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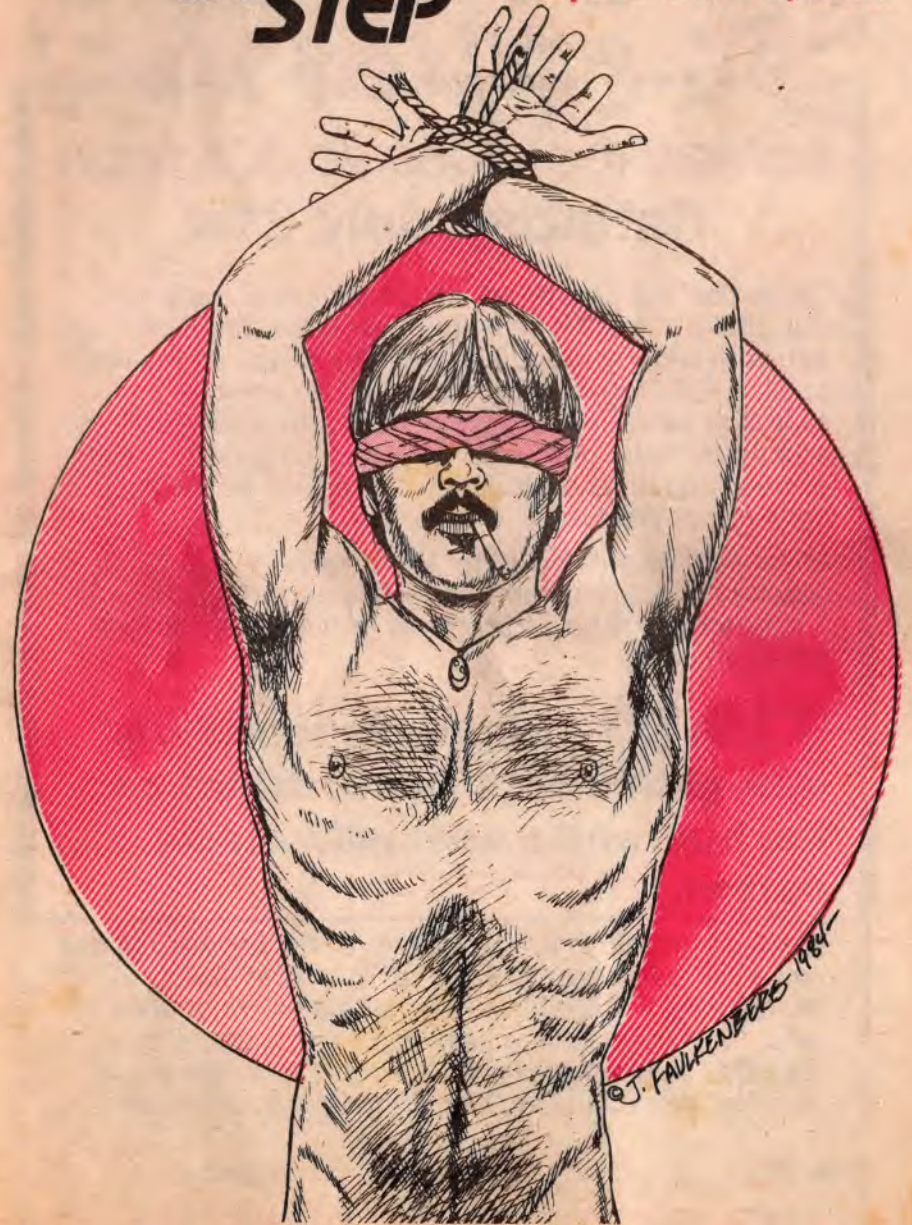
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*Wayne*

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An Interview With Rip Taylor

