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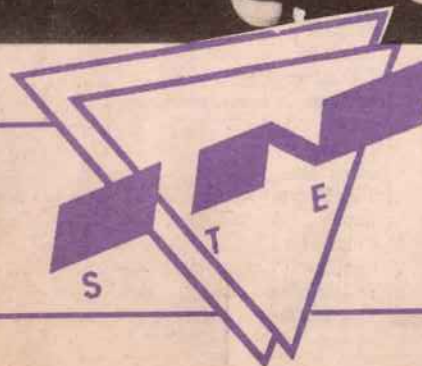
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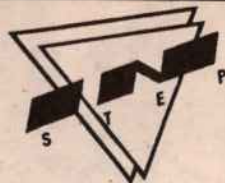
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Cover Story

The cover this week salutes Great Lakes Film and Video's 1st annual Milwaukee Gay & Lesbian Film and Video Festival, which occurs March 6-12 at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. The photo on the cover is from the film, *We're Talking Vulva*, a film by Shawna Dempsey and Tracey Traeger. It's a Zeitgeist Films release. For a complete listing and descriptions of films to be screened at the Festival, see the 'Flicks' section, which begins on page 37 of this issue.

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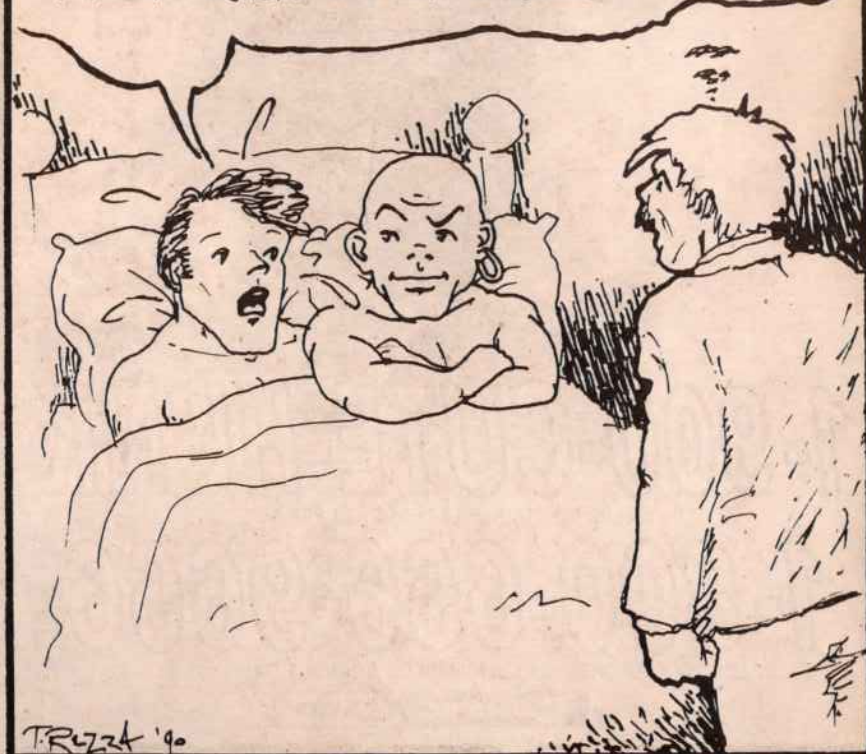
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by Tom Rezza

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News

Presidential candidates make promises

By Rex Wockner

Manchester, N.H. — The four leading candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination would sign a federal Gay-rights bill if Congress passed one.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, former Sen. Paul Tsongas, and Sens. Bob Kerrey and Tom Harkin also would lift the military ban on Gays and Lesbians.

The candidates made the promises on a Human Rights Campaign Fund questionnaire. The results were released Feb. 11 in Manchester as HRCF unveiled a TV ad on Gay issues that aired prior to the state's Feb. 18 primary election.

Democratic candidate Jerry Brown, who supports Gays — and Republicans Pat Buchanan, George Bush and David Duke, who do not — did not return the questionnaire.

HRCF Executive Director Tim McFeeley said the promises "mark an important recognition that Lesbian and Gay Americans are entitled to the same rights as other Americans."

"We pay our taxes, support our communities and contribute to the vitality of American life," he said.

In responding to the questionnaire, Clinton wrote, "I believe patriotic Americans should have the right to serve the country as a member of the armed forces without regard to sexual or affectional orientation."

Tsongas said: "Americans should not be denied access to jobs simply because of sexual orientation... The same basic principles should apply to the military."

HRCF's TV ad is presidential campaigning's first Gay-themed commercial, the group said. It aired on several stations, including WMUR in Manchester, the station that rejected an AIDS related ad from ACT UP, claiming still shots of same-sex kissers were distressingly explicit.

The HRCF ad opens with photos of bloody bashing victims. A voice-over says: "This is what hate does. Hate hurts. Every day, law abiding citizens are beaten or even murdered because they are Lesbian and Gay."

The 30 second spot also focuses on discrimination in employment, medical care and the military, and cites a 1991 poll that found 80 percent of Americans support equal rights for Gays. "America, let's be fair," the voice-over urges.

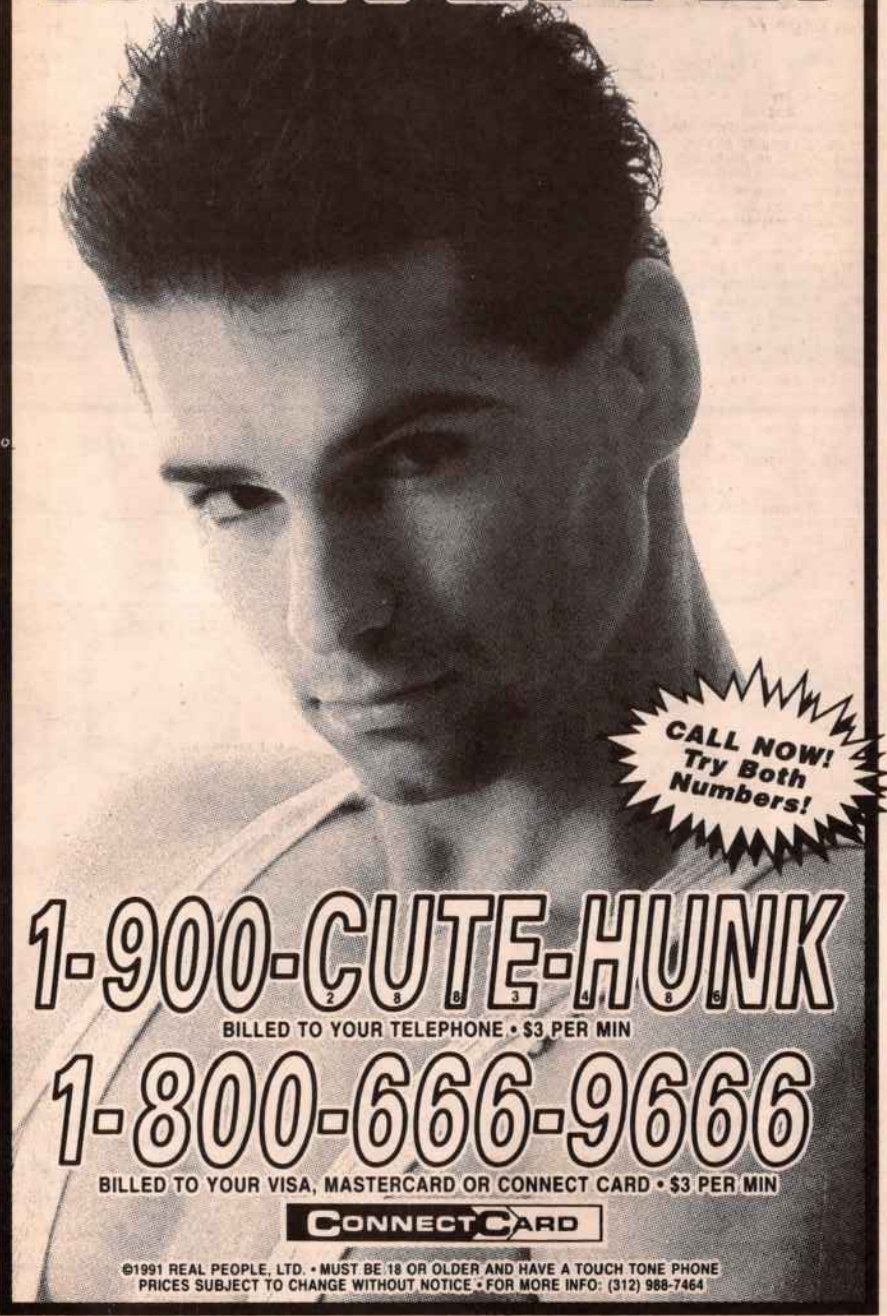
The ad is available to Gay groups for \$15. Copies of the HRCF questionnaire responses also can be obtained. For either, write: HRCF Presidential Project, 1012 14th St., NW, Suite 607, Washington DC 20005.

Sweet Sunday a big success

Madison — The Madison AIDS Support Network held its fifth annual Sweet Sunday Afternoon at the Wilson Street Grill on February 9th. Nearly 300 guests and community leaders attended the sweets sampling and socializing event, resulting in a record \$17,000 in donations. A major factor in the event's success was MASN's first raffle, which included prizes donated by Studio Jewelers, Gulliver's Travels and Midwest Express.

Nearly 40 area restaurants and bakers donated sweets ranging from chocolate, cookies, cheesecake, tortes and other cakes. Guests also enjoyed an MASN slide show presentation, which featured MASN staff, volunteers and friends working at MASN offices and at outreach activities.

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ACLU fights to end military Gay ban

[ACLU] — The American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project has launched an intensified, three-tier program to end the military's discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men. Central to its strategy is an effort to enlist national organizations to sign a petition opposing the Pentagon policy.

To coordinate the ACLU's ongoing efforts against the military and to lead the new campaign, the ACLU has retained James M. Holobaugh, a top Army ROTC cadet who was featured in a national Army ROTC recruitment advertisement before being denied his commission and discharged from ROTC for being Gay.

Working from the ACLU's national headquarters in New York, Holobaugh will work to intensify pressure on President Bush and on Congress to end the Department of Defense's policy of banning all Lesbians and Gay men from the military.

"As a Gay man who has personally suffered the military's discrimination, Jim is an ideal person to coordinate the ACLU's critical work in this area," said William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "He brings a ready expertise on military issues and he has transformed his anger against the military into a powerful commitment to changing the military's policy. I am confident that Jim will be able to make great strides against the military through his work with the ACLU."

The ACLU's three-tier program will focus on organizing and expanding the many ongoing efforts to end the military's policy. To take advantage of the growing opposition to the policy, the ACLU will attempt to enlist the support of several hundred national organizations — including religious, medical, educational and civil rights groups — on a single petition calling for an end to the discriminatory policy. "The petition is simple and to the point," Holobaugh said. "We have already enlisted a number of national organizations to sign

on, including the American Psychological Association, the National Education Association and the United Church of Christ."

A second and related element of Holobaugh's work will be to press for continued student, faculty and administrative action to bar the ROTC program from college campuses around the country. Building on the ACLU's successful national conference in Minneapolis in 1990, the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project will continue to serve as a policy center to provide information and support to campus activists around the country. The Project collects information about anti-ROTC activities and disseminates this information periodically in the form of Campus Updates; a new edition of Campus Update will be published in the Spring of 1992. Holobaugh will also continue to visit and speak at college and university campuses around the country.

Finally, the third tier of the ACLU strategy is to attempt to encourage additional city governments to pass resolutions calling upon the military to change its policy. In November 1991, the City Council of San Francisco passed a resolution urging the military to change its anti-Gay policy. The ACLU will target those cities and states (such as Wisconsin) that have Gay rights protections in place as the most likely proponents of such resolutions.

A national opinion poll conducted by Penn-Schoen Associates in April 1991 showed that 81 percent of Americans believe that servicemembers should not be discharged solely for being Gay. Dozens of newspapers — including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Miami Herald, USA Today — have argued that the policy is short-sighted and wrong.

ACT UP rampages through Manchester

By Rex Wockner

More than 1,000 raucous ACT UPers rampaged through Manchester, N.H., Feb. 15, closing down the business district and smashing the front window of George Bush's campaign headquarters.

"Tens of thousands dead of AIDS; what do the candidates have to say?" they chanted.

New Hampshire was the site of the nation's first presidential primary election Feb. 18.

The protesters charged both Republican and Democratic candidates have ignored AIDS in their campaigning.

"The Republicans have let 135,000 Americans die of AIDS during the Bush and Reagan reign. And what do the Democrats have to say? Nothing," said protester Bee Bell of Portland, Maine.

The activists shut down Elm Street, site of all the candidates' campaign headquarters. As they marched, they stopped before each campaign storefront and hurled criticism at the candidates.

"Shame, shame, shame," they shouted at Republican Pat Buchanan's office.

"Buchanan has written... that AIDS is nature's retribution against homosexuals," said protester Karen Starr of Concord, N.H. "And he is vociferously opposed to condom distribution in high schools, preferring instead that teens die of ignorance."

At the headquarters of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, the demonstrators denounced the candidate for signing a law that mandates state collection of the names of HIV positives.

The demo ended at Bush's office, where the protesters 'died' in the street and smashed the office's large picture window.

Later in the day, small groups of protesters 'zapped' individual candidates on the campaign trail throughout southern New Hampshire.

At the Pinkerton military academy in Derry, they disrupted an address by

President Bush.

Bush appeared flustered, then recovered and said, "We are doing all we can on AIDS."

Meanwhile, Queer Nation/ New Hampshire has launched a campaign against actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who made comments perceived as anti-Gay during the Bush rally at Pinkerton Academy.

Schwarzenegger told the crowd: "We don't talk about those Democrats. I watched that debate and they all looked like a bunch of girlie men."

"Once again, Bush's henchmen divide the nation by promoting hatred of a minority — the queer community," said Queer Nation spokesman Tim McCarthy.

