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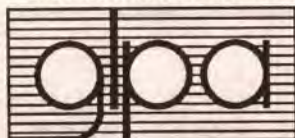
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Different types of paper is one of those changes being investigated. Unfortunately, the paper this issue is printed with can only be used on 80 page issues, or smaller. (Because it is thicker, our printer's bindery process could not handle a 96 page issue.)

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News

MLN here to stay, seeks diverse vision

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Lavender Network (MLN) — founded in crisis arising out of the Jeffrey Dahmer case — decided in a January 29 open community meeting, to continue present projects and eventually establish a diverse, umbrella, pro-active coalition of Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians.

The 26 in attendance decided the first step — before establishing a 'vision' or a mission statement — was to make a determined effort to increase MLN participation by as broad a base of the Gay/Lesbian community as possible. To meet that goal, a committee was assigned to immediately investigate diversity programs, and recommend a facilitator to present a diversity workshop for MLN.

After diversity training, MLN foresees the need to also have organizational and leadership- building workshops. The series of workshops would enable the group to organize on a strong foundation from which it can build a truly inclusive MLN.

Another committee volunteered to investigate funding sources, and write grant requests to provide the moneys necessary for the workshops. A third committee will begin work on a very preliminary 'vision' outline — however, no vision statement will be set for the group until the workshops are completed — giving a chance for under- represented Gays and Lesbians to first provide input.

Until the Jan. 29 meeting, MLN's future was in doubt. The group, as said previously, had dealt with a series of crisis — and met them head on. MLN had come to the point where its original objectives had been met. (Those numerous goals have been reported frequently in this magazine.) However MLN participants saw the groups potential as an 'umbrella' organization — something Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian organizations lacked.

NEW LIFE FOR MLN

With those MLN generated projects completed, or on-going, MLN had met its original goals and faced a critical juncture.

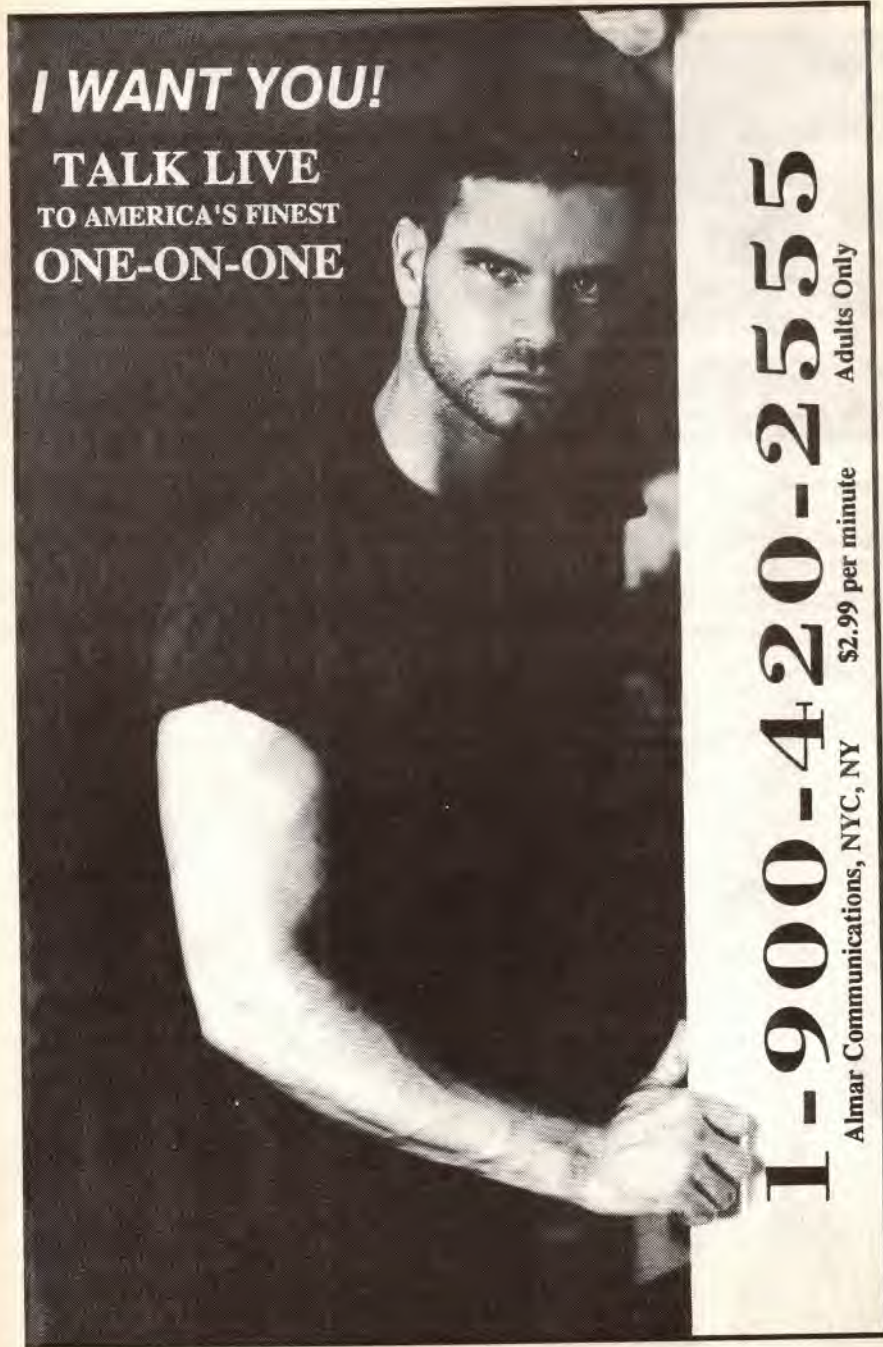
The January 29 meeting saw 9 white Lesbians, 1 Black Gay male, and 15 white Gay men gather to discuss if MLN had a future. The crisis were past (at least for now) but what about the future? Should the group only meet in emergency sessions to deal with crisis in a re-active manner? Or, should the group become more organized and pro-active? The consensus was MLN indeed should become more organized and become pro-active — but only if it could broaden its diversity.

Once the proposed workshops are completed (projected to take 2-4 months), and a strong attempt at diversity achieved, MLN could then sit down and talk about its mission. All those at the Jan. 29 meeting had a chance to briefly describe their vision of what MLN could be. Those common goals include: on-going crisis management; pro-active representation of the broadest cross section possible of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community; co-ordination, networking and information sharing between Milwaukee's assorted Gay/Lesbian groups; continued outreach to non-Gay/Lesbian groups; coalition building; trust building; and learning to put aside differences and working together.

One Lesbian, by the name of Karen, said it would be hard to get vital people involved in MLN until the group had a mission or vision set for itself. She commented, "Build your mission, and they will come." The meeting came to a consensus that the mission can't be built until a strong foundation of diversity is achieved. The building blocks of that foundation is what MLN now is working to achieve.

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The next MLN meeting — open to all Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians, is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 24, 7pm, at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. A letter specifically inviting metro Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian organizations to attend and describe their purpose was sent out. That meeting will hear committee reports, begin discussing organizing a structure for MLN, and hear introductory descriptions about the community groups represented at the meeting. Be there!

LAMM endorses Mathews for County Exec.

Milwaukee — The Lesbian Alliance of Metropolitan Milwaukee (LAMM) has endorsed Paul Mathews for County Executive in the primary election to be held February 18. Mathews faces a field of four other candidates in a bid to replace Dave Schultz who is not running for re-election. Also running are Tom Ament, Joe Czarneski, Annette Polly Williams, and James Wahner.

Paul Mathews' campaign pursued LAMM's endorsement early on in the race. Mathews shares LAMM's vision of a united Milwaukee County and supports cultural diversity in county government. LAMM interviewed the four declared candidates in November — all of whom sought LAMM endorsement — and decided to support Mathews based on his support of Lesbian and Gay issues while serving on the County Board of Supervisors and on his commitment to continued support as County Executive.

Mathews has pledged to issue a Lesbian and Gay pride proclamation if elected and he has made diversity a central plank in his county government program. In addition, he supports a county government role in providing AIDS services and he will work with the Sheriff to ensure equal treatment of Gays and Lesbians by the force. Mathews is pro-choice and he has been an avid supporter of women's rights and issues throughout his career. But most important of all, Mathews understands the pressures and prejudices Lesbians face daily because of their sexual orientation. He is that one crucial step ahead of the other candidates. LAMM will not have to spend time educating him about our issues, and why they are important.

We urge all our members living in Milwaukee County to vote for Paul Mathews, Tuesday, February 18. It is time for us to send a strong message to county and city government. We're here, we count — and we vote!

Dallas police Gay ban illegal

By Keith Clark

Dallas — A district judge ruled Feb. 3 that the Dallas Police Department cannot discriminate against Gay and Lesbian police applicants in an important step forward for Gay civil rights in the Lone Star state.

District Court Judge Larry Fuller ruled the police ban on Gay and Lesbian applicants is a violation of the constitutional right of privacy. The Police Department's policy of excluding Gays and Lesbians is based on the 112 year-old Texas sodomy law which a state court has already ruled is unconstitutional. That decision is currently before a state appeals court which is expected to rule in the case shortly.

Mica England, who sued to overturn the department's ban, said Judge Fuller's ruling against the Police Department is a "major step forward" in the battle for employment protections for Gays and Lesbians.

England's police application was rejected in 1987 after she acknowledged to police officials that she is a Lesbian. Some members of the Dallas City Council, which earlier in February had endorsed the police ban, say they will appeal the ruling, but England says the judge's decision brings Texas into the 1990s. "It's time in this day and age to come into reality," she said, "That Gay people in society have just as much a right to equal opportunity as anyone else."

LAMM endorsements for Election '92

Following is a list of all Milwaukee city and county districts where primary elections will be held on Tuesday, February 18. If your district is not listed below, there will be no primary election for that particular seat. The general election will be held April 7. Remember, even if your aldermanic and/or county supervisor district does not have a primary race you should still vote.

Note: All Aldermanic and County Supervisory districts have changed due to redistricting. You may find that you are in a new district.

Take this voter's guide to the polls with you. The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milw. (LAMM) has made the ratings & endorsements noted below. Anyone can vote who has resided in that district for at least ten days. If you are not currently registered to vote, you can register at the polls. Just take along a current ID (like a driver's license) that shows your home address.

Endorsement is the strongest form of support from LAMM.

Recommendation is one step below endorsement and indicates that this candidate is the best candidate in that particular district.

Rating where LAMM has not made an endorsement or recommendation, they have rated candidates. Incumbents are rated on their voting records and response to questionnaires. Other candidates are rated on response to questionnaires. In some instances LAMM was unable to get any of the candidates in a district to respond to inquiries. **Candidates are rated on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents no support of our issues and 5 represents good support of our issues.**

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No respondents to questionnaires.

District #5

Recommend Veronica Taylor-Mosley

District #7 Recommend Terrance L. Pitts

District #11

Mark Borkowski- Did not respond

John J. Valenti- Rating 1

Marvin Vogel- Rating 1

District #16

Recommended Lynne DeBruin

District #19

Leann Launstein- Rating 2

Theodore Nardelli- did not respond

John St. John- Rating 1

District #22 Recommend Anthony Czaja

District #23 No respondents

CITY OF MILWAUKEE RACES

Mayor

No candidate poses a threat to Mayor Norquist. LAMM can make no positive recommendations in this race. LAMM does recommend that voters do NOT vote for Gregory Gracz or David Hall.

COMMON COUNCIL [ALDERPEOPLE]

District #2 John Kalwitz- Rating 2

Norman Werner- Did not respond.

David Olsen- Did not respond.

District #3 Endorse Lorraine McNamara- McGraw

District #4 Endorse Paul Henningsen

District #5 Craig Basile- Rating 2

Other 6 candidates did not respond.

