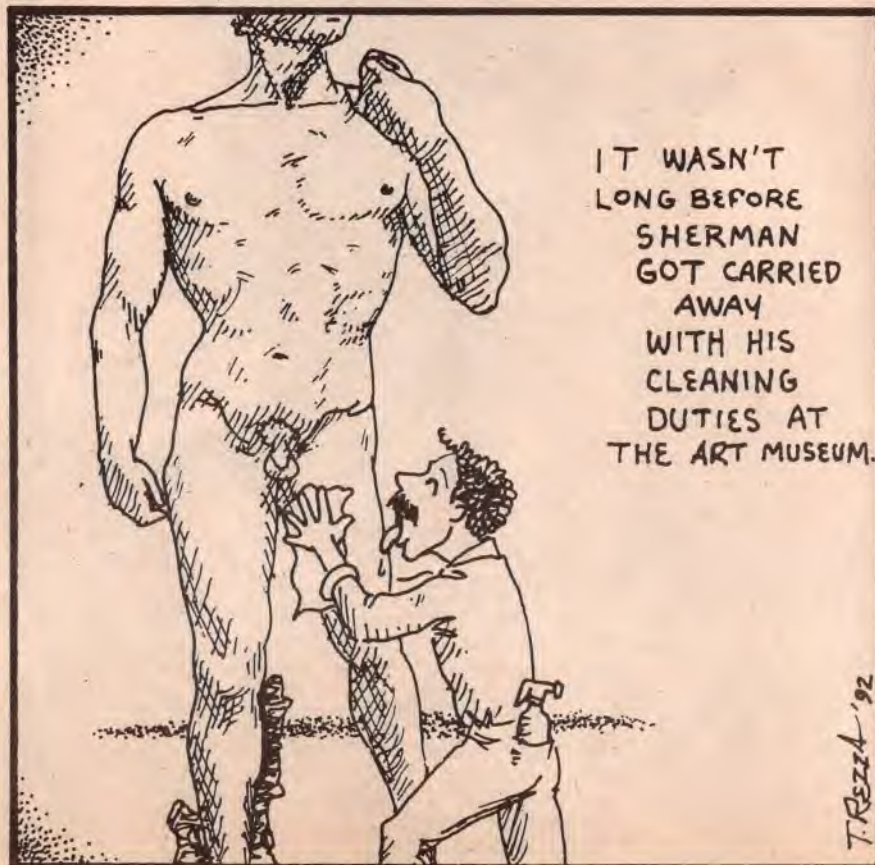
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# News

## Norquist stuns community with funding veto

By Ron Geiman

**Milwaukee** — The Milwaukee Common Council rose above homophobia on Tuesday, January 21, and voted 10-5 to fund the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Celebration to the tune of \$5,000 for 1992. Scant hours later, Mayor John Norquist caved in to political pressures and homophobia by vetoing over \$200,000 in funding for all 38 non profit groups until the Common Council either overrides his veto, or passes new legislation that doesn't include and Gay celebration funding.

Norquist does not have line item veto power which would allow him to delete specific items — it's all or nothing. City Hall insiders commented it was one of the fastest veto messages they had ever seen handed down.

The mayor's action brought quick reaction from the Gay and Lesbian community. Queer Nation held a 9:30pm action outside the mayor's house at 1030 South 26th Street — less than 7 hours after the veto. The next day, QN members and supporters visited the mayor's office in City Hall where a lone receptionist was left to deal with the protesters and a flock of media. (Please see separate side-bar articles on community actions and reactions.)

After the jubilation of a badly needed Common Council victory, Milwaukee's Gay & Lesbian community reeled over Norquist's veto. After a disastrous '91 that included the Dahmer case, the School Board Gay/Lesbian issues fiasco and increasing homophobia fueled by fundamentalists, Norquist's veto added insult to injury. (Please see the side-bar article that reprints the mayor's veto message in its entirety.)

MLGPC went to the Festival Funding Board for money ONLY after Norquist suggested doing so in a late 1989 meeting with members of the Gay/Lesbian community.

The Common Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is February 11. However, Common Council President Thomas Donegan said Jan. 23 he was "trying to read the votes," and would add the funding veto to the agenda of the session he felt would be appropriate. Donegan could add the veto issue to a special session already scheduled for Feb. 5, or to a special session he must yet schedule for either 30 or 31 to deal with a different issue. (See the separate side-bar article "What You Should Do...")

Eleven votes are needed to over-ride the mayor's action. Alderman Michael McGee, who was absent for the January 21 vote, said at a January 22 news conference that he would add his vote, potentially providing the 11th vote necessary for an over-ride. McGee commented it's about time another group in Milwaukee felt the 'sting' of the Mayor.

Gay activists were not hopeful that all the other 10 aldermen who voted for the funding Jan. 21 would 'buck' the Mayor in an attempt to over-ride.

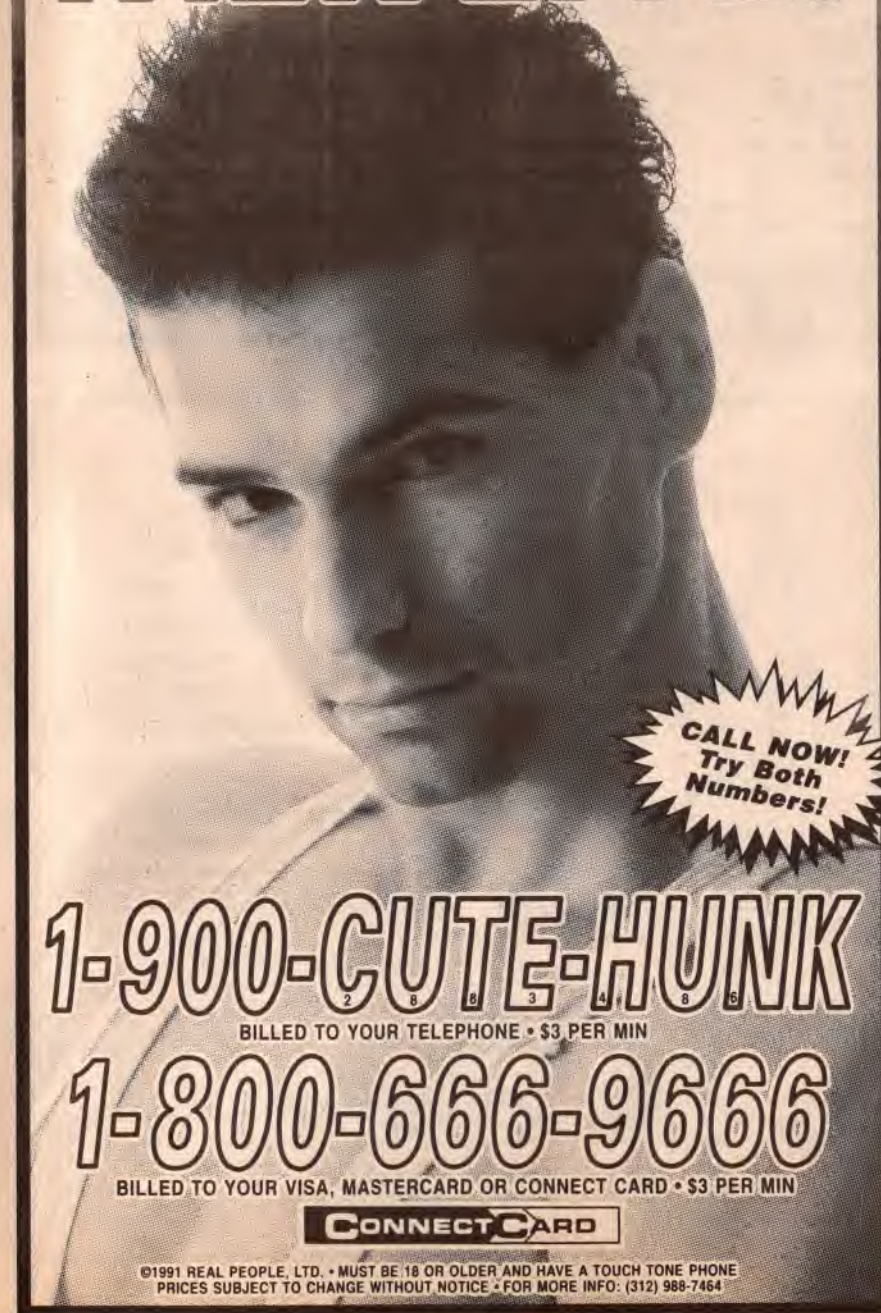
### COUNCIL ACTION

The 10-5 vote to fund all 38 groups came a minute after a 9-6 vote to accept an amendment by Donegan which re-added the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee back on the list of groups to be funded.

When introducing his amendment Jan. 21 Donegan commented "I personally can not vote for funds into '92 festivals that do not include money for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee. If they are not included, I will NOT vote for ANY festival funding."

Alderpsons who voted for the funding include: Donegan, Marvin E. Pratt, Lorraine McNamara- McGraw, Paul A. Henningsen, Steven S. Cullen, Marlene E. Johnson, Wayne P. Frank, Donald F.

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*Pride Committee President Scott Gunkel is the center of media attention after the Milwaukee Common Council voted 10-5 to fund the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade for '92. Mayor Norquist vetoed the funding just hours later.*

Richards, Michael J. Murphy and Mary Anne McNulty. (Murphy was on the 'nay' side for the 9-6 vote on accepting Donegan's amendment.)

Voting against funding were: John R. Kalwitz, Annette E. Scherbert, Robert A. Anderson, Chris A. Krajniak and Thomas G. Nardelli.

In comments prior to the vote, Donegan commented "It would be discriminatory and unfair of us to not fund" the Gay celebration. Alderman Richards commented, "I do not identify with the Gay/Lesbian life, I do not endorse it, but that is not the point here. We are funding a parade. This is, I think, the litmus test of democracy and living in a free country - what's fair for one must be fair for all - and this includes the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade."

Alderman Henningsen commented that MLGPC "is not an advocacy group - it's a group of Gays and Lesbians celebrating who they are. Love should be universal to all people."

McNulty agreed, saying, "The Pride Committee is NOT an advocacy group.

They don't try and recruit me. This is a celebration of pride in ones self. It's inappropriate to suggest if we fund this that we'll have Right to Life groups" applying for funding. She continued, "I don't get it - it's a big jump in logic."

McNamara McGraw said, "I fail to understand yet, why this funding was pulled in the first place. We all know Gays and Lesbians are a very important force in our community."