Creating Change conference

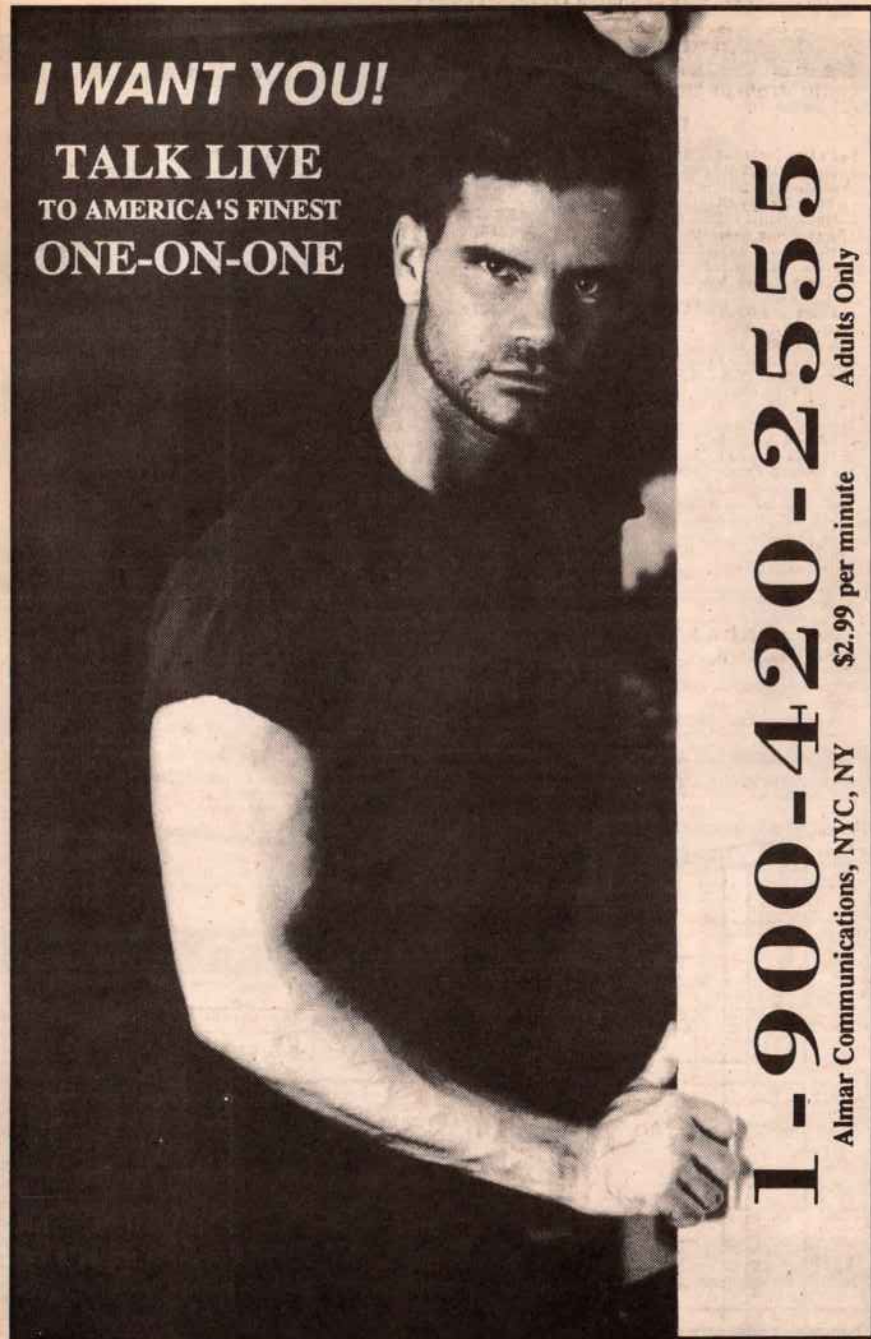
Washington, D.C. [NGLTF] — Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual activists from around the country will gather this Nov. 13-15 in Los Angeles, Calif., for the 5th Annual Creating Change Conference of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute. More than 1,000 activists attended last year's conference, making Creating Change the country's largest skills- building and strategizing event for the Gay and Lesbian community.

This year's three-day event will include more than 80 workshops plus cultural events, networking sessions, exhibitors and challenging speakers. Workshop topics include Direct Action, Cultivating Major Donors, Organizing Against the Far Right, Media Activism and much more. Several series of workshops will focus on arts and culture, fundraising, international activism, and skills building for people of color.

Creating Change will be held at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton, 5711 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif. For registration information contact NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 332-6483, TTY (202) 332-6219, Attention: Catherine Carter.

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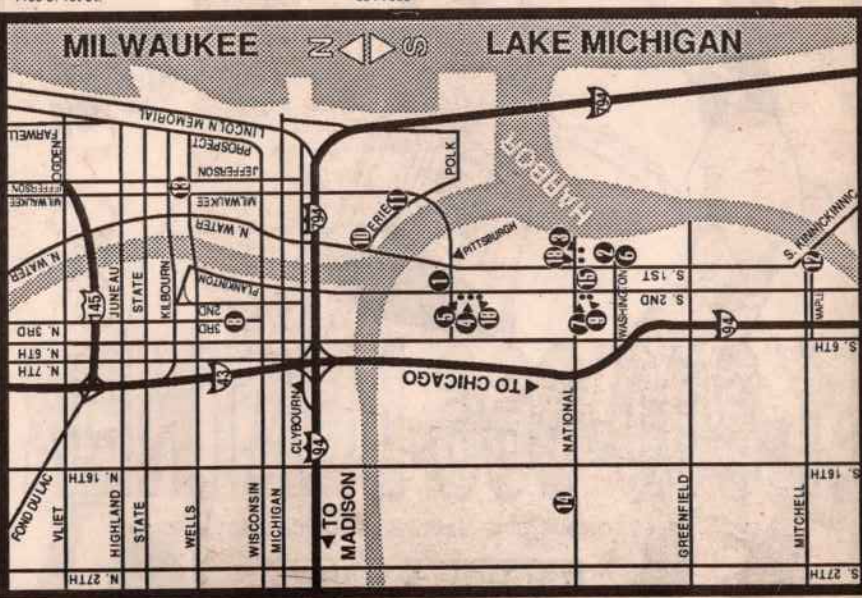
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Powell supports military Gay ban

By Rex Wockner

The chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff supports the military ban on Gays and Lesbians for fear they would find heterosexual soldiers "sexually attractive" and thereby distress them.

Closeted homosexuals are not a problem, said the U.S. senior military commander, General Colin Powell, but open Gays might undermine "order and discipline."

Powell fears the military could end up having to build separate barracks, showers and toilets for homosexuals.

Powell's remarks came Feb. 5 during a House of Representatives Budget Committee hearing, under questioning from Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.

"(The Gay ban) is not a security argument, and it is not an argument of performance on the part of homosexuals who might be in uniform, and it is not saying they are not good enough," Powell said. "It is just my judgment and the judgment of the chiefs that homosexual behavior is inconsistent with maintaining good order and discipline."

"What do I mean by that?" Powell asked. "I mean it is difficult in a military setting where there is no privacy, where you don't get a choice of association, where you don't get a choice of where you live, to introduce a group of individuals who are proud, brave, loyal, good Americans, but who favor a homosexual lifestyle, and put them in with heterosexuals who would prefer not to have somebody of the same sex find them sexually attractive, put them in close proximity, ask them to share the most private facilities together, the bedroom, the barracks, latrines, the showers. I think that is a very difficult problem to give the military. I think it would be prejudicial to good order and discipline to try to integrate that in the current military structure."

Frank interrupted to point out that Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney has acknowledged there are Gay men and

Lesbians in the military. "Is there any evidence of behavior problems?" Frank asked.

"No," Powell replied, "because, as a matter of fact, they have kept so-called in the closet. It is quite a different thing when it is openly practiced or openly known throughout the force and within the units. I think it makes very difficult management problems."

Activist Tim Drake, who recently stepped down as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's expert on fighting the military Gay ban, commented: "It's interesting that the first African-American chief of staff would support an argument that not challenging the prejudices of others is a necessity for maintaining a good working military. Neither Powell or Cheney have offered any reason why the Gay soldier should be the one victimized by the non-Gay soldiers prejudices. The problem is clearly not that someone is Gay, the problem is that someone is bigoted."

Asked if, for example, Gay men having unlimited access to view naked straight men isn't somewhat akin to a heterosexual man becoming invisible and being free to wander through a women's locker room, Drake laughed and explained: "The problem is that the policy discriminates against soldier A not because of anything soldier A is doing but because of the discomfort of soldier B. It is not soldier A's problem that soldier B is embarrassed when he must stand naked in front of a Gay man."

The same question was put to Milwaukee's Miriam Ben-Shalom, chairperson of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America.

"I cannot believe the ignorance of such statements," Ben-Shalom said. "To postulate that if you plant one dyke or fagot in a room of naked women or naked men, they're just going to go hog wild is just absurd. How the hell did he get to be a general and make such an idiotic statement?"

Mayor meets with community reps

By Ron Geiman

Milwaukee — Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and six of his staff members met for 80 minutes Wednesday, February 5, with twelve invited members of the Milwaukee Gay Lesbian community to discuss various issues. The meeting came less than two weeks after the mayoral veto of funding for the 1992 Gay/Lesbian pride celebration. Reaction to the mayor's veto,

and his defense of the action, consumed most of the session.

Norquist faced five challengers for his job in the primary election last week. Norquist and Gregory Gracz received the most votes and will face off in the general election/ presidential primary in April. Norquist, a former state senator, won his first mayoral term in '88 with strong support from the Gay/Lesbian community.

Besides Mayor Norquist, staffers in attendance included: David Riemer, Director Dept. of Administration; Steve Jacquart, Staff Assistant for Constituent Relations; Orson Porter, Staff Assistant; Eloisa Gomez, Staff Assistant & Liaison for Neighborhood Organizations; Jeffrey Bentoff, Communications; and David Webster, Staff Assistant.

Invited representatives of the Gay/Lesbian community were: Karen Gotzler; Gail Davey; Dr. Gary Hollander; Scott Gunkel; Jerry Johnson; Tim Baack; Kitty Barber; Wendy Pologie; Bill Meunier; Stephanie Hume; Cheryl Johnson; and this reporter.

(A complete transcript of the meeting with the mayor is printed elsewhere in this issue. What follows is a brief synopsis of what Mayor Norquist had to say.)

• On the issue of not communicating his intent to veto the Pride Funding, Norquist said, "It would have been better to have a long discussion before the issue developed the way it did, so I could have expressed my concerns about it before it was resolved. We didn't do that."

• On the issue of the reasoning he used in his veto message (comparing a Gay/ Lesbian Pride Parade to a pro-choice, anti-choice parade), Norquist said, "I really wasn't completely comfortable with that, myself."

After discussing what would have been a more appropriate comparison (his non-support of the Wisconsin Women's Council while a legislator), Norquist said, "I don't think it was a good idea to fund the parade. On the other hand, I think that in terms of Gays and Lesbians in this

'91 anti-violence report to be released

Washington, D.C. (NGLTF) — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) will release its 1991 Anti-Violence Report on March 19, as part of a 'National Day of Awareness and Response to Violence Against Gay Men and Lesbians.' The day will be observed nationwide and will include media conferences, forums and the release of anti-Gay violence statistics in scores of cities.

"We urge Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals throughout the nation to help us document attacks against us," said Kevin Berrill, Director of the NGLTF Anti-Violence Project. "Documentation is a crucial component of our efforts to make legislators, police, and prosecutors respond to hate crimes. We urge activists to participate in this Day of Awareness and Response."

In late spring NGLTF will also release an Anti-Violence Organizing Manual, a guide for activists detailing how to set up an anti-violence project, work with law enforcement, document hate crimes and increase personal and community safety.

The NGLTF Anti-Violence Project provides materials, technical assistance and training to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual grassroots activists nationwide. For more information on March 19 activities, write or call the NGLTF Policy Institute Anti-Violence Project, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009, (202) 332-6483.

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community and their agenda, having more respectful and effective service from the police — that isn't something to look at in the future. It's something that needs to be done right now. There is no reason in the world that police ought to be, for example, using all kinds of overtime and everything else, to raid a bar instead of spending time protecting people who are being harassed or injured or assaulted."

• The mayor was questioned as to why the Pride Committee, which met all the established criteria set up by the Festival Funding Board, was seemingly being asked to meet qualifications others were not. Norquist responded, "Ultimately, it's a judgment call. The legislative body makes a choice, you apply, go through a lot of hoops and ultimately didn't get it. You're not going to get everything you want, you know that... You learn from the experience of what you go through."

• When questioned as to the language in the veto message, and the lack of communication with the Gay/Lesbian Community prior to the veto, Norquist had this response. "First of all, on the question of consulting, it would have been good to have done that. I would have had a better veto message. In fact, I was uncomfortable with the analogy."

• The mayor was asked when the Gay/Lesbian community is going to have the same access to the process that other respected members of the community have. Norquist responded, "Communication problems and lack of access are a universal thing almost any group has... what you are talking about is that we probably would have had a better veto message if we had had a better dialogue, or at least a little more understanding. There still would have been disappointment, but communications can be better."

• The mayor was criticized on other language issues, that in affect, made our community invisible. He was chastised for not using the words Gay and Lesbian at the Gay/Lesbian organized Candlelight Memorial Vigil in memory of Dahmer's victims. The mayor responded: "I didn't pay attention to someone who was yelling in my ear at my side — I don't do that. But I have used Gay and Lesbian in my

speeches at the Police Academy. I've used it in speeches in various parts of the city, and I will certainly take that criticism. When I left that day at Juneau Park, I didn't feel good about it, and I felt bad about it the next day."

• The mayor was asked about a on-going dialogue with his office. His response: "I'd be glad to meet on a regular basis."

• The mayor was also asked about a possible liaison, whom the Gay/Lesbian community can contact directly. The Mayor said, "David Riemer is as high up in city government as you can get without talking to me. I don't think you could have a better person for a liaison — he has my ear on everything."

(Riemer had several meetings with a group of Gays and Lesbians in preparation for the meeting with the mayor. When meeting with him in January, no one knew the meeting with the mayor would come so quickly. Another meeting with Riemer had been scheduled for Jan. 30 but instead, Riemer informed the group it would meet with the mayor on Feb. 5. Perhaps the meeting was moved up because of the community outcry over the mayor's veto on Jan. 21.)

The Gays and Lesbians at the mayor's meeting agreed whole-heartedly that meeting monthly with Riemer would be fine.

• The mayor praised the Cream City Chorus for their participation in the city's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. "Those kind of things are great opportunities, and it's things like that, those opportunities, that you should look for to happen."