District #6 Endorse Marlene Johnson

District #7 Recommend Fredrick Gordon

District #10 Recommend Michael McGee

District #12 Endorse Emilio Lopez

District #13 Robert Anderson- Rating 0

Diane L. Head- Rating 3

William R. Reik- Did not respond

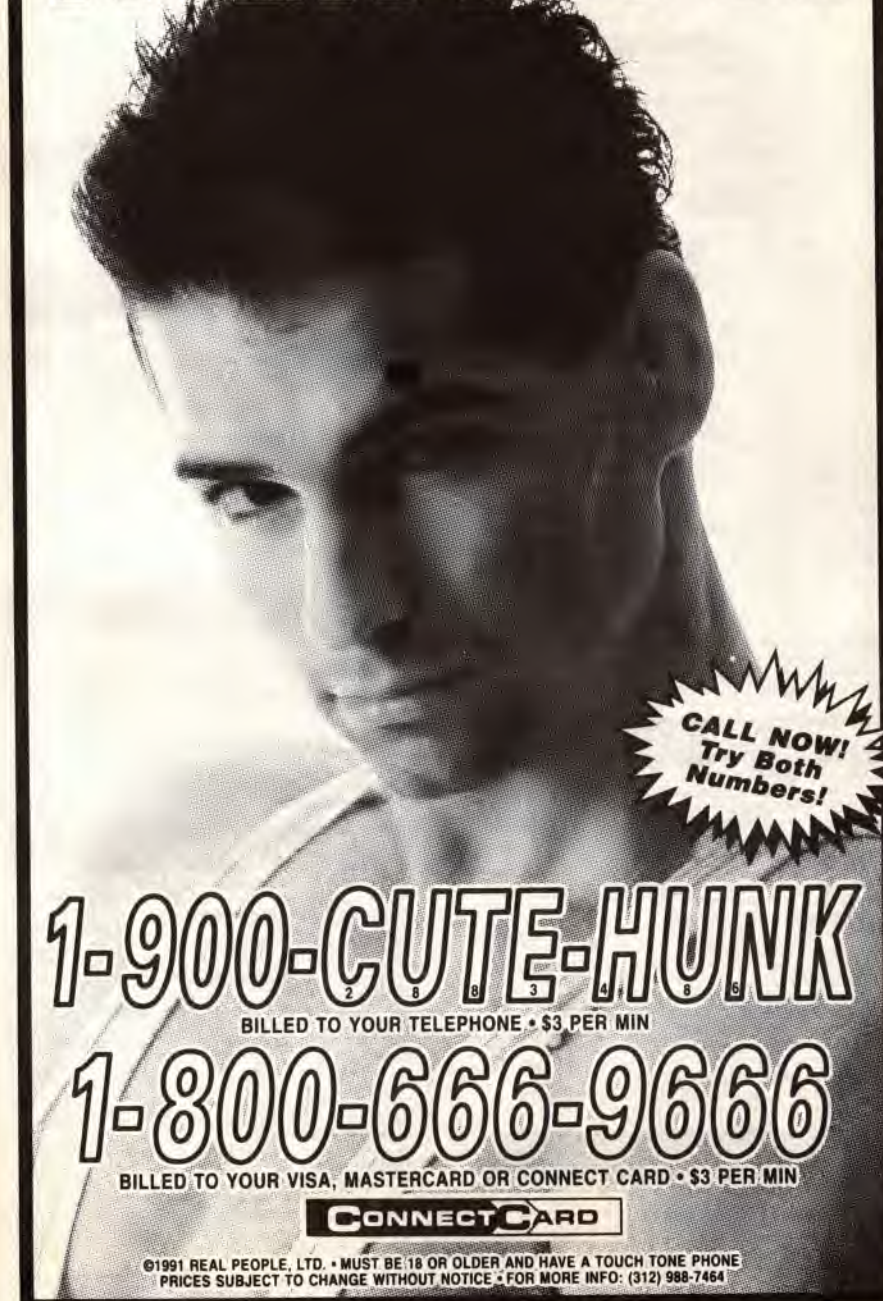
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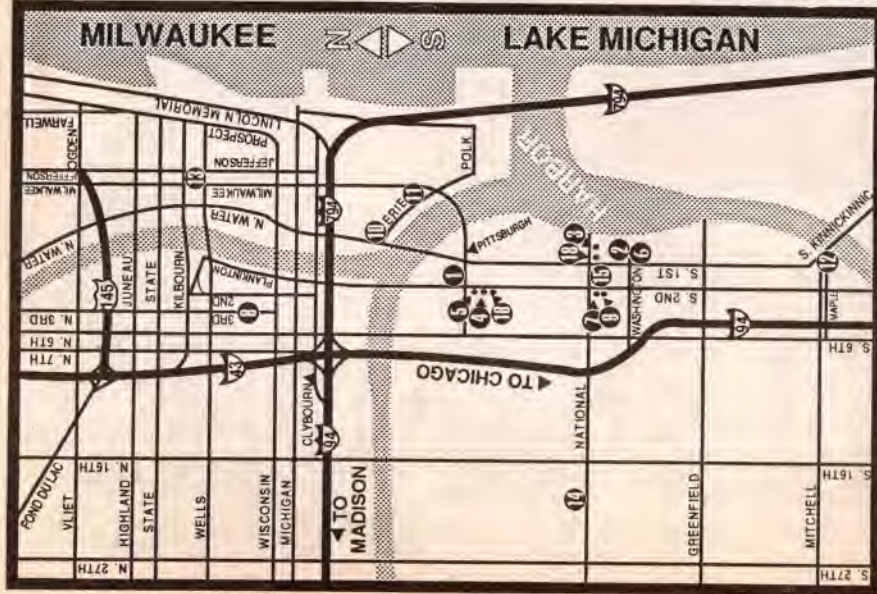
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Queer Nation nags Norquist, two arrested

Milwaukee — Two members of Queer Nation Milwaukee were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct when they attempted to disrupt Mayor John Norquist's 'State of the City' address given during the Milwaukee Press Club's annual meeting. The Queer Nationals were upset with the mayor's Jan. 21 veto of funding for Milwaukee's '92 Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade.

The January 27 meeting, saluting Milwaukee's 146th birthday party, was held at Milwaukee's Exposition and Convention Center (MECCA), and was open to the public at a cost of \$35 per ticket. The two QN protesters, Daniel Fons and Patrick Flaherty, purchased tickets and waited until the mayor, part way into his speech, said the evenings theme of 'Together Milwaukee' includes all Milwaukeeans, regardless of race, creed, gender or sexual orientation.

At that point, Fons rose from his seat and walked to the front of the room within 3-4 feet of the Mayor's body and said, "How can you say that? How can you say that when you vetoed the Gay Pride funding?" According to Fons, he continued, "When are you going to address the thousands of Gays and Lesbians you've abandoned to the hate mongers in this election year? Your veto is an endorsement of Gay bashing throughout the city!"

The mayor tried to ignore Fons, speaking over his head and continuing with his speech. Most in the audience acted slightly embarrassed at the incident, but TV 12 reporter Dane Placko was heard to say, "Dan, sit down!"

At that point, two plainclothes security officers quietly led Fons away. As he was being led away, Fons repeatedly shouted, "Stop queer bashing for votes!" As Fons was being escorted out, Flaherty picked up the litany of "Stop queer bashing for votes!" and he too was lead away.

Later in his speech, when his voice cracked, Norquist commented he didn't want to reward fascism by talking about them (the protesters). The audience laughed politely.

Fons said when questioned after the incident that as security turned them over to uniformed officers, the officers said "Throw them into the bullpen for a couple of hours...they'll like it there."

The two men were issued \$109 disorderly conduct citations. The tickets cited "interrupted speech" as the reasoning for arrest. Fons said they were placed in the bullpen for two hours, "obviously in an attempt to scare us. We've (QN) never had our demonstrators 'thrown in the bullpen' in previous actions." In the past, Queer Nationals arrested were usually processed, issued citations, and released.

The City Attorney reviewed the case February 5 and the two were scheduled to enter a plea in a Feb. 15 court appearance. "We're going to fight it," Fons said, continuing, "the tickets say we interrupted his speech, and several members of the media present said that didn't happen because the mayor continued speaking."

ZAPS TO CONTINUE

Queer Nation has promised to "keep in his (the mayor's) face" and not let him forget about "his treacherous veto." In a flyer promoting the demonstration that preceded the arrests, QN said "Mayor Norquist has never given anything but lip service to queers. We can get that from our partners. If he thinks we're 'controversial,' we'll give him controversy."

A legal picket was held outside of MECCA beginning at 5pm the evening of the speech. Nearly two dozen chanting, sign-toting protesters (many new faces according to QN) gathered in the chilly temperatures, with at least 7 members of the media covering the zap. Chants filled the air: "Stop our mayor's homo hate!" "No taxation without representation!" "We're here, we're queer, get used to it."

QN member Tim Grair spoke to the media saying, "We're out here in the cold... once again because the mayor put us out in the cold. He's not willing to

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represent us, our needs and he's going to be inside MECCA giving a state of the city address which again will ignore the needs of the Lesbian and Gay communities. Our communities are part of the community of Milwaukee. We deserve to be heard as well.

"We've had a terrible year this past year. We've been under siege." Grair continued, outlining problems with the Milwaukee Police Department and its lack of understanding the Gay/Lesbian community. "We need Gay and Lesbian officers to patrol and serve Gay neighborhoods. We need a liaison to combat police abuses against us."

"We also had problems with the school board this year. (Former Governor) Patrick Lucey's son, who was hand-picked by the mayor to run for the school board, basically took fundamentalist dictation in re-writing a policy on Gays and Lesbians in public school system. We have Gay teen-agers in the school system who are being ignored." Grair went on to tell of how approximately one third of Gay/Lesbian teens attempt suicide; how they live in homes where they are not understood; or "kicked out of their homes by supposedly loving families."

"In the media we've been censored or edited out — we've been cut down to sensational sound bites. No wonder people think there is such a ridiculous concept as a 'Gay lifestyle.' There is no such thing — but if you're only seeing one kind of us on television, what are people going to think?"

Grair illustrated his point by pointing out how PBS canceled the screening of **Stop the Church** and how many local affiliated PBS stations canceled **Tongues Untied**. **Tongues** is the only movie I have ever seen that portrays Black Gay men, people who are particularly under-represented, especially in a year when we saw so many Black Gay men killed in our city by Jeffrey Dahmer it was a travesty" it was canceled.

Grair also attacked WISN AM radio talk show host Mark Belling for saying Jeffrey Dahmer is "the obvious extension of the homosexual lifestyle." Grair also

mentioned "supposedly Christian" WVCY for it's "almost daily Gay bashing." Grair also said TV 12's series "Flirting With Danger" was nothing but child prostitution. "Where were the police" when reporter Dane Placko sent children out as decoys?

"What we need is in depth reporting, no sensationalism, and how about some positive stories."

Grair explained, "Contrary to what Mayor Norquist says, the Pride Committee is not an advocacy group. They are not here today because they are not a political organization. There are many different, and often opposing groups that take part in the Pride Celebration."

Grair also commented that the Mayor himself suggested the Pride Committee apply to the Festival Funding Board for money in the first place. "Then, as soon as we got it, we fought for it, we got it through the Common Council, we got it approved, we made ourselves eligible for it in every way shape or form — and as soon as it's approved, he vetoed it!"

"He claims it shouldn't be funded because it was a controversial funding. It wasn't controversial until they decided not to fund it. We didn't ask for controversy, we don't want controversy, we want to exist. Period. We want the same rights, the same accommodations everyone else expects."

"He claims to be a friend of the Lesbian and Gay community. We've been a friend of his. We've offered him support. We've campaigned for him, given him donations, and voted for him. However, he's never been a friend of ours. He rarely, if ever communicates with us, and even then he restricts who he will talk to within our community. He has no idea what is important to us and he has never provided any leadership on any issue — AIDS, queer bashing, relations with the police — any issue related to Gays and Lesbians."

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Bush budget: non AIDS research increase

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — President Bush in his recently released budget plan has requested \$2.069 billion in federal AIDS spending in fiscal 1993. AIDS lobbyists, as they have in previous years, are calling the plan inadequate to face the mounting epidemic.

The Bush plan would amount to a \$101 million increase in funds for the AIDS activities of the Public Health Service, including a \$32 million boost in AIDS research funds to the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Although that appears to be a sizable increase in AIDS research dollars, NIH funds for non-AIDS research for the first time in years have grown by a larger percentage than those for AIDS research.

Bush's NIH AIDS funding request, \$873 million, is reportedly far short of the \$1.2 billion initially asked for by Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Disease, which oversees most AIDS research.

The disparity appears to formally address what has been the President's oft-stated concern about AIDS; that AIDS is getting more than other diseases when it comes to research funds.

While not wishing to begrudge funding to other diseases, AIDS lobbyists note that, without a larger increase in AIDS research spending, AIDS studies may have to be played off against each other.

"(This) means there is not going to be enough money in the budget for AIDS research to take advantage of new opportunities and to do important basic things like initiate vaccine trials without having to cut back other things," said Jeff Levi, lobbyist for the AIDS Action Council. "And that's what's scary."

Also in the President's budget request is a \$27 million increase in funds to the federal agency which oversees spending on the Ryan White CARE program, passed in 1990 to meet the mounting crisis in AIDS care.

The President's request for the agency, the Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), would bring its AIDS spending levels to \$349 million.

The increase, however, would go mostly towards bringing six new cities into the part of the Ryan White program which funnels federal AIDS dollars to cities especially hard hit by the epidemic. The six urban areas are expected to qualify as disproportionately hard-hit cities within the '93 fiscal year.

Aside from the money going to the new cities, the Bush request appears to be almost level funding for the program.

Only the money to cities part of the CARE program are funded in the President's budget. Funds for aid to non-urban areas, early intervention programs and pediatric AIDS efforts authorized under the CARE program are not funded in the Administration budget request at all. The pediatric programs have yet to be funded since the CARE program's 1990 passage by Congress.

"Twenty seven million dollars... doesn't reflect the fact that the CARE program is meant to be a comprehensive response," said Levi. "There are four titles in (the) Ryan White (program), not just one. The President is only paying attention to one fourth of that program."

The federal Centers for Disease Control receive an increase of \$25 million in the President request. That, however, only restores a portion of the CDC funds cut by Congress last year, with most of the increase going to tuberculosis prevention efforts.

With new populations at risk and 1.5 million Americans estimated to be infected with the HIV virus, AIDS activists are saying that the \$505 million in the Bush request is far short of what will be needed to face the challenge of AIDS in the '90s.

Any large increase in AIDS funding, however, is unlikely under the existing budget agreement, which ties increases in domestic spending to the rate of inflation.

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Scout troop defies national ban on Gays

By Keith Clark

San Jose, Calif. — In a move of open defiance against the national organization's anti-Gay policies, Boy Scout troop 260 has broken ranks with the 5.5 million member Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and unanimously adopted a resolution saying that it will not exclude anyone from membership in the troop because of sexual orientation.

Troop leaders unanimously adopted the resolution in December and have sent it to BSA national headquarters in Irving, Texas, in what is believed to be the first case of a Scout troop openly repudiating the national policy against allowing Gays into the youth group.

Dr. Michael Cahn, the troop's scoutmaster, said, "We feel that their policy is inappropriate. We're saying this is our business, not theirs. If someone observes something that they feel is wrong and doesn't act, doesn't say something, it's part of the problem, and I think that Scouting has some problem."