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## GRAFFITI

**STEVE P.:** Would like to hear from you. Still have your book. Call.

*EOS*

**JANETTE:** I'm so happy you're home, but one thing . . . we're not partying that much — Farrah hasn't passed out yet!

*Boy George Selleck*

**ANYONE:** Who is the latest "Sally" at the Y.P.?

*Gerry*

**CRAIG:** You know just what to say and you know just what to do, and I want to tell you so much. I love you.

*Michael*

**CONNIE:** I want you, I need you, I love you.

*Jill*

**MF:** Please be considerate of me. No more phone calls. I am happy now. You are obviously not ready to be "friends".

*JZ*

**PARTNER:** I love those eyes.

*Me*

**BRUCE (My Favorite Canuck):** I love you.  
*The Artist*

**POOPSIE:** Aloha means "I love you."  
*Cj*

**LARINDA:** First Amanda Keely, then Lorinda Sinclair, now Melinda James. What next?! Congratulations on Queen of Queens. See you at Miss Gay Great Lakes in August.  
*Abigail*

**REVA:** "Their heels were high, but their morals were low!"  
*Miss Mona*

**MELINDA:** Thanks again for your hospitality and "after pageant party". Had a great time in Appleton.  
*Jennifer & Mandi*

**BRYAN (Hamster):** Freida says you wouldn't make his eyes water. Looking forward to "meating" you at another beer bust. — I'll put all my eggs in 1 basket!  
*Nap Attack*

**WALTER MITTY (Oshkosh):** Loved doing the show! It was fun & good. But you can do better drag! Find your husband?  
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## WHAT'S UP FRONT?



Jim Faulkenberg always told us he liked to do different things — and certainly caught our eye (and imaginations) with his pen and ink drawing.

Jim is going to be showing his hand painted shirts with a display show at The Unicorn — including the drawing found on the cover.

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## BRIEFS

### SPECIAL BULLETIN...

At deadline time, Milwaukee Gay People's Union (GPU) spokesperson Mill Meunier informed *In Step* of an incident in La Crosse. Details are sketchy at this time, however reports indicate that a pipe bomb was tripped by a janitor in front of a La Crosse church. Upon investigation by area police, four other pipe bombs were found nearby. Someone, or some group, left a note with one of the bombs stating: "North Central Gay Task Force Against Public Oppression." La Crosse police are led to believe the incident was a "set-up", according to the GPU spokesman.

Look for updates and/or corrections on any mis-information in the next issue.

### Teen Sentenced In Shooting

A judge in Waukegan, IL sentenced a high school senior to 30 years in prison for fatally shooting her former lesbian lover's new boyfriend. Kimberly Branham, 17, of Long Grove was convicted of murder on April 14 in the January 2 shooting of Kirk Barlow, 19, of Wildwood. According to testimony, Barlow was standing at a window in the Lincolnshire home of Betsy Lou, 18, when he was struck by a bullet fired from a high-powered deer rifle outside the house.

Milw. Journal

### N.O.W. Becomes Sponsoring Organization Of National March

The National Organization of Women has decided to become a Sponsoring Organization of the National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights. The National March

is occurring in San Francisco on Sunday, July 15th — the day before the opening of the Democratic National Convention.

"The National Organization of Women is pleased to become a Sponsoring Organization of the National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights. We feel this is an important event for Lesbians and Gay Men," commented Chris Riddiough, Director of Lesbian Rights for N.O.W. A Sponsoring Organization of the National March not only endorses, but also contributes \$100 or more to the organizing effort. Only Sponsoring Organizations have the right to vote on the demands or speakers of the National March.

Outreach Co-Chair Howard Wallace commented, "The National March Committee is of course glad to receive N.O.W.'s support. We hope that other organizations around the country will follow their example and join us in building what must be a truly National March. Although the San Francisco community is working hard to make this event a success, we must have input and assistance from around the country. The March may be in San Francisco, but the statement made here will be carried across America by both the media and convention delegates."

### D'Ann Prior — Unsung Heroine Of Wisconsin Movement

D'Ann Prior has been called the unsung heroine of the women's movement in Wisconsin.

Prior, 47, who lives on Milwaukee's East Side, was honored as Wisconsin NOW's "Feminist of the Year" by the group she has served so faithfully for the past 10 years.

"She's been the Milwaukee NOW coordinator; the Midwest regional NOW conference coordinator; from 1977 to 1979, the state president," said Susan Jones, state NOW publicist, Madison.

Prior also was a founding member of the Wisconsin Women's Network, a Madison-based group that links nearly all major women's organizations in Wisconsin.

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#### ORGANIZATION

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### SUPERIOR (715)

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Pure Pleasure II	1212 Oshkosh Ave.