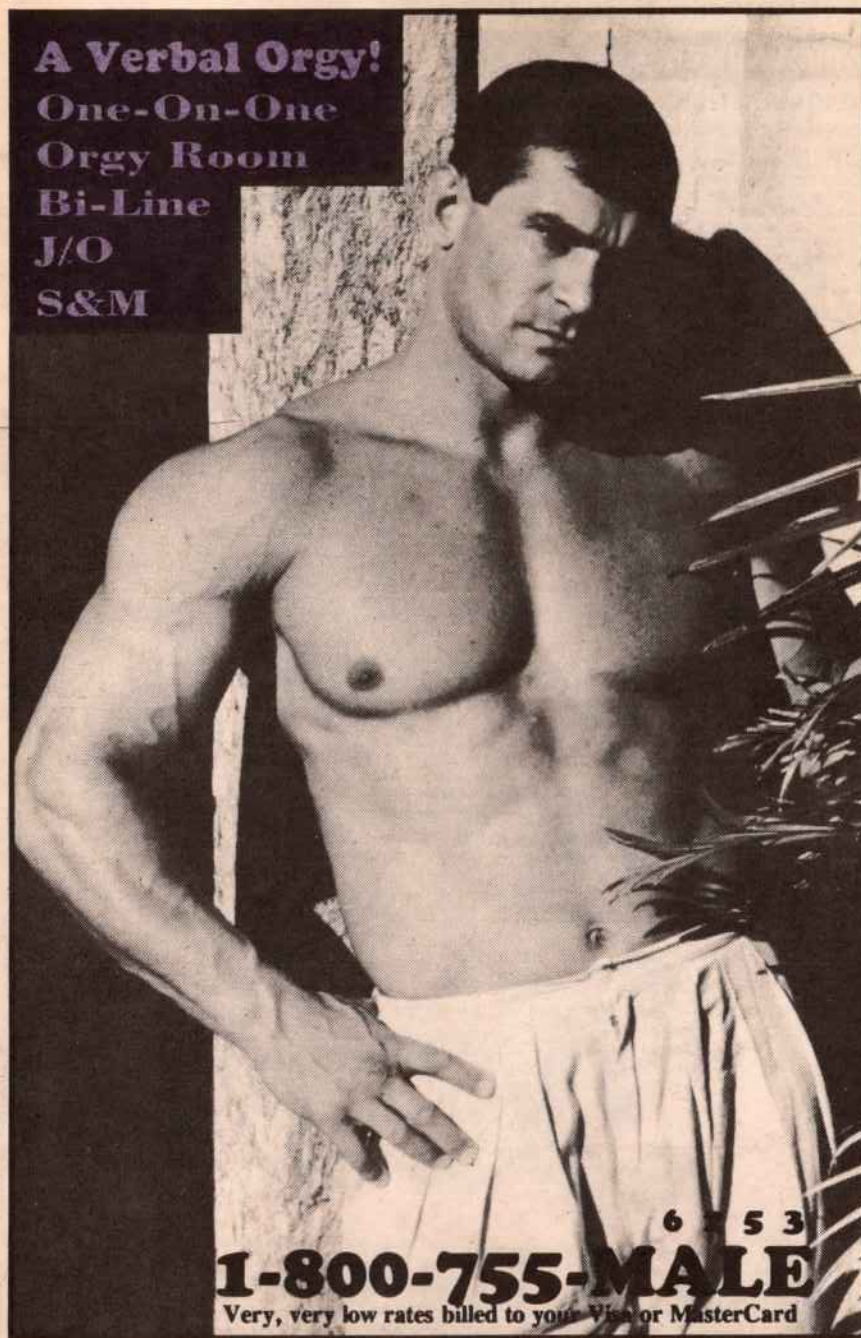
• Agreed to reinforce his commitment to police officials that he wants Gay and Lesbian input into the planned consolidation of Hate Crimes reporting and the Sensitive Crimes Unit.

• The mayor was asked to take a leadership position and make public stands against Gay and Lesbian bashing. The mayor responded, "I will look for an opportunity to speak out on violence against Gays and Lesbians."

• In wrapping up the meeting, the Mayor commented, "Gays and Lesbians are a valuable part of this community,

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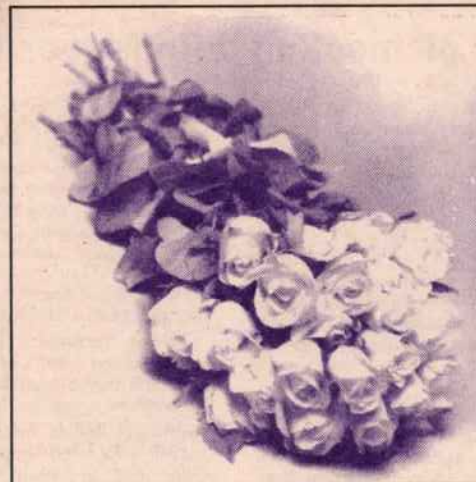
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The February 5 meeting was the first group meeting with the mayor since 1989. When elected in '88, the mayor had said he would meet with our community four times a year. In '89, he said it would be twice a year.

Transcript of meeting with Mayor Norquist

Following is nearly a word for word transcription of a tape recording of the meeting Mayor John Norquist had with 12 members of the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community. A few asides were not included for the sake of brevity, but the 'meat' of the meeting is included.

In Step made the decision to print this rather lengthy transcription so members of the Gay/Lesbian community who were NOT invited to the meeting have a true picture of what occurred.

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After a round of introductions, the meeting began with Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee spokeswoman Kitty Barber reciting a list of events, from the last year, that had a negative impact on Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community.

Kitty then added to the litany of set backs the mayor's recent veto of funding for the Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration.

Kitty Barber: "I think it the veto was seen by many of us in this room, and across the board, as a betrayal. A 'selling out' of us, our community, what we stand for, and also what we believe to be a progressive agenda for a few votes from some people that hate us. It gives them, I am sure, a lot more confidence in their ability to control, what they see as controlling, City Hall. I don't think I'm alone in thinking that might have some credence."

"Like any large group of people we don't always agree unilaterally, on any issue. But I think this veto was viewed, almost universally within the Gay community, and by other progressive people, as an act that dismisses us... that separates us from our own city, that trivializes us politically and very personally. The rationale for the veto showed misunderstanding of who we are, and what we're about."

"Pride is a celebration, a national and international annual event. It celebrates our culture, our contributions, our

diversity, our vitality, and our survival in the face of people who would rather see us dead. To compare this to a single issue protest march like the pro-choice, anti-choice group of people is to say there is a group of people who are anti-Gay, and a group of people that are pro-Gay, and that either one has credence and this is all right. Anti-Gay people want to see us gone. And we are not going to go away — but they pose a real threat."

Mayor Norquist: "First of all before I say anything else, I believe that Gays and Lesbians make enormous contributions to Milwaukee's civic life, economy and culture. Whether it's little things like the Cream City Chorus at the Christmas tree lighting — or big things — like the jobs that are created by business people that are Gay or Lesbian. Those are enormous contributions. There are a lot of issues that are very, very important to the entire community that Gays and Lesbians not only have a right to be involved in, but a responsibility. The input that you can give can change things in a fundamental way, make it better — not just for Gays and Lesbians, but for everybody."

"I think that, in this case, it would have been better to have a long discussion before the issue developed the way it did, so I could have expressed my concerns about it before it was resolved. But we didn't do that."

"The reasoning in the veto message that I sent to the Common Council, I really wasn't completely comfortable with that, myself. Having had more time to think about it, I can tell you that I had been involved in issues in my life in the legislature where I've gone against groups who generally I had a lot of respect and support on their issues."

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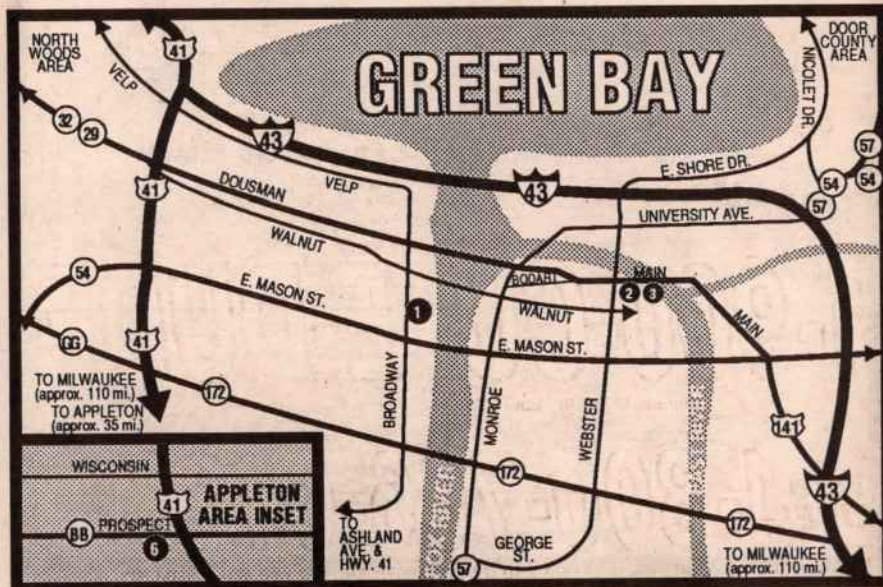
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"My point there in opposing, and I didn't just oppose it, I led the fight to eliminate the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, and I led the fight not to create the Women's Council. Because I don't think that political movements should be financed by government, it's not in their own interest to do it."

"A better analogy would be if whoever is in the government used whatever power they have to install their agenda - that's something that you have to expect that when the other side gets the power, they'll turn it right around on you."

"Let's say that the politics of Milwaukee, we'd all like to think that on the major social issues of the day, that Milwaukee is one of the more progressive cities. That isn't what is happening in some parts of the country right now. The people that you say hate you - and I have every reason to believe that they do - if they ever gain control of the government and they start funding their agenda..."

"I was as uncomfortable with funding the parade just as much as I was with funding the Women's Council. And I don't think it was a good idea to fund that parade. On the other hand, I think that in terms of Gays and Lesbians in this community and their agenda, having more respectful and effective service from the police, that that is a serious issue that isn't something to look at in the future, it's something that needs to be done right now."

"There is no reason in the world that police ought to be, for example, using of all kinds of overtime and everything else, to raid a bar instead of spending time protecting people who are being harassed or injured or assaulted. That's a serious problem, and I have talked to the Chief about it. The Blue Ribbon Commission looked at it, the Fire and Police Commission is aware of the issue."

"There's a lot of work to be done, and there are other issues where Gays and Lesbians need to be involved... where there are advances that can be made where people can benefit from your involvement in civic affairs. It doesn't always have to be an issue directly affecting the Gay and Lesbian community."

Gail Davey, LAMM member, after agreeing with the mayor and saying Gays and Lesbians are already involved in those other issues, said "The essential difference though, when it comes to A Gay pride celebration - and this is the essential problem we see with the veto message - is that we don't see Gay pride and ourselves as an issue or an agenda, in which there are two sides. We see ourselves as a people. And that's very distinct from an issue oriented demonstration or rally or march. Gay people are NOT an issue, Gay people are a PEOPLE. As a taxpayer, I'm not entirely sure that I want ANY parade funded, to be perfectly honest with you. The important distinction, is the separating out of Gays and Lesbians, as us as a people, and equating us, saying we're an issue. It doesn't matter to me what the mayor has to say about my people, because I'm very secure in my own knowledge and in my own self. I have two daughters, and my veto message had a very strong impact on them. They are being raised in a Lesbian household. We're trying to raise them the best way we can. When the one asked 'why won't they give money to this when they give money to an Irish parade?' I don't know what to respond. Because my daughters have come to understand that Gays and Lesbians are a people, not an issue. I wonder if the mayor of Milwaukee can understand that?"

Cheryl Johnson, member of Lesbians of Color, said "I'd guess I'd like to follow up on what Gail said, to ask: 'What IS our agenda?' and how do you distinguish a Gay and Lesbian agenda from a Black agenda, some Hispanic agenda, because I'm not understanding you. I don't understand where the problem comes in. As far as the \$5,000 for the parade, it's not making us 'more of a people,' that's true. \$5,000 means nothing to me. What means something to me is that you took the time to veto it, that sends a message that is loud and clear, and goes beyond the \$5,000."

Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee President Scott Gunkel: "I think what a lot of people are trying to say

Jeremy: These past two years have been full of the hardest, sweetest, and spiciest times of my life. "To love another person is to see the face of God." Thank you for that vision. Happy Anniversary and love. (P.S. Happy Birthday Too!) Timothy

Brett: I am so glad you came into my life. Here's to the future. Love, Russ

Thanks Everyone: For a great 7 day Anniversary Celebration - it was a blow-out. Judy [Jo'dee's]

Christo: You're not in Kansas anymore. Maybe you should ask the Good Witch what those ruby slippers are really for. Glinda

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Your respectable sister, Wanda

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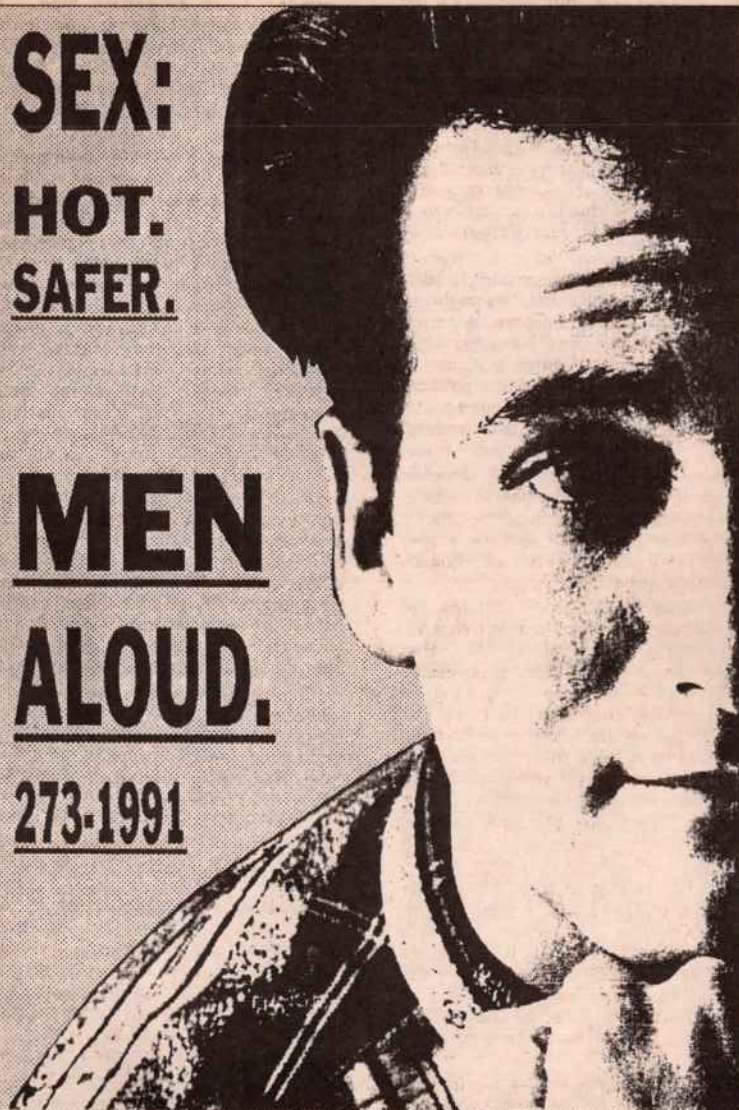
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is the message is that we are not afforded the same opportunities that everyone else is. Whether you agree that the fund should exist, or not, it does exist, and has in the past. Other organizations have been allowed to apply for it. Now, we went and applied for it, at the suggestion or yourself back in '88, went through the procedures, and requested \$8,000. We were not allotted the full \$8,000 but the Festival Funding Board decided that we DID meet the qualifications to get some money, and recommended \$5,000. We then went up against the Economic Development Committee, which we believe for political reasons during an election year, did not support us. We had to use, again, the system of working with the aldermen that re-introduced the funding, took away the political aspect of it, and bring back the fundamental part that we qualify under the funding guidelines. To ask us to meet extra criteria that is not asked to be met by other organizations, is a discriminatory aspect. Since we met all the other qualifications we felt there should be no reason why we did not get what the Festival Funding Board recommended."