Although national Scouting officials say they have not yet seen the troop's resolution and would not speculate on what its impact might be, a spokesman for the national group made it clear the San Jose troop could be in deep trouble if it admits an openly Gay Scout or scouting leader.

Blake Lewis, national spokesman for the Boy Scouts in Texas, said, "If they were to act on those thoughts that they've shared, that would clearly put them at odds with the policy. That's not something that can be negotiated or changed. Our organization charters units that adhere to our rules, and if a group doesn't agree with them then we have no choice but to revoke their charter."

But Buford Hill, the Boy Scout Regional Director, says he'll meet with troop leaders within the next few days, that he wants to settle the matter quickly, and unless the troop drops the resolution, he'll revoke their charter. "The Boy Scouts of America have a very firm belief that our program is based on traditional

family values," Hill said, "and in that regard we do not feel that the homosexual lifestyle is a proper example or image to portray to young boys." Times change? "Not the Boy Scouts of America. We do not think that those values have changed."

The resolution adopted by the San Jose troop states, "Sexual preference is a private issue. We do not agree that sexual orientation, such as male or female homosexuality, is immoral."

The national organization has been actively fighting for the past decade to defend in court its policy of excluding Gays, arguing that the Scouts' oath requires members to be 'morally straight,' and that the phrase bars Gays from membership. The issue arose 10 years ago when Tim Curran, an openly Gay Eagle Scout, sued the Boy Scouts after he had been turned down for a leadership post because of his sexual orientation. Curran has appealed a 1991 court ruling upholding the Scouts' right to exclude him.

Mel Gibson dropped from benefit

By Keith Clark

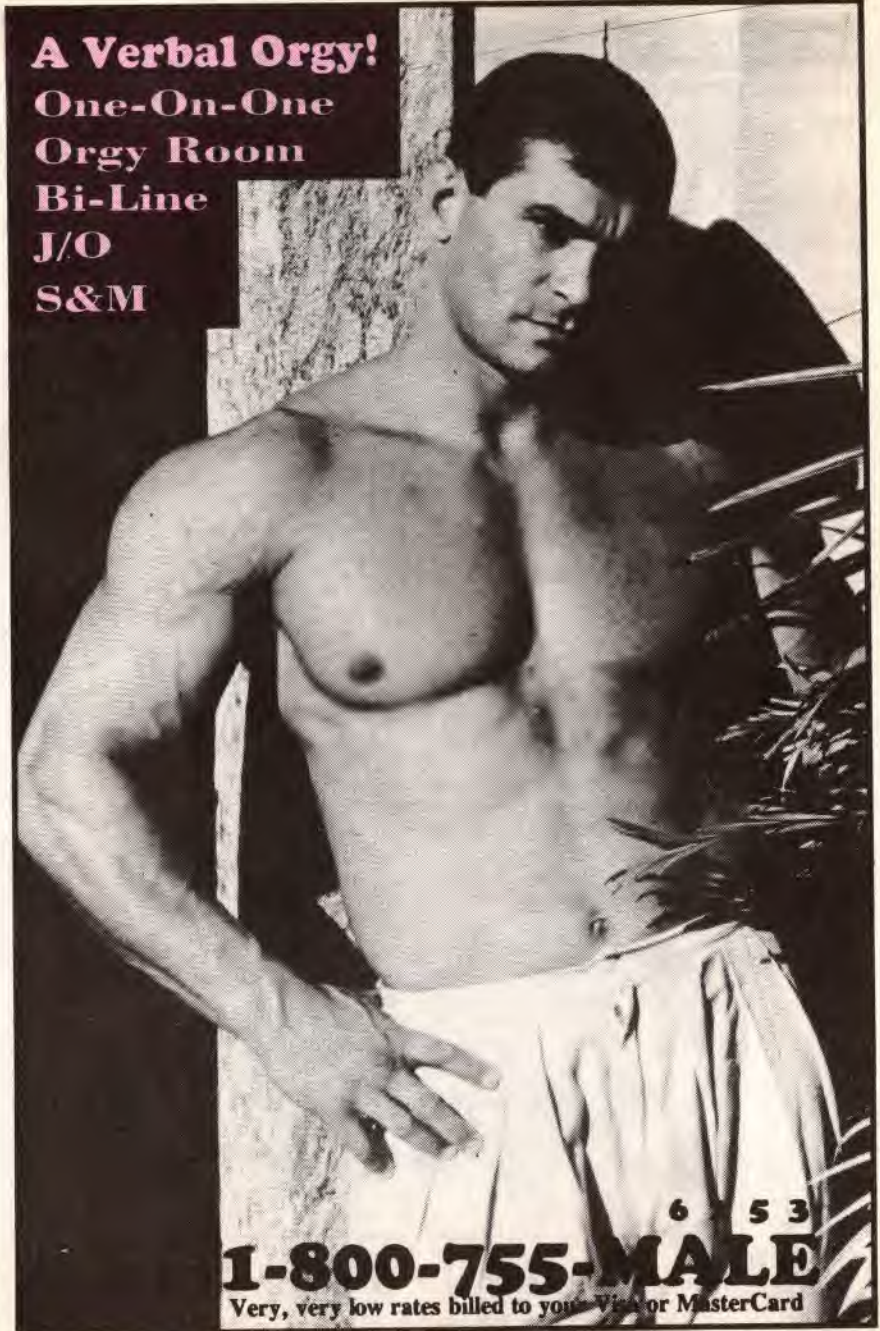
San Francisco — Responding to anti-Gay comments by actor Mel Gibson in the Spanish newspaper 'El Pais' recently and his refusal to apologize, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA) and activists connected with Queer Nation succeeded in forcing the popular actor from appearing at a charity benefit here.

Gibson, was scheduled to appear at a celebrity gala benefit for the Bayview Opera House along with Kevin Costner, Quincy Jones, Alice Walker, Harry Belafonte, Dionne Warwick and others.

Gibson was recently quoted by a New York columnist as saying in 'El Pais' that when he first took up acting "he was

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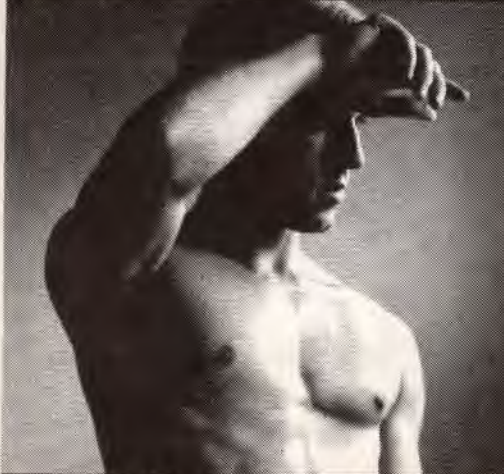
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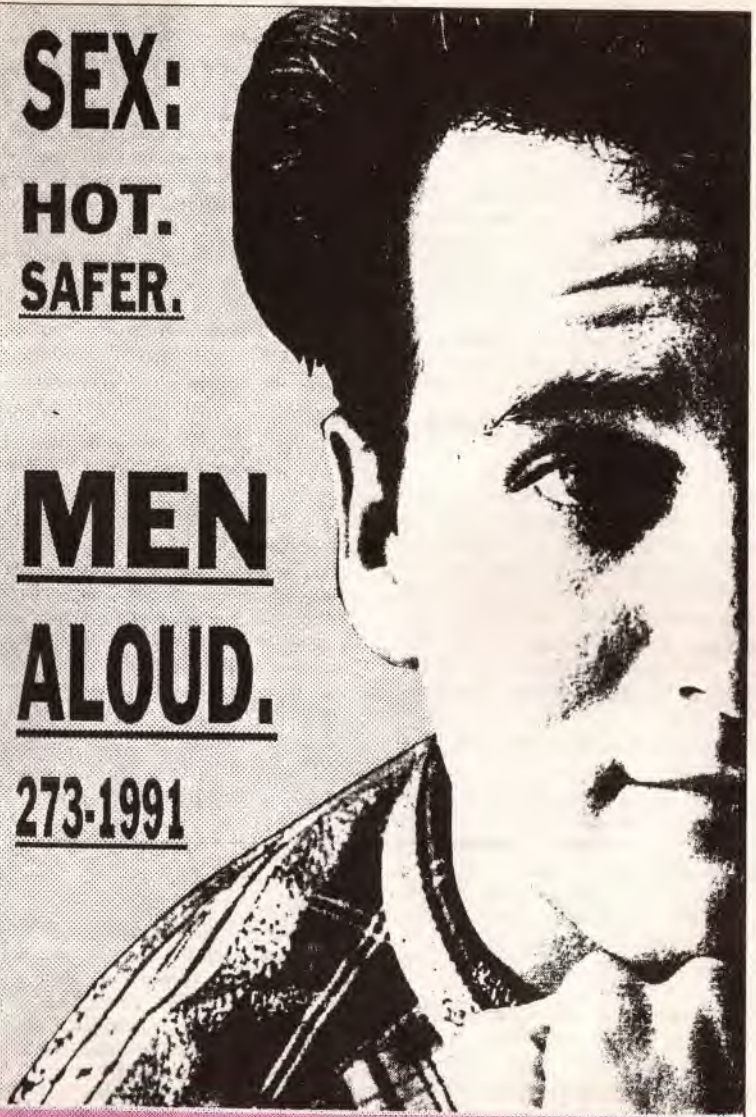
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afraid his career might cause some people to assume he's Gay." Smith then went on to quote the article in which Gibson says, "I became an actor despite that. But with my look, with this look, who's going to think I'm Gay? It would be hard to take me for someone like that."

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Gibson talked in a taped interview on the syndicated television show 'Good Morning America' where he was asked about the controversial interview and the GLAAD's criticism of his comments.

"I don't know who I defamed or angered," Gibson said. "I don't think

there's an apology necessary — I'm certainly not giving one. But you know that was a response in an interview to a direct question. Someone wants my opinion, I'll give it. What am I supposed to do lie to 'em? The other thing is that it was translated from English to Spanish, back from Spanish to English, then used by Liz Smith out of context in her article. I'm often used out of context, I'm used to it. So, you know it's old news. Really, old news. That's it."

The 'Good Morning America' reporter then asked Gibson if he was saying "That you did not make any anti-Gay statements at all?" Gibson replied, "I don't think so. I didn't lie, let's put it that way."

ILGA saved for now

By Rex Wockner

Gay/Lesbian organizations and individuals around the world saved the International Lesbian and Gay Association from likely extinction by donating more than \$13,000 to cover the financially strapped group's 1991 budget deficit.

ILGA will be able to retain its one part time employee, Brussels based Information Secretary Micha Ramakers, for 1992.

But the group is projecting a \$16,000 deficit this year.

ILGA's money problems result from the inability of Third World member groups to pay dues, from Western European Gay groups' inexperience with fundraising (many are funded by their governments), and from ILGA's failure — despite great effort — to recruit members in the U.S., where Gay activists know how to raise money.

ILGA welcomed 90 new member organizations around the world in 1991 and now represents more than 300 Gay/lesbian groups in 50 countries on six

continents.

The association's work is invaluable in such areas as networking and applying international pressure to governments and other entities that routinely or periodically repress homosexuals.

ILGA recently received an \$11,500 grant from the European Human Rights Foundation to support Gay and Lesbian liberation in the 11 member Commonwealth of Independent States and the four other countries that formerly constituted the Soviet Union. Applications for grant money will be accepted through April 30. Phone/Fax 011 32 2 502 24 71.

ILGA PREPARES FOR 14th CONFERENCE

ILGA says its 14th World Conference July 12-18 in Paris will be the group's largest gathering ever.

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Last year, ILGA became the only Gay organization officially registered with the U.N.; convinced WHO to remove homosexuality from its International Codex of Diseases; scored repeated successes with the EC government, including landing a \$53,000 grant to promote Lesbian visibility; and played a key role in the fight that convinced Amnesty to begin adopting persons jailed for homosexuality as prisoners of conscience.

The world conference will be held at a university building in central Paris. Persons who register by April 1 receive a special rate of 2400 francs (about \$435 U.S.) for all conference fees, food, lodging and public transport. Early registration is 1800 francs (about \$324 U.S.) for people with private accommodations.

To register, contact the ILGA Organizing Committee, c/o Gais Pour Les Libertés, 45 rue Rebeval, 75019 Paris, France; Phone (011) 33-1- 42-02- 03-03, fax (011) 33-1- 42-45- 78-70.

AIDS issues in '92

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Looking for a landmark event on the AIDS front in 1992? You might want to try the presidential candidates.

But don't look to Congress this year. There's little that's likely to happen there in 1992 to inspire front page news stories or renewed hope among the nation's one million some-odd people infected with HIV.

Of course, there's always Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) who can always be counted on for late night direct-from-the-Middle-Ages amendments on the AIDS epidemic.

In the last session, the terrible two wielded the volatile issue of the HIV testing of health care workers and patients with a vengeance. This year should be no different.

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This threat, according to some AIDS lobbyists, comes from recent reports of a dramatic upswing in cases of tuberculosis, most of which are among people with compromised immune systems.

TB, unlike AIDS, can be a contagious disease, transmitted through food and the air. AIDS groups fear these new figures may serve as fodder for right wing lawmakers to strike fear into the populace and their colleagues and to push legislation confining certain people with AIDS.

"We're hoping they haven't noticed it yet," said Carisa Cunningham, spokesperson for the AIDS Action Council. "(But they're) so completely unpredictable that they can take any public health issue as potential to frighten Americans and make bizarre legislation."

To prevent being blindsided by Helms, AIDS Action convened a meeting of public health experts, AIDS activists, medical ethicists and prison experts at the end of January to formulate a position on the delicate subject of AIDS patients with TB. From that, they hope to create legislation which may pre-empt a potential

reactionary challenge from the North Carolina conservative.