Dissenters Nardelli and Kalwitz also commented. Nardelli said, "I don't want to put into jeopardy future funding for groups who would want to come to us for funding," by funding the Pride Committee. Kalwitz said "all 37 other groups fit into one of these three broad categories - civic, ethnic, and cultural. I don't believe they fit into any of these categories - I believe they are a fourth category - an advocacy group - we'd set a precedent that would be very divisive - what about Pro Life, Pro Abortion, Black Panther Coalition type groups who would come in and ask for funding?"

Nearly 30 Gays, Lesbians and

supporters attended the 9am Common Council session. Many bore signs supporting the vote and most wore pink tags reading 'Vote Yes for Pride Parade Funding.' Members of the media outnumbered the less than 12 opponents to the measure.

Gay/Lesbian community leaders had expected a massive turn-out of opponents, similar to the over 700 who besieged the Milwaukee School Board recently when it voted on instituting Gay/Lesbian programs in the public schools.

Robert Braun, a perennial fundamentalist protester, and candidate for County Supervisor, sat in the spectators gallery holding a sign which said "Dahmer was Gay, he had sex with dead men," on one side, and "No money to support Dahmer's lifestyle" on the other.

Prior to the vote, adverse publicity was heavy. Local fundamentalist radio and television broadcaster Vic Elliason used his WVCY radio and TV stations to drum up opposition to funding the Gay celebration.

Various mainstream print and electronic media made a "mountain out of a molehill," in the words of one supporter. Other supporters complained that some of the media pitted the Gay community against veterans.

The City Festival Funding Board, which reviews applications for city festival funding and recommends which groups get money, had previously said that the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee met all criteria for inclusion in the 38 non profit groups who were funded.

The Funding Board, composed of appointees, had chosen to cut funding for two veterans events from a '91 total of \$8,000 to just \$2,000 in '92. The Funding Board's reasoning was that the vets neglected to apply for ANY funding and thus they cut the traditional higher funding to the lower figure.

(Guidelines for 'seed' funding require that the non profit groups activities should only be funded with public money for five years. Veterans groups traditionally have been exempted from that time limit.)

This is the first year MLGPC applied

for any funding. MLGPC had originally requested \$8,000 — the Festival Funding Board recommended \$5,000. The Board rarely gives any non-profit group the full amount of their request.

The Board had a total allotment of over \$200,000 for '92, all of which is in hiatus until the Common Council takes up the veto message.

The Festival Funding Board forwarded their report to the Common Council's Economic Development Commission which voted 3-2 on January 8 to reject any funding for the Gay celebration. Instead, they adopted an amendment that increased the veterans funding to \$8,000. Donegan's Jan. 21 adopted amendment deleted funding for the city's Holiday Marketplace — allowing funding for both the veterans and the Gay celebration. The Holiday Marketplace funding would then come from left over funds from '91 that the Council still has to 'move' to this years books.

In the time between that January 8 vote and the 21st, both sides lobbied hard for their point of view. The outcome of the full Common Council vote of 10-5 was a delightful surprise for Gay/Lesbian supporters. The Mayor's veto came as a complete shock. Norquist had campaigned in Gay bars during his first Mayoral campaign, and was perceived as "friendly" by the Gay/Lesbian community during meetings with him since election. Obviously, that perception no longer holds water.

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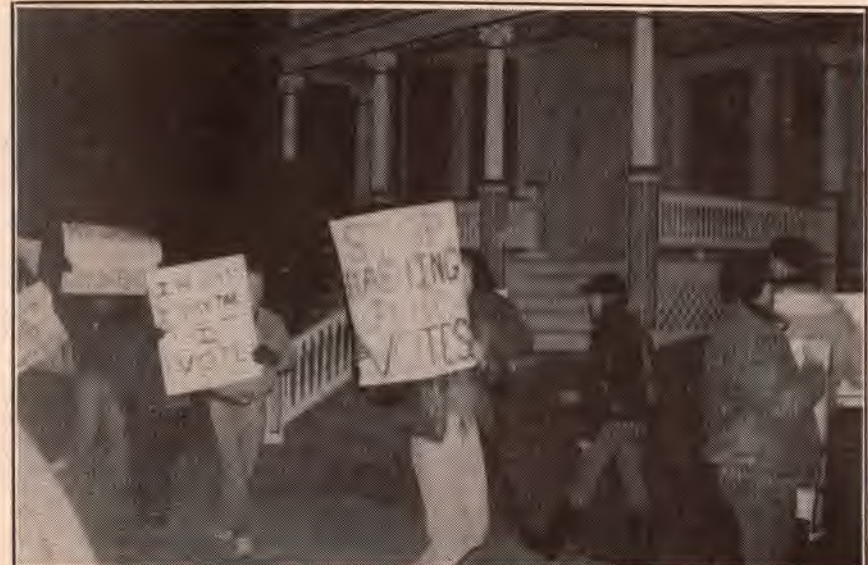
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Over a dozen members of Queer Nation and their supporters protested outside Mayor John Norquist's home the night of the mayor's veto of funding for the Gay/Lesbian pride parade.

**Community actions/ reaction to Norquist veto**

The Lavender Grapevine kicked in full force the afternoon of Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist's veto of funding for the Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration. Milwaukee's usually complacent Gay/Lesbian community was still celebrating the Common Council's 10-5 vote to approve the funding when notice was received of the mayor's veto. Reaction was shock and dismay at what was perceived as betrayal and back room political maneuvering.

Phone calls, fax messages, and visits to the mayor's office protesting the veto were made within hours of the mayor's action.

Queer Nation- Milwaukee immediately rallied against the veto. Over a dozen supporters, and five media representatives, gathered at a 9:30pm protest in front of the mayor's home at 1030 S. 26th Street. The normally quiet calm of the residential neighborhood was shattered by angry queers chanting,

"What do we want/ Our share of taxes, when do we want it? Now!!" "Closet Bashers Have Got To Go!" "Discrimination Has Got To Go!" "Gays and Lesbians under attack, what do we do, Act Up, Fight Back!"

At the beginning of the zap, only one room in the mayor's home, in the rear of the second floor was lighted. Within minutes, the entire second floor was lit. Obviously, someone was home but no one came out to speak to the group. At one point, over four squad cars and a police van gathered in the area.

Shouts of "Out of the closet and into your face!" "We're here, we're queer, we're not going away!" "Norquist has got to go!" brought nearly two dozen neighbors outdoors, some of whom were more than a little miffed. As the zap continued, the neighbors got more vocal, taunting the protesters.

The next afternoon, again approximately a dozen QN members

visited the mayor's office bearing signs & shouting slogans. A lone receptionist was left to deal with the group's anger. After entering the office lobby, QN left several "gifts" for the mayor, including a bar of soap and a clean towel to "wash the queer blood off his hands." Another gift was a bowl of rotten fruit signifying the 'First Rotten Fruit' award. A request to meet a mayoral aide or senior staff member was ignored. Neither the mayor, nor any of his staff ever came out of their inner office areas.

Spokesman Daniel Fons addressed the media assembled, saying, "Norquist has reduced the Gay community to a political opinion. We're not going away... the Gay community meets the criteria for funds because we have a culture." Fons also said, "We have every intention of remaining in his face. We'll be at social and civic events he goes to. Expect to see Gay people at all the festivals." Fons also said a kiss in may be planned for Irish Fest.

Queer Nation promised further actions in the days ahead, including a planned "Queer State of the city," address on Monday, Jan. 27 - the same night Norquist gives his "State of the city" address at an event at MECCA celebrating Milwaukee's 'birthday.' The 27th is also the day the Dahmer trial begins.

**INDIVIDUAL REACTIONS**

Dennis Bunch, Vice President of the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee, commented in a news release, "MLGPC is angered by the apparent lack of character and reliability of Mayor John Norquist. We view this veto as an act of blatant homophobia and discrimination. Further, we find his opinions to be self-contradictory to the point where they are becoming flat out lies." Bunch continued, "he cites his involvement in the establishment of anti-discrimination laws while he was in the State Legislature as proof of his support for the Gay/Lesbian community. It is very east to posture, making rules that other people have to obey, but when it comes time for him to act we see his true colors."

Norquist voted for approval of AB70

(Wisconsin's historic Gay rights law) but was not active in lobbying or passage.

At the demonstration outside Norquist's home, In Step asked several participants for comments.

• Tim Grair of QN said, "During the days of the American Revolution people had taxation without anything in return. Gays and Lesbians have substandard services from the city, substandard police protection. All we asked for was a measly \$5,000 which is not even a fraction of a penny out of all the tax dollars that everyone of these 65,000 Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian residents who pay taxes in the city of Milwaukee. In 1775 they threw British tea into the Boston harbor. Perhaps its time we threw John Norquist overboard!"

• Dan Fons commented, "This the the beginning, we plan on staying in the Mayor's face until he learns that we are a community that has to be dealt with. He obviously thinks it's okay to queer bash for votes in an election year, and we plan to let him know that's not the case."

• Jeff Wellhoefer, commented, "I'm tired of people like Mayor Norquist saying they are supportive of us, and turning around and denying our rights and denying representation. And, I'm fed up with government not supporting us when we should be supported like any other human. The mayor's always saying he's supportive of our community then when it's time to show support, he backs out. I hope the Gay/Lesbian community and other minority communities in Milwaukee realize that Norquist is not a mayor we can trust anymore - this is a sign that we have to pull him out of office, now. He's a bigot, get rid of him!"

• Roberta Niggemeier said, "I hooked up with these guys tonight, out of disgust over the abuse of human rights in this city. Because everybody has civil rights as human beings, we should all be treated equally and what has happened is that Mayor Norquist has made a bigot out of himself by taking away our rights, and that's why I'm here!"

In Step also asked for comments from concerned community members we spoke with in the two days following the veto

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**On the veto...**

What you should do about the veto

COMMENTARY by Ron Geiman

If you're among those of us upset with Mayor John Norquist's veto of funding the Gay Lesbian Pride Parade, call (278-2200), write, fax, or visit the Mayor's office! Publicly protest... join Queer Nation and act up a little! We've been working behind the scenes with this administration since 1988 and NOTHING HAS CHANGED! Perhaps it's time we made some noise instead of sitting quietly waiting for our equal share of the public pie groups we must let him know our numbers are many, and we're not going to sit idly by while he compares us with choice protesters or . We ARE a minority — one that encompasses all other minorities! We HAVE a culture! We fit the criteria of the Festival Funding Board. We are not JUST an advocacy group!

We must also thank our Common Council supporters for their vote, and let our Common Council enemies know that we live in their districts, too! Look at the main story on the veto and find out how your Alderperson voted, then call (278-2221) and thank (or admonish) them for their vote.

Are you a City of Milwaukee taxpayer? Send a copy of your tax receipt to the Mayor along with your letter!