Mayor Norquist: "We can set up all kinds of criteria that say do this, don't do this, and everything, but ultimately, it's a judgment call. The legislative body makes a choice, you apply, go through a lot of hoops and ultimately didn't get it. You're not going to get everything you want, you know that. There's no scientific criteria here, what it is is that the community, as expressed by the Council, and myself, makes a decision. If you don't like it, you have all kinds of options. The path for social justice for Gays and Lesbians is one, that I think, isn't going to be just a straight line to everybody feeling the way they ought to feel. You learn from the experiences of what you go through."

Dr. Gary Hollander: "John, I think there's another issue that I would like to point out, and I think that Kitty expressed this very well. We are not a monolithic people. While there are some of us, in this room, who would fight very hard for the Gay Pride Parade, there are other people who really don't care, and there are other people that are neutral. But it was your language that really crystallized it, that now I'M DAMNED INTERESTED in this parade."

Mayor Norquist interrupted, saying, "Gary, I haven't been against the parade. I put out a proclamation every year on it. I think the parade serves a

useful purpose. The question is whether it ought to be publicly funded."

Dr. Hollander: "Hear me out. It wasn't the veto. It was THE LANGUAGE. It's the lost opportunity that you had. You know people in this room, including me. You lost the opportunity to say 'Here's what I'm going to do, I'm going to do it within six hours, here's the language, look it over, help me cut my losses.' You didn't do that and I think it's a significant faux pas."

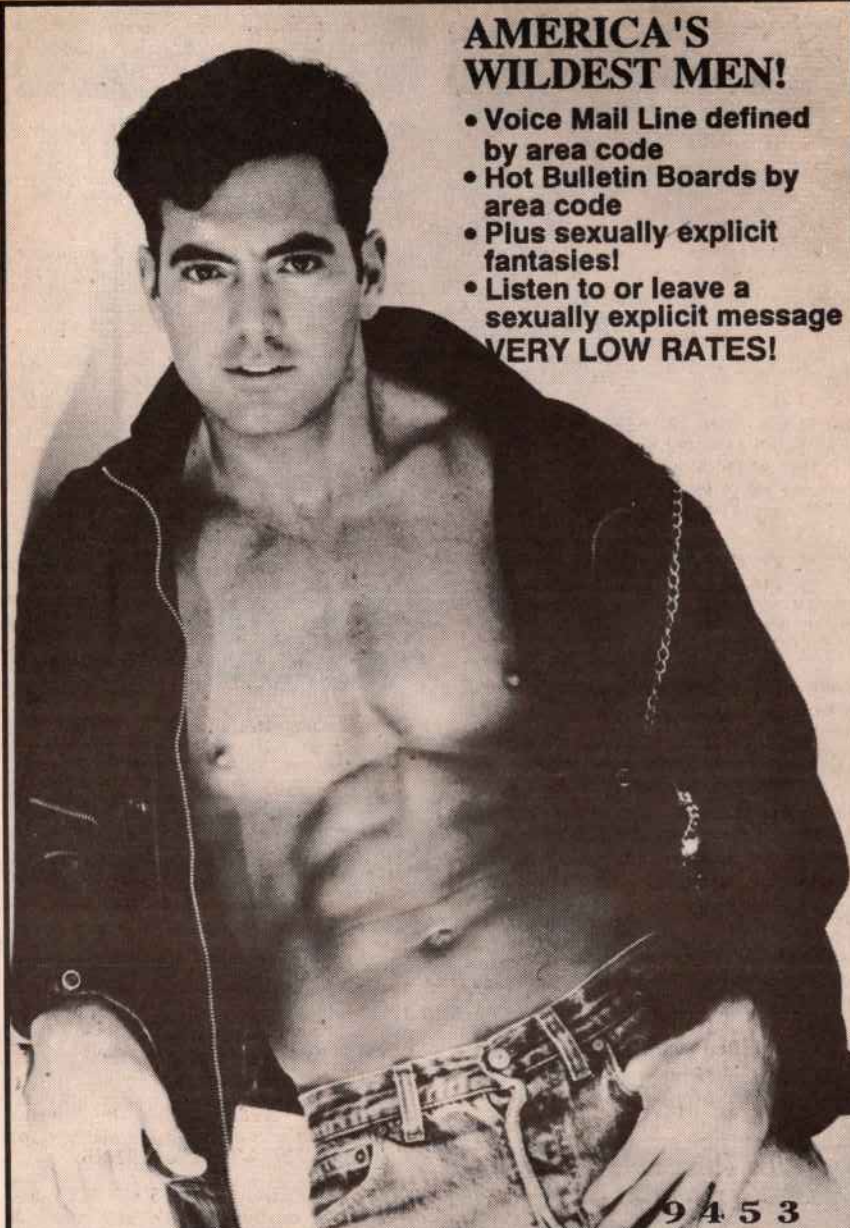
"Let me tell you about two pieces of the language that I think are particularly troubling, and I say this not only as a Gay man, but also as a psychologist. You're talking about the locker room mentality of several police officers. What is that mentality? What's included in it? Well, one of the things included is that the men and women in this room proselytize children; and the other is that we are a monolithic people who choose to be Lesbian and Gay. Your analogy to choice or anti-choice really reinforces that mentality. I think that may have been inadvertent on your part John... but I don't believe that politically, failure to contact us was inadvertent. I believe that was a choice. A lot more than my sexual orientation was a choice!"

Mayor Norquist: "First of all, on the question of consulting, it would have been good to have done that. I would have had a better veto message. In fact, I was uncomfortable with the analogy, and I am more comfortable with what I did on the Governor's Women's Council."

Dr. Hollander: "I think that is a politically appropriate question on your part and on our part. I just wonder why that doesn't happen. When are we going to have that same freedom of access, not necessarily to you, but to the process that other respected members of this community have?"

Mayor Norquist: "I will say there is one thing that you share with all most every other group, and that is any group that has to do with city hall has complaints about access when they're involved. In fact, we've had complaints that we asked for them to be involved too soon, they haven't had a chance to think about it. Communication problems and lack of access are a universal thing almost any group has. There are times, when somehow, magically the stars all come together and we do have strong communications..."

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"I can say, that no question, that what you are talking about is that we probably would have had a better veto message if we had had a better dialogue, or at least a little more understanding. There still would have been disappointment, but communications can be better."

"I also want you to understand, that when I say I'm mayor of all the people, when I go to a meeting on the far south side, and people bring up the issue of race, I am careful to say that 'I am the mayor of ALL people.' And I take that seriously, and that includes even the Christian fundamentalists with their extreme Vic Eliason types and all that. They don't like me particularly, and they certainly don't like you. But, they're citizens of this community, and at some point they have a role."

Tim Baack: "Part of our objective of meeting with you is to talk about what little communications there was in existence has been damaged, and we'd like to try to see if that is repairable and also to establish better communications with your office. In terms of language, I'd just like to add this is NOT an isolated incident. In the choice of words you used, or have not used, in many cases have made our community invisible. You refused to even acknowledge our community in the candlelight vigil. I'm not sure from your response to Gary that you understood what he was trying to say."

Mayor Norquist: "Oh, I understand it, and I've used the words Gay and Lesbian in police academy speeches, but I've also found that if you pander to a crowd, that I don't think that would have been pandering, but it wasn't in my speech. And I didn't pay attention to someone who was yelling in my ear at my side - I don't do that. But I have used Gay and Lesbian in my speeches at the police academy, I've used it in speeches in various parts of the city, and I will certainly take that criticism. When I left that day at Juneau Park, I didn't feel good about it, and I felt bad about it the next day, because I've used the word publicly in various circumstances, where there may not have been very many, or any, Gays and Lesbians in the group."

Karen Gotzler: "Sometimes these very specific events become major because there's not a lot of communication between your office and the Gay/Lesbian community. So, when you are there, all focus is on that one event. Not to beat a

'dead horse' too much more, but with the Pride thing, I hope that you'll consider coming to the Pride Rally this year. And I think that one of the things that will come out of that is that you will see it's really not a political event at all - it's really very much a cultural event. And I think that will help you understand that we're not really a cause, but a celebration of our diversity, who we are, and give people just the fact that you are there, it really is symbolic in nature, the same way that the veto was very symbolic for a lot of us. There are many of us in this room who really could care less about the Pride funding, but it suddenly became very symbolic because it was one of the few times when you've publicly made a statement about Gays and Lesbians and then it was a negative statement, that was perceived by the community at large that way."

"In terms of communications, I think one thing, if you could perhaps attend some events, or just be at places where people will feel like you are supportive, will see you there and feel like they can talk to you."

Cheryl Johnson: "Just to follow up on what Karen said, you said you go over to the south side, and that's probably just like a routine thing for you, and I think that if you ARE my mayor, then come to my events, and you come and talk to me in the place where I am also."


Gotzler: "We see the issue of communications as real key because we see that as a way to move ahead and what's going to happen from here on in. We've talked with... some of the people on your staff... something that we see as real critical that there be, not necessarily a formal way of relationship, but that we all make a commitment and have some specific idea of what's going to happen after we leave here about strengthening that communication. Because, I think - for many of us - I know that some of us here had long lists that we wanted to read of ways where we feel there was a lot of mis-communication. We feel, as a group, as though our issues haven't really gotten to you personally, and have not been discussed by the mayor's staff in general. Comments like 'You people don't vote,' or 'There's no reason to have a meeting with the mayor,' those kind of comments."

Mayor Norquist: "Someone from my office told you that you don't vote? Because that's not true."

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Mayor Norquist: "I'd be glad to meet on a regular basis, I've arranged that with some groups... I wouldn't have a problem with that. David Riemer is as high up in city government as you can get without talking to me. I don't think you could have *contd. on page 22*

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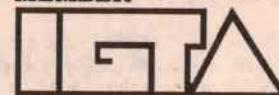
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a better person for a liaison — he has my ear on everything."

David Riemer: "I'd like to continue our meetings — I've sat down with many of the people in this room — and as those meetings go on, in some cases we can spin off discussions with cabinet people, other people. I think that, from time to time, we could bring proposals, or consensus, or issues that are unresolved back to the mayor for this group, or a subset of this group, to talk over with him. But I'd be happy to continue to serve as a kind of facilitator of that process."

The Gays and Lesbians in the room, who had met with Riemer previously, all agreed verbally that would be fine with them. "We'd be glad to have you."

Baack: "What we specifically are hoping for and asking for now is meeting at least monthly with you, David, and to meet with you, mayor, at least quarterly."

Bill Meunier: "John, we'd also like to see you come to a general meeting with the Gay/Lesbian community. It's real important, for both sides, for you to see some other things, hear other things from other people, not just from us, so you can understand where we are coming from. We also think the community will better understand where you are coming from, too."

Stephanie Hume, who spoke in her other role as a member of the Cream City Chorus commented about enjoying the role the Chorus had in singing at the city's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Mayor Norquist: "That was brought to me. (the idea of a Gay chorale group) and I quickly approved that. I think it was a good idea."

Hume then made the point that the mayor needs to understand his role of leadership. "When you can agree to have me sing behind you in support of this tree lighting ceremony, and then veto the Pride Parade, is different. When I sang at Christmas, for the very first time, as a Lesbian... I felt like a member of the Milwaukee community at large. It was a very, very good feeling."

Mayor Norquist: "It was a very good feeling for everybody who was there. The people in the police band knew who you were. Your choir sang beautifully, and the ceremony contributed a lot to the community. Whether you knew it or not,

most of the participants knew who you were, and appreciated you being there. Including the police and the police band. Those kind of things are great opportunities, and it's things like that, those opportunities, that you should look for to happen."

Bill Meunier brought up the issue of Hate Crimes, and related the story of how his lover had been shot near one of the Gay bars in the Third Ward. The Mayor quickly offered to have an assistant get Bill in touch with the district captain to find out what was happening with the case.

Mayor Norquist: "If there is a problem with the delivery of police services in those areas, the way to solve that problem is by meeting with people and bringing the issue forward, repeatedly if necessary, until they are comfortable with it. It's good they treated you with respect, but there may be some things they can do — like better patrolling the area."

Gotzler then asked that the mayor's office can lend some support to working on a hate crimes reporting project.

Hume: "I've been working with Deputy Inspector Koleus from the police department on the hate crimes unit that's going to be incorporated into the restructuring of the police department. One of the things he and I have been talking about, was that they are starting to do this and that. They've been willing to meet with us. We all know that things that come from the mayor's office — whether it's support or direction, or even advice — is very influential and we would ask you to continue to support us. I believe that the reason why, not only because of my involvement in the COP coalition, but also because of your insistence that there was not a problem with an open Lesbian on this committee — but it still continues to be a struggle. In every area we continue to need your leadership to further our goals."

Gunkel: "We need your support in helping to personalize the statistics of hate crimes to the city. The LRN gets reports of hate crimes — if we can relay that information to your office and have some input into the Sensitive Crimes Unit, vis a vis your influence, it would be much appreciated."

Mayor Norquist: "I'll communicate to Koleus again, that I strongly support that."

Wendy Pologie: "I think you need to take a public stand against Gay and

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Mayor Norquist: "Well, one thing you can do is — for police that I think are very sensitive and knowledgeable, like Jim Koleus, you can speak just about any way you want and he'll figure out how to make it work. For those who haven't reached that stage, maybe you can talk about the crime a little differently, you know what I mean. Gays and Lesbians are a valuable part of this community, they have a lot of contributions to make and there's a lot of learning that the community has to do to understand all the different parts of you. I want to help make that happen, and I'll look for opportunities to do it. I appreciate your coming here and I look forward to seeing you again."