On the health care worker issue, AIDS lobbyists are expecting renewed action from Helms and Dannemeyer, but with new guidelines on the issue from the Centers for Disease Control near enactment, they hope to be able to hold back the tide of knee-jerk responses to the controversy.

Aside from fending off Helms and Dannemeyer and providing Congress with reasonable alternatives to their proposals, all the action on AIDS in Washington this year — vital as it will be — is expected to be about as dramatic as three volumes of the Federal Register.

This happens every few years. It's a cyclical thing.

Yet the lack of a pivotal piece of legislation moving through Congress doesn't detract from the importance of what will be happening in Washington this year.

Hill types call it 'writing reg's.' Regulations. Boring stuff. But it's the stuff that upholds or reverses the victories won by passing the splashy laws that make all the headlines.

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lobbyists will be hard at work looking to reauthorize several key agencies addressing the issues, carefully helping craft the regulations that allow them to continue operations.

AIDS lobbyists will also be pressing the Department of Housing and Urban Development to write regulations which will allow the government to spend the \$50 million appropriated to them this year for a ground-breaking AIDS housing proposal.

One thing that is almost guaranteed at this point is a scuttling of 1990's controversial budget agreement. Under fire from both sides of the aisle, it's almost a foregone conclusion that it will go the way of all flesh before the fall elections.

Even President Bush has been hinting that he will approve tearing down the agreement's wall between defense and domestic spending. What remains to be seen, however, is how that might affect AIDS spending which, along with other domestic programs in the agreement, had its growth tied to the rate of inflation.

What's left after the dust settles on that remains to be seen.

ACT UP gets AIDS ad aired

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — AIDS activists in Maine succeeded in having a controversial 30 second AIDS awareness ad aired on a Portland television station immediately prior to President Bush's Jan. 28 State of the Union speech.

The commercial, intended to raise the consciousness of New Hampshire voters before the state's first-in-the-nation presidential primaries, had been rejected by a New Hampshire television station as being too controversial Jan. 8. (Reported in our last issue.)

CBS affiliate WCSH, the Maine station which aired the ad, reaches most of the Granite State. The station is also carried on all New Hampshire cable systems.

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poster as its sole visual. The portrait shows a male couple, a female couple and an interracial male- female couple kissing. The spot was produced by an independent video company at the request of the New Hampshire chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP/N.H.).

After Manchester, N.H. station WMUR rejected the ad on Jan. 8 as too 'sexually explicit' solely because of its visual, members of ACT UP/Portland agreed to ask WCSH to air the spot.

ACT UP/Portland members report that WCSH expressed 'no problem' with the ad's visual. The television station reportedly made the decision on when to air the spot.

"I think it's incredible," said Dennis Lyone of ACT UP/Portland, noting that the same station last year publicly opposed a state Gay rights bill which was then moving through the Maine legislature. "I don't know if they're trying to redeem themselves, or if they realized that they have been homophobic," he said.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is presently preparing its own commercial, centering on Gay and Lesbian rights and hate crimes. The group hopes to air the ad in New Hampshire and throughout the U.S. in conjunction with state primary elections.

HRCF spokesman Gregory King, who has been working with ACT UP/N.H. on its campaign to air the ad, says his group's spot will be ready before the New Hampshire primary, promising the ad will

be both 'controversial' and 'educational.'

The ACT UP ad's broadcast is part of a months- long campaign being waged by ACT UP/N.H. in concert with other AIDS and Gay groups to call attention to AIDS and Gay issues in the new Hampshire primary.

Already the AIDS activist groups have visited the offices of the major candidates who will be on the state's Democratic and Republican ballots requesting position papers on AIDS. According to the activists, they were greeted warmly by the office of former Sen. Paul Tsongas and 'brushed off' by the remainder of the candidates. President Bush's campaign office, according to Lyons, 'kicked us out.'

The AIDS activists are now gearing up for a large demonstration in Manchester scheduled for Feb. 15, the weekend before the New Hampshire primary. In a strange case of serendipity, President Bush is scheduled to be in Manchester the same day.

ACT UP/N.H. members report that activists from throughout the northeast have pledged to make the demonstration larger than their much- publicized march in Kennebunkport, Maine last summer.

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The title of Ms. Midwest Leather '92 went to Pam Meyer of Madison, sponsored by Rod's. Meyer has been a strong leader of the Madison leather community and is the producer of the Ms. and Mr. Leather Madison Contest.

The new Mr. Midwest Leather is Bryan Smith of St. Louis, Missouri. Smith also holds the title of Mr. Missouri Leather '91, and produces the Midwest Leather Conference in St. Louis.

Milwaukeean Tony Terry was awarded the first runner up medal in the Mr. category. Terry is also first runner up to Mr. Great Lakes Drummer, and is the producer of the Mr. Wisconsin Drummer contest and weekend. Terry was sponsored by the Wreck Room, Milwaukee.

Other finalists were first runner up Ms. Kat McGuire of Chicago, sponsored by the AA Meat Market; second runner up Mr. Peter Mussy, also of Chicago and sponsored by the AA Meat Market; and second runner up Ms. Diana Martin of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Nine men and seven women from throughout the midwest competed in interviews, leather wear, speech, and fantasy categories before a distinguished panel of judges lead by Mr. International

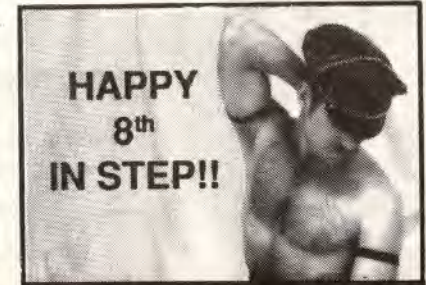
Drummer '91- '92, Woody Debout.

Ms. Meyer will go on to compete in International Ms. Leather in San Francisco March 20-22, while Mr. Smith will represent the midwest at International Mr. Leather in Chicago Memorial Day weekend.

The contest was hosted by International Ms. Leather '91 Kay Hallanger and International Mr. Leather '91 D. Cannon.

The competition was the featured event of the 2nd annual Midwest Leather Weekend sponsored by Leather United-Chicago, Chicago Hellfire Club, Chicagoland Discussion Group, M.A.F.I.A., Rodeo Riders of Chicago, and Windy City Bondage Club.

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GWM, 34, 5'9" 170 lbs. Latin. Seeks 21-35, good fun, going out. Conversation, movies, casual relationship or ? more. Call Dave, smoker, 1-900-737-MENN, ext. 4197.

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Group Notes

Madison computerizes info services

The Madison Community United is launching a comprehensive restructure of the information delivery system it uses to provide vital counseling, referrals and information to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community. A \$3,000 grant from the New Harvest Foundation will help finance the costly undertaking.

The agency's information system has as its purpose the furnishing of quality advice, facts and referrals to thousands of

individuals who each year turn to the United to find out about:

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EXISTING SYSTEM'S SHORTCOMINGS

The existing system has many shortcomings that urgently need to be addressed, asserts the United's administrative coordinator, Jane Vanderbosch. High on her agenda is broadening the present database beyond legal, medical and psycho-therapeutic listings and bringing up to date all information (last revised in 1987-89). The latter task will be accomplished through a refined questionnaire soliciting candid evaluations from past users. Also slated for revision on a weekly basis are the United's listing of community events and its monthly inventory of resource organizations and facilities for Gays and Lesbians. All this timely and practical information, Vanderbosch says, will then be cross referenced in the system for easy call up by the United's staff of volunteer counselors.

UPGRADING NEWSLETTER

In a related move, the United will upgrade information dissemination through its newsletter. The present circulation of 600 will be increased to 2,400 and the format expanded from four pages to eight. It will also be published six times a year instead of three times.

This extensive streamlining of the information system, Vanderbosch explains, is a part of the United's continuing mission to provide free social services for Gays and Lesbians. "Financial support from the New Harvest Foundation will play a critical role in maintaining, as well as improving, the United's much-used community information delivery system."

GAY CENTER TO SET UP COMPUTER CENTER

Establishment of a community computer center by the **Madison Gay and Lesbian Resource Center** is being supported by a separate \$3,000 New Harvest Foundation grant. To be housed at the Madison Community United's Wilson Street office, the computer facility will be available for use by non-profit groups and individuals serving Gays and

Lesbians.

"The computer center we are proposing to create will not be a minimal facility," assures MG/LRC's Chad LaFlash. "It will contain top quality hardware and software — a very fast computer with a large hard disk, high resolution color graphics, a laser printer and leading software in the major categories of word processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation graphics," he said.

Wanting to create a true community resource of the program, MG/LRC will extensively publicize it to all Gay and Lesbian groups in the Madison area. MG/LRC expects to purchase the equipment by March and have it operational later in the year.

Mr. WI Drummer contest April 18

On Saturday, April 18th, Milwaukee will play host to the first **Mr. Wisconsin Drummer** contest. This is a competition for men in the levi-leather and fetish community held under the auspices of Drummer magazine and sponsored by Z-HAWK Productions.

This first ever statewide leather contest will be held at 9pm at the Wreck Room, 266 East Erie. In addition to the competition, a full weekend of parties and events are planned. Weekend packages will be available.

The contest and show will be hosted by International Ms. Leather '91 Kay Hallanger and International Mr. Drummer '91-'92 Woody Debut. Among the regional and national title holders in attendance at the event will be the newly chosen Ms. and Mr. Midwest Leather, Pam Meyer and Bryan Smith.

The winner of the contest will represent Wisconsin at the Mr. Great Lakes Drummer contest in Chicago.

For more information on the leather weekend, or on competing or sponsoring a contestant, please write to Tony Terry, 1402 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204, or call (414) 672-9266.

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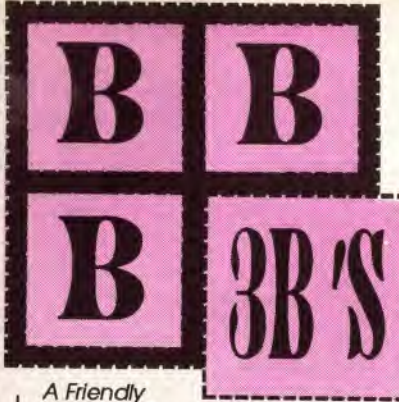
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NAGAAA spring meeting

Pittsburgh, PA — The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) will hold its annual spring meeting in Los Angeles from February 14-16, 1992. About 100 delegates from softball leagues all over the country are expected to attend.

According to Nancy Pribich, NAGAAA Publicity Chair, the purposes of the meeting are to: elect a NAGAAA Assistant Commissioner and Treasurer; determine if the by-laws and constitution need to be amended; set up the rules for the 1992 season; and review the plans and sites for the 1992 World Series to be held in Los Angeles in August.

NAGAAA consists of two divisions: The Open Division which is primarily all male teams (although there can be all female and mixed teams) and the Women's Division. The difference between the two is that all teams in the Open Division use a 12' softball whereas an 11' ball is used in the Women's Division.

The Open Division sessions will be held at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, which is also serving as the host hotel for the entire convention. The principal focus of discussion will be the new format for sending Open Division teams to the '92 World Series. There will be three levels: Level A will be the championship team for each city; Level B will be any team which has a better than recreational. The previous method was based on three distinct groups; Open, primarily men; Women's; and Recreational.

The Women's Division meetings will be held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel on February 15 and at the Roosevelt on the 16th. They will review how the round robin schedule format worked in the 1991 World Series and its continued use in the '92 Series.

On February 15 the delegates will visit Balboa Park and Hjelte Fields, the sites for the 1992 World Series. The meeting will conclude with a Farewell Brunch for delegates on February 17.

LRN re-schedules 'political party'

Milwaukee — As this year's annual event the **Lambda Rights Network (LRN)** will throw a political party and everyone's invited.

LRN originally scheduled its annual awards and elections on Thursday January 23. The date has now moved to an un-specified date in March.

LRN will be inviting many political leaders and hopefuls running in the up and coming elections for you to talk to. So make a point to get informed about the candidates and attend LRN's annual event. You will also be able to register to vote at this event.

LRN is also looking for candidates to be nominated to receive our annual Cream City Brick Awards. All nominations must be submitted by Feb. 25, 1992. These awards are:

- **The Pace Setter Award:** For distinguished long-term service to the Lesbian/Gay community.
- **The Torch Bearer Award:** To a non-Gay/Lesbian person, who has led the way for understanding of our community to the mainstream community.
- **The Group Spirit Award:** To group that has supported the positive goals of our community and enhanced our community.
- **The Spotlight Award:** Recognizing accurate and positive media coverage of the Lesbian/Gay community.
- **The Presidents Award:** Award for outstanding achievement by a group or individual towards the Lesbian/Gay community.

If you know of any individual or group you think deserves any one of these awards, please send in their name(s) to: LRN, P.O. Box 93252, Milwaukee, WI 53203.



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PEOPLE

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BI-WM, 45 Looking for Bi-WF, 40-50. I am not rich. I am not poor. Just looking for a lady to share my life. Must like to fish, into group sex, hot tubs, and water and no B.S. Call Dave after 5pm (414) 769-6670.

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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Good-looking GWM, 26 Looking for handsome GBM, 21-35, for afternoons of great sex. Let's get together and have fun! HIV neg. Reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 18278, Milw., WI 53218.

Bi-WM, 40, 165, 5'11", clean, non-smoker seeks young G or Bi-WM for friendship, going out to movies, etc. Photo helpful but not necessary. Reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 945, Waukesha, WI 53187. All letters answered.