Better yet, do what Nelvin Johnson did: go in person to the Mayor's office with your paid tax receipt in hand and demand an aide take your formal written complaint! Can't you just see dozens of us lined up outside the Mayor's office to file written complaints, tying up his staff for a few days?

Ask the Mayor why he recommended the Pride Committee go to the Festival Funding Board for money in the first place! He did so in a meeting in 1989 with Gays and Lesbians! Now he does an about face (after the Festival Board recommends

funding the Pride Celebration and we win a hard fought battle with the Common Council) and vetoes it!

Does the Mayor realize by taking this action, that instead of gaining votes, he's lost our block of votes? We're sure that those who planned to vote against him before, aren't going to change their minds just because of this veto — they have plenty of other reasons to not vote for him. But now he's alienated an entire block of contributors and active voters — us!

Contact your alderperson now... tell them if funding isn't given to the Pride Committee, then the entire Festival Funding allocation should be deleted for ALL other groups... it would be the only fair thing to do.

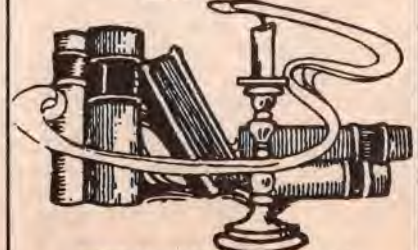
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## Mayor Norquist's veto message

Following is a complete reprint of Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist's veto message to the common council.

"Today I am vetoing Common Council File 911446, which allocates \$200,000 from the 1992 Milwaukee Festival Fund to various non-profit organizations."

"This resolution has raised the question of when it is appropriate to use property tax dollars for funding parades and festivals."

"Parades and festivals are meant to be non-controversial civic celebrations. However, this resolution has stirred controversy because funding was recommended for a parade sponsored by the Milwaukee Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee."

"I am a strong supporter of Gay and

Lesbian rights. As a state legislator I supported efforts to outlaw discrimination against Gays and Lesbians and have issued proclamations for parades they have sponsored. And I am aware that Gays and Lesbians make great contributions to the culture and economy of the City of Milwaukee. Gays and Lesbians also pay property taxes."

"But I believe that using taxpayer dollars for this type of parade is inappropriate. It would be as improper as using property taxes to pay for a 'pro-life' or 'pro-choice' parade."

"Property tax funding for a parade is not the cutting edge of civil rights for Gays and Lesbians. The issue here is not civil rights — the issue is the use of property tax dollars."

"I agree with much of what the Milwaukee Festival Board has recommended, but I do not agree with the recommendation by the board and the Common Council to fund the Gay Pride Parade."

"As mayor, I cannot veto individual recommendations for the Milwaukee Festival Fund. This means, unfortunately, that in vetoing this resolution none of the recommendations for funding parades and festivals will be approved at this time."

"I hope that the council will sustain my veto and then expeditiously introduce and approve new funding for the remaining items."

—Sincerely,  
John O. Norquist, Mayor

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message. Here's what some of them had to say:

• Julia Kleppin: "It really makes me furious, I feel like he's scape-goating us and it's a very sneaky way to make a political decision — and use us for the cannon fodder. I mean he's just dickin' around (if you'll excuse my expression). He also has lead us to believe for a long time that he is a friend of ours, that he understands, he's at least fair minded — and that went right out of the window. As a taxpayer, I'm furious. As a former Norquist supporter, I'm furious! I'd like an explanation... I'd like an apology! Remember the fundraiser we had for him?"

• Kitty Barber, Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee spokeswoman: "I'd say this is a cowardly act by an ignorant man who cares more about his own career than the city he serves. I think it's an attempt to play our community against other groups — and it won't work! We're urging all our members and everyone else to write letters to the mayor."

• Robert Moore: "I'm mildly disappointed, but there are other ways to spend taxpayers money, not only the parade, but some of the other 'break and circus' that are in that proposal."

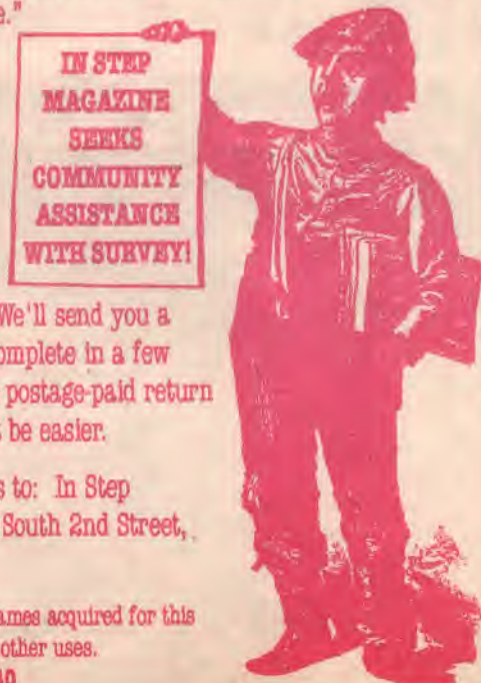
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## Top CDC official: Gay teens need help

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — A top AIDS official with the federal Centers for Disease Control appeared to break with the Bush Administration when he told the National Commission on AIDS here Jan. 14 that more needs to be done to educate Gay youth about their special risks of HIV infection.

"Most young boys who are homosexual have no social support system," said Dr. James Curran, director of the CDC's Division on HIV/AIDS. "Their friends, if they knew, would hate them. Their parents, if they knew, would discourage them. They have no chance. They need education."

Curran's statements on Gay youth, made during a larger overview on the epidemic, indicate a view contrary to that of the Bush Administration, which has shelved a federal report on Gay youth suicide and opposed a survey of teen sexual behavior.

Acknowledging that "in every country in every generation throughout the world" there have been Gay youngsters, the CDC official called for programs targeting them, saying that those of "our next generation of young boys... who have sex with men... will be confronted with a population with a very high prevalence of HIV infection."

Drawing comparisons to the troubles he has had in cautioning his own 13 year-old boy about HIV, Curran also appeared to oppose the Bush Administration's abstinence-based view of HIV education by pointing to figures that children are becoming more sexually active and at a younger age.

"The one thing they (teen-agers) do is they have sex," said Curran. "They have sex. They have sex. They have sex. They have sex. I should not have said that, but they do it. They have sex."

Dr. June Osborn, chair of the National Commission, called Curran's testimony ten years worth of passion put into a few minutes."

Curran, who is also presently the

assistant surgeon general, is soon expected to move up in the CDC to the role of deputy director on HIV.

Curran's testimony came during a day of hearings which were the subject of unusually heavy media interest, as it was the first day that basketball giant Earvin 'Magic' Johnson was seated on the panel. Yet, despite Curran's apparent split with the White House position on Gay youth and sex education, little if any mention was made of his comments in printed reports.

"Most of the reporters who (attended that day's commission hearings) don't cover health issues (and) had no idea what a divergence this is from Administration policy," explained Carisa Cunningham, spokeswoman for the AIDS Action Council. "I don't think most (reporters) noticed that."

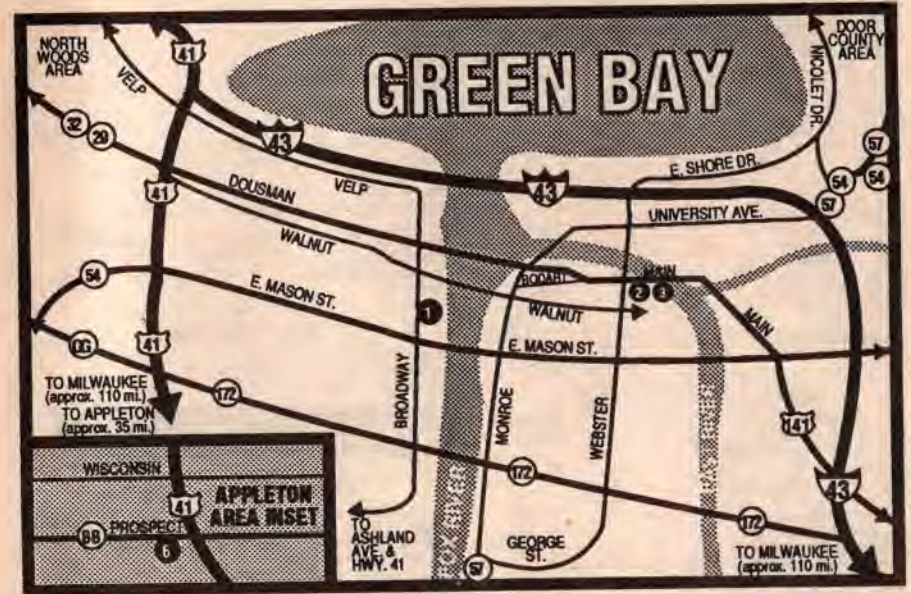
In questioning by commissioners after his testimony, Curran elaborated on his calls for more information on the sexual practices of teen-agers, a move some saw as an implicit endorsement of a controversial teen sex survey opposed by the Administration's Department of Health and Human Services.

Gay activists who expressed astonishment at Curran's comments noted the irony of his calls for federal programs targeting Gay youth.

Robert Bray, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, noted that the Department of HHS, under Secretary Louis Sullivan, has for two years sat on a federal study calling for Gay youth-targeted programs.

"The government has in (its) hands exactly what (Curran) has called for," said Bray. "And it's called the Health and Human Services youth suicide report."

Under pressure from congressional conservatives in 1989, Sullivan said the study promoted the homosexual 'lifestyle,' and made no moves to implement its calls for programs addressing the needs of Gay teen-agers. The report was never formally released.



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## Jersey gets Gay rights law

By Rex Wockner

New Jersey became the fifth U.S. state to protect the civil rights of Gays and Lesbians Jan. 19 when Gov. Jim Florio signed a measure outlawing discrimination based on "affectional or sexual orientation" in the areas of housing, jobs, credit and public accommodations.

Florio said one's personal life should not determine whether he or she is hired or accepted as a tenant. The bill passed the Assembly 46-7 and the Senate 21-0.

Spokespersons for the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition said there was minimal opposition from conservatives and fundamentalist Christians because the lobbying effort was conducted entirely behind-the-scenes.

"This was not a throw-blood-on-the-Capitol effort," said Coalition President Laura Pople. "It was a very quiet campaign. We encouraged the (Gay) organizations we have any control over to keep it quiet. When press called asking questions, we refused any kind of interview."

After the news broke that the legislature passed the measure, 2,150 supporters and 2,509 opponents phoned the governor's office, according to a spokesman.

"We generated those 2,000 (supportive) calls in a day and a half," said Pople.

Eighteen Republicans in the Assembly and Senate voted for the bill — a U.S. record, according to Tim Drake, who recently stepped down as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's expert on passing local Gay-rights bills.