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Group Notes

Make a Promise Dinner March 21 to feature Loey Nelson

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The 1992 Make A Promise dinner will be held Saturday evening, March 21, in The Pfister Hotel Grand Ballroom, 424 East Wisconsin Ave. Tickets are available at a cost of \$75 for preferred seating and \$45 for general seating.

Through ARCW's Life Care Services program, sponsorship tickets may be purchased that will enable persons with AIDS/HIV to attend the Make A Promise festivities.

Proceeds from the event, targeted at more than \$40,000, will benefit the comprehensive AIDS care and education services provided by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) through the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP).

Singer/songwriter Loey Nelson, a Milwaukee native and sister of Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, will headline this year's show. Comedienne Jo Ann Dearing, also from Milwaukee, and folk/blues musician Pat McCurdy will share the spotlight. Elegant cocktail and dinner music will be provided by Ariel and Northern Lights Chamber Winds.

The ARCW Make A Promise committee continues to accept the generous donations of quality items to be offered in

the silent auction. "We have gratefully received more than 160 items from individual donors and businesses," said Steve Bahr, volunteer auction coordinator.

In acknowledgment of the imperative need for continued assistance from businesses and individuals in providing support for comprehensive, quality AIDS services, the 1st Annual Sterling Rose Award will be presented to Miller Brewing Company at the Make A Promise dinner. "Miller has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership and meritorious service to the community in response to the AIDS epidemic," said Doug Nelson, ARCW's executive director.

"The annual Make A Promise dinner and silent auction has enthusiastically increased in participation and revenue raised since its inception in 1987, when 250 people attended the festivities," said Tom Boll, who created the concept of Make A Promise. Last year, Make A Promise accepted more than \$29,000 toward AIDS services, a 26 percent increase from 1990.

Loey Nelson will headline the Make A Promise show by offering music with a country, swing, pop, and folk mix. A critically-acclaimed debut album introducing Ms. Nelson's original songs was released in 1990 under the prestigious Warner Bros. label.

"I'm extremely honored to be asked to perform for such a world-felt cause," Nelson said. "You can be sure that I will search my heart for the most sincere

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writer and I, for one, look forward to his next novel.

Search for signs...

REVIEWED BY ELDON E. MURRAY
The Search For Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe

By Jane Wagner
Harper Collins, Publishers
225 pp., paper, illustrated, \$10.95.

Jane Wagner has, once again, written dynamite material for actress Lilly Tomlin. This book is the script for Tomlin's one-woman Broadway play that was the winner of The New York Drama Desk Award, the New York Drama Critics Award, and a Tony for Best Actress. The show was taped for a cable TV special and is available as a home video tape. More recently it was adapted for a movie bearing the same title.

Wagner's script gives Tomlin a wide range of personalities to portray, ranging from Trudy the bag lady to Kate the

wealthy socialite. The lines mix comedy and social comment with biting satire to create an insightful, yet humorous view of modern life. The script moves from character to character with a speed and deftness that only gifted actress like Tomlin could pull off.

The show has hardly started when Trudy the bag lady quips, "After all, when you're pressed for time, infinity may as well not be there." Later, another character, Chrissy, says, "I have gained and lost the same ten pounds so many times over and over again my cellulite must have deja vu."

If you like Tomlin's performances, you will enjoy this book, which, by the way, has 83 photographic illustrations of

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Fag Hag

By Robert Rodi

Dutton, 292 pp., hardcover, \$19.00

In spite of its unprepossessing title, this first novel by Chicagoan Robert Rodi is absolutely delightful and moves at such an exciting pace that the reader will have difficulty putting the book down once started. I finished reading it in one sitting at about 4:30 in the morning. Now what, you may say, could possibly be exciting about the typical fag hag's obsession with a Gay man? Believe it or not, as Mr. Rodi's zany mixed-up story unfolds there is one exciting event after another.

As the story begins Natalie Stathis, the fag hag, sets her strategy to destroy the budding relationship between her Gay friend Peter Leland and his new love interest, Maurice. The mission to oust Maurice is adroitly accomplished in record time and with great ease, since Natalie has removed several men that she saw as competition for Peter's affections from his life in the past. She then persuades Peter to escort her to her brother's wedding and reception at Chicago's Pump Room at the Ambassador Hotel.

At the reception Peter meets a slightly

older man named Lloyd Hood. Natalie, at first, does not see Hood as competition because he is not only beginning to go bald, he does not dress well, and he spouts a far-right philosophy. He runs a local gun shop, which leads both Natalie and Peter to think he is straight. Lloyd turns out to be Gay and Peter falls for him like a ton of bricks.

Natalie soon realizes that her usual sly maneuvers will not work with Lloyd, who steadfastly refuses to be manipulated. Completely frustrated in her attempts to break up the pair using her usual nefarious tactics, Natalie finally rents bugging and listening devices from an unprincipled Gay cop. She met the cop through a black Gay friend who had recently left the cop in tears when they parted.

The action moves from the amusing to the hilarious as the novel progresses and Natalie finally resorts to kidnaping Peter and locking him in a sealed room in her new house. Of course, Lloyd comes charging to the rescue and all ends well.

Although the plot line in this novel is complex, it is very believable and the characters are extremely well-drawn. Mr. Rodi manages to make serious points while making the reader laugh; no small task. He also manages to lampoon the fag hag without ever stooping to bitchery or nastiness. Some of the less than admirable side of Gay life is also shown with a compassion and understanding that is, in itself, admirable. You will enjoy reading this novel. Mr. Rodi is a talented

expression of my commitment to joining others in understanding and ultimately defeating AIDS, a disease that has already taken too many lives."

Jo Ann Dearing has won national acclaim on the stage and television. Her accomplishments include a number of network and cable performances, including appearances on **Hard Knocks**, **The Rich Hall Special**, and her own slot on the Showtime **Comedy Club Network**. She also recently co-starred in the nationally circulated comedy action film, **Suburban Commando**, with Hulk Hogan, Christopher Lloyd, and Shelley Duval.

Pat McCurdy has recorded two albums under the RCA/Millennium label, **Yipes** and **A Bit Irrational** which have sold in excess of 100,000 copies each. The seven time WAMI award winner has opened for the Beach Boys, Cheap Trick, Jefferson Starship, Foreigner, and Joan Jett, among others.

For further information on the 1992 Make A Promise dinner, call the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin 273-1991.

Are you a 'Daddy'?

On April 4th, the **Argonauts of Wisconsin** are holding a **Levi/Leather Daddy Contest** at the 1100 Club (1100 S. 1st St.) in Milwaukee.

The Argonauts are looking for men from throughout Wisconsin, preferably over age 35, who fit the image of the L/L Daddy. Valuable prizes will be awarded to the winners. The entrance fee of five dollars matches the cost of admission.

Parties interested in competing or sponsoring a candidate should call Bob (414) 435-8869 or Joe (414) 342-3674, or write to: Northwoods Prod., P.O. Box 22096, Green Bay, WI 54305.



Make A Promise Dinner entertainers include [top to bottom] — singer Loey Nelson, local musician Pat McCurdy, and comedienne Jo-Ann Dearing.

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Drummer kick-off party

Milwaukee — Z-Hawk Productions will hold the kick-off party for the Mr. Wisconsin Drummer Contest and the Wisconsin Drummer Weekend on Saturday, February 29th, at the Wreck Room, 266 East Erie Street. Special guests for the party include Ms. And Mr. Midwest Leather '92, Pam Meyer and Bryan Smith.

The party begins at 10pm with raffle drawings starting at 10:30. Prize Donors include Rod's and the 3054 of Madison, Miss M's Cafe of Milwaukee, Z-Hawk Productions, and many regional and international leather title-holders. The grand prize for the evening has been provided by the Wreck Room.

In addition to the party and prizes, packages for the Wisconsin Drummer Weekend and advance tickets for the Mr. Wisconsin Drummer Contest will also be available. The Drummer Weekend Contest is scheduled for April 17-19.

For more information on the party, contest or weekend write to Tony Terry,

1402 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204, or telephone (414) 672-9266. Space at the contest is limited so we recommend purchasing tickets and packages in advance.

G/L families, partners

The **Gay and Lesbian Community at UW-Milwaukee [GLC-UWM]** — will be hosting a discussion of Gay and Lesbian families on Thursday, March 5. Societal views of what constitutes a family (marriage) will be examined by Stacey Oliker Ph.D.

Two Milwaukee area lawyers, Steve Byers and Deb Procknow, will discuss ways to legally protect partners and why this type of protection is necessary.

The Forum is free and open to the public. Comments and questions are welcome. The discussion will be held in E240 of the UW-Milwaukee Student Union at 7:30pm. For more information call the GLC office at 229-6555.

Jock Shorts

MILMAIDS VII, April 25

Madison will be the site of MILMAIDS VII (Milwaukee-Madison against AIDS) a Nine Pin tap bowling tournament. On Saturday, April 25, bowlers will converge on the Sun Prairie Lanes, 430 Clamar Drive, Sun Prairie, to raise money for the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN).

MILMAIDS switches yearly between hosts Madison & Milwaukee, with MASN getting proceeds one year & the Milwaukee AIDS Project the beneficiary the next.

This year's tournament will once again feature split shifts to accommodate up to 320 bowlers. Cost is \$25 which includes Bowling, Buffet, T-shirt, Prizes and a Donation to MASN. Cash and prizes are currently being solicited from the business community. Deadline for registration is April 11.

The awards ceremony will take place at the Club 3054, 3054 E. Washington, Madison. Guests and significant others may attend the awards banquet for a \$5 donation.

This is a singles handicap tournament. Five bowlers will be assigned to each lane. Bowlers must specify which shift (AM/PM) they wish to bowl in.

- 1st Shift, Registration, 9am
Bowling, 10am
- 2nd Shift, Registration, 12 noon
Bowling, 1pm

For more information, call Joe Feigley at (608) 271-8889.

Beginner's volleyball

All members of the greater Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community are welcome to attend 'beginner's volleyball' at UWM's Engelmann Gym starting at 8:30pm on Wednesday, March 10.

Although GAMMA's regular social volleyball will continue on one court that

evening, a special court will be reserved for those who are either new to the game or less serious about all the fine points of the rules. Patient instructors will be available. Bring your sneaks and shorts; showers and lockers are available in the basement. Engelmann Gym is located at 2033 E. Hartford Avenue, across from Columbia Hospital's emergency entrance. Cost is two bucks!

Beginner's volleyball will be a once-a-month GAMMA activity — usually scheduled on the second Wednesday evening of each month. The March kick off is GAMMA's 'showcase event of the month' designed to introduce more people to the varied schedule of outdoor, social and sports activities that are planned by GAMMA. For more information call 963-9833.

Duck Pin bowling benefit

Milwaukee — The Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) has announced a Duck Pin Bowling Fundraiser for Saturday, Feb. 29. Try a different style of bowling, win prizes, and help raise money for this year's HIT tournament. \$15 includes bowling and an awards ceremony at the Ballgame; 3 shifts — 20 bowlers per shift. KOZ's Mini Bowl, 2078 S. 7th St. (at Beecher).

For ticket and time information, contact any HIT Director or Tim McCall at 223-3139 ASAP. Tickets are going fast. ▽

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

Did you know...

Did you know... that Cracker Barrel is Mel Gibson's favorite restaurant, Jesse Helms his favorite Senator and Donna Summer his favorite disco singer, but that he strongly denies that Fruit Loops is his favorite breakfast cereal.

Did You Know... that according to exit polls taken at the New Hampshire Presidential Primary, 37% of all hair stylists voted for Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton because he has a dreamy face and the nicest hair?

Did you know... that Barbara Streisand's fingernails are so long she was originally cast as "Nightmare on Elm Street" slasher, Freddy Krueger, but lost the job after a disastrous screen test in which she shredded a camera man and two gaffers merely by waving hello? Fortunately, she was able to land a job at Nabisco making Shredded Wheat until her career finally took off.

Did you know... that due to possible punctures, tears and subsequent condom failure, the Surgeon General has recommended that people with braces should refrain from dramatics during sex and avoid putting on their partner's rubber using only their teeth? It is also recommended that you not put on a condom using a pliers, your undeclawed cat or with the assistance of Barbara Streisand.

Did you know... that while sociologists agree strange behavior is often exhibited by people during a full moon, even queerer things have been known to happen at late night drag shows when the participants have had too much to drink?

Did you know... that the United States Government will now consider you to be a 'slut' when you realize you've slept with virtually every man in the bar, can't remember their names, but do recall how

big they were and how you'd rate their performance on a scale of 1 to 10? Did you further know that President Bush plans to tax these cheap encounters in order to help pull the US out of the recession and help his re-election bid?

Did you know... that 15% of Olympic figure skaters accidentally circumcise themselves after missing a triple axel jump and landing on their skates and that 7% later join the Ice Capades as permanent sopranos?

Did you know... that studies indicate the more time and effort spent, attempting 'absolute butchness' and suppressing your true self, the more obvious it will be to everyone what a big, nellie flamer you actually are, especially after forgetting to change into your cowboy boots and hitting the leather bars wearing high heels.

Did you know... that a Florida man successfully sued Mr. Goodwrench for \$100,000, claiming that he attempted to bring the man to orgasm using a ratchet set, a variable speed drill and a can of 10W-30 motor oil?

Did you know... according to a recent survey of Gay and Lesbian relationships, 18% of Gay men consider a relationship to be 'officially' over within 15 minutes after having sex with their partner for the first time, while most Lesbians at least wait until the morning to break up?

Did you know... that the preceding column was written immediately following excessive sniffing of typewriter white-out by W.W. Wells III.

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Show salutes Black History month

Milwaukee — Dominique Mahon and Rufus proudly present 'A Salute To Black History's Legendary Giants' in a benefit show for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. The show is scheduled for Thursday, March 5 at Club 219 Plus. Showtime is promptly at 11pm.

The show, in commemoration of Black History Month, will feature: Miss Gay WI. Kellie Green; Rufus and the Singing Machine; Miss Gay Milwaukee Duwanna Moore; Sydney Johnson; Kirk Wolf; Tai Young Simone; Basia Bazzar; Pop Bobby; and the ebony goddess herself, Dominique Mahon.

Tickets are available in advance for \$3, or at the door for \$5. A table of four is available for \$25. See Dominique at 219 for more information or tickets.

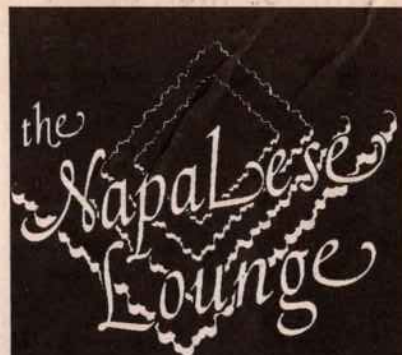
Group for G/L couples

Milwaukee — An organization for Gay/Lesbian Couples is now forming. This will be a social organization for male and female couples throughout Wisconsin.