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**Wisconsin NOW Identifies Issues**

The Wisconsin National Organization for Women has identified nine areas of concern for women and established task forces in those areas to advise local NOW chapters.

The issues are: electing feminists to all levels of government; domestic violence; homemakers' rights; employed womens' rights; increased feminist television program production by NOW chapters; and, an end to racism and sexism in organized religion.

About 150 men and women attended the three-day state NOW conference at the Marriott Inn in Brookfield.

**UWM To Review ROTC Discrimination Rule**

Because of the military's discrimination against gays, a task force will be appointed to investigate the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee's relationship with the ROTC.

Lawrence Baldassaro, chairman of UWM's University Committee and a faculty spokesman, said the investigation could lead to UWM's ending its contract with the local unit of the ROTC.

Baldassaro said the Faculty Senate told the ROTC that UWM, like other state agencies, did not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex or sexual preference, and asked that a non-discrimination clause along those lines be added to the contract between UWM and the ROTC.

The Army rejected the request, saying that the Army does not commission known homosexuals, Baldassaro said. UWM must decide whether to accept this or end its contract with ROTC.

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**Court Rules 2 Men Can't Marry Or Divorce**

A Pennsylvania appeals courts, acting on a case involving two men seeking a divorce, ruled that people of the same sex cannot contract a common law marriage, and thus are not eligible to divorce. The state Superior Court said the issue has never been legally addressed in the U.S.A.

*USA Today*

**Two Men Can Dance At Disneyland — Well, Sort Of...**

An Orange County, California judge has struck down Disneyland's ban on same-sex dancing, at least as it applies to two young men who were evicted from the popular amusement park in 1980.

The order by Judge James R. Ross means Andrew R. Exler and Shawn Elliott, both of Los Angeles, can go dancing on any one of the amusement park's three dance floors.

Exler, 23, said after the decision that he had no immediate plans to test the order.

William Bitting, Disneyland's trial lawyer, said: "We'll abide by the order, but it doesn't apply to others. If two (other) men show up tomorrow night to dance, Disneyland won't let them on the dance floor."

*Milw. Journal*

**Judges Rule Gays Have Rights In Restaurants**

The California Supreme Court has ruled that gay couples cannot be barred from private restaurant booths reserved for romantic evenings for straight couples.

The ruling was in favor of lesbians Deborah Johnson and Zandra Rolon, who sued the Papa Choux restaurant in Los Angeles for preventing them from using a private booth reserved for "romantic" couples. They left after they were offered a table in the main dining room.

Rolon and Johnson filed suit, claiming illegal discrimination under the state's Unruh Civil Rights Act.

*Milw. Journal*

Something We  
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## COMMENT

### In Step's Program For Our Concerns

*We urge dialogue and action on these general concerns that confront our community. We think one of our purposes is to be an "idea factory" geared towards creating a better general environment for all people.*

1. Group homes for low income AIDS patients supported by the state and locally run.
2. Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and a National Gay/Lesbian Rights Law.
3. More active involvement in local, state and national politics — even in those issues that are not necessary gay or lesbian oriented.
4. More social interaction between gay men and lesbians.
5. Government financed professionally produced public service announcements within all medias to educate the general public on gays and lesbians.
6. A paid, full-time gay/lesbian liaison within the Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues.
7. Government grants for gay and lesbian health clinics and/or gay and lesbian representatives on government financed clinic boards.
8. More charitable contributions to our organizations; or, designating your United Fund contributions for specific gay and lesbian concerns.
9. Sensitivity training and workshops on gays and lesbians for all police, sheriffs, and state troopers. This would include recognition of the current state laws barring discrimination and the hiring of gay and lesbian law enforcement personnel.
10. An active, on-going building of an overall "Network" between all the state's gay and lesbian groups.



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WRITE TO US!