GM Writer, 32 — Searching for lucid Gay males willing to interview; speak candidly about their spirituality, lives for working book project. (Anonymity respected) Please write — Boxholder: P.O. Box 546, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

GWM, 28, professional, well educated, sense of humor, honest, many interests, non-smoker, seeks similar, 23-33, for relationship. Color unimportant. I like movies, books, antiques, travel, diverse friends. Box 08509; 53208.

Are you HIV+? So am I. Attractive, intelligent, honest, affectionate, fun-loving GWM seeking friendship/relationship with man who has accepted and adjusted to his diagnosis as I have. Age not necessarily important. I am 30. No fats, fems, BI's, drug/alcohol addicts, cons or ex-cons. Respond with letter and photo to: P.O. Box 154, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

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Cute Dude, 20: GWM, average build, Br/Hz, 5'8", 135 lbs., nice ass, and versatile Country Boy — Looking for hot, safe times w/young boyish looking GWM, well hung, muscular physique, trim, clean shaved and loves sex. Write to me with your interests, fantasies, description, number and photo. P.O. Box 664, Hales Corners, WI 53130.

Clean Florida Country Livin'. Me: 39, 5'9", 155, Brn/Hazel, masculine, versatile, romantic, spontaneous. Enjoy beach, walks, sports, gardening. You: GWM 18-30 slender, trustworthy, ambitious, straight acting, appearing, desiring warmer climate. No drugs, non-smoker, drinker. GAH, Rt. 1, Box 258L Interlachen, Florida 32148.

GM, NW Waukesha Co. Recently moved here and it's lonely! I'm mid-life professional, 5'10", 180 lbs. Non-smoker, enjoy concerts, plays, movies, art shows. GMs in Oconomowoc, Waukesha, places in between, I'm not in the bars, but I'd like to make friends in the area. Please write: P.O. Box 131, Okauchee, WI 53069-0131.

Looking for Mr. Goodwrench: GWM, blond, attractive, 26, into cars, looking for mechanic-lover. Am fun, straight acting, not into bars. Seeking relationship with mechanic with similar interests. Please reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 14838, West Allis, WI 53214.

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GWM 30's, 5'10", 160, fit, attractive. Seeking 20-40 good-looking male for friend and fun. Photo optional. Michael, P.O. Box 92146, Milw., WI 53202.

GWM 24, 5'11", 160. Very fit, attractive. Seeking 20-35 fit masculine male for friends, fun, safe sex or? Please send description, picture optional. No B.S., fems or fats. James, P.O. Box 92146, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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Leather Top seeks bottoms Prof. 48, 6'2", 165, Br/Br, stache, smooth, 8+ cut, healthy HIV+, seeks younger, clean cut, trim, leather bottoms into WS, TT, FF, BD, CBT, VA, Ass beating, cock sucking Leather scenes in my playroom. Photo, letter to: Box 07055, Milw., WI 53207.

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Send a valentine to the mayor

[Queer Nation] — Queer Nation Milwaukee is selling Valentine's Day cards to deliver to Mayor John O. Norquist this year. No, we are not out of our collective mind. Just as there are now greeting cards for such 'untraditional' occasions as 'coming out,' Queer Nation Milwaukee is creating a new kind of Valentine's Day card that is specific to the Mayor.

To purchase a Valentine's Day card, find a Queer Nation Milwaukee member, ask at Lesbian & Gay businesses or call Queer Nation Milwaukee at (414) 384-3911. Queer Nation Milwaukee will hand-deliver the cards to the Mayor's office on Friday, February 14.

Queer Nation Milwaukee meets every first and third Sunday at 3pm in the downtown Milwaukee Public Library (814 W. Wisconsin Ave.) in the first floor meeting room. Our next meeting is February 16.

For more information call or write Queer Nation Milwaukee at P.O. Box 93951; Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Square dancing

The Milwaukee Gay Square Dancing group has chosen the name **Cream City Squares**. The Squares, now with two classes learning basic square dancing, chose the name since it is indigenous to the Milwaukee community and is known throughout the nation's Gay and Lesbian networks. The Cream City Squares are affiliated with Milwaukee GAMMA.

The Cream City Squares are planning a graduation mini-fly-in for May 16, 1992. Gay Square Dancing groups from throughout the midwest are expected to come and dance with us. The Squares are also in the process of joining the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs. IAGSDC has 42 member clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

Although both classes are now closed, the Cream City Squares will start a third class as soon as there is sufficient demand. Call Bob at 963-9833 or Joe at 1-564-6076 for more information.

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Women's Agenda on LAMM's agenda

An organization called Women's Agenda will be featured at the Feb. 20 meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM).

In 1990, a unique collection of women from a broad range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds began to meet with the idea of putting together a women's agenda. The words describe both the name the coalition has adopted and its purpose. Its stated goals are: 1. To acknowledge and change the impact of racism and sexism; 2. To value and celebrate diversity; 3. To empower women to influence decision making processes; 4. To place women in leadership roles in the community; and 5. To address issues in legal, judicial and legislative systems which are of import and concern to women.

The organization considers itself unique from other women's agendas in its desire to impact on local political processes and to search for forms of leadership which arise out of the experiences of women of

non- White cultures.

For much of the two years of its existence, the Women's Agenda has been busy defining its purpose and goals and formulating its organizational structure. With that in place they are beginning to address the issues which motivated them to action.

On Feb. 20, Holly Gardner will speak to the LAMM membership about the work that the Women's Agenda has taken on. Gardner is a founding member of the group and currently serves as the coordinator for the steering committee. She will discuss the history of the organization, its mission, and ideas they have about how to reach their goals.

There will be a potluck at 6pm, and the program will follow at 7pm. The location is the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St.

LAMM meetings are held regularly on the third Thursday of each month. For more information call 264-2600.

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Responsible GWM needed, to share large 2 bedroom apt. in historic Westside neighborhood. Available immediately. \$225.00 per month plus security includes all utilities and laundry facilities, except your phone. Call 933-6931 eves.

Responsible GWM, 20's looking for someone to share large loft near Marquette. Fireplace & tanning bed. \$225 mo. utilities included. Dave 344- 0660.

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AIDS support groups

Milwaukee — Every week, more than 100 individuals attend at least one of the nine free support groups offered by the Milwaukee AIDS Project for people living with AIDS and HIV infection, their friends, families and partners.

"Support groups meet a wide range of needs for people affected by the AIDS epidemic," said Cheryl Vaughn, director of Life Care Services at the Milwaukee AIDS Project. "They encourage individuals to share feelings, ideas, coping strategies and experiences, helping people to address some of the many issues surrounding AIDS."

AIDS Information Milwaukee [AIM], is an informational group for men and women who either believe or know that they are infected with the AIDS virus. The group meets every Wednesday from 7-9pm at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee.

AIM features guest speakers at every other meeting. The February/March schedule includes:

- February 12 Open Discussion.
- February 19 "Reiki- What it is and how it can be beneficial for people with HIV disease," presented by Mark Kamlah.
- February 26 Open Discussion.
- March 4 "HIV Disease and Mental Health," presented by Doug Johnson, director of STD Specialties Clinic.
- March 11 Open Discussion.
- March 18 "A Pharmacist's View on Medications for HIV," presented by Kerry Webster, pharmacist.
- March 25 Open Discussion.

In an effort to provide a vehicle for Gay men to discuss common issues surrounding HIV disease, the Milwaukee AIDS Project has begun a **Gay Men's HIV Positive Support Group.** The group, facilitated by David Huijbregtse, a trained Group facilitator, meets Thursday's from 7-9pm at the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

For more information on AIDS Information Milwaukee or any of the support groups offered by the Milwaukee AIDS Project, contact Joan Lawrence at (414) 273-1991.

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Inherently good

Milwaukee [GMDG] — The past few months have seen events of significant proportions for the Gay and Lesbian community. Last November the Milwaukee School Board cast votes on whether our concerns should be explored in high school programming. Also in November, Channel 12 aired its 'Flirting with Danger' series, exploiting fears and stereotypes. In January the Common Council voted to approve funding of our Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade, a decision that was later vetoed by Mayor Norquist who sees the parade as too controversial for civic funding. Finally, the horrors of the Jeffrey Dahmer murders have confronted us again, threatening our peace of mind and even our physical safety in the city of Milwaukee.

Maintaining a healthy, positive self-image in the face of such painful events is not an easy task for many of us. How can we face opposition with confidence? How can we continue to feel positive about ourselves when the odds against us seem to strong? Please join us as we gather to support each other and share our techniques in holding firm to our belief in our inherent goodness as Gay men. Our discussion is scheduled for Sunday, February 23 from 6 to 8pm and will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave.

The GMDG is designed to be a safe and supportive place for us to share with one another what our diversity of experiences as Gay men is and can be. Pre-registration is not required, and the cost is a \$2 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Bill Hanel at 271-2565.

Men's spring drumming

Milwaukee — Explore the concepts of a men's center open to all men. Bring your own drum. Share your thoughts, needs, wants and rhythms on Sat. March 21, from 2 to 5pm at New Warrior Lodge. 1718 N. 1st St. on the 5th floor. Call for more info: Bill 961-1401; Randy 421-5861. Cost is \$5 at door, all proceeds go to charity.

Madison Resource Guide

The Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) is currently preparing the fourth edition of its publication **The Directory: A Guide to the Organizations Serving Madison's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community**. This resource guide provides information on Madison area organizations, including history, size, structure, goals and contact address and/or phone number. Publication costs are underwritten solely by advertisements from area businesses.

When first published in the fall of 1988, The Directory included descriptions of 28 organizations, with 4 pages of advertising. By 1991, The Directory had grown to include 67 organizations, and was supported by 12 pages of advertisements from 35 area businesses.

MG/LRC expects to print about 3000 copies of the 1992 edition of The Directory, to be distributed at local businesses and social events. Publication is expected in late March, 1992.

The MG/LRC will be contacting all organizations listed in the 1991 edition for updates and corrections. New organizations, or any group inadvertently omitted from previous editions, should send MG/LRC a description of the group (of up to 200 words), along with a contact name, address and/or phone number. Businesses interested in supporting this effort and reaching a highly-targeted, loyal audience should send for information on ad sizes and rates. All inquires should be addressed to: MG/LRC, Attn: Directory, P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701.



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MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

On February 5, 12 members of the Gay/Lesbian community met with the mayor in an 'invitation only' meeting. Six men and six women met with the mayor and 6 members of his staff in his office. Community representatives included: Karen Gotzler, Gail Davey, Dr. Gary Hollander, Scott Gunkel, Jerry Johnson, Tim Baack, Kitty Barber, Wendy Pologie, Bill Meanier, Stephanie Hume, Cheryl Johnson, and myself.

Back on Jan. 13 some of us who had been active in the Milw. Lavender Network had a meeting with David Riemer, the head of the city's Dept. of Administration (and effectively Milwaukee City Governments Chief Executive Officer). At that meeting we came up with a litany of issues we thought needed to be discussed with the Mayor or heads of various city departments. Those issues were refined and tightened into three categories: immediate specific 'easy' issues; general issues; and long term issues. We covered the myriad of possibilities, and realized it would take more than one meeting with the Mayor to address than all.

The group met with Riemer again Jan. 20, and Jan. 30. We were planning a meeting with the mayor that most of us thought would not occur for several weeks or perhaps months. At the Jan. 30 meeting we were told the mayor would meet with the 12 of us (he made up part of the invitation list and other names were added by consultation) on Feb. 5. We quickly prepared an agenda for the meeting, and had another meeting Feb. 4 to iron out a few details.

We walked into that meeting with the mayor with a detailed agenda. We had decided each of the twelve of us would discuss specific issues, so we could all be

heard. That's not quite the way it worked out. Nearly every item on the agenda was brought into the conversation — but we ended up spending most of our hour long meeting with him discussing 'the' veto.

His response and explanation of why he issued the veto took up much of the rest of our time. I'm writing this less than 18 hours after our meeting and I'm still trying to figure out just what it was he said! I haven't had time to transcribe the recording I made of the meeting — hopefully I can understand his soft spoken words. I promise to have a more detailed report in the News section of next issue.

The mayor did agree to have Mr. Riemer meet with us a monthly basis. The mayor did agree to coordinate meetings with any of his department heads to discuss specific issues. We asked the mayor to have an open public meeting with Milwaukee's Gays and Lesbians, so each of you can bring up your concerns. The 12 of us are VERY aware we can NOT speak for all of YOUR concerns. I don't believe he responded one way or another on that suggestion. He also didn't respond when we strongly urged him to show up, in person, at Gay/Lesbian event(s), and mingle and talk with concerned Gay/Lesbian citizens on a more casual basis.

We tried to talk to him about the use of language and how it can mean different things to different audiences. At least he managed to use the words Gay and Lesbian numerous times during our meeting (even though the first time he used it during the meeting it sounded like he had to rip it out of his throat).

The issue of Hate Crimes was also brought up and we asked him to use his position to make sure that Gay oriented Hate Crimes receive equal treatment in the Sensitive Crimes unit now being re-organized.

Leadership was also mentioned — that many of us looked for him to provide the leadership in helping the rest of the power structure understand our community. However, before that can happen, we must make sure he fully understand us and our issues. I left the meeting not quite sure if he does, indeed, really understand us.



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Seminar brings SRO audience

Milwaukee — More than 100 people crowded into the upstairs meeting room at The M&M Club on January 30 to attend a Seminar that discussed legal and financial planning for persons in Gay and Lesbian relationships.

Attorney Tom Martin and Financial Consultant Bob Moore put together the informal, yet comprehensive, seminar. Various important aspects of planning for the future with a loved one were discussed, including home ownership, wills and living trusts, health powers of attorney, retirement savings/wealth accumulation and other estate planning matters as they pertain to a same sex relationship.