The organization will sponsor social events and activities. Organizing members range in age from their early 20's to mid 40's. Older or younger couples are certainly encouraged to get involved. Organizing members range in occupation from college students to physicians and other professionals. Some of our members have been together for as long as 15 years and other for less than 6 months.

We feel that this organization will be a valuable resource to a segment of our community that has been mostly ignored. We hope to not only serve the community as a social organization but also as a model and resource for Gay/Lesbian people.

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event for March. This event will be a wine tasting party. Interested individuals or questions can be directed to: P.O. Box 21651, Milwaukee 53221 or call John at (414) 425-9778.

Gay retirement center

Palm Springs, CA — Stewart McCloud, 43, of Palm Springs has just created the first openly Gay retirement and relocation service in the Southwest. McCloud, an attorney and an independent private consultant claims that his service, named TLC Services, is the first such Gay enterprise in the West, if not in the entire United States.

McCloud said: "With the graying of Gay America there is a real need for this service for all Gays, especially in the Sunbelt. Many of us 'baby boomers' are now confronting middle-age and have given little thought to our own 'golden years.' Palm Springs, now a major international Gay tourist destination, is also quickly becoming the new Gay retirement capital of North America. With its mild climate; friendly, tolerant atmosphere; warm sunshine; low crime; and small town atmosphere amid international resorts, Palm Springs is a winner!" McCloud also told us that the area's increasingly a haven for Gays in their 30's, 40's, and 50's, fleeing major cities and cashing-out for new, renewed, or even alternative careers — continuing to work in new ways.

For further information, either visitor information or relocation information — free — and a free copy of their very amusing **Tales From Palm Springs** contact Stewart McCloud directly at: TLC Services, Post Office Box 3337, Palm Springs, CA 92263 or call (619) 343-1220.

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Publications for parents/friends of Gay youth

Washington, DC, [PFLAG] — Four important new P-FLAG publications for families and friends of Lesbians, Gay men, and Bisexuals have been published by Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays Federation. All were developed during the first year of Tom Sauerman's tenure as Executive Director.

"These new booklets serve the purposes of education and advocacy," said Sauerman. "They are concise, attractive resources for families first coming to terms with a loved one's sexuality and uniquely valuable tools for educating others about our issues."

Supporting Our Gay Loved Ones: a Parents FLAG Perspective is a reproduction of the paper presented by National President Paulette Goodman to the American Psychiatric Association in May of 1991. The booklet discusses the common issues that affect Gay people and their families and the coming-out process for parents. The author describes the history, objectives, and purposes of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Three issue papers written by noted sexuality educator Ann Thompson Cook for the Parents FLAG Respect All Youth project provide the latest information and most compelling arguments for recognizing the special needs of Lesbian and Gay youth and providing them with a safe and nurturing environment.

Issue Paper 1: **Who is Killing Whom?** explains why sexual orientation is the primary motivation for 30% of all adolescents who succeed in taking their own lives. This paper challenges the

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suffers from severe mental illness. Yet under our ludicrous system, we have a trial to determine his sanity!

There should be no difference between legal and mental insanity. If someone is severely mentally ill, why spend time, money and the efforts of overburdened courts to determine if they are legally insane? It's absurd!

Yet that's our current system. The ultimate proof of how unworkable it is comes from the Dahmer jury's verdict which found Jeffrey Dahmer sane. A man who killed, took showers with dead bodies, had sex with them, ate their body parts and then kept his victim's skulls in his apartment is sane! A pathetic, lonely, totally isolated, yet highly intelligent 31 year old, who behaved like a monster is sane!

When a jury in this country in 1992 can find that man sane, have we come very far from calling the mentally ill witches and burning them at the state?! Or from expecting them to be zombies, frothing at the mouth?

When a jury can deliberate only 5 hours after 3 weeks of complicated psychiatric testimony on 15 counts of murder, can we really let this stupid system of legal insanity verses obvious mental disease continue?

Jeffrey Dahmer's actions were horrendous and his crimes were heinous. So were Gacy's, DeSalvo's, Bundy's and the countless others who preceded Dahmer. But do we have the slightest inkling of how they became that way? Do we have any idea, whatsoever, about what produces a serial killer? or how they can be treated or what can be done to prevent human beings from turning out this way? Has our society benefited one iota from punishing them?

No, we have not. Nor will we make any progress in treating or studying the Dahmer's or Bundy's until we make a commitment to treat and study the petty criminals - the young teen-agers who enter our jails and reform schools and emerge hardened criminals.

We won't be able to benefit from the opportunity to study a Jeffrey Dahmer

until we decide that we are truly a modern compassionate society which believes in rehabilitation, not retribution!

We didn't do that in any of them major cases involving serial killers. The state of Florida executed Ted Bundy. The County of Milwaukee for all its self-congratulations allowed the Dahmer case to become a circus. A circus where people cheered when the verdict was delivered. A media side show where political protests from the victim's families were given major coverage. A sporting event, not unlike a bull fight, where blood and gore so dominated the discourse that immediate, unprejudiced psychiatric analysis was never considered. By the time the psychiatrists finished being advocates Jeffrey Dahmer was so influenced that we will never be able to obtain his pure, impartial personal testimony.

So in this atmosphere strangely similar to what occurred in the Coliseum under the Roman Empire, a conservative, basically working class Milwaukee jury found Jeffrey Dahmer sane. Can we really be surprised? Or, should we be grateful that his victims weren't straight or Caucasian or women. Because if this kind of a side show can occur when one kills society's outcasts, imagine what would have ensued if these had been people society valued!

So, let's not continue to congratulate ourselves about how well we handled the Dahmer case. Instead let's be honest and hang our heads in shame.

Then, let's learn from this case and decide what kind of criminal justice system we want, what kind of society we truly are. If we are a vengeful one, let's face it and stop pretending.

Finally, let's take a moment to feel sorry for Jeffrey Dahmer - for all the Jeffrey Dahmer's. A bright, likable young man whose entire life has been a waste. A victim who can not really be studied or treated under our current system. Whether we chose to face it or not, Dahmer's life, his case and his verdict diminishes each and everyone of us.



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reader to become part of the solution by 1) helping to cultivate an affirming environment for Lesbian and Gay youth; and 2) assisting these youth to actively develop coping skills to handle the painful, rejection of bigotry and discrimination.

Issue Paper 2: **You Can Help** presents an overview of the social context Lesbian and Gay youth experience as they grow up. This piece provides the reader with a sense of the loneliness and isolation experienced by these adolescents attempting to reconcile their sexual identity to society's norms.

Issue Paper 3: **Youth and Homosexuality** discusses the distinct issues of sexual identity, orientation, and behavior and the implications of sexual diversity throughout childhood. The paper makes recommendations for fundamental changes in the way institutions care for, educate, and serve youth in order to prevent serious physical and mental health consequences.

The Respect All Youth materials have

been widely acclaimed by mental health workers, educators, and religious readers and have received an award from Strathmore Graphics Gallery for "Harmony Between Design, Paper, and Production Quality." Credit for this honor goes to Marty Anderson, designer, and Ann Thompson Cook, project author.

Readers who wish to order a set of all four papers may do so by sending \$5 to Parents FLAG, Department RAY1, Post Office Box 27605, Washington, DC 20038.



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Reflections from the Joan Zone by Joan Lawrence

The Dahmer case

The Dahmer trial has ended. The verdict has been returned and Jeffrey Dahmer has received the maximum sentence. Judge Laurence Gram has lauded the jury for their "contribution to the justice system."

Now we are supposed to forget this case — to put it behind us. Dahmer will spend the rest of his life in prison. The victims' families will try to heal and go on with their lives. Milwaukee, the nation, the Afro-American and Gay/Lesbian communities have survived the tragedy.

It's all so easy — so neat. After all, Jeffrey Dahmer is a murderer, a con man, a misfit. It's unfortunate that this happened but we (society at large) have handled it as well as can be expected.

Bull! We as a society have not begun to handle the Jeffrey Dahmers. We have not begun to handle serial killers, murderers, or for that matter any criminal — young or old. Our legal system is a joke. Our prison system is even worse.

Why? Because this society can not decide what it wants to believe or what we would like to stand for.

Are we a modern Judeo-Christian culture which believes in forgiveness, redemption and rehabilitation? Or are we a barbaric culture which embraces

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these companies weren't named, District Attorney E. Michael McCann said "we do not wish to injure good institutions."

Obviously, our 'institutions' don't count. We didn't want to be associated with it either.

punishment — an eye for an eye and extracting the last possible pound of flesh? We seem to attempt to be both, yet they are so contradictory, we aren't successful at either!

These same contradictions exist in our system when we attempt to deal with mental illness. We can't seem to decide what constitutes legal insanity because it is absurd that we have both a medical and legal definition.

The ultimate proof of how inane this system is, is demonstrated by the Jeffrey Dahmer case. It is clear that Dahmer

LIFE IS A DRAG

by ROBERT D. ARNOLD

"So she's wearing her tight spandex, bending over a cabinet and I say "What a Shot" and she says "Can't you handle it?" And I say, "I wasn't thinking of handling it I was thinking of shooting it..."

time to time, involved himself in homosexual activities and it was never a problem. A situation he could walk away from and remain — in effect — anonymous. But once he brought someone to his home, he could no longer remain anonymous. And therefore, he was caught. One way to avoid that was he had to destroy the evidence — viciously destroy the evidence."

That evidence was a human being.

In my opinion, what the judge and the doctor said helped to indict society for its incessant homophobia.

A homophobic society calls us evil, condemns us, and continues to refuse us our equal rights. We hear the taunting and joking from little on up. We feel the physical assaults, we bear the degradation of being called 'fag' 'dyke' or 'sissie'. Our Gay/Lesbian youth make up an estimated 30% of teen suicides.

Does anyone really wonder why there should be self-loathing homosexuals? Thank God the vast majority of us came to terms with our homosexuality — some of us even come to embrace it. Most of us become peaceful, loving people. Frankly, it's a wonder there aren't been more Dahmer's out there.

I hope the authorities and professionals use his time in prison to study Jeffrey. Perhaps they can learn from him the keys to help heal or prevent such bizarre behavior. I'm not sure whether I believe Dahmer when he says he "didn't hate anybody" and his acts weren't hate crimes. Perhaps the truth will come out when Dahmer is studied by more experts.

Homophobia, and racism are also at the root, I believe, in the case of the police officers who reunited Dahmer and Sinthasomphone.

It was a 'guy-guy thing,' the officers explained to concerned black neighbors who reported a young, Asian male running naked down the alley. Sinthasomphone was Dahmer's boyfriend, and thus everything was okay.

Wisconsin has a domestic violence law that requires intervention in such domestic disputes. Police are required to arrest one of those involved if they fear

violence did, or could occur. The law isn't just for male/female couples. It is supposed to cover all domestic living arrangements.

I don't buy the idea they were trying to 'cut the guys some slack.' If Dahmer had been black and Sinthasomphone had been a white girl, would they have performed their duties in the same way? What about if the questioning neighbors were white and Dahmer had been black? Do you think the white officers would have, at least, run a records check on Dahmer in that instance?

If nothing else, this case should help expedite much needed, and long delayed implementation of significant changes in how our police are trained. The mayor needs to lead on this, and the chief of police and the Fire and Police Commission have to stop dragging their feet in bureaucratic red tape and implement bold, wide ranging, intensive sensitivity and cultural diversity training... and do it now! Not just for the cadets — the jaded old-timers need it too!

This community has waited patiently for these changes for too long. Internal changes have already occurred in the police department, and officers do get some diversity training — however, the changes so far have not been enough.

One thing that kept coming up in Dahmer's trial that showed blatant insensitivity and discrimination was the repeated naming of the Gay bars Dahmer used to haunt. Neither the defense or prosecution hesitated to repeatedly name 'the 219 Club,' La Cage, or the Phoenix. The attorneys didn't care that these businesses' reputations suffered and staffs cringed in fear of repercussions every time their club was mentioned.

Yet, Ambrosia was referred to as 'the west side chocolate company.' The place Dahmer bought his body parts disposal barrel was called 'a south side barrel company.' The two drugstores where Dahmer bought his halcion (called 'a sleeping medication') were referred to as 'a south side pharmacy,' and 'a downtown/Marquette area pharmacy.'

When queried by the press as to why

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Letters

Tired of infighting

Enough is enough, already!

I am tired, frustrated and angry over the recent developments within the MLGPC. Angry enough to write this letter, hoping that members of Milwaukee's Gay community will not lose faith or sight of what was once an organization founded for the people, and to be inclusionary of all individuals without the discriminatory actions so readily thrown at us by society as a whole.

It seems that there is now a corruptive essence permeating through the ranks of MLGPC. Its president, Scott Gunkel, appears to have lost sight of what his office is meant to be, and has started to use his appointed title as a means to achieve his own personal agendas and political goals under the auspices of MLGPC actions and business.

I was a witness to Mr. Gunkel's comments at January's MLGPC meeting where he stated that HE would be the one to determine how the by-laws would be interpreted and not the committee. In a discussion whereby he was asked to accept mediation on behalf of another individual who is up for removal from the committee, he would not offer a single word in response. And now, a petition is being circulated to garner signatures where Mr. Gunkel is employed, to further Mr. Gunkel's private vendetta against this person? And these petitions are being returned to Mr. Gunkel at his request?! Grow up, Scott! How many more signatures are you going to solicit for, how many more people will you offend?

It is my understanding that MLGPC is to include all aspects of the Gay community: from leather men to drag queens, separatists to meat-eating women, so on and so forth. It is a sad state of affairs when MLGPC's president is incapable of accepting another human being based on appearance, and seems to be using that as a basis for removal from office.

To be fair, a letter of complaint was received by the MLGPC, which was drafted on behalf of LAMM by Kitty Barber, regarding an MLGPC officer. My question is why has this complaint NOT been made public to all members of

MLGPC (as opposed to only a select few?) and why has LAMM/Barber chosen to not address the committee in person and giving the 'accused' the opportunity to face the accuser(s)? It seems that sending a letter is a cowardly way to deal with a complaint of this supposed magnitude, as opposed to requesting to address the committee personally at an organizational meeting.

I, for one, am disgusted by the tactics being used and I do not wish to see other organizations dictate who can and cannot hold office within the ranks of MLGPC. Physical appearance has absolutely NOTHING to do with one's competency to hold office, nor does it diminish drive, initiative and determination. Nor should someone's appearance be held up for reproach and discussion on the possibility of further acts of violence against the Gay community. If he chooses to differ in that belief, I would like Mr. Gunkel's personal assurance that I (or any other Gay person) will NOT become a victim of anti-Gay violence should appearances change.