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 Madison Gay Mens Chorale ..... 2005 Pike Dr., #5, 53713, 274-3884  
 Madison Gay Theatre Project ..... P.O. Box 726, 53701, 251-6489  
 Mens Center (referral center) ..... 16 N. Hancock, 251-7646  
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## Christian Gay OK

Christian Gay OK is a non-denominational support group for gay and lesbian persons, their families and friends. They believe in sharing strength, hope and love; hoping that each member may at-

tain his/her full potential as a Child of God. Through discussion of issues relative to being Christian and gay, they deal with the negative opinions of many persons within society and the Church regarding gay persons and their life-style. In that way, they discover and proclaim that it is possible to be Christian, Gay, and OK.

Meetings are currently being held on Sunday at Lutheran Campus Center, 3074 N. Maryland in Milwaukee. Tuesday and Thursday at All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau. Saturday at 634 W. Wisconsin Ave., Apt. 26. All are welcome at these meetings.

For more information write Christian Gay OK, P.O. Box 92727, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

## BEST Clinic Hepatitis Vaccination Program

(Milwaukee) The Brady East Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic (BEST) is urging gay men to participate in the Hepatitis B vaccination program. The program is conducted Monday evenings from

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Cream City Assn. Foundation (CCAF) held on of it's "living room" cocktail party fundraisers, sponsored by Guy Little. In attendance (L to R) were Matthew, Chuck, David & Eric. Photo by Ron Gelman

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7-9 p.m. by appointment. The first visit involves testing for Hepatitis B (HBV) and also includes testing for other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as gonorrhea, syphilis, NGUs (urethral infections), Herpes I and II. If the person has not had a prior exposure to HBV, a series of three shots are administered over a six month period to provide immunity to HBV. Unlike the general BEST clinic, which is supported by donations, there is a cost for the Hepatitis Program.

There are several reasons why sexually active gay men should strongly consider receiving the HBV vaccine. First and foremost is that HBV is a STD and gay men are a high risk group for contracting HBV. Present statistics indicate that sexually active gay men have a 60% chance of contracting HBV during their life time. Like any other illness, HBV presents itself in many different ways. In most cases, the person will recover, but in some cases long-term complications will develop and some cases of HBV can be fatal.

The fatality rate for HBV at present is low but unfortunately that may soon change. Recently, a disturbing phenomena has occurred with HBV. Another virus, referred to as the Delta agent, has "teamed up" with HBV increasing the severity and the fatality rate from HBV to about 25-30% for those infected with HBV and the Delta agent.

Some men have voiced fear of contracting AIDS from the HBV vaccine. As to the issue of possible transmission of AIDS via the HBV vaccine, the manufacturing process for the HBV vaccine includes several procedures that inactivate representative viruses of all known types. Both microbiologic and research data provide no support for the suggestion that HBV vaccine might carry an etiologic risk for AIDS.

Many other men have procrastinated in receiving the vaccine. Although there is a  
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*Inquiries about the Hepatitis Program can be made by calling the Brady East STD Clinic at 272-2144 or by calling 342-1630 (answering service).*

*Ed's note: Our thanks to Doug Johnson for his assistance in compiling this article.*

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by *Alyn W. Hess*

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Kim (K. A.) recently celebrated his birthday along with his 4 year anniversary at the Factory & Factory II. Along with friends there was also a great show by Abbey Rhodes, Miss Gay Wisconsin 83/84.

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## Breier Retires; Criteria For New Chief Outlined

### Commission Presented Gay/Lesbian Concerns

(Milwaukee) *Miriam Ben-Shalom, Milwaukee gay activist, presented a statement to the Fire and Police Commission representing some of the concerns voiced by organizations serving the gay/lesbian community, the metro Milwaukee area, as well as some concerns voiced by individuals. The statement was drawn up at a meeting called by the Gay People's Union (GPU) at the Brady East STD Clinic at a meeting held on May 6th. Members of Black and White Men Together (BWMT), Brady East STD Clinic (BEST) and the Governor's Council on Gay/Lesbian Issues provided input into the contents of the statement, which did not attempt to represent the gay/lesbian community perse, but rather, our thoughts. The Commission is setting criteria for the selection of Milwaukee's new Police Chief, who will replace Harold Breier upon his June 30th retirement date. The statement presented to the Commission by Ben-Shalom stated:*

"It is not that the more than seventy thousand active lesbians and gays are asking that the tradition of safety and law enforcement in Milwaukee be terminated. Rather, we ask that, in the choice of a new police chief, care be taken to remember the past and think for the future. We ask that care be taken to not choose an individual for whom the words "Law and Order" constitute a continuing policy of oppression and discrimination against the Gay and Lesbian Community of the greater Milwaukee area.