Churches and affiliated institutions are exempt from the law. Persons who believe they have been discriminated against based on their sexuality can file suit in civil court or file a complaint with the state Division of Civil Rights.

Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts and pioneering Wisconsin also protect Gays and Lesbians from discrimination.

## Queer Holy Wars

San Francisco — The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc., that troop of ecumenical drag queens with bad habits, announced the beginning of a "Queer Holy War." This action is in retaliation against the war that has been declared by right-wing politicians and fundamentalist bigots who trample Gay/ civil/ PWA rights.

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The Queer Holy Wars were to begin with a press conference on the eve of the January 24 court trial of the AB101 protesters. This will be the first of many nationwide actions continuing through the June Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade: the War to End All Wars!

The Sisters exhort free-thinking communities nation-wide to stop passively accepting the right-wing, conservative 'churchianity' political movement, reminding them that the United States was founded on the principle of separation of church and state.

The enemy (in the Queer Holy Wars) is clearly AIDS, AIDS phobia, homophobia, bigotry, misogyny, prejudice, 'traditional family values' that stomp on non-nuclear family values at the expense of individual freedoms, as well as the assault on women's reproductive rights.

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## Toyota woos Gay Australians

By Keith Clark

Melbourne, Australia — Almost entirely unnoticed by the media, Toyota's Australian division has quietly prepared and begun running a series of print advertisements in some of Australia's Gay publications aimed at wooing Gay customers.

One ad, which ran in the December issue of *Outrage*, shows two thirtysomething men with a pair of Dalmations and a picnic basket standing beside a Toyota Seca Ultima under the headline "The Family Car."

The text in the ad reads: "When we talk to you about a family car, we mean a car that is big enough for a couple and their friends to stretch out in comfort."

Except for a brief mention in the *New York Times* Dec. 24 issue, the mainstream media in both the United States and Australia have hardly paid any attention to the ad campaign. But the far-right, anti-Gay American Family Association (AFA) has already called for a boycott of Toyota and launched a letter-writing campaign to pressure the Japanese auto manufacturer to stop any further ads that it says would undermine "traditional family values."

The ads were created by Bluestone Media, a Melbourne agency that specializes in the Gay media, and are already contracted to run in the January issue of *Outrage* and other Australian Gay publications over the next two months.

Mindy Geller, a Toyota USA spokeswoman in Los Angeles, says the auto maker's U.S. division has no plans at this time to expand the advertising campaign into the American market. However, Geller also said the AFA letter campaign apparently hasn't had much success. "We haven't had much in the way of complaints," she said.

## AIDS Walk money disbursed

Milwaukee — In a small ceremony last week, Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, presented a check for \$18,369, to Dave Rompa, acting director of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN). The funds are part of a total disbursement of \$183,691 from 1991 Wisconsin AIDS Walk.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, which operates the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), received \$137,764. The '91 Walk was produced by MAP with the co-sponsorship of MASN and SEWAP.

Each of nine other organizations that provide AIDS services from throughout the state received \$3,062. These include: Center Project, Inc., Green Bay; Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, Wauwatosa; Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center, Madison; Milwaukee Center for Independence; Opportunity Industrialization Center of Racine County; STD Specialties Clinic, Inc., Milwaukee; Visiting Nurse Association, Milwaukee; Waukesha County Council on AODA; Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has begun planning for the 1992 Wisconsin AIDS Walk, which will take place on Sunday, September 21, 1992.

## NAMBLA meetings stir controversy

By Keith Clark

San Francisco — A nasty controversy erupted here when a local television station began a week-long investigative news series about a national pedophile organization that advocates sexual relations between men and young boys has been meeting for the past two years at a small, neighborhood public library widely used by youngsters. The news reports have outraged parents fearful of

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child molestation and put Gay activists in an uncomfortable position of trying to defend the right of the organization to hold its public meetings. And some activists say the TV reports have been sensationalized and led to an increase in hate-motivated harassment of Gays and Lesbians.

KRON-TV, the local NBC affiliate, began reporting Jan. 13 that the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), with about 125 members in California and more than 600 throughout the country, describes itself as a lobbying group "attempting to change age of consent laws" in the U.S. and was formed here in 1977. Its participation in the city's huge annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade has regularly generated protest by various groups objecting to NAMBLA's presence. Late last year the group was refused use of the Women's Building, widely used by numerous Gay and Lesbian organizations for meetings, after other groups objected.

But NAMBLA has — at least until now — quietly been holding regular meetings at the city's Potrero Branch Library since August 1989 when it applied for and got permission to use the library's public meeting room. After a stormy neighborhood meeting at which parents criticized the library for allowing the group to meet and not informing residents, library officials now say the group can not continue using library facilities because its original application is out of date.

"It's just a shame and I think that you really owe us all an apology for two years of having risked what could have happened here," A parent told Library Commissioner Dale Carlson. "I cannot believe that this kind of thing has gone on for two years. I've never heard of anything so outrageous. I have a 10-year old boy and I can't allow him to walk freely down the street because of stuff like this. It's got to stop."

Carlson told the parents that the library in no way supports NAMBLA but said that any organization has a first Amendment right to use meeting space in libraries and some other public buildings as long as the group does not engage in any illegal

activities. That assurance, Carlson said, was "stated very clearly" on the group's application for use of the meeting room.

The library also said that if NAMBLA wants its meeting room they will have to re-apply because the names and phone numbers on its original request filed in 1989 are either disconnected or no longer in service. But librarians at the Potrero Hill branch said that if the group updates that form, the chances are they'll get the room.

NAMBLA spokesman Alan Davis said the group intends to continue holding its meetings at the library and will fill out new forms as soon as possible.

But Gay and Lesbian activists here are ambivalent about the group because of the common misperception that Gay men are child molesters and even Gay rights groups that have defended NAMBLA's right to meet have also taken pains to disassociate the movement from the issue of sex with minors.

Hollie Connelly of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) here said the organization, which supports NAMBLA's right to meet at the library, "has been getting a lot of hate calls" as a result of the TV coverage. "KRON obviously did something wrong in its reporting," Connelly said, "They've stirred up a lot of homophobia in this city."

## Lesbian sues Sheriff for 'hostile' environment

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund along with the ACLU Foundation of San Diego and Imperial Counties in California announced the filing of a lawsuit against the Sheriff's Academy of San Diego County — a training school for law enforcement officers to enhance their skills — because of sexual orientation discrimination and harassment. Laura Shands, a Deputy Marshal employed by the County of San Diego, attended the Sheriff's academy in the fall of 1990 and experienced daily exposure to disparaging and demeaning remarks about Lesbians

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and Gay men. Shands, a Lesbian, found the environment to be so hostile that she considered terminating her 15-year career in law enforcement.

Mary Newcombe, a Lambda staff attorney and co-counsel for Shands, praised Shands' courage in coming forward to challenge the anti-Gay behavior and attitudes of the Sheriff's Academy. "We know that these kinds of attitudes are common in law enforcement throughout the country. Homophobic attitudes are going to change only when Gay men and Lesbians are free to identify themselves without fear or retribution."

Betty Wheeler, Legal Director for the ACLU's San Diego office, commented, "The Sheriff's Academy should be mandating that future deputies treat all citizens with dignity; instead, the Academy teaches verbal Gay-bashing. Our community sees the homophobia taught in the Academy expressed in the conduct of deputies on the streets."

The lawsuit — brought under the Unruh Civil Rights Act the California

Constitution, and a local San Diego ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation — will seek to assure that the institutional attitudes revealed by the prevalent anti-Gay and Lesbian statements will end. Shands stated, "I have worked in the law enforcement profession for 15 years and have never witnessed such widespread hostility towards Gay men and Lesbians. As a Lesbian, I was hurt and offended. As a law enforcement officer, I was appalled. My hopes are that knowledge of my experiences will assist the San Diego Sheriff's Department in adopting the same policy for Lesbians and Gay men as they have for all other minority groups — which is, basically, that everyone is treated fairly and impartially."

Wheeler noted, that, in addition to seeking an end to this kind of hostile environment, "We will push for Gay sensitivity training of law enforcement officers throughout the Sheriff's Department to lessen the homophobic attitudes that have been allowed to flourish."

door for reactionary motions on the epidemic — Gay issues don't normally arise on the House and Senate floors except when they are brought up as targets by right wing lawmakers.

Gay issues on Capitol Hill are now more likely to be dealt with furtively, in ways that generally gain little attention.

Of course, lawmakers like Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) rarely miss an opportunity to bring up (and attack) the Gay community when given half a chance. But if 1991 is any guide, there is little one can expect on specifically Gay-related matters this year, even from the notorious twosome.

The primary issue on the Gay and Lesbian agenda this year will no doubt be the issue of Gay men and Lesbians in the military. With resolutions calling on the

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## National Gay issues in '92

By Cliff O'Neill

One may need little reminding that 1992 is an election year. And being such, the usual partisan bickering in Congress on issues from education and taxes to agriculture and child care will no doubt reach a fevered pitch in no time flat.

But don't expect much of that rancor to be about Gay men and Lesbians this year. And in the minds of Gay and Lesbian lobbyists on Capitol Hill, for now, that's just as well.

Much of the strategy on Gay and Lesbian issues so far in the nineties has been one of building coalitions and gathering up strength behind the scenes. The big breakthroughs, they hope, will come in the (not-too-distant) future.

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president to rescind the Pentagon's age-old ban on homosexuals in the armed forces gathering co-sponsors in Congress, this hot button topic will likely be the most visible Gay issue in the public eye this year.

The General Accounting Office is shortly expected to release a report on the amount of tax dollars the Pentagon has spent in enforcing the contested directive. With those figures — expected to be in the millions — as ammunition, policy opponents anticipate their arguments against the directive will get wider attention.

And although Capitol Hill figures fighting the policy have played their strategy close to the vest, they have hinted that public hearings in the House Armed Services Committee this year may be one course of attack.

Waiting just behind the military issue is the long-stymied federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill. Having achieved an unprecedented tally of co-sponsors on both the House and Senate proposals, bill backers had hoped for the first public hearings on the measure in eleven years to be held in 1992.

Right now, however, there appears to be some question as to whether such hearings could in fact take place this year due to recent shifts in the House subcommittee staff which would first examine the bill. Also, Gay lobbyists have pushed back the date they would like to see hearings commence into 1993.

This, they say, would give them another year to gather up co-sponsors (they're up to 114 in the House and Senate now) and would allow them more time to collect statistics documenting anti-Gay discrimination.

"It's going to be a very short congressional session," said Steve Smith, lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "We want more time to develop our arguments a little more."