The committee's focus should be on the upcoming parade and rally. The date is little more than 100 days away. Instead, the in-fighting and childish antics of some MLGPC members threatens MLGPC's continued existence. And Scott Gunkel's continued push for another officer's removal from the board suggests, quite simply, that perhaps he is incapable of keeping his personality conflicts and other conflicts of interest (notably his involvement within other organizations whose agendas are not in alignment with MLGPC), separate from his duties as MLGPC president. Perhaps Mr. Gunkel should re-evaluate his own reasons for serving on the MLGPC board and stop using it as his own stepping stone to further his personal views and political agendas.

—Cynthia Lampman
MLGPC's 1991 logo artist
& Grand Marshal

show host went so far as to say Dahmer was an "obvious extension of the homosexual lifestyle."

Hate crimes increased. Passing motorists shouted verbal abuse to those in the Gay bar district — "Die fagots!" "Too bad Dahmer got caught!" "Let Dahmer kill more black fags!" The 200 block of South 2nd Street became a tourist zone as cars drove slowly by, pointing out the bars featured in the nightly news as Dahmer's 'feeding grounds.'

Media from around the world sent photographers and video crews out for footage and interviews. Suddenly, everybody knew Dahmer and wanted to get on TV or quoted in a story.

Eventually, things went back to near normal. Then, in mid-January, it started in again as the media rolled into town in preparation for Dahmer's trial. The Gay/Lesbian community braced itself for another on-slaught of hate and misinformation. Surprisingly, that didn't happen.

The 'Gay issue' was really a non-issue in the trial. That fact was stressed early in

the trial — by both the prosecution and the defense attorneys. What Dahmer did for his sexual gratification wasn't a Gay act — it was a deviant act — a paraphilia to use the professional term.

Dahmer did, according to testimony, have some basic, 'vanilla' Gay sex. What Dahmer enjoyed the most were the deviant sexual acts. He preferred drugging and having sex with a comatose, or dead victim — circumstances where he could be in total control. You've heard the grisly details of his sexual escapades, and they do not bear repetition here.

One expert witness was Dr. George Palermo, and he was the first expert whose testimony really rang a bell for me. "I believe Jeffrey Dahmer killed his victims because he hated his homosexuality." The good doctor felt Dahmer killed the sources of his homosexual desires.

When handing down Dahmer's sentence, Judge Gram said something similar. "I believe what we had was a homosexual who could not accept the fact that he was a homosexual. That he, from

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Publisher's Comment

by Ron Geiman

Dahmer faces nearly 1,000 years

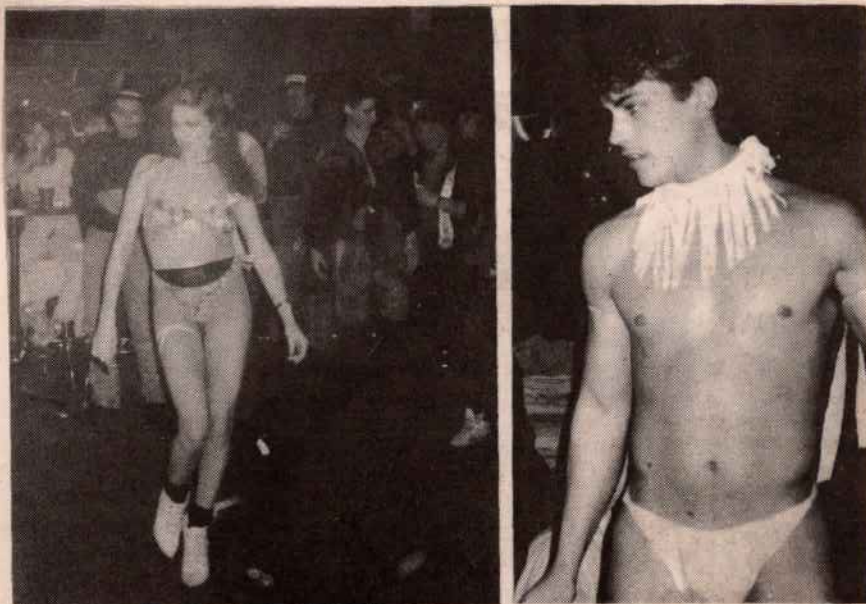
Nearly seven months after Jeffrey L. Dahmer confessed to the heinous murders of 17 boys and young men, he was found sane and sentenced to 15 consecutive life terms in prison. Charges of habitual criminality and jail time he must now serve due to revocation of his probation on an earlier count added to his sentence to bring the total up to 937 years before he could be paroled.

I've heard some say "Well, we can put it all behind us now" but that is not true. There are still the civil cases filed by several of the victim's families, and of course the appeal of the two police officers that were fired over the Konerak Sinthasomphone incident. Those could dredge up all the horrors and ill will yet again.

The jury verdict of 'sane,' (at least under Wisconsin law) was most appropriate and Judge Laurence Gram imposed the strictest possible sentence. There would have been hell to pay in this city if Dahmer had been found not guilty by reason of mental defect, or if Gram had imposed a less strict sentence.

The minority community — besieged by poverty, unemployment, and drug induced violence — now at least knows the criminal justice system in Milwaukee still works for them. Just because Dahmer, all the legal staff on both sides, the jury and the experts were nearly all white — didn't mean the system couldn't bring justice.

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community reeled under the impact of the Dahmer case when it broke. Early mainstream news coverage called Dahmer a "Gay misfit" and his killing style "Homosexual overkill." One radio talk



Grant Dixon's male and female strippers entertained the crowd for Valentine's Day at Madison's Club 3054. Some of the pictures were NOT 'G' [much less 'R'] rated.

On the veto...

[Editor's Note: A copy of the following letter to Mayor John Norquist was provided to In Step for publication by the writer.]

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am intensely angry over your veto of the Milwaukee Common Council vote to provide funding through the City Festival Board for the Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration. Gays and Lesbians are not an advocacy group, nor are we a political opinion, nor do we seek special privileges. We deserve the right to celebrate our lives, our culture, and our family as much as the Germans, the Poles, the Irish, and all the other groups in Milwaukee that are approved funds for their wonderful festivals.

Gays and Lesbians also pay taxes and we have the right to demand an equal disposition of the funds back into our community as does any other community.

Democrats cannot expect to get elected with our votes, and then throw us away when it becomes politically expedient to do so, and then not expect an angry response from us. This act was a blatantly cowardly move which placated the most bigoted elements of our society.

However, I want to commend those 10 members of the Common Council who saw the value of bringing the Gay and Lesbian Community into the life of the city of Milwaukee and understood the justice behind such a vote. There are people who do not allow ignorance and bigotry to hold sway over what is right.

—Sincerely,
David Maul, San Francisco

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Closed doors

Another closed door meeting. More empty promises. Have we learned nothing? The Mayor promised to "publicly speak out" against Queerbashing "at the first good opportunity." The Mayor has made many public speeches since that promise and has yet to even hint that there are Lesbians & Gays in the City of Milwaukee, let alone that we have serious problems that have not even begun to be addressed. When will a 'good opportunity' arise? When he finally speaks to us? We already know about Queerbashing. The Mayor has the power to educate the rest of the city. When will he use it?

I have a hard time believing that the Mayor would agree to keep any promise involving an open meeting with the Lesbian & Gay Community and apparently so do the so-called leaders who organized this closed-door meeting with the Mayor — otherwise the meeting would have been more open to divergent points of view. Why were Queer Nation Milwaukee and ACT UP Milwaukee specifically excluded? Perhaps these so-called leaders were too embarrassed to let the Mayor know that there are people within the Lesbian & Gay Community who are more than just miffed with his cavalier dismissal of our rights and our citizenship.

I have been told that it is 'inappropriate' to let our elected officials know when we are angry with them. If we are to be afraid to voice our anger with the Mayor for fear of reprisals, then what separates our government from that of the now-defunct Soviet Union? Democracy works, not because of the 'lese majeste' of our officials, but because we, as citizens, demand our rights. A veto by any other wording would still smell of discrimination.

Our community needs real change. We've had closed-door meetings and all the broken promises that came with them. For me to believe any promise the Mayor makes to our community, I will need to see him address our needs in front of the 'straight' press with the entire City of Milwaukee watching — not behind locked doors with a select few people who are predisposed to believe him.

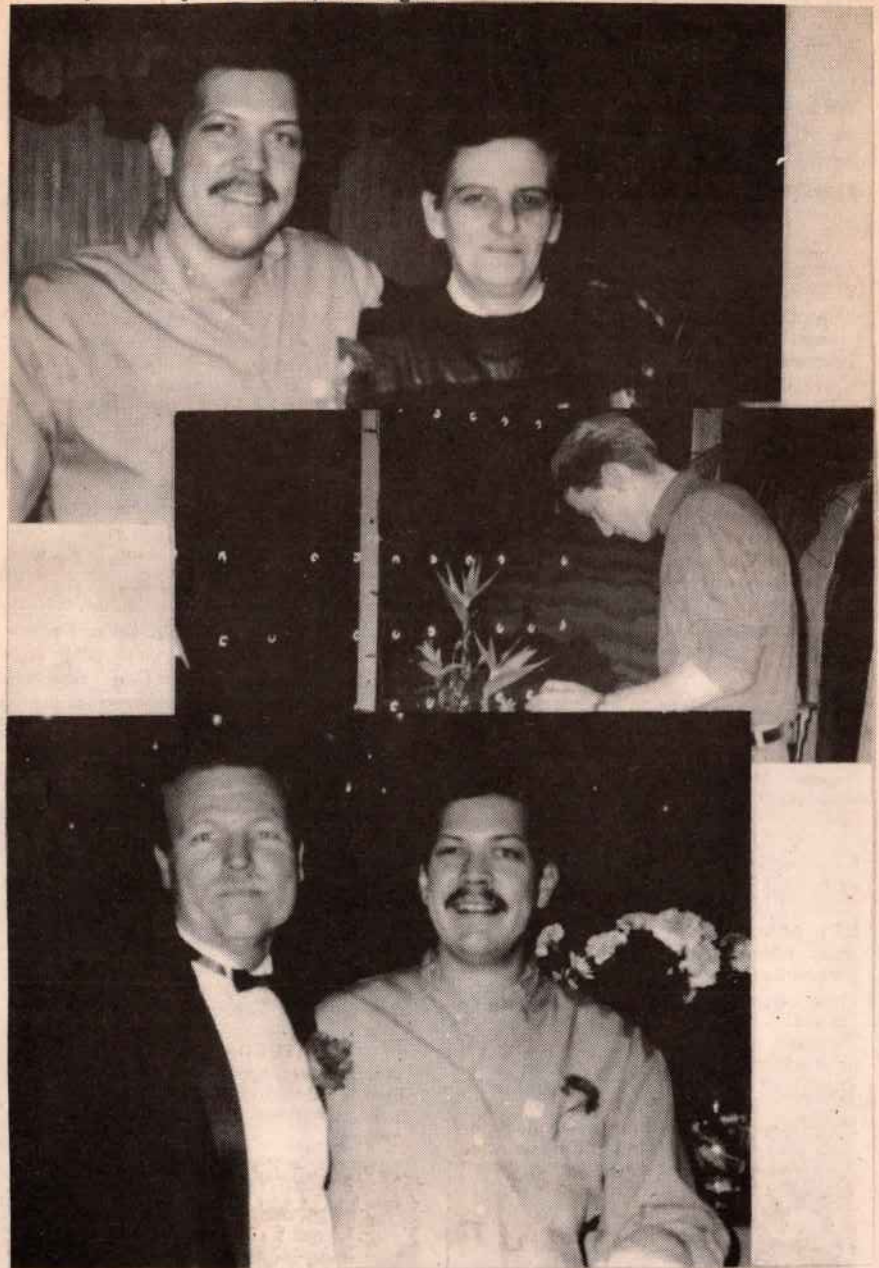
—Timothy S. Grair
Milwaukee

There is an individual in this community who is being asked to remove himself from the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) because of the way he looks. Incidentally, this individual's appearance is part of his sexual orientation — not all of us can pass for straight without denying something basic to our self-identity. There are people within our community who say he cannot represent us because he presents a negative stereotype to straight Milwaukee. He is not a stereotype, he is a human being and should be treated as such. He is also a hard worker and, if allowed to continue on the MLGPC, will contribute much to this year's celebration. He is not getting paid for this work and, judging by the empty positions on the MLGPC board, volunteers are not easily found.

More to the point, why is this individual's appearance important? Do we really want straight acting, straight appearing people to represent us all of the time? It seems as if those who can pass for straight are concerned that they may have to wait along with the rest of our community until we all get the rights and respect that are our due. As someone who has a personal interest in obtaining these rights (specifically the right to marriage) I know first hand all of the traps and pitfalls on the road to obtaining these rights. However if, after nearly seven years together, we finally are allowed a legal marriage but cannot share that right with our entire community then that marriage is a sham.

If we expect to be treated equally in this society, then we must practice equality in our own community. Society does not consider us equal and to accept its standards is to agree. We need to renew ourselves in the spirit of Stonewall. We need to stand up for each other instead of attacking ourselves. Until we can work together despite apparent differences we will never move forward. The Power of Pride is not in our singularity. The Power of Pride is in our diversity.

—Peace,
Christopher Lubus



Judy, top right, staff and friends celebrated Jo'Dee's International during their week-long 19th anniversary celebration.

M&M Club: Larry King & Terry, live, 8pm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Rod's [Madison]: Mardi Gras Tuesday 'Gayla' celebration at 10pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, "Looking for Langston," memorial tribute to Langston Hughes, African American Gay poet.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Club 219 Plus: Rufus & Dominique present "A Salute to Black History's Legendary Giants" in a benefit show for MAP. Tickets \$3 advance, \$5 at the door; or table of 4 for \$25. 11pm sharp!

GLC-UWM: Gay & Lesbian community at UW Milwaukee hosts a discussion on Gay & Lesbian families & protecting partners. A doctor & two lawyers will discuss views. UW Milw. Student Union, Room E240, 7:30pm.

Partners: Swimsuit Contest, 10:30pm, \$200 in cash & bar tabs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Healing & Reconciliation Service: Sponsored by Dignity Milwaukee. 7pm, 709 E. Juneau, Apt. 611, potluck supper. For more info call 273-7501 or 873-1849.

Milw. Gay & Lesbian Film & Video Festival: Films at 7:30 & 9:30pm Union Cinema. See Film Festival centerfold for schedule.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: C.C. Rae, Jeff Jennings, Zoomie, Stephanie & Mark Yonan: 10pm showtime.