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### June 2nd SSBL Schedule — Mitchell Park

12:00	M & M vs Club 219	—
1:15	Wreck Room vs Your Place	Unicorn vs Paradise
2:30	Paradise vs Shadows	Finale vs Unicorn
3:45	First Street vs Shadows	Ball Game vs Club Baths
5:00	Factory II vs Ball Game	Club Baths vs First Street

### June 9th SSBL Schedule — Mitchell Park

10:45	Finale vs Your Place	Factory vs Unicorn
12:00	Unicorn vs Ball Game	Finale vs Factory
1:15	Ball Game vs Paradise	Wreck Room vs First Street
2:30	First Street vs Paradise	—
3:45	Club 219 vs M & M	—
5:00	M & M vs Shadows	— Club Baths vs Club 219

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# JOCK SHORTS

Finale and Factory II remain undefeated in *Division 1* of the Saturday Softball Beer League, as play was halted on May 19th by rain and the following week by **The Wreck Room Classic**. The Ball Game dropped two games and tumbled into a tie with **Your Place**. In *Division 2*, **Club 219** won to retain first place, with **Paradise**, **Shadows** and **M & M** in hot pursuit for the two playoff spots.

Several Milwaukee teams are planning for upcoming out-of-town tournaments. The **Ball Game** and **Factory II** intend to participate in the **Canada Cup Tournament**, being held in Toronto June 28th to July 1st. Over 40 players and fans from Milwaukee are expected to attend. The following weekend, starting July 5th, the **Your Place** team is heading east to Boston to participate in the **First Beantown Tournament**. Meanwhile, the **Finale** will head south to Chicago to play in the **Sidetrack Invitational**.

## One, Two, Three And 'Yer Out!

by Tom Salzieder

The **Your Place** softball team is sponsoring a carnival on Saturday afternoon, June 9th in the **Your Place** parking lot from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. Several teams will have booths for various type games and events. There should be lots of fun and surprises, so make your plans now to attend. In case of rain, the carnival will be held on Sunday, June 10th. Proceeds from this will go to the **Your Place** softball team and the **1985 Gay World Series** fund. For information on sponsoring a booth, contact **Lon Beebe** at 414/276-7660.

A reminder to join the **Series IX Sports Club**. See the last issue of *In Step* for details. Send your application and \$25 check or money order to **Series IX Sportsclub**, P.O. Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Catch all the scores and highlights of the **6th Annual Wreck Room Classic** in the next issue of *In Step*.

### SSBL Standings As Of May 19th

(Excluding C'Est La Vie Games)

DIVISION 1		DIVISION 2	
W	L	W	L
FINALE	5 0	CLUB 219	3 1
FACTORY II	4 0	PARADISE BOOKS	3 2
UNICORN	4 2	SHADOWS	3 3
YOUR PLACE	4 2	M & M	2 3
BALL GAME	2 2	FIRST STREET	0 5
WRECK ROOM	1 5	CLUB BATHS	0 6

### May 12th SSBL Results

Club 219, 16 / Shadows 12	Unicorn, 15 / Club Baths, 5
Unicorn, 16 / Shadows 9	Wreck Room, 26 / Club Baths, 4
Finale, 12 / Wreck Room, 3	Your Place, 15 / Ball Game, 3
Finale, 16 / Ball Game, 11	Factory II, 14 / Your Place, 4
Paradise, 19 / M & M, 8	M & M, 24 / First Street, 2