Lobbyists add that holding hearings in 1993 would place the media's attention on Gay and Lesbian civil rights at the same time hundreds of thousands of people will

be descending on the capital city for the third National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights.

One Gay issue that is almost guaranteed to come up before the year is out is the fiercely contested matter of regulating the National Endowment for the Arts.

As it stands, the NEA's broad license to decide for itself what art it will fund, to put it succinctly, is hanging by a thread. NEA supporters last year only managed to save the agency from Helms-type restrictions by resorting to a complicated trade-off between the restraints and a proposal on increased grazing fees.

This year NEA opponents are expected to again bring up the traditional list of government-funded projects to which they object, usually on the grounds that they involve homosexuality. To complicate matters, a measure reauthorizing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, expected to come up this year, will likely come under fire over PBS's airing of several Gay-themed documentaries in the past several years.

Whether either agency survives unscathed from what will be the fourth annual assault will be determined by the arts community's lobbying skills and the parliamentary wiles of its supporters.

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## Group Notes

### State meeting for '93 March on Washington set for Feb. 2

**Milwaukee** — On February 2, at 7pm there will be an organizing meeting for people interested in working on the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. The meeting will be held at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. in the first floor meeting room.

The National March on Washington Committee has mandated that each regional organizing committee have at least 50% women and at least 50% people of color in order to be able to vote at national meetings. **This meeting will be specific to the state of WI. All people are urged to attend.**

On January 18 & 19 in Los Angeles CA there was a 2 day meeting of the Third National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation. There have been 2 previous organizational meetings, the first during

the NGLTF Creating Change conference in Washington DC, then another in Chicago IL.

Wisconsin is part of a 4 state region comprised of Minnesota, Wisconsin, S. Dakota and N. Dakota.

Thanks to the generosity and quick response of the Cream City Foundation, Gary Wells, former president of MLGPC, was able to attend the Los Angeles meeting as an observer in order to gather information about how our region can become involved. As of this date our region and one other were the only 2 of 17 regions who have not caucused to choose regional representatives to the National Steering committee.

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## 900 service MAP benefit

Paul J. Lowry, owner of Lowry Enterprises, a Las Vegas based tele-communications firm which operates a 900 introduction line, has announced that during the month of February, 25% of net profits incurred from Wisconsin callers will be donated to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Lowry expressed, "Our goal is to have people connect with each other and have fun, while practicing safer sex and at the same time donate money to a worthwhile cause."

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**White Lesbian**, mid. 30's, educated, witty. Looking for sensual woman to be friend, teacher, lover. I'm into big laughs, good conversation and sunsets. Drop a line. Let's connect! P.O. Box 13421, Wauwatosa 53213.

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**GWM, Early 30's, 6'**, 185 lbs., brown wavy hair. Blue eyes. Looking to write and meet sometime. I love to go dancing and cuddling & travel. I am into computers, C.B. and Ham radio. If you're 18 and up, Write Bucky, P.O. Box 473, Menominee, Mich. 49858.

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The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches celebrates 25 years of ministry; ministering primarily to Lesbians and Gays and proclaiming a positive and affirming message of liberation.

It is a tradition in the UFMCC to acknowledge and encourage the ministry of the laity. Lay leadership is present in all facets of church ministry and government, including District Coordinators and the highest office of Elder. Ms. Judy Dale is a lay person who resides with her spouse, Rev. Dee Dale, in Louisville Kentucky.

According to Co-Pastor Rev. Nancy Smiegowski, Ms. Dale proclaims a

powerful inclusive message that is a testimony that ministry is a common calling and is not limited only to those people who are 'ordained' but is extended to all people. New Hope Metropolitan Community Church worships in the upper chapel of Kenwood United Methodist Church located at 2319 E. Kenwood across the street from the University of Wisconsin. For further information please call the church office at 332-9995.

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• **3 B's** — for providing pies and hams and for soliciting private financial donations to purchase items for the baskets;

• **Wreck Room** — for soliciting private donations from its patrons to purchase items for the baskets.

Special thanks also go to all those who provided financial contributions that enabled the Milwaukee AIDS Project to conduct such an extensive holiday giving program.

## Oberons club night

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# Health

## Clinic study: 25% of young Gay clients HIV +

**Milwaukee** — A blind study of all patients attending a community sexually transmitted diseases clinic in Milwaukee shows over 25 percent of Gay males between the ages of 20 and 40 test positive to HIV. Those rates indicate a group of young Gay males continue to engage in very risky sexual behaviors.

The Milwaukee Clinic that performed the study serves a predominately white male population with 41% reporting homosexual contact. The study was conducted in the two year period spanning the 4th quarter of '89 through the third quarter of '91.

The survey was conducted using a 'blind' method assuring anonymity utilizing blood samples taken for routine syphilis and other STD testing. The results were published in the Wisconsin Department of Health's Wisconsin

AIDS/HIV Update January 1992 issue.

Some of the results are startling:

- Among all patients (male, female, heterosexual and homosexual) the overall rate of HIV positive results were a 8.1%. None of the female patients tested HIV positive.

- Among males, 97% of those who tested HIV positive acknowledged homosexual contact. 21.4% of Gay men — of all ages — tested HIV positive. Only 0.5% of heterosexual males tested HIV positive.

- Among self-acknowledged Gay males, black Gay men tested HIV positive two and a half times more frequently than white Gay men.

- Among Gay males aged 20-39 more than one in four tested HIV positive.

(This survey data, one must remember, is gathered from clients who attended the



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# In Memoriam

## Kraig A. Miller 1963-1991

**Madison** — Kraig A. Miller, 28, died on Thursday, December 19, 1991, of complications due to AIDS. Kraig was a long time employee of Rod's at the Hotel Washington Complex in Madison. He managed the bar from 1986 to 1989, after beginning there in 1983. Kraig was also well known for his inimitable female illusions, and in the words of his good friend, the late Rodney Scheel, "He ain't nothin' but a drag queen."

Kraig will be best remembered for his humor, which was alternately caustic and ingenuous; it was his constant companion and did not fail him throughout his illness. It most often yielded many memorable and cherished lighter moments for his friends and care providers in what was otherwise a difficult and painful process.

Kraig is survived by his mother, Nancy Miller, and his father, Dale Miller. He is further survived by his brother Ken, and

Ken's wife Cheryl, and 3 cherished nieces and nephews; in addition to his beloved Hotel family, and his most bestest friend, Craig Uhl.

'Tolla,' as he was most lovingly known, held starring roles in the infamous series of Rod's Miracle Thespian Company Productions including 'Cinderella,' 'Sno White and the 7 Inches' and 'The 3 Little Pigs.' He provided incomparable MC services for 4 consecutive Mr. Rod Shows, working with the likes of Chicago's famous Eddie Dugan and Micheal K. Tolla also lent his charm and talent to numerous 'funraising' benefits for the Madison AIDS Support Network, and The Rodney Scheel House for People With AIDS, helping to raise thousands of dollars.

Kraig's numerous friends are planning to hold a celebration of his life, complete with video clips compiled throughout his years at the Hotel — and a show performed as a tribute to his memory. A notice will be published when the date is decided. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

And since goodbye is too hard — we'll close with Kraig's favorite and most sincere trademark...

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Stars from the past and present entertained a packed house at Club 219 for 'I Remember You' — a memorial show for entertainer Ginger Spice. The show was a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

clinic for treatment of other sexually transmitted diseases. To get ANY kind of sexually transmitted disease one must practice risky sexual behaviors, therefore raising the possibility of HIV infection.)

The Update reported, "The extremely high levels of HIV infection observed among homosexual male Milwaukee STD clinic patients suggests that males who engage in same sex contact which puts them at risk for other STDs also run a substantial risk of transmitting or acquiring HIV infection."

The results of the study indicate that Gay men in the age range 20-39 continue to engage in very risky behaviors.

• Irregardless of age, 19% of Gay White men tested positive; and 50% of Gay Black men tested positive.

• 26.8% of Gay males between the ages of 20-29 tested positive; 26.7% of Gay males between the ages of 30-39 tested positive; and 12.2% of Gay males over 40 tested positive.

• The highest rates of HIV positive heterosexual males were Black men (1.5%) and males aged 30-39 (2.1%).

### SECOND STUDY

In another study published in the same issue of the Update, results indicate that, in the midst of a major syphilis epidemic, one in six men with syphilis is also infected with HIV. That study is from a different clinic — one which serves a predominately Black (84%) heterosexual (99%) population.

Nearly two-thirds of HIV infected patients from this inner city clinic reported no specific HIV-associated risk exposure in 1991. Also, 58% of HIV positive patients in this study have no prior history of any sexually transmitted diseases.

The highest percentage of HIV positive patients in this clinic has been among male patients who report homosexual exposure (30%).

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## MCW kicks off new AIDS programs

Milwaukee — 'Care for AIDS Caregivers' and 'Coping with AIDS Loss' are two new programs being offered by the Community Health Behavior Program of the department of psychiatry and mental health sciences of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW).

One program will evaluate the benefit of stress coping interventions to assist those who are currently caring for a person with AIDS/HIV. These separate programs are being offered on a one-time basis at present to permit a determination of their need and benefits. The other evaluates benefits of mental health services for persons who are coping with grief and bereavement following loss of loved ones or close friends to AIDS.

There is no charge for participation, although participants will be asked to complete confidential study questionnaires before and after the programs in order to evaluate their effectiveness. The programs are offered on the East Side of Milwaukee, employ careful protections of privacy and confidentiality and are conducted by faculty and professional staff.

### CARE FOR AIDS CAREGIVERS

Those persons who care for loved ones with AIDS feel stresses and fears, and have needs of their own. The Care for Caregivers program is an eight-week series of small group sessions — also with the same members each week and led by MCW mental health professionals. It provides help in coping with stress, concerns and the emotional pressures often experienced by persons who are caring for someone with AIDS. It is intended for lovers, spouses, family members and friends who feel they would benefit from help to deal with these pressures. For information, please call 287-4680 weekdays during daytime hours, and ask about the Care for Caregivers program.

### COPING WITH AIDS LOSS

This program is open to persons who are experiencing difficulty coping with the loss of a loved one to AIDS, whether the

loss has been relatively recent or long ago, and whether a single loss or multiple losses. The eight-week series of small group sessions will always have the same members and be led by experienced MCW professionals. Participants will have the opportunity to receive support from others also coping with bereavement; express emotions and fears; develop strategies for handling depression, loneliness and anxiety; or just talk in a concerned, supportive and open atmosphere. For information, please call 287-4680 and ask for information on the Coping with Loss program.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH BEHAVIOR

The Community Health Behavior Program conducts research on AIDS/HIV, including improved AIDS prevention approaches and methods to meet the mental health needs of persons who are affected by HIV. Projects with the Medical College of Wisconsin's Community Health Behavior Program are supported by nearly \$7 million in research grants from the National Institute of Mental Health. Based in Milwaukee's East Side, the program is a leading national center for AIDS prevention and mental health research.