Those interested in a repeat of this seminar or information on other events of this nature should call 963-9833.

Natl. Black G/L conference

Black Lesbians and Gays will be 'Weaving The Future' during the 5th Annual National Black Gay and Lesbian conference scheduled February 13-17 at the Clarion Hotel in Oakland, California. The conference is sponsored by the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum of Los Angeles and hosted by UNITY Bay Area, a coalition of several black Gay and Lesbian organizations located in the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Area, according to co-chair and Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum board member, Jonathan Poullard.

"This year's conference promises to be one of the most exciting so far," said co-chair Phill Wilson of the black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, "Our panel

of presenters and keynote speakers is a myriad of the burgeoning influence we as openly Gay and Lesbian African-Americans are experiencing in both personal and professional endeavors."

The 1992 BGLLF conference will feature one-day institutes probing such issues as AIDS, women's issues, spirituality, cultural and leadership development. "The Institutes will be offering a variety of workshops on their particular focus being presented by experienced representatives in each field," said BGLLF Board Member and conference co-chair, Jonathan Poullard. ▽

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Publisher's Comment

by Ron Geiman

Updates

So much is going on in the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community that these commentaries of mine are becoming more and more frequent. Much of what I write in this space is 'News generated.' The proper way of reporting News is without any bias — so I use this space to do my advocacy journalism — to make you think, and possibly react. My biases are allowed to run free, and I am able to do more than just report the News.

If you wish to do the same, we offer the 'Viewpoint' section for guest editorializing. I invite you to make use of that space or the 'Letters' Section, to get across your perspective.

THE DAHMER TRIAL

Dahmer, Dahmer, Dahmer! I'm over hearing about him and the case... and I'm not alone.

The mainstream media and Wisconsin Light are doing a far more thorough job covering the trial than I could ever hope to in these pages. So, you won't find a Dahmer trial story in this issue. Besides, I really don't see it as a 'Gay story.'

Without question, Dahmer used our community as a vast pool of potential victims. Certainly, the unraveling of the case had a profound, disastrous impact on our already beleaguered community. Our enemies tried to equate Dahmer with the Gay community. Homophobes, who didn't need an excuse to hate Gays and Lesbians, used Dahmer to attack us as a people. Hate Crimes and verbal Gay bashing increased as the case unfolded. It since has leveled out (with peaks again occurring after the school board fiasco and TV 12's "Flirting with danger" series).

However, since Dahmer's sanity trial began, I (thankfully) haven't heard of any increases in Gay bashing or other homophobic incidents. If that increase had occurred, THAT would have been a News story I would have run. I'm writing this on Feb. 6, so that may change, but as of

today, I've had no such reports. Many in our community had fears of a big wave of anti-Gay hysteria, which so far has not occurred.

Why?

I can only hypothesize. Perhaps as more of the gory, gruesome details emerge in the testimony, the rest of the world is finally realizing Dahmer does NOT equal Gay. At least I can hope that 'they' were educated about the difference between homosexuals and mental/sexual misfits.

MILWAUKEE LAVENDER NETWORK

You can read all about the most recent meeting in the News section, but suffice it to say MLN made the decision to 'take a shot' at becoming the much needed 'umbrella' organization Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community needs. MLN has set the immediate goal of increasing diversity, and since previous attempts at being more inclusive have failed, decided to bring in professionals for a diversity workshop.

They've also decided workshops are needed in the areas of organizing and leadership building. Once that training has occurred, THEN MLN can set about the task of 'organizing the organizations' structure; set goals, and form a vision.

This may sound like a drawn out process, but it will enable MLN to build a strong foundation from which to grow.

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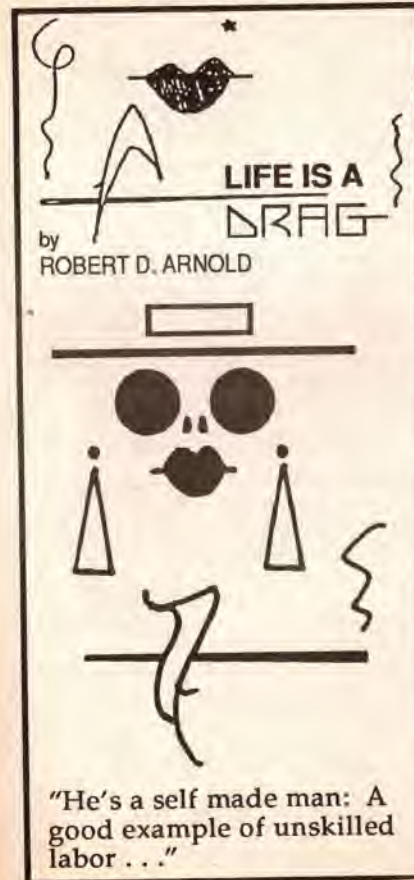
Most of you should be aware by now that the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) applied for funding from the Milwaukee Festival Funding Board for this year's Pride Celebration. The Funding Board approved MLGPC, said they met all criteria and recommended \$5,000 in funding (MLGPC had requested \$8,000). After rancorous debate, multiple votes, and Gay/Lesbian lobbying, the Milwaukee Common Council surprised everyone Jan. 21 by approving

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heterosexual lab scientists to attract the opposite sex? This stuff is composed of the oil of a sperm whale (my, how sexy); the sweat from a musk deer; some old, ground-up dead flowers and fruit; and some weird-smelling spices. Or else we give flowers to our loved ones. Yeah, how truly romantic: sending your special sweetie an arrangement of plant genitalia — various stamens and pistils designed to attract bugs. Or is it any more sensible to give a ten-pound box of chocolates, which we all know is a chemical substitute for orgasm. Exactly what kind of message are we sending to our beloved bed-partner? Eat these, not me. How about a nice greeting card? Something really personal (not!!!) that this incredibly

underpaid and overworked copywriter at Hallmark cranked out under extreme duress by an irate boss, and only about ten thousand other unoriginal lovers are simultaneously handing the same canned poem to their spouses.

Excuse me, but I have to stop writing this column now and rush out to buy Valentine cards, cologne and flowers [NO chocolate!] for eighty-nine of my closest, dearest tricks. Happy V.D.!!!



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We regret due to unprofessional and unethical behavior in representing our bar as a title holder, we have been forced into the unpleasant task of revoking Miss C.C. Rae's title as Miss Emerald City 91-92. To do less would be unfair to past, present and future titleholders in our contest.

No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

V.D. strikes again

Depending on precisely when you pick up this periodical and peruse this portentous publication (okay now say: "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers"), Valentine Day will either be on its way, or on its way out. If it's the latter, then I say, good riddance; because if you are like so many other Gay and Lesbian people who are currently without a significant other, a domestic partner, a spouse, a lover, a permanent trick — it can be a very lonely day. And for those who are fortunate/ miserable enough to be a 'couple' this February, it is a time of heart-wrenching angst trying to get just the right gift for you lover. Guys, you of course know the difference between your lover and your job: one of them still sucks after all these years!

But I digress. Let us more closely scrutinize this annual folderol we knock ourselves out to celebrate each mid-February. How did such a 'loving' tradition come about in history? It seems that Valentine was a Roman martyr priest who was clubbed, stoned, and then beheaded by orders from the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the year 270. Why, you may ask? Well, the story goes that Claudius believed that married men made poor soldiers because they pined for their wives and families back home (which is a damned good argument for queer military personnel, don't you think?). So this Claudius dude decided to forbid marriage of his fighting men. Young couples therefore had to get secretly wed by this upstart priest Valentine, who became known as the 'friend of lovers.' His reputation spread to the royal chambers, so Val was promptly locked behind bars. While awaiting his execution he fell in love with the jailer's daughter (that was his mistake; he should have taken advantage of prison fantasies and paired up with Big Bruno of Cellblock B). According to legend, the daughter had been blind but her sight was restored by

Valentine (no wonder he was sainted). His final note to her (now that she could see to read — my gawd this gets complicated!) was a love letter signed 'From your Valentine.'

So that's why Hallmark Cards makes such a fuss over the day?! If we fags and dykes had any sense at all, we'd skip the whole tradition and give it right back to the hets. I mean, exchanging cards and presents just because some monk once lost his head (you might say he went head over heels for love) is a pretty sick excuse for a celebration of our 'relationship.' And just what is a relationship anyway? It's spending all our time and energy running around desperately trying to find someone who is also frantically looking for someone who hopefully won't notice what a terrible catch we actually are and will fail to see our hidden flaws and faults until it's too late and we're already hooked up with someone, hopelessly co-dependent and mutually addicted to love. Perhaps that sounds a bit cynical, but as the late great Groucho Marx once noted, "How can I possibly want to join a club that would accept me as one of its members?" Speaking of hidden flaws, why is it that only **after** you move in together are you aware your spouse freely expels gas from either end without a 'pardon me'?

And we obviously are no wiser than the breeders, because we simply will not rest until we have found Mr./Ms Right. Then come Feb. 14 we honor Dan Cupid (who is incidentally nothing more than an overgrown, naked, fat baby cherub capriciously pointing a fatally dangerous weapon and shooting his deadly arrows into our circulatory pumps) for matching us up.

All that cynicism aside, what sort of gift will you be giving (or did you already give and now you're in the dog-house because you spent way less than your lover did and were not nearly sentimental enough)? Cologne and perfume really make no sense to me. Why in the world would we queers spend 50 bucks an ounce for a liquid essence designed by a bunch of



Members and supporters of Queer Nation Milwaukee gather to protest outside Milwaukee's convention center prior to Mayor Norquist's 'State of the City' speech. QN has vowed to 'stay in the mayor's face' because of the recent veto of funding for the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade.



Meeting with the Mayor [left to right] Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, chats with LAMM members Stephanie Hume and Karen Gotzler after meeting with a dozen members of the Gay/Lesbian community.

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the funding for MLGPC and thirty six other groups. Within hours, Mayor John Norquist vetoed the legislation, saying he didn't want MLGPC funded because doing so would be as 'improper as using property taxes to pay for a 'pro-life' or 'pro-choice' parade.'

The Gay/Lesbian community was stunned. Most of us hadn't considered the possibility that the mayor would veto the funding - we never thought it would get out of the Common Council! Suddenly, even Gays and Lesbians who didn't give a hoot about the Pride Parade were outraged at the mayor. Many of us remembered the mayor (in an April '89 community forum) recommending MLGPC apply for the Festival Funding in the first place.

The mayor has said that Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community was an important part of the 'fabric' of the city. He had told us he was a friend. We felt included, part of the 'family' for the first time.

After the veto many felt like the 'problem child' who was kicked out of the parental home in an act of 'tough love.'

In the heat of the moment different Gay/Lesbian organizations reacted in various ways. Queer Nation promised to 'stay in the mayor's face,' picketed in front of his home and two members were arrested for attempting to disrupt the mayor's State of the City speech.

Even the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) came out in support of lobbying the Common Council for a veto override.

The Lambda Rights Network asked everyone to 'put it behind us' saying "it is our best interest to get together with the mayor and start to work together for the advancement of the community."

There was no veto override. In a Feb. 5 meeting the Milwaukee Common Council passed the Festival Funding measure with MLGPC deleted.

Many of us realized we didn't have the support necessary to get enough votes to override. Many in our community told our individual Council members to okay the

funding minus MLGPC because we didn't want all those other 36 groups upset with the Gay/Lesbian community. We just had to put this defeat behind us and move on to other issues.

Some of our Council supporters stood by us anyway, and voted against funding ANY festivals. I think you'll see some redefining of the Festival Funding criteria before next year because of this. We may even see the dissolution of all Festival Funding in next year's budget.

Unfortunately, there is no other candidate on the ballot who would be better for the Gay/Lesbian community than Norquist. I'm sure he realized that when he made the veto decision.

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• Archaeologists re-examining the Dead Sea Scrolls announced the discovery of an additional Commandment to the ten originally attributed to the stone tablets delivered by Moses. According to the new translation, Commandment 11 reads: "Thou Shalt Not invite a man into your apartment until you know his last name, his address, make and model of his car, the credit limits on his credit cards and medical history of his last 15 sexual partners."

• Doctors examining illustrated actress Cher have been unable to successfully treat the entertainer's severe allergy to body make-up. As a result, she has announced plans to stop making movies and will join a carnival side show as a tattooed lady.

• The Ohio bureau of Queer Nation has zapped the Cleveland Queer Cloggers, a Gay and Lesbian square dance club, citing square dancing is too hetero-centric and should be converted to the more Gay sensitive triangle dancing.

• An angry rift erupted at a planning meeting for the Gay Games to be held this summer in New York, after a group of Lesbians clashed with drag queens over a proposal declaring high heels the official footwear of the games. The meeting was abruptly adjourned and planning halted as both groups made appointments to visit their therapists to process their anger over the incident.

• Porno superstar, Ryan Idol has charged video rival Jeff Stryker with 'dick-synching, claiming that it isn't actually Stryker's privates appearing in his videos and that a double was used. The president of the Los Angeles division of Queer Nation has offered to settle the dispute, but stated that he must personally handle all evidence in the case. ▽

Letters

Quit name calling

I am appalled at the petulant, childish reaction of the City's Gay and Lesbian 'leaders' over Mayor Norquist's veto of the funds for the Pride Parade. There are serious issues confronting the Gay and Lesbian community, and our name calling leaders are not going to be building bridges to Milwaukee's political leadership by calling the Mayor 'bigot,' 'Gay basher,' or 'cowardly.' The probability is overwhelming that John Norquist will be the person these leaders will need to deal with over the next four years — or, do they intend to support the 'pro-family' candidacy of Gregory Gracz?