### May 19th SSBL Games Washed Out

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- The Gay and Lesbian Community of Milwaukee urges the Fire and Police Commission to search for, and appoint a person, as Police Chief who can begin a process whereby our community can begin again to trust the police department. We see the need for an individual who will not tolerate the misplacing of files, witness statements, and information regarding crimes committed against gays and lesbians. Most certainly, an individual chosen should not be one who will allow the continued selective enforcement of laws, entrapments, raids, harrassment (both verbal and physical), surveillance, and maintenance of records concerning not only individuals in our community, but also records of organizations. The new police chief should be willing to look at the potential waste of police resources, the diversion of police staff from serious work on crimes of violence and property, and the waste of taxpayers' money on misdirected efforts persuing crimes which even the District Attorney says will not be prosecuted.
  - We urge the appointment of a candidate who will be sensitive to the needs of police officers to have private lives free from departmental invasion of privacy; a candidate sensitive to personal needs of the police staff; a candidate who understands that "Law Enforcement" does not mean using police time to impose his/her morality on the people of Milwaukee.
  - We urge the appointment of a candidate who will be willing to open a dialogue with our community, begin sensitivity training on the gay and lesbian life style at the police academy and as in-service sessions for police officers. We feel that there is need for such sessions: As evidence, let the study done by the Governor's Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues speak. In the study, 29% of the respondents from Milwaukee express complaints about harrassment, verbal and physical abuse, and attacks by members of the Milwaukee Police Department. 68% expressed fear of one sort or another of the police.
  - We urge the appointment of a candidate who will adhere to the state gay civil rights law barring discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation. Even such conservative cities like Houston, Texas and Minneapolis, Minnesota now have gay and lesbian officers and sensitivity training programs. It would seem that Milwaukee could only benefit from a new Chief who takes both city and state law seriously.
  - We urge the appointment of a candidate willing to work with our community should and when the need arise. We want the Commission to know that we as a community are willing to provide help and assistance: We want to work with the new Chief and with the Police Department. But, participation must come from both parties.
  - We urge the appointment of a candidate who will see to it that gay and lesbian citizens are extended the same rights and protection under the law as other citizens. Historically, the Milwaukee Police Department has responded in less than a speedy manner when gays and lesbians have been victimized. We want to see a candidate appointed who will remedy this with good administration, clean record keeping, and an eye towards establishing a future track record of fairness and integrity.
- We hope the Fire and Police Commission will search nationally for a candidate who will bring progress and honor to the office of Police Chief. As citizens of Milwaukee, we want to know that Milwaukee has the very best Chief possible: A person with not only administrative experience, but also profound community relations and public relations experience. Because there have been no signs in the past of present upper level police administration personnel acquiring such skills and knowledge in dealing with the lesbian and gay community (as well as other minority communities in the greater Milwaukee area), it must be seen an imperative that a nationwide search be conducted for an able person to head our police department.
- Although the gay and lesbian community has been excluded in the past from participating in many decision making processes, by coming here today, it is our hope that the goodwill with which we speak will be felt and heard. The gay and lesbian community would like the Fire and Police Commission to know that we stand ready to work with a qualified candidate who is willing to work with us."

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the System's off-the-wall *Baptize The Beat*; *Breaker's Revenge*, a hot rhythm and chant workout that's the first cut ever credited to Baker as an artist; and *Cindy Mizelle's This Could Be The Night*, an analog to *Let's Hear It For The Boy*. There are also ballads by *Jenny Burton*, *Patrick Jude* and *Reuben Blades* . . . and after all these, there are still two further albums of music to come. (The movie opens June 8th in Milwaukee area theatres.) This is just the beginning of *Beat Street* fever . . . CATCH IT before it GRABS YOU!

Oh no . . . not another *Michael Jackson* LP . . . wrong. *Michael Jackson's Farewell My Summer Love 1984* (Motown LP) are unreleased Jackson solo tracks originally produced by four separate teams during 1973, updated with overdubs and mixing, although vocal quality and material still attest to the vintage. Highlights include the title song, mid-tempo teen pop, covers as the *Miracle's You've Really Got A Hold On Me* and *Al Greene's Here I Am* (Come And Take

*Me*). Speaking of the *Jacksons*, look for their new LP at your favorite record store in June entitled *Victory*.

*Feels So Real* (Elektra 12") by *Patrice Rushen* is one hot song to keep your ears open for. *Patrice's* past successes have been in the higher energy department, but here she settles into a nice springtime groove. All the techniques she used in *Haven't You Heard* and *Forget Me Not*s to grab your attention still comes through and she sells it!