### ACE-HI clinic

In 1991 Milwaukee joined the ranks of cities like Chicago, San Francisco, New York and Austin, by opening an HIV/AIDS clinic called ACE-HI (AIDS Care Enhancement Health Initiative). This clinic, staffed by licensed volunteer practitioners, offers therapies including acupuncture, massage, bodywork, and Reiki. Treatments last 30-45 minutes each.

The clinic is located at 1240-A East Brady Street (gate entrance) on the second floor. Current clinic hours are Fridays 9:00- 5:00 and will expand according to client need and clinic resources. For more information or to make an appointment, please call the clinic at (414) 224-0717 (Fridays only) or Bill at 449-4939.

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CAMPERS Women Sitting Around A Tables



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knowledge could be utilized to help straight relationships. Maybe it could be used to teach us how to raise children differently. Perhaps we need to teach men to be friends to each other, comfortable with their feelings, before they can begin to relate well to women.

Would I like a world of all Lesbian women? It sure could be interesting!! It might even be many women's fantasy! But, I have a feeling that's just not going to happen!!



**LIFE IS A DRAG**

by ROBERT D. ARNOLD

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Like similar clinics in Chicago, ACE-HI is a free clinic supported by the essential efforts of its practitioners and staff and client donations (\$5 per treatment is suggested). The physical needs of our clients, not their financial means, are the focus of the clinic. No person with HIV disease will be refused treatment due to lack of funds.

It is the mission statement of ACE-HI to:

- provide a safe, comfortable, nurturing space for HIV infected people who seek complimentary therapies in addition to their standard medical care;
- Bring empowerment through education;
- Provide opportunities for individuals to take greater control and responsibility for their own healing process.

Complimentary therapies can form an important addition to standard medical care. Numerous scientific papers highlight the benefits of massage for

lymph system cleansing, increased blood oxygenation, stress and pain relief. Various types of bodywork can, in some cases, correct posture and minimize allergies. Acupuncture was first recognized in the U.S. as an effective pain reliever and has since come to be used for symptom relief of people with HIV disease suffering from night sweats, diarrhea, skin conditions, and sleep disorders. It has been used successfully to treat the side effects of cancer therapies causing nausea, fatigue, weakness, and recent successes in treatment of neuropathies, KS, and CMV retinitis have been reported.

By Bill Sparks  
for PLWA Coalition News. ▽

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## STREET SAFETY TIPS

No crime victim is to blame for the crime committed against them. Even though you can't be sure you won't become a victim of crime, these prevention tips may be helpful:

- Identify local "Danger Zones" in areas you frequent. Avoid them if alone, and stay aware of your surroundings;
- Plot out "safe" routes from the bus stop or parking lot to your home or other places you frequent. Use well lit streets, and be aware of late night stores where you could run for safety;
- If you feel unsafe, trust your instincts, and remove yourself from the area. Make noise, blow a whistle, scream "FIRE!" Call 911 for police assistance;
- If you go home with strangers, make sure you introduce that person to a friend or bartender. Make people aware you are leaving together, so if a problem arises later, they can help identify the perpetrator;
- Lesbians should be cautious of men they meet in Lesbian bars who claim to be Gay and invite women to their homes to party;
- Leave bars with a group of people you know. Assailants often lurk outside Gay identified establishments waiting for their next victim;
- Always carry a whistle, consider taking a self defense class. (Self Awareness is often more important than Self Defense);
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Don't take short cuts through unlit areas;
- Get license plate numbers of cars with suspicious occupants, or whose occupants shout out anti-Gay slurs . . . then report it to police.

questions. Why do they get involved in the first place? Will they end up doing the same thing again — choosing another male with the same traits? Why are so many men like this? Have things really changed very much as a result of the women's movement?

My answers to all the above questions are very negative. Women still seem to need males to feel fulfilled — to find Prince Charming and they are willing to make extreme sacrifices to keep him. They seem to be very afraid to be alone.

Men on the other hand haven't changed very much, either. For the most part, they seem to have the communication skills of orangatang. They don't want equal relationships. Fidelity is expected of their partners, but not of themselves.

As a Lesbian, I frequently wonder why the women waste their time. Why more women aren't Lesbians. If there is a way to re-program sexuality? Can a better way of procreating be found?

When I espouse this viewpoint to some of my straight friends, they counter with the question, are you really sure Lesbian relationships are better?

For the most part, I believe they are. There's more equality. We aren't caught up in keeping to roles, so communication is easier. We are born communicators — we like to discuss our feelings! We want to grow, so how can we expect our partner not to? There is an intrinsic understanding, just because we are both members of the same gender. Yes, cheating and abuse occur, but not with the same frequency. Maybe that's because we're not raised with all that macho garbage. When we stick to being women, rather than to imitating men, I bet we do damn well!

So, am I advocating a world of all same-sex relationships? Do I see all women becoming Lesbians? No, I'm not and I don't. I am advocating that human relations experts should study Lesbian relationships to discover why so many are successful — to determine how many are successful. To discover why so many women are able to build solid, secure, long-lasting partnerships. Maybe that

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# Reflections from the Joan Zone by Joan Lawrence

## A guy named 'Joe'

This may come as a surprise to many of my readers, but most of my best friends are straight. I've never been quite sure why that's true. It just seems our difference in sexual preference hasn't made a difference.

As a good friend to many straight women over the years, I've had the opportunity to listen to their tales about their boyfriends, lovers and husbands. I've heard stories about abuse — physical and emotional neglect, sexual disinterest, cheating and lousy communication skills. If my straight friends are representative (and I believe they are) I have to conclude that straight white males are insensitive boors and that the state of male/female relationships has reached an all time low.

Take 'Joe' the latest love of one of my friends. Joe is divorced with three children. He meets 'Sarah,' an intelligent, attractive, sensitive,

successful young woman. What is the first thing Joe tries to do? He tries to change her, to make her give up her interests, her friends — all the things which make Sarah unique.

Then there's 'Henry.' He and 'Stephanie' have been married for many years. On the surface they seem like Ozzie and Harriet. Problem is, Henry has the sexual drive of a dead person. When Stephanie demands they seek help, Henry refuses.

Or there's 'Bob' who abuses 'Penny' both physically and emotionally. Now that Penny's self-esteem is at an all time low, Bob is ditching her for a more self-confident woman.

All three women are in the process of ending their relationships. Despite all the male dominance and attempts to keep them submissive, they have enough self-respect to get out.

Although I'm glad my friends are bright enough to leave, I'm left with many

# Letters

## On the veto...

**Editors Note:** The following letter was sent to Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist & a copy forwarded to In Step for publication.

**Dear John:** Your decision to veto Common Council File 911446 is shocking and sad ONLY because you 'Gay bashed.'

If you had simply vetoed the legislation in total because parades should be paid for by private funds (all parades, including veterans events... aren't there enough veterans out here to pitch in?), especially in times of recession, I would have FULLY supported your decision.

Rather, you stooped to the level of Rev. Eliason to 'Gay bash.' The fact is that you have never been a strong supporter of Gay men and Lesbians. You did not take a leadership role in passing A.B. 70. To my knowledge, you have not done anything to strengthen the city's anti-discrimination position. For years I tried working 'through the system' (at your suggestion and direction) to get more support for 'awareness training' at the Police and Fire Academy... nothing happened. Then the Jeffery Dahmer situation took place and suddenly all of your people are running over themselves and never admitted their complicity.

Issuing Proclamations cost you nothing of consequence, you issue those things regularly.

You have failed in your pledge to meet with the Gay/Lesbians community '4 times a year' (your pledge in my first meeting with you), then by the time we had two meetings in 15 months, you said 2 meetings a year... that hasn't happened. On top of that, your people moved to stack the meeting with your selected people rather than a good cross section of opinion molders.

You have NOT appointed openly Gay/Lesbian people to any significant committees (other than the blue ribbon committee with Gary)... a committee which had a shelf life of under 3 months.

Examples go on! However, I will keep this to the same size as your veto message. Your 'Gay bashing' was most apparent when you equaled support for our parade (a cultural event) with a parade

for pro-life or pro-choice (a political event). Our parade does the same thing for us as other ethnic events... it is a celebration of pride!

Shame on you John! I not only voted for you and sent you money, but I lead a Gay community fund raiser for your first election which netted you many thousands of dollars. I hope you are man enough to stand up publicly and admit that you are wrong.

—Respectfully,  
**Ralph F. Navarro,**  
Hate Crimes Reporting Project

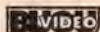
**Editor:**

Well the vote on Pride Celebration funding is over and the Common Council supported us. Then just when you thought it was safe, the mayor vetoes the funding. What happened? I am not really sure. But I am reminded of the movie, **Network**, and Peter Finch, whose character stood up and yelled "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!" And can anyone blame us given the continuing Jeffery Dahmer situation, the school board vote on Lesbian and Gay curriculum, WISN's "Flirting with Danger" series, continuous Gay bashing incidents, people getting shot and now this! It is almost too much to take. We all just want to run and hide or worse.

I believe we have had our time to vent and that it is now time to come together as a Community. It is in our interest to get together with the mayor and start to work together for the advancement of our Community.

Yes, I know he had an opportunity to do just that, but if we stay angry, and hold this against the mayor, our Community will be out of the process for the next four years. The political reality is that John Norquist will be re-elected, so that those of us in the Community who are willing to work with him need to come together and represent our Community effectively. Let's move forward for the future of our Community.

—Sincerely Yours,  
**Scott D. Gunkel, President,**  
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## Presidential candidates

Editor:

As we move into 1992 and focus our attention on the Presidential candidates, I hope we look beyond image alone to examine the candidates track records on fairness for Lesbian/Gay rights. The reason I say that is that I just saw a straw poll of Gay voters in a northeastern state who, operating on his image as the liberals' liberal, opted for Tom Harkin. They probably assumed he'd therefore be good on Gay rights, which doesn't happen to be the case.

But there are several Democratic candidates who do have strong positions on Lesbian/Gay rights. In fact, former Senator Paul Tsongas was the first sponsor of the National Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights bill at a time when we couldn't even get liberals such as Kennedy and Cranston to seriously consider sponsoring the bill. And he not only sponsored the bill but actually worked hard for its advancement. He feels he's proven his commitment and has a right to turn to Gay and Lesbian voters now.

However, some may not believe his candidacy is going anywhere and would therefore be reluctant to support him (imagine where we would be if he'd followed the same principle on our legislation). For those that want to opt for 'more viable choices' there's Senator Kerrey and Governor Bill Clinton. While Senator Kerrey showed a lack of taste in telling a Lesbian joke, most didn't see as anti-Gay per se. Perhaps more importantly, he spoke out years ago in support of non-discrimination for Lesbians and Gay men as a Lincoln, Nebraska human rights commissioner and, in fact, he had his support for Gay rights used against him in the subsequent governor's race. Clinton, while a Southerner who has moderate and conservative support, has taken strong positions on Gay rights and has spoken out on a number of occasions, including in opposition to discrimination in the military.

Which brings us back to the tell-it-like-it-is liberal, Senator Tom Harkin. Harkin has consistently refused to co-sponsor the National Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill at least 5 times during his years in Congress. Each time, he's acted as if it was the first time the issue was ever

## Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

### Problems of polite dating

Being formally introduced to an unattached man is just about as obsolete as sex without condoms. A Gay man is apt to begin friendships on the school steps, in the locker room, in bars, cruisy parks, ACT-UP meetings, concert performances of a Gay chorus, or in a business office. Passing acquaintances formed in this way are called 'pick-ups' or 'tricks.' This is one of the socially acceptable ways to meet other Gay men. Unfortunately, problems often arise even before you get that man to your home.

A man may properly ask any man to whom he has been introduced for a date. However, one should avoid asking your boss's lover, your sister's husband, or any member of the Kennedy family. Usually a gentleman telephones, but there is no reason why he should not ask him in person, especially after seeing his glistening torso in the health club shower. Due to the vast amounts of time spent on 1-900 lines, it is often actually easier to contact some men in person, than it is via the phone.

If a telephone is used, some small talk may be included, but don't play the "guess who this is - what do you look like - where are your hands right now?" game if you really want a date.

#### WHAT HE HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW

1. Who you are, of course. Identifying yourself as a horny, long-shlonged dude simply will not do.
2. The time and day of the date. It is not polite to telephone at 2:30 in the morning, insisting that he meet you in a half hour in front of some dirty book store.
3. What you have planned. It is best to avoid sexually explicit fetish descriptions at this point, stick to generalities.
4. Who else is coming.
5. What to wear or not wear.

As many Peeping Toms can attest, it's amusing to observe a horny man trying to

make up his mind whether to help a man with his pants or to simply take off his own. You might avoid some pre-sex confusion if you simply say, "Please wait just a moment while I take off my pants and then I'll help you with yours."

If you discover your soon-to-be bed partner has already removed his pants, you can probably ignore his discourtesy, although you might say, "I didn't know you were such a horny little tramp! If you had waited just a moment I would have been glad to assist you." If you remain unclear, use the following:

#### REMOVING HIS PANTS

1. Stand relatively still so your partner knows that if he approaches you and turns his back he will not be accidentally rear ended.
2. To avoid getting stuck, politely ask him to remove his shoes. Imagine the immediate loss of lust as you are propelled across the room as his pants spring loose over his Nikes.
3. Place both your hands on his hips so that you can firmly grasp the zipper with your teeth. Be careful to avoid hitting a cavity filling with the metal tab.
4. Lower the zipper carefully to allow him to be extricated easily. If you discover that he is having difficulty with tight jeans, you might firmly grasp front pockets and tug with all your strength. However, you should be aware underpants might inadvertently be removed during this procedure.
5. Carefully fold the pants over your arm and throw them over your shoulder onto the floor.
6. Begin foreplay.

When you are a 'single male,' you have one good thing going for you: Every attached friend or acquaintance will try, without ceasing, to get you paired off. You'll be invited to dinners, parties, outings, dances - wherever another lone male might be present. You might as well accept every possible invitation and enjoy it while you can.

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Impressionist/ puppeteer Jerry Halliday [right] and one of his 'girls' pose with manager John after an appearance at the Pivot Club.

brought up to him. In fact, attempts to get him to break his silence have brought only angry outbursts by him. During his 17 year tenure, more than 160 Members of Congress have found the guts to stand up and oppose anti-Gay discrimination by becoming co-sponsors. Where was Tom Harkin?

Despite his refusal to speak out ending job and housing discrimination against Lesbians and gay men, Harkin and his backers try to create a picture that Harkin's been a real leader on AIDS funding. Insiders repeatedly tell a different story of a Harkin who's been drug in kicking and screaming on AIDS — and then taken credit because he knows most activists have no idea and Gay lobbyists don't dare stand up to him. There have even been reports that if he continues to be hassled on Gay rights, he'll get us on AIDS funding.

While national liberal groups that officially support Lesbian/Gay rights have nonetheless endorsed Harkin, I think we can only conclude that while Tom Harkin may be a man of principle, non-discrimination against Gays just isn't one of them. His failure to speak out and his more recent smoke screens and outbursts at Gay activists who have the audacity to demand he end his silence make me wonder whether Harkin is a coward or just a bigot?

Eleven years after the national Democratic Party includes a Lesbian/Gay rights plank and almost nine after cautious former Vice President Mondale spoke out clearly, if we let liberals like Harkin remain silent, we deserve what we'll surely get.

While I've been a life-long liberal and usually think Lesbian/Gay concerns are more likely to be supported by Democrats than Republicans and liberals more than conservatives, we now must both look at the candidate's records and use the upcoming primaries and caucuses to improve their understanding of the issues and their positions. We must hold Harkin and all the other candidates accountable. If we don't make Lesbian/Gay civil rights a high enough priority on our agenda and insist that they speak out meaningfully, they'll continue to duck and dodge and we'll get what we deserve.

I've spent most of my life as an 'inside player' committed to incremental progress, serving as the community's first lobbyist at Congress — but we can all

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## DO YOU HAVE YOUR DATE FOR THE PROM?



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see the power of protest. I only hope that many of those who have protested so effectively on AIDS and against discrimination such as Wilson's in California will again mobilize around the Presidential primaries. To not protest Harkin's silence would send a horrible message to the rest of the political establishment in general and the Democratic Party in specific — a message that we won't insist on our rights and that, despite our rhetoric, we don't really make advancing Lesbian/Gay civil rights legislation a priority. And we must use this opportunity to get Senator Kerrey and Governor Clinton to also strengthen and clarify their positions.

—Sincerely,  
Steve Edean, Washington, D.C.

## Promoting promiscuity

Editor:

For a magazine which supposedly advocates responsible sexual behavior, i.e., monogamy, safe sex, healthier lifestyles and projecting a positive image of Gay lifestyles, you certainly blew it in the Jan. 16th issue! Your trip to Florida sounds like something from 1972, not 1992. To intimate that we should be jealous of anyone who "lost track of (the member of) his tricks after hitting several dozen in seven days," is not only dangerous, it makes me wonder if we have made any progress at all in our efforts to educate people about the dangers of promiscuous sex. I believe the death toll is now 130,000 in the United States. How many more will it take before we actually believe one of those statistics could be us.

Kyle James, Madison

**Editor's Response:** What makes you think he wasn't into J/O or other safer sex practices? The man I referred to is very health conscious & safer-sex aware — he would not put his sex partners or himself at risk.

## Madison radio show

Kind People:

As I'm sure you will have noticed, while Madison is home to one of the nation's most societally active Gay/Lesbian/ Bisexual communities, it has not enjoyed the benefit of its own regularly-scheduled locally-based radio newsmagazine program. This letter will, I hope, change this circumstance for the positive.

My name is Daevid Bornhuetter-Machen. I have been a radio and television broadcaster for the past twenty-plus years, and have held major positions, including department directorships, with stations in Chicago, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Winnipeg and the Fox Cities. I have also lived and worked in Madison, having been the late afternoon air personality for WIBU-AM in 1986-7.

It remains incredulous to me that, while there are other media covering the Gay/Lesbian/ Bisexual community in Madison (The Wisconsin Light, In Step, Nothing to Hide), there remains no local radio program equivalent to these enterprises. To WORT's great credit, it does run the nationally indicated "This Way Out" twice every Thursday.

But leaving the matter at this level is like junking the Light and In Step to depend totally on The Advocate. As good a job as they do, the nationals are incapable of providing the local community with the focus it deserves.

As a result, upon my planned return to Madison in the next few weeks I will propose to the programming and public affairs directors at WORT the development and airing of a weekly Gay/Lesbian/ Bisexual newsmagazine program specifically designed to cover events in Madison, Milwaukee, the Fox Cities and, to a lesser extent, the Upper Midwest in general. As I envision it, this program, once established, may also be regionally distributed to assist similar programs in other locales.

I would greatly appreciate written comments on this idea; please send them to me at 709 W. 9th Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901. In addition, I would greatly appreciate your sending copies of said comments to General Manager Sybil Augustine and Public Affairs Director Mike Wassenaar at WORT, 118 South Bedford Street, Madison 53703-2692.

Paix  
Daevid Bornhuetter-Machen



Contestants lined up butt to belly-button at Partners Best Physique in Milwaukee contest.



The Ballgame celebrated Christmas with a post holiday party at the bar not a bad idea when one considers how busy it is during the holiday rush.

# Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

**Milw. Lavender Network:** Meeting — open to public, is there a future for MLN? 6:30pm, Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. on East Side.

**Club 219 Plus:** Proudly presenting 'The Dream Team' male dancers, 11:30pm showtime.

**HIT Benefit:** Tupperware party, M&M upstairs Banquet Room, 8pm.

**Roller Skating:** \$2.50 includes skates. Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania in Cudahy. 7:30-10pm, call 963-9833.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

**What Are Your Rights?:** A seminar with Attorney Tom Martin & financial consultant Bob Moore discussing home ownership by lovers; Wills & Trusts; Retirement Savings & Wealth Accumulation, & other estate planning. M&M Club upstairs room, 5:30pm, refreshments & presentation. No charge. Call 963-9833 for more info.

**Partners:** White Out Party, free house shots to those wearing white, \$1 rails 7-close.

**3B's:** Hosts a candidate for 12th District Common Council Seat, A. Tony Rubio, 6:30pm.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** Ms. Emerald City hosts a show (Lip sync canceled).

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**BJ's Mint:** BJ's Party Night, prizes, buffet, 9pm.

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** Pop a shot night, party video give-aways.

**Napalese [Green Bay]:** Show with CC Rae, The Zoocom, Brian Harder & guests, showtime 10pm.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**Rod's [Madison]:** Whose 'One-eyed' 'groundhog' will cast biggest shadow contest.

**'93 March on Washington Regional Organizing Meeting [Milw.]:** Help Wisconsin organize for '93 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Rights & Liberation. Milw. Enterprise Center (2821 N. 4th St.), 7pm, ALL welcome from entire state.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**Coalition Building Potluck & Meeting [Madison]:** Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual communities to help communicate & unite. Madison Senior Center (330 W. Mifflin St.) 2nd floor, 4-7pm.

**Nothing To Hide [Madison]:** Cable channel 4, 9pm, 'A gentle debate on Outing' with Dan Savage & Dick Wagner.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**Men Aloud Workshop [Milw.]:** HIV Risk Reduction/ Safer Sex Work Shops for Gay/Bi men, 7-10pm. MAP offices, 315 W. Court St. Call Mike L. at 273-1991 for resv.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** Week 6 Lip Sync.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** 'Tea Party,' party video giveaway.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**Film Premiere:** Local filmmaker, Cathy Cook premieres her film "The Match That Started My Fire," plus 4 other short films. Avalon Theatre, 2473 S. KK, 2pm. \$3 tickets at door. Sponsored by Great Lakes Film & Video.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**Nothing To Hide [Madison]:** Cable Channel 4, 9pm, Jay Hatheway's "Real Eyes Realize Real Lies."

**Rod's [Madison]:** 1 cent Kooloids with drink purchase for Lincoln's Birthday.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Club 3054 [Madison]:** Grant Dixon's Male & Female strippers to keep both sexes happy. Surprise gift for first 50 people.

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** Valentine's Prom Dance & Show, 10pm-close.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** Reba's Comedy Revue, a Bay City Chorus fundraiser.

**Valentine's Dance:** Hurricane Productions women's dance, 8pm-midnight. Lake Park Pavilion (3133 E. Newberry Blvd.) \$6 admission, DJ, cash bar.

**Ballgame:** Monthly Sheepshead tourney, 4pm.



# The Arts

## Auditions for Gay theatre

**Different Drummer to hold auditions Feb. 18-20**

**Milwaukee — Different Drummer Theatre Alliance** follows up on its exciting premiere as Milwaukee's only Gay/Lesbian theatre group with a notice of auditions and staff/crew sign ups for their upcoming production of **Eastern Standard** by Richard Greenberg. Audition and sign up dates are Feb. 18-20 from 7-10pm at 404 S. 7th Street (access from Virginia Street).

The production of **Eastern Standard** is scheduled for an April/ May '92 premiere. Roles available are for 3 men from the ages 20-40, and three women ages 20-50.

Call 347-0673 or write DDTA at PO Box 92756, Milwaukee, WI 53202 for information and directions.

Other works being considered by DDTA for future Milwaukee premieres are **My Blue Heaven**, **The Sum of Us** and **Execution of Justice**. Productions are being scheduled for this coming summer and fall.

# Flicks

## 1st Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay film fest March 6-13

The Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community has little access to films and videos made by independent Gay and Lesbian artists, especially since the demise of The Lavender Commitment. Outside the work on cable access and an occasional UWM student sponsored screening, Milwaukee lacks a consistent venue for Gay and Lesbian media. Now Great Lakes Film & Video will host the first annual Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Film

and Video Festival, March 6-13, at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee campus.

The week long festival will include eight screenings. Here are a few brief looks at some planned films to tease & tantalize. **Over Our Dead Bodies**, a documentary by Stuart Marshall, is a history of the AIDS and Queer Activist movement in America and Britain. **Coalminer's Granddaughter**, by Cecilia Daugherty is the coming out story of a working class Lesbian from Pittsburgh. **Salut Victor** is the story of long-time loner Philippe who checks into a stately nursing home. Resident rebel Victor incites him to optimism with giddy, delinquent adventures. Victor is Gay, and his spirit inspires Philippe to share

## Bottom Line

### Travel

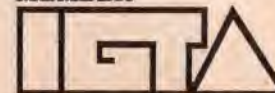
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secrets about his own past.

Crocodiles in Amsterdam, will also be screened during the festival. Apart from their guts, wild imagination and penchant for a particular shade of blue, there couldn't be two more different women in Amsterdam. They meet by chance. Nina, a moody activist engaged in small-time terrorism, is wooed away from her cause by Gino, a capricious blonde with a taste for the finer things in life.

With screwball logic and quirky cutaways, this romping comedy follows the mismatched couple through a series of escapades. When Nina's plans to attack a bomb factory are waylaid by Gino's impulsive ideas — today a trip to Sri Lanka, tomorrow an obsession with buying a house — their already volatile relationship threatens to explode. This unusual women's buddy film from Lesbian director Annette Apon has a magical realist quality. Though the relationship between Gino and Nina is not identified as Lesbian, their affection for one another is intensely portrayed. And, as Nina explains — if you don't see any crocodiles in Amsterdam, "lack of a sighting doesn't mean they don't exist."

Massillon, the film's title is specific — Massillon, an Ohio town named for an obscure French bishop, is the only place in the world with this name — but the experiences recounted in the film have resonance for anyone who has grown up Gay in a small American town. The film

consists of shots of places, there is no dramatic action in the conventional sense. The narrator, for whom Massillon was once home, tells autobiographical stories that cannot be re-enacted; it is up to the spectator to imagine the drama against a background of empty Midwestern landscapes. A Christian fundamentalist tirade on the sound track disrupts the relative calm of personal reflection, and motivates the rest of the film. What follows is an examination of the language describing sexuality and the uses to which that language describing sexuality and the uses to which that language is put.

**Dry Kisses Only**, directed by Jane Cottis and Kaucyila Brooke is also scheduled. Through manipulated film clips, the hilarious commentary of 'Theory Woman' and interviews with the 'Lesbian on the Street,' this marvelous videotape explores the Lesbian subtext of classical films — the dry kisses of the tape's title. Hollywood movies are re-edited to find the truth behind the relationships between the heroine and the 'other woman.'

Dykella and Kykenna chew over Lesbian vampire stereotypes. And gossip columnist Lady Manilla lively gives the inside scoop on Lesbians in today's Hollywood. **Dry Kisses Only** tells a story at once obvious and long-overdue, affirming the validity of Lesbian readings of popular culture and the tenuous truths of gossip.

People clapped and stomped their feet like they always did when Ginger was on stage... but it was just memories.

Lots of people deserve a big round of applause for their contributions, but there are too many to list here. It's unusual for so many Milwaukee bars to help support a benefit held at another bar — but love for Ginger transgressed that gap. Nearly \$4,000 was raised/pledged from the show. Money and checks pledged are still coming in, but MAP has already received \$2,500 in cash — with more on the way. MAP is setting up a Ginger Spice Trust, which will provide on-going funding for an Art Therapy Group for MAP clients. The show was the largest bar fundraiser in MAP memory. And it's all thanks to you... her fans. Word is more such shows

are in the works... (I heard something about The Baton girls ALL coming up!)

I think I hear her voice from above, saying "Tell everyone 'Thank You' from the bottom of my heart — the show was fabulous!"

I'm glad that's the last thing I have to bring you up to date on, because my old tear ducts have kicked in and I don't want a tear to drip into my keyboard and short out my computer system! Until next time...

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# Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Things have been more than nuts around the office during deadline week, with the mayor's infamous veto and the fallout from that. Why can't this stuff break during our slower 'off' week — I just **know** it's a heterosexual conspiracy! I think enough is said in the News and Letters section of this issue about Norquist, so I'm not going to get into it here.

Appleton was graced with the puppeteer/ impressionist talents of Jerry Halliday when the Vegas entertainer took his act on the road to the **Pivot Club** back on Jan. 10. Halliday has been seen numerous times in Milwaukee at La Cage, but I believe it was the first chance the Fox Valley got to see his credible impersonations. (You've heard of the punk group **The Meat Puppets** — Jerry's girls are the **Sleaze Puppets!**)

January 11 was a night for the stars to come out... in Green Bay, Chicago's infamous **Memory Lane** kept the crowd at **Za's** in stitches with her comedy drag act. Lane's made quite a name for herself with her condom song video. Meanwhile, in Milwaukee **3 B's** hosted their 4th annual 'Stars for AIDS' show before a packed house. The Milwaukee AIDS Project was sponsor and beneficiary of the bars goodwill. MAP got not only the cover charge, but also the money from people who purchased stars that were hung from the ceiling. A total of \$488 was raised for MAP some of which will be used to purchase items for their food pantry.

It was the women's turn on the 12th when **Nitengales** showcased their 9th All Women's Show.

There are dart tournaments, sheepshead tournaments and now the **Ballgame** hosted a cribbage tournament on the 11th to help treat rampant cases of cabin fever. Now, if someone would sponsor an aggravation tournament, I'm all set!

**King Productions** canceled their Ms. Gay Wisconsin State pageant that was to be held at **Club 219** on January 15. Only

one contestant showed up, but she drove to Milwaukee all the way from Appleton. I think she should have won just for effort!

**Partners** put the spotlight on the beefcake with their 'Best Physique in Milwaukee' contest on Jan. 16. Eight bodies beautiful entered with **Bill Rose** declared the winner; **Dave**, 1st runner up; and **Kyle**, 2nd runner up. The pictures say a thousand words...

Have the January blahs, the post-Holiday blues? The **Ballgame** tried to eliminate them with an 'After The Holiday Christmas' party on the 19th. Across town, **Wizard's Pub** attempted the same with their **Beach Party**. Live entertainment, food, and male and female bikini contests heated up the evening.

I heard from **Al Thomas** (Triangle) and **Jim Balistreri** (Partners) who are Florida vacationing with a third friend. They had been in Fort Meyers, and were heading towards Fort Lauderdale to stay at the **Marlin Beach** complex. I just **KNOW** they'll have stories to tell!

**B.J. Daniels**, **Chunga**, **Chris Gorski**, and **Bobby Lyons** are to be saluted for the fine job they did coordinating and putting on **'I Remember You'** the **Ginger Spice Memorial Show** at **Club 219 Plus** on Jan. 20. A wall to wall crowd was entertained by 15 stellar entertainers who were all friends of the late **Miss Spice**. **Alexandra Billings** (formerly **Shante**) and **Mimi Marks** came from Chicago; **Mr. Gay Wisconsin**, **Greg**, and **Gloria Hallway** came from Green Bay; and 11 other past and present titleholders and guests hit the stage. Several came out of retirement — **De**, **Rona**, **Mama Rae**, **Tina Capri** — everyone touched by **Ginger** — some she learned from, and some she taught. What a night.

As several people commented, "We'll never see another show like this!" The emotional level was at a crescendo before the show even started. Video clips of **Ginger's** past performances were played on the video screens while songs **Ginger** was known for blared out the speakers.



*3 B's Bar hosted their annual 'Stars for AIDS' benefit which included a show featuring this fine cast.*



*Nitengales 9th all-women's show displayed a variety of talent.*

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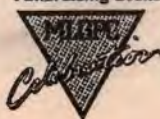
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