BJ's Mint: BJ's Party Night, \$1 rail shots, food, prizes — including a stay at the Holiday Inn, 9pm-close!

Milw. Gay & Lesbian Film & Video Festival: Films at 7:30 & 9:30 Union Cinema. See centerfold Film Festival Schedule for details.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Milw. Gay & Lesbian Film Festival: Films at 6 & 7:30pm, at Union Cinema. See

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centerfold Film Festival Schedule for details.

2nd Annual Mr. & Miss Black Gay Wisconsin Pageant: Cocktails & hors d'ouvres 6pm, showtime 7pm. War Memorial (750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive). Tickets \$10 advance, \$15 door.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Rod's [Madison]: 69 Party, 69th day of year with 69 cent drink specials.

Reception: Honoring Charles Kahn, candidate for Milw. Co. Circuit Court Judge, M&M's Banquet Room, 124 N. Water Street, 5-7pm. All are welcome. For more info call Frank at 271-5246.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Milw. Gay & Lesbian Film & Video Festival: Films at 7:30pm, Fine Arts Theatre, see centerfold Film Festival Schedule for details.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Milw. Gay & Lesbian Film & Video Festival: Films at 7:30pm, Fine Arts Theatre. See centerfold Film Festival Schedule for details.

Beginners Volleyball: UWM's Engelman Gym starts at 8:30pm. Cost is \$2, sponsored by GAMMA. Call 963-9833 for more info.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 10pm-1am.

Milw. Gay & Lesbian Film & Video Festival: Films at 7:30pm, Fine Arts Theatre. See centerfold Film Festival Schedule for details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Pivot Club [Appleton]: The return engagement of Comedian Holly Faris, live! 10:45pm, \$2 cover.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Wreck Room: Oberons host a green beer bust, 10pm-on. \$5 for the evening. Celebrate the wearin' & drinkin' of the green.

Mardi Gras Ball
at "The Domes"
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Sunday, March 1st

Flicks

Gay & Lesbian Film & Video Festival March 6-12

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY MARCH 6, 7:30
UNION CINEMA**

• **We're Talking Vulva**
Canada, 16mm, 5 min, 1990, directed by Shawna Dempsey.

An outrageous feminist romp concerned with the care and feeding of happy female genitalia.

• **Crocodiles in Amsterdam**
Netherlands, 35mm, 88 min., 1989, directed by Annette Apon.

This unusual women's buddy film has a magical realist, anything can happen quality. The relationship between Gina and Nina, a seemingly incompatible couple, is intensely portrayed in this humorous film.

Milwaukee — Great Lakes Film & Video will be presenting a Festival of film and video by Gay and Lesbian artists from March 6-12. The festival is supported with a grant from the Cream City Foundation with additional support from In Step Magazine. Films will be shown at the Union Cinema, 2nd floor of the UW Student Union, corner of Kenwood and Maryland; and the Fine Arts Theatre, corner of Kenwood and Downer in Mitchell Hall Room B91.

Tickets for individual shows are \$5; \$3 for UW-M students. Festival passes good for all shows are \$30. All tickets are sold at the door. Please call Great Lakes Film & Video at 229-6971 for more information.

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 9:30
UNION CINEMA**

• **IN Wisconsin The Blind Can Hunt**
USA, 16mm, 7 min., 1989, directed by Art Stone.

While Art Stone has never been to Wisconsin, he sets his poetic exploration in Wisconsin where blind people 'learn to hunt.'

• **Massillon**
USA, 16mm, 90 min., 1990, directed by William Jones.

In this film, the director goes back to his home town to explore his childhood and his sexuality.

**SATURDAY MARCH 7, 7:30
UNION CINEMA**

• **Nice Girls Don't Do It**
Canada, 16mm, 13 min., 1990, directed by Kathy Daymond.

This film explores the history of female ejaculation while providing a do it yourself guide.

• **My Father is Coming**
USA/Germany, 35mm, 82 min., 1991, directed by Monika Treut.

Vicky is fresh to New York and trying to assimilate into the quirky New York East Village culture when she receives disastrous news: her father is coming to visit. The plot thickens when Vicky becomes involved with her Lesbian Puerto Rican friend Lisa and meets a handsome admirer with a steamy secret.

**SATURDAY MARCH 7, 9:30
UNION CINEMA**

• **Gus Vant Sant's Diary**
USA, 16mm, 12 min. 1984-87, directed by Gus Vant Sant.

In these four brilliant black and comic snapshots of Gay life, the director of *Drugstore Cowboy* and *My Own Private Idaho*, explores the darker parts of Portland, Oregon.

• **ECCE Homo**
USA, 16mm, 7 min., 1989, directed by Jerry Tartaglia.

Ecce Homo (behold man) employs optically printed footage taken from Jean Genet's 1950 Gay classic *Un Chant D'Amour* and Gay porn movies to counteract AIDS hysteria.

• **No Skin Off My Ass**
Canada/Germany, 16mm, 75 min., 1990, directed by Bruce La Bruce.

A Gay punk hairdresser sets out to seduce a baby-faced skinhead in this sweetly erotic film by a Toronto underground filmmaker.

**SUNDAY MARCH 8, 6:00
UNION CINEMA**

• **Dry Kisses Only**
USA, video, 75 min., 1990, directed by Kaucyilia Brooke and Jane Cottis.

A transgressive look at the cultural icons of femininity and feminism through Lesbian films. Clips of Hollywood films are interwoven with tongue-in-cheek critical commentary, gossip column revelations, and "Lesbian on the street" interviews.

**SUNDAY MARCH 8, 7:30
UNION CINEMA**

• **Homo Promo**
USA, 35mm, 70 min., 1956-1991, curated by Jenni Olson.

Sex sells in Hollywood... and when Hollywood sells homosex it's a pitch with a wild punch! *Homo Promo* is a collection of 'coming attractions' that are often more entertaining than the features they're promoting.

**TUESDAY MARCH 10, 7:30
FINE ARTS THEATRE
MITCHELL B-91**

• **Voices of Life**
USA, video, 32 min., 1991, directed by Patrick Wright.

A challenging documentary about three people living with AIDS and how the media portrays them.

• **Over Our Dead Bodies**
Great Britain, 16mm, 84 min., 1991, directed by Stuart Marshal.

This film explores Queer and AIDS activism in New York, San Francisco, and London. While the film celebrates the real successes of AIDS activism, it also describes the terrible toll of the epidemic and examines the community's need for both mourning and political activism.

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, The Gay & Lesbian Community in Nicaragua.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: 'Stars of Wisconsin' show by King Productions.

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.

Wreck Room: 3rd Annual 'South of the Border' party, 6-8pm.

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. Guest stars Miss Gay Racine '91 Kellie West, and Miss Gay WI-USA '91 Mary Richards.

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

Wreck Room: Kick off party/raffle for April's 1st annual Mr. Wisconsin Drummer Contest Weekend. Tonight featuring special guests, Mr. & Ms. Midwest Leather '92, Pam Meyer & Bryan Smith.

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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'ouvres, Mardi Gras Costume contest. \$25 at the door - all proceeds to MLGPC. All 3 domes open until midnight.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Thanks to the over 50 of you that have sent in requests for an In Step Survey... now what about the rest of you? I'd like to see at least several hundred survey requests come in. The survey will help us form a true representation of a cross section of our readership. We need your completed survey to provide information to potential national advertisers about you, our readers. Your opinions on In Step will help us guide the magazine towards the future. It's been eight years, and we'd like to know where we should place our emphasis in the future.

To those of you who requested a survey, they will be mailed out in mid-March, so sit tight. We're spending nearly \$1,000 to do the survey properly. We've hired a professional consulting firm to help us design it, and they'll be the ones to independently compile the results. In Step will publish the results in Spring.

Valentine's Day brought out the lovebirds as well as the lovelorn seeking that special someone. Club 3054 presented Grant Dixon's male and female strippers to keep both sexes happy. Grant's dancers are Gay or Lesbian - not straight like many of the other dance troupes that tour the area. Not only did the first 50 people get a surprise gift, but those who stayed for the show were certainly surprised by the 'raw' talents the dancers displayed.

Jo'Dee's International used Valentine's Day to kick off their week long 19th Anniversary celebration. Everything - from drink specials, to a catered buffet, to a show - was a reason to party. Congratulations to Judy and her staff on 19 years, making Jo'Dee's one of Wisconsin's oldest Gay bars!

Za's held a Valentine's Prom dance and show, and there were plenty of other VD parties around the state. BJ's Mint, 3B's Bar, Partners, Rod's, and the Ballgame All got into the spirit of the day.

Reba's Comedy Revue took to the stage at Za's on Feb. 15 in a benefit for the

fledgling Bay City Chorus. Meanwhile, in Milwaukee, Hurricane Productions drew a packed house at Lake Park Pavilion for their Women-only Valentine's Dance. 3 B's Bar had another in their series of Country Dances, which are really picking up the interest.

You'll be seeing lots of advertisements for benefits and fundraisers for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee, especially now since the mayor vetoed the funding. Be sure to show your support... and give a little extra if you can afford it!

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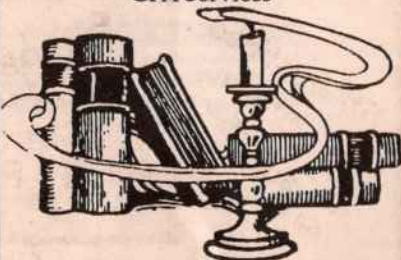
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WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 7:30
FINE ARTS THEATER
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• **L is for the Way You Look**
USA, video, 24 min., 1991, directed by Jean Carlomusto.

Ertha Kitt, Martina Navratilova, Harriet the Spy, and Patti Smith are preserved and described by their fans in this video which investigates women looking at women.

• **Films by Marlon Riggs**

In these two films, the director of **Tongues Untied** explores what it means to be both Black and Gay. In **Anthem** (9 min., 1990) he uses the video music format and in **Affirmations** (10 min., 1990) his style is more dream-like.

• **Billy Turner's Secret**

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USA, video, 5 min., 1991.

directed by Dena Aronson and Evelyn Patricia Terry

Boys kissing, girls kissing.

THURSDAY MARCH 10, 7:30
FINE ARTS THEATER
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USA, 10 min., 1992, directed by Tim Smith.

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Pop Bobby

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Dominique Mahon**

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FRIDAY

MARCH 6

7:30pm Union Cinema

WE'RE TALKING VULVACanada, 16mm, 5 min, 1990
Shawna Dempsey**CROCODILES IN AMSTERDAM**Netherlands, 35mm, 88 min, 1989
Annette Apon

This unusual women's buddy film from lesbian director Annette Apon has a magical, realistic, anything-can-happen quality. Though the relationship between Gina and Nina is not identified as lesbian, their affection for one another is intensely portrayed. And, as Nina explains, if you don't see crocodiles in Amsterdam, "lack of sighting doesn't mean they don't exist."

9:30pm Union Cinema

IN WISCONSIN THE BLIND CAN HUNTUSA, 16mm, 7 min, 1989
Art Stone**MASSILLION**USA, 16mm, 90 min, 1990
William Jones

In this film, the director goes back to his home town to explore his childhood and his sexuality.

TICKETS:

Tickets for individual shows are \$5.00, \$3.00 for UWM students. Festival passes good for all shows are \$30.00

All tickets will be sold at the door.

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SATURDAY

MARCH 7

7:30pm Union Cinema

NICE GIRLS DON'T DO ITCanada, 16mm, 13 min, 1990
Kathy Daymond

This film explores the history of female ejaculation while providing a do-it-yourself guide.

MY FATHER IS COMINGUSA/Germany, 35mm, 82 min, 1991
Monika Treut

Vicky is fresh to New York and trying to assimilate into the quirky New York East Village culture when she receives disastrous news: her father is coming to visit. He is under the impression that Vicky is a successful, married actress. The plot thickens when Vicky becomes involved with her lesbian, Puerto Rican friend Lisa and meets a handsome admirer with a steamy secret.

9:30pm Union Cinema

GUS VANT SANT'S DIARYUSA, 16mm, 12 min, 1984-1987
Gus Vant Sant

In these four brilliant black and comic snapshots of gay life, the director of *Drugstore Cowboy* and *My Own Private Idaho* explores the darker parts of Portland, Oregon.

ECCE HOMOUSA, 16mm, 7 min, 1989
Jerry Tartaglia**NO SKIN OFF MY ASS**Canada/Germany, 16mm, 75 min, 1990
Bruce La Bruce

A gay punk hairdresser sets out to seduce a baby-faced skinhead in this sweetly erotic film by a Toronto underground filmmaker.

SUNDAY

MARCH 8

6:00pm Union Cinema

DRY KISSES ONLY

USA, video, 75 min, 1990
Kaucylia Brooke and Jane Cottis
A transgressive look at the cultural icons of femininity and feminism through lesbian films. Clips of Hollywood films are interwoven with tongue-in-cheek critical commentary, gossip column revelations, and "lesbian on the street" interviews.

7:30pm Union Cinema

HOMO PROMO

USA, 35mm, 70 min, 1956-1991
curated by Jenni Olson
Sex sells in Hollywood... and when Hollywood sells homosex it's a pitch with a wild punch! *Homo Promo* is a collection of "coming attractions" that are often more entertaining than the features they're promoting.

TUESDAY

MARCH 10

7:30pm Fine Arts Theater

VOICES OF LIFEUSA, video, 32 min, 1991
Patrick Wright

A challenging documentary about three people living with AIDS and how the media portrays them.

OVER OUR DEAD BODIESGreat Britain, 16mm, 84 min, 1991
Stuart Marshal

This film explores Queer and AIDS activism in New York, San Francisco, and London. While the film celebrates the real successes of AIDS activism, it also describes the terrible toll of the epidemic and the community's need for both mourning and political activism.

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WEDNESDAY

MARCH 11

7:30pm Fine Arts Theater

L IS FOR THE WAY YOU LOOKUSA, video, 24 min, 1991
Jean Carlomusto

This captivating tape is an exploration into the variety of struggles lesbians wage to reclaim significant historical events and images. Videomaker Jean Carlomusto interviews a variety of women who talk about the women they admire and look to as role models.

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THURSDAY

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7:30pm Fine Arts Theater

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Elspeth Kydd and Gabriel Gomez
This video documents Chicago's mayoral "drag" candidate Joan Jett Black's campaign.

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Pratibha Parmar

Khush is an Urdu word meaning "ecstatic pleasure" as well as "happy and gay." *Khush* was shot in Britain and India and intersperses real life experiences with dream-like fantasies.

SPONSORS

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**LOCATIONS:**

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