"Hot" *Paris Latino* (Sire 12") by *Bandeler* is another proud moment for "Jellybean". There couldn't be a producer/mix engineer on the scene that's hotter than *John "Jellybean" Benitez*. He seems to show up on everybody's hit record. In fact, one could say he's the hottest D.J. turned producer since *Tom Moulton*. This Latin funk piece is one of his latest and most vibrant productions. Trus, this song does have trademarks all over it, but the whole thing is very much at ease. The Latin flavor isn't a cheap imitation, it's real enough to taste!

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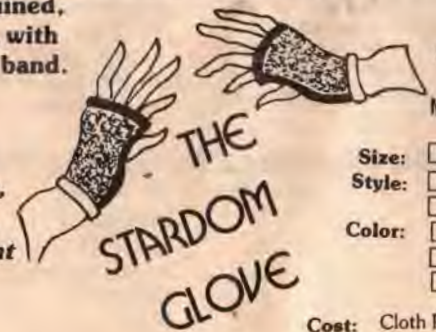
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# DANCE STEPS

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## "Beat Street" Fever!

by Kim Zweibohmer

*Beat Street*, the Atlantic soundtrack for the film, set for June release, will probably be the most important dance album this year. Just like its predecessors, *Saturday Night Fever* and *Flashdance*, *Beat Street* is a high-standard, definite collection. New York producer Arthur Baker and film producer Harry Belafonte supervised, and largely produced, the music which can be described as "state of the art" and screams "pops!"

The first single that comes up off the turntable: Grandmaster Melle Mel & the Furious Five's *Beat Street Breakdown*, with an unusually primitive mix texture (12" is on Sugarhill); Afika Bambaataa & Soul Sonce Force + Shango's *Frantic Situation* (12" on Tommy Boy) is incredible peak-tempo material with jazzy guitar and sax solos; the Deodato-produced *Beat Street Strut*, by Julee is near Philly funk;

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### • • IN STEP'S TOP 25 • •

1. **LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BOY** .....DENICE WILLIAMS
2. **I WANT TO BE REAL** .....JOHN ROCCA
3. **THE DOMINATRIX SLEEPS TONIGHT** .....DOMINATRIX
4. **LAND OF HUNGER** .....THE EARONS
5. **THEY ONLY COME OUT AT NIGHT** .....PETER BROWN
6. **TELL ME I'M NOT DREAMING** .....JERMAINE JACKSON
7. **DANCE HALL DAYS** .....WANG CHUNG
8. **SELF CONTROL** .....LAURA BRANIGAN
9. **STREET DANCE** .....BREAK MACHINE
10. **BORDERLINE/LUCKY STAR (Remix)** .....MADONNA
11. **ALIVE WITH LOVE** .....TINE FABRIQUE
12. **I LOVE MEN** .....CINEMA
13. **BOP 'TIL YOU DROP** .....LARRICE
14. **JUMP (Remix)** .....POINTER SISTERS
15. **HEY D. J.** .....WORLD FAMOUS SUPREME TEAM
16. **10-9-8** .....FACE TO FACE
17. **BLACK STATIONS, WHITE STATIONS** .....M+M
18. **FOR ALL WE KNOW** .....NORMA LEWIS
19. **KEEP ON DANCING** .....TOUCH OF CLASS
20. **WITHOUT YOUR LOVE (Remix)** .....NINA SCHILLER
21. **HEARTBEAT/THE GHOST IN YOU** .....PSYCHEDELIC FURS
22. **HOT "PARIS LATINO"** .....BANDELERO
23. **FEELS SO REAL (WON'T LET GO)** .....PATRICE RUSHEN
24. **ROMANCING THE STONE** .....EDDY GRANT
25. **I'M FALLING IN LOVE** .....NORA

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1. **MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRLFRIEND** .....MARCUS MILLER
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3. **DANCING IN THE STREET** .....BON ROCK
4. **WILD THING** ..... "X"
5. **BEAT STREET BREAKDOWN** .....GRANDMASTER FLASH



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First off — an explanation. All the articles and pictures pertaining to the **Wreck Room Softball Classic** will appear in the *next* issue, due to deadlines and the holiday. This paper has to have all of its typesetting done by Friday, we do our paste up and layout Friday through Sunday, go to the printers on Monday and pick it up from the printers on Tuesday evening. That's just the way it is.

The Reader Surveys published two issues ago are still trickling in — we've received 55 out of our 7,000 print run. That's not great, so we intend on condensing it and running it again in the near future. Some of the results are very interesting. The highest ratings go to: Briefs, The Calendar, Comment, Consider This, Group Notes, Interviews, Jock Shorts, Politics, Steppin' Out, and The Guide.

Overall, you *like* the magazine according to the surveys received — and that shows in our rapid growth. We've gone from 5,000 the first issue to 8,000 with Issue #8. Our advertising, which is our only means of support, is also growing (slowly) away from just bars. We always knew that we had to concentrate on "selling" the paper to non-bar advertisers to continue growth. The bar "seasons" fluctuate too much and non-bar advertisers reflect our "respectability."

We decided to add the extra ink color to enhance the overall appearance and professionalism of *In Step*. It really adds to it, don't you agree?

Congrats to Milwaukee's D'Ann Prior, who was elected Wisconsin NOW's Feminist of the Year at NOW's recent state conference held in Brookfield. Prior serves as chair of the Wisconsin NOW Election Task Force and chair of the National NOW Lesbian Rights Committee. She has also been the Milwaukee NOW Coordinator and the state NOW President.

## Uptown, Downtown, All Around The State

by Ron Geiman

If you're on your way to Chicago and you're into the leather scene, here's some news. **Male Hide Leather** has moved from Illinois Street to 2816 North Lincoln — across the street from **Touche**. They'll be open on June 2nd with hours of 12-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and Noon 'till 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. They're closed Sundays. The **Leather Cell** — a leather boutique has moved from the Gold Coast's Pit to **The Redoubt**. And Chicago's oldest leather bar — **The Gold-coast** — has moved to 5025 North Clark — right next to other Renslow enterprises — **GayLife** and **Man's Country**. On the weekend of **International Mr. Leather**, both the old and new Gold Coast's were open and there was a shuttle bus between them. Word has it the new Gold Coast is decorated with **Don Orejodos** art — just like the old one. That move leaves just a few of the once prolific gay establishments in the "North Loop" redevelopment area. Still in existence are **The Annex**, **The Baton**, **Machine Shop**, **Bus Stop**, **New Flight**, and **The Ozone** (only open Saturdays?).

### — BAR CRAWLING —

*In Step* sponsors its first "crawl" to Madison, Saturday, July 21st. We'll leave Milwaukee at Noon on a Wisconsin Coach Lines bus. We'll supply Screwdrivers and Bloody Mary's on the trip out, and arrive for the annual **M\*A\*G\*I\*C** Picnic about 1:30 p.m. We'll spend the afternoon eating and drinking (free food and beer included in the total cost), swimming, games, and dancing to a D.J. in a pavilion. We can also view action during the **Annual Madison Volleyball Tourney**. Afterwards — we'll hit the Madison bars to continue the party until our 1 a.m. departure. See the ad on the inside front cover for more information. We won't

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## CELEBRATE At Lincoln Center For The Arts

Saturday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. celebrate a festival at Lincoln Center for the Arts at 820 East Knapp. Admission is free of charge and will feature hourly performances and outdoor events until 7 p.m. Among featured events are **Friends Mime Theatre**, **El Centro de Cultura Latina** will provide Latin American dance and music, and selections by the **Milwaukee Opera Company**. Visual artists will open their studios inside the building. These will include: stained glass, printmaking, fiber, sculpting, and painting and the artists will be available to discuss their works. A silent auction will also be part of the program. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Great Lakes Film and Video** will present **Milwaukee Moving Images**, admission will be free. A dance featuring the **R & B Cadets** at 8 p.m. will

conclude the day's festivities. An admission will be charged for the dance. For more information call the Lincoln Center at 272-ARTS.

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Like neon art? Like live modern music? How about the two of them combined in a loft environment? The "**Terminal Neon**" show will be held at 241 N. Broadway in Milwaukee and will show the unique applications of neon to the fine and commercial arts. It opens June 8th, 5 p.m. — Midnight with a concert by "**A Happy Coat of Flesh**" and continues every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through June 24th. Nearly 50 neon artists will be showing their wares. Something different to do.



The band "**A Happy Coat of Flesh**" consisting of (L to R) Keith