The mayor's record on supporting significant Gay/Lesbian civil rights issue is clear and outstanding. How dare some 'leaders' denigrate the work of other Gay/Lesbian political activists and the support of the Mayor by belittling the annual proclamations that Mayor Norquist has signed?

Remember, the veto of funds was not to some broadly-based, well-run, highly supported group representing our community. It was directed to an organization, the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee, that has not shown fiscal responsibility. Also, let me recall to those with a short memory that in this very publication, not more than six months ago the head of the 1991 Parade complained that the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community did not support the Parade; that the community was more interested in 'sitting on bar stools' than helping the Parade. How can we expect straight public officials to support an

activity that we ourselves, if you believe the Parade leadership, don't support?

I am highly critical of the Pro- Life, Pro-Choice analogy in the Mayor's message; however, the fact remains, the Gay leadership should choose their battles with more care.

—Sincerely,
Bob Moore

Political naivete

Last issue's letter from Lambda Rights Network president, Scott Gunkel, could not have been more politically naive. No sooner had Mayor Norquist finished fucking the Queer community with his Pride Parade funding veto, when Mr. Gunkel, also the head of the Pride Committee that was still actively seeking the funding, publicly offered to grab his own ankles and let the Mayor do it again.

Mr. Gunkel seems to believe that being 'liked' by the Mayor is more important than being represented by him. Unfortunately, the bigots and fundamentalists who pressured the Mayor into his veto decision know better.

While Mr. Gunkel's groveling is certain to win him a position on some future mayoral committee or task force designed to look pro-Queer but accomplish nothing, it works against the advancement of our community's rights.

Only when our community 'leaders' learn to stop begging for acceptance and start demanding equality will we move forward. Until then, the Mayor and his staff can continue to laugh at Mr. Gunkel and others like him who have expected nothing of the Mayor's office during the past four years and who have been given plenty of it.

—Sincerely,
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In-fighting must cease

Editor's Note: The following letter was written to the Milw. Pride Committee and a courtesy copy was forwarded to us for publication.

Dear Madams and Sirs:

Queer Nation Milwaukee is outraged by comments made by Scott Gunkel as President of the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) to reporter Gretchen Schultdt of the Milwaukee Sentinel. These comments were made after the Common Council meeting on Thursday, January 30, and were paraphrased in the Friday, January 31, 1992 edition of the Milwaukee Sentinel.

The comments may at first appear innocuous, however they mark the first time that MLGPC has publicly criticized another organization within the Lesbian & Gay community. This is particularly galling considering the reluctance to criticize that MLGPC has shown towards individuals that actively threaten MLGPC (i.e. Mayor John O. Norquist, Alderman Murphy, Vic Eliason, local media, etc.). What could MLGPC possibly have to gain by striking out at one of the few organizations within our community to offer unconditional support when City of Milwaukee funding for MLGPC was jeopardized. Is MLGPC actually callous enough to think that Milwaukee's Lesbian & Gay community is not harmed by such divisive tactics?

Through most of the preceding year, we have been a community in crisis and our problems are not going to go away any time soon. If we expect to find any solutions, we must be able to work together. Barring that, we must at least be able to peacefully co-exist. May we remind you that is one of the primary objectives of Lesbian & Gay Pride — both in Milwaukee and for Lesbians & Gays everywhere. We await your reply.

—Timothy S. Grair
Queer Nation Milwaukee



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Finally a note of personal thanks from me. I truly believe that if it wasn't for Ginger's fans she could not have fought this dreadful disease so long and I thank you for that. You gave me extra time with her.

In her career Ginny strived for perfection; in her clothes, choice of music and friends. At this benefit her fans carried on that tradition and I was deeply touched by this.

As a foot note the money raised will be put into the Ginger Spice Trust at MAP and will live on until the need is no longer necessary. I hope that the need will soon end.

Thank you again Ronnie. You are a good friend and Ginny always held you in high regard.

—Love,
Christopher Gorski

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—Sincerely,
Lynn D. Shepodd, Exec. Dir. NCOD

Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

World news update

The following collection of news items has been gathered from prestigious scientific journals, activist publications and a dozen drunken drag queens during commercial breaks of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

• Twelve members of the North Carolina Chapter of Bottom Men of America were arrested for indecent exposure at an activist sponsored sit-in at a Cracker Barrel restaurant. Mistakenly believing the event was a 'sit-on,' the submissive dozen arrived pantless each carrying a large jar of lubricant. In a ironic twist, Senator Jesse Helms unknowingly received a lubricant-laced sandwich after a Cracker Barrel cook mistook a jar of lube for mayonnaise and spread it all over Helms' ham sandwich. According to other customers, the homophobic Senator declared it was the tastiest darn sandwich he'd ever had and immediately asked for

the recipe.

• A New York scientist has developed special 'pec' implants for Gay men who want to enhance their chests without spending countless agonizing hours working out. After implanting leaky prototypes in a new boyfriend (and getting a mouthful of nasty tasting silicon during nipple-play) the scientist designed newer models in several tasty flavors.

• After viewing the shrinking sci-fi classic, *Fantastic Voyage* 37 times, Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussien ordered the development of an atomic weapon which could be easily hidden from UN nuclear inspectors by hiding it in his underpants. After prolonged exposure to weapons grade uranium, government officials reported Saddam received an International Patent as the first person to successfully convert his privates into a 3-inch pen-light flashlight.

• The Gay History Club of America recently released evidence that on March 2, 1909, two months before Robert



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Colders sponsorship of Belling's Gay & AIDS bashing. The day before the protest, Colders canceled its sponsorship of Belling's show. Once again Queer Nation's ability to bring unrelenting attention and pressure to an issue proved effective.

Mayor John Norquist must surely wish that Queer Nation didn't exist! In October Queer Nation protested the Mayor's police and media's handling of the Dahmer case. Since the Mayor's veto of the Pride Parade funds, Queer Nation has dogged his steps. They led a protest in front of his house to protest his veto.

When Norquist was delivering his State of the City address at MECCA, Dan Fons, a Queer Nation leader stood and protested the Mayor's actions. Nightly News viewers were treated to the sight of this brave young man being led away and arrested. Norquist's important campaign address would be remembered for Fons' action, not for anything the Mayor had to say! Queer Nation will not let the Mayor off the hook on this one. They promise he will be confronted on this issue everywhere he goes. Other Gay/Lesbian

leaders may be choosing their words oh so very carefully, Queer Nation will not be deterred by expediency or future political hopes. They will demand that Norquist be held accountable!

No matter which of Queer Nation's actions one examines, one has to marvel at the effectiveness of their actions and strategies. There are no cowards in this group — no half way protests. Just direct political actions which are accompanied by political savvy and judgment. They remind me of the civil rights protesters of the 1960's who took on the Southern establishment and through their actions reversed a century of discrimination!

So, no matter what your age, join these Young Turks! They meet the first and third Sunday of each month at the Central Library's 1st floor meeting room at 3pm. If you can't quite bring yourself to put it on the line the way they do, find other ways to support them — financially and in any other way you can find! This group represents the best hope of our community for a future free of discrimination and Gay bashing. This group is the future!

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Leave me alone

As a Gay individual, with pride and accomplishments, I am always hoping that my life style would be accepted. I'm not militant, nor would I push my opinions upon unwanted or unsuspecting ears.

I am, in fact, from what I'm finding out, that rare breed of homosexual who wants to lead his life and not be bothered with harassment from other Gay persons.

I have a fine job, more than six years, and there are some Gay people with whom I work... some of those same Gay people treat me as a human being with respect; others treat me as a 'fagot,' a term I abhor but there's no other way to describe it.

Though I've never given my bosses any reason to think I'm Gay, others in the workplace have made no secret of the fact.

It annoys me.

I frequent a few bars, and am acquainted with many people. I am musically inclined and have socialized with some fine members of Milwaukee's musical organizations.

The inner harassment of Gay persons

must be dealt with before the Gay community can begin to deal with itself. It's only then that we can deal with the immediate problem... and the world at large.

—Sincerely,
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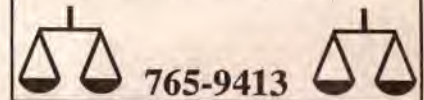
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Milw. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival March 6-12

Milwaukee — Great Lakes Film & Video will be presenting its first Gay/Lesbian Film and Video Festival March 6-12 at the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee. The Festival will include both features and shorts by Gay and Lesbian media artists.

From the hilarious scenario that erupts when dad comes to visit his newly Lesbian daughter in **My Father Is Coming** to the 'Coming attractions' of **Homo Promo**, a colorful look at the best (or worst) Hollywood 'hard-sells' of Gay and Lesbian 'subject matter,' the Festival will show a wide range of contemporary Gay and Lesbian films. Other features premiering in the Festival include **No Skin Off My Ass** by underground Toronto filmmaker Bruce La Bruce and **Dry Kisses Only** by Kaucylia Brooke and Jane Cottis.

Many short films will be screened as well. They include works by Gus Van Sant [**My Own Private Idaho**] and Marlon Riggs [**Tongues Untied**] as well as the hilarious **We're Talking Vulva** and **Nice Girls Don't Do It**. Local filmmaker Tim Smith will show his documentary on last fall's Milwaukee Queer Nation protest.

The Festival is supported by a grant from the Cream City Foundation and will take place at the UW-M Union Cinema and Foundation and will take place at the UW-M Union Cinema and Fine Arts Cinema. Please call Great Lakes Film & Video at 229-6971 for more information and a complete schedule.

Gay theatre group holds auditions

Milwaukee — The Different Drummer Theatre Alliance, Milwaukee's first Gay/Lesbian theatre group will be holding auditions for its next production, **Eastern Standard** by Richard Greenberg.

Auditions will be held February 18, 19 & 20 at 404 South 7th Street (access from Virginia Street), from 7-10pm. There are roles available for three men, ages 20-40 and three women, ages 20-50. Also, many behind the scenes positions are open to anyone interested.

Eastern Standard is best described as a comedy of values which charts the lives of four young, upwardly mobile professionals during the spring and summer of the last year of the Reagan administration. The play revolves around these 'guppies & yuppies:' a Gay television executive, his straight Wall Street broker sister, her architect boyfriend and his **best friend** who is an artist that happens to be Gay. Toss in an actress/ waitress & a schizophrenic bag lady and watch the sparks fly. Through these characters, we see worlds collide and change, value systems and beliefs challenged while new insight and meaning to life is gained.

The playwright, Richard Greenberg, gives us unexpected wit with a subversive punch which darts nimbly among multiple styles, evading easy classification. The dialogue ranges from high gloss metropolitan repartee of Wildean epigrams to the reality of the gutter and homelessness.

For more information, call Different Drummer Theater Alliance at (414) 347-0673 or write: DDTA, P.O. Box 92756, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Women's film and video fest

Chicago — Women in the Director's Chair holds its 11th International Film and Video Festival March 5-8, at Chicago Filmmakers and the The Film Center of the Art Institute. Phone (312) 281-4988 for details.

This year's festival includes over 50 of the latest works by women from a variety of culture and experiences. African American, Asian American, Native American, European, U.S. and Canadian films and videos will be screened during the four day festival.

Mosaic In Black is a special section of the 11th International Festival, featuring

known. They know what they believe, are willing to fight for it and will not sell out to anyone. These are unique and very welcome attributes in a community which frequently seems incapable of taking a stand.

In one of their earliest actions, on Valentine's Day, 1991, two members of Queer Nation confronted one of this nation's most insidious means of denying our rights and respecting our lifestyle. These two young men went to the Milwaukee County Clerk's office and tried to apply for a marriage license. They didn't make speeches about domestic rights, didn't bemoan their ability to do what straight couples take for granted. They brought immediate attention to one of the most poignant issues confronting each and every same-sex couple who have ever been in love.

Later, in June, they protested the denial of their application, in front of television cameras, and three of their members were arrested. Once again they brought this issue right to the fore-front and hopefully opened some eyes to one of the basic rights which we are denied.

Before and during the Pride Rally, they continued to circulate a Marital Rights Petition which was sent to the County Clerk, Attorney General, and State Legislature. This petition was later hand delivered to Rod Lanser, Milwaukee County Clerk. In a further attempt to dramatize this issue and to enable Gays/Lesbians to participate in a public marriage, Queer Nation organized a mass wedding as part of the Pride Celebration in which many Gay/Lesbian couples participated. No rhetoric, just a clear demonstration of what we are denied. Dramatic and effective!

A while back, talk show host Mark Belling was attacking Gays and Lesbians daily on his radio show and supplying AIDS disinformation.

Colder's Furniture was the biggest sponsor of Bellings show. When hundreds of letters to Colder's seemed to fail to have an effect, Queer Nation planned a protest — an afternoon of Queer shopping — a tactic used effectively in the past, to bring unrelenting attention to

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Reflections from the Joan Zone by Joan Lawrence

Queer Nation

In Milwaukee and nationally, 1991 was a difficult and challenging year for the Gay/Lesbian community. From Jeffrey Dahmer to the Mayor's recent veto of the funds for the Pride Parade, we have been under constant attack; our 'cause' and our 'leaders' have suddenly been discovered by the straight media. We are now seen as a hot topic!

During this period many so-called Gay/Lesbian leaders have come forward — some of them self-proclaimed — to attempt to represent, explain and defend our community. A small number of these leaders have been mainstreamed, worrying more about offending the Mayor and the media than about truly representing our interests.

While all of this has been occurring, there has been one group which has been effective, courageous and uncompromising (in the best sense of that

word) in their efforts to represent our community and achieve equal rights and treatment for all of us.

This group is called Queer Nation. It is a national organization and we in Milwaukee are extremely fortunate to have a very active and visible local chapter.

Just using the word 'Queer' offends some people. Yet it immediately addresses one major problem. Homophobes have been calling us queer for years, so what better way to confront that homophobia directly than to take one of their epithets and use it to define ourselves positively!

The members of this group are what I like to call Young Turks. Though not all necessarily young in years, they have a commitment, spirit, dedication and a willingness to put it on the line time and again to achieve their goals. Their members are among some of the most politically astute individuals I have ever

the important body of independent work by African American women media makers over the last few years.

Women in the Director's Chair holds its festival very year in celebration of International Women's Day. This year 340 films and tapes were entered by women from across the country and around the world.

Lesbian film in post production

Portland, OR — Demi-Monde Productions, Inc. announces completion of principal photography on *Claire Of The Moon*, slated for release in Mid 1992. A

contemporary Lesbian love story, *Claire* explores the universal themes of intimacy and sexual discovery. It is a film for the 90's, targeting the vast Lesbian and Gay audience along with the sophisticated adult-fare and art house market.

Claire Of The Moon, now in post production, is currently being edited in Los Angeles under the direction of Michael Solinger. Demi-Monde Productions plans to show the film at select film festivals worldwide and is actively seeking placement at the 1992 Cannes Film Festival.

In addition to the theatrical release Demi-Monde Productions is producing a documentary encompassing *The Making Of Claire Of The Moon*. ▽

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

In case your eyes and brains are coordinating for some reason, let me draw your attention to the centerspread ad that appeared in the last and this issue. The ad promotes the upcoming 'Mardi Gras Benefit Ball' being sponsored by Wisconsin Light and In Step as a fundraiser for the **Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee [MLGPC]**. The Ball will be a first time a Gay event will be held in Milwaukee's world known Horticultural Conservatory Domes (you know those 3 big domes on 27th just north of National Avenue). All three domes will be open for your viewing and relaxation pleasures.

The special show dome is currently decorated with a Mardi Gras theme, and so that was adopted as the theme — Celebrate Mardi Gras with Pride in the Tropics. It all occurs Sunday, March 1 from 6pm until midnight. There will be dancing to music by Select Sound (who've donated their services), Raffles with prizes, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a Mardi Gras costume contest with prizes.

Contestants in the costume contest will parade thru the New Orleans Gazebo in the Mardi Gras Show Dome while the judges choose the winners.

Tickets may be purchased at either paper's office or through the mail until Feb. 24 for \$22.50 per person.

After that and at the door the price is \$25. You know how important that money is going to be for the Pride Committee, especially since they didn't get the city funding... so please grab a car full of friends and join us for a Gay old time at the Domes!

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Za's had grand opening festivities Jan. 24-26 for their new (relatively new) space, **The 90's** at their Main street location — just doors west of Brandy's II. Now you can bar hop in Green Bay, without driving (at least between two of the bars)! Mark & Ken did a great job with what just started out as big, vacant space. The 90's has a 1890's feel to it, whereas the main lower

level/ dance floor space is very modern. Good luck!

The **Wreck Room** kicked off their '92 MAP food pantry drive Jan. 25 by combining it with a birthday party for Roger Deely. For a \$5 donation the crowd got open bar and great hors d'oeuvres for two hours.

Rod's of Madison loaded up a bus and crawled Milwaukee's Gay hotspots that same Saturday night. Poor Ben tried to keep his brood underneath his watchful glare... but did anyone keep an eye on Ben? I want dirt!

It was Super Bowl mania at several establishments: **Nitengales, Triangle, The Office, and Club 3054**. Too bad the game was so Super Boorring... pass the munchies and give me a beer!

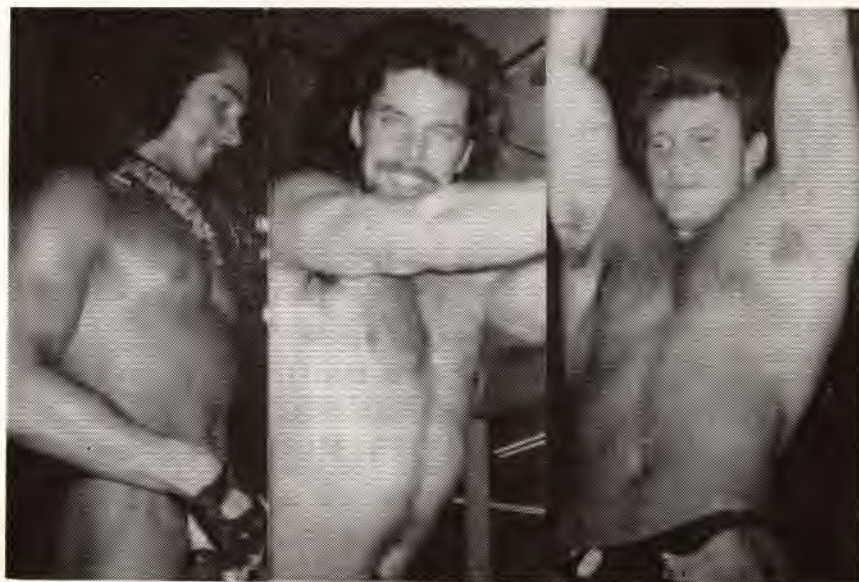
It wasn't boring at **The New Bar**, however. They provided plenty of action on their stage with the appearance of **The Dream Team** male dance troop. Now THESE men had more than just a football to play with! **Club 219 Plus** hosted the dancers the following Wednesday to a rowdy reception.

I had to work for the weekend of Za's grand opening, so Doug got to have all the fun. But I always leave the last Tuesday of January open for **The New Bar's** anniversary gay-la. This was the eighth anniversary year (In Step and The New Bar have the same anniversary year, but In Step is two weeks later). Besides the cocktail party and wonderful hors d'oeuvres, there was a SRO crowd for a performance by San Francisco's **Khris Francis**. He's a Big Man, with a Big Voice, and offers Big Laughs. His hilarious dialogues between snippets of songs we all remember (sing along, now) kept the crowd laughing for the hour long set. Great fun... and a great way to celebrate. Congrats to the whole Hotel Washington family on another anniversary.

Too bad we didn't have a blizzard for **Partners** 'White Out' party Jan. 30. (It's been a very gray and brown winter.) Of



Partners 'divine,' kerchiefed staffer, John, entertains this un-named customer during the recent 'White Out' party.



Male dancers extraordinaire, The Dream Team, turned up the heat during recent appearances at both The New Bar and Club 219 Plus.



Wreck Room owner Bill, Shirley, and Roger stop for a picture during the WR's recent kick-off for the MAP food pantry. The pantry food drive was combined with Roger's birthday celebration.



BJ's mint staffers are out to keep the customers happy, whether its during their monthly party, or during any day of the week.

course, a blizzard might have kept the customers away, and we don't want that! Those wearing white got to save a good chunk of the green...

First I receive a phonecall from Al at the Triangle. He trekked to Florida with another friend and Jim B. (owner of Partners) and called me on Jan. 24 to rub it in my face that they were down there and I was up here. The bitches were in Ft. Meyers, and heading for Ft. Lauderdale. I told him I wanted a report on the Marlin Beach where they planned to stay. I received a postcard around the 1st of the month. Shall we be polite and just say he didn't find the facilities up to his standards. Well, we ALL know Al's standards, so the place MUST be pretty

bad.

Aren't winter vacations to warm places wonderful? Hope you had fun, guys!

BJ's mint has picked up steam since Bob took it over... their party night on Feb. 1 drew a nice crowd for food and prize drawings.

The Napalese Lounge drew a reportedly nice crowd for their show that same night. With C.C. Rae, The Zooom (Zoomie), Brian Harder (oh, I LIKE that name) and other guests — what did you expect?



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

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

Roller Skating: Join over a dozen Gays & Lesbians at Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Cudahy, 7:30-10pm. \$2.50 includes skate rental. Call 963-9833 for more info.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Tri Cable Tonight: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30- 11pm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Club 3054 [Madison]: Grant Dixon's male & female strippers to keep both sexes happy. Surprise for first 50 people.

Za's [Green Bay]: Valentine's Prom dance & show, 10pm-close.

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 5-8pm.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: 19th Anniv. Celebration. Free carnations for first 500 people; drink & champagne specials.

BJ's Mint: Valentine Party, \$1 tap beer 8 to close.

3B's Bar: Valentine's Party, 9-close. Free carnations to first 50 people.

Partners: Valentine Party, 50 cent shots KoolAids 9-close, buffet 11pm.

Rod's [Madison]: Valentine's, buy someone a drink & get a \$1 Stupid Cupid shot for yourself.

10% Society UW Madison: Valentine's Ball for Lesbians, Gays, Bi's & friends. Memorial Union Great Hall, 8pm, \$2 cover, DeeJay & cash bar.

Ballgame: Valentine's specials.

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.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: 19th Anniversary celebration, Valentine's Anniversary Show, 10:30 showtime, door prizes.

3B's Bar: Country Dance, 9-close, free hankies to first 50 people; free country dance lessons at 1:30pm.

Galano Club: Valentine's Dance, 9pm-?, \$3-5 donation at door.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Triangle: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing 8-12.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: 19th Anniv. Celebration; drink & champagne specials; complimentary catered hors d'oeuvres buffet, open 5pm.

All Saints Cathedral: Monthly Episcopal Diocesan Evensong & Healing Services. All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau, service begins 4pm. Call Cathedral office, 271-7719, to make prayers on behalf of someone.

Tri Cable Tonight: Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30- 11pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Jo'dee's Intl. [Racine]: 19th Anniv. Celebration; free tacos, \$1 shots Jose Cuervo.

Rod's [Madison]: Presidents Day, name the 4 presidents on 'Mount Rodsmore' & get \$1 off all you can drink special.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Jo'dees Intl. [Racine]: 19th Anniv. Celebration, \$1 rail & wine from 7-10; other drink specials 10- close.

Different Drummer Theatre Alliance: Auditions, see note in Arts Section. Also on 19th & 20th.

Rod's [Madison]: Full Moon vote for the 'hairiest' butt & win a prize, shot specials.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Jo'dee's [Racine]: 19th Anniv. Celebration; play 'Remote Control,' prizes, door prizes, free pool.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, with Sam Day, Madison's radical progressive.

Triangle: Gay Pride Parade fundraiser, 100 1/2 of proceeds from beerbust to M.L.G.P.C.



Madison's The New Bar celebrated its 8th anniversary with friends from near and far. Lower left — San Francisco Singer/comedian Khris Francis delighted the crowd.



Za's celebrated their Grand Opening of the entire Green Bay complex with the completion of The 90's, their upper level cocktail lounge. Lower left — the view of the lower level dance floor from The 90's.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Jo'dee's Intl. [Racine]: 19th Anniv. Celebration; \$1 rail & wine from 7-10, other drink specials 10- close.

Tri Cable Tonight: Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30-11pm.

LAMM Meeting: Guest speaker Holly Gardner of "Women's Agenda," potluck at 6pm, program at 7. MEC, 2821 N. 4th St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Za's [Green Bay]: Talent contest (no lip-synch, please).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Za's [Green Bay]: Last party video give-away, Karaoke returns.

BJ's Mint: Washington's Birthday, \$1.50 Apple Shots all night.

3B's Bar: Bartender Appreciation Party, free buffet; free beer 5-6.

Rod's [Madison]: Washington's Birthday, Rail, wine & beer only \$1 from 9-10pm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Club 94 [Kenosha]: The Helen's benefit show, "Drag-A-Rama" for SEWAP, 7pm, \$2 donation to SEWAP.

Gay Men's Discussion Group [Milw.]: "Inherently Good," after what our community has been through in '91, we need to feel positive about ourselves when the odds seem to strong. The Counseling Center (2038 N. Bartlett), 6-8pm. Pre-registration not required, \$2 donation.

Tri Cable Tonight: Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30-11pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Men Aloud Workshop [Milw.]: HIV Risk Reduction/ Safer Sex Work Shops for Gay/Bi men. 7-10pm. MAP office, 315 W.

Court St. Call Mike L. at 273-1991 for resv.

Milw. Lavender Network Public Meeting: All Gay/Lesbian's invited to a meeting to help form this vital umbrella organization. Gay/Lesbian's of color especially needed to broaden diversity of the group. 7pm, Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Club 219 Plus: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 9-12.

BJ's Mint: Pride Committee fundraiser. Pay \$5 donation & get free beer, \$1 rail, 2 for 1 call, prizes & food.

Down-Hill Skiing: Join GAMMA's night time ski at Alpine Valley from 6:30- 10pm. Lift tickets \$19.50 per pair. Call Bob at 963-9833 to coordinate.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, The Gay & Lesbian Community in Nicaragua.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

M&M Club: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling 8-12.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Za's [Green Bay]: Lip Sync Finals, 10:30pm.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Za's [Green Bay]: Leap Year Beach Party from Hell.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Miss Gay Racine Pageant, 10pm showtime. A Wisconsin-USA preliminary.

Rod's [Madison]: Leap Year Party, drink free if you were born today!

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Mardi Gras Ball for Pride: 6pm-Midnight, the 'Domes.' MLGPC fundraiser. Celebrate Mardi Gras with Pride in the Tropics. Co-sponsored by Wisconsin Light & In Step Mag. Dancing, raffle prizes, cash bar, Hors d' oeuvres, Mardi Gras Costume contest. \$25 at the door — all proceeds to MLGPC. All 3 domes open until midnight.

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Tickets now on sale at the Wisconsin Light and In Step offices. Or through the mail. The suggested donation is \$22.50 per person before February 24; \$25 per person after February 24 or at the door. Complete the order form below and mail it with your check or money order payable to MLGPC to: MLGPC, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your tickets by return mail. Orders for tickets received after February 24 will be held for pick-up at the door.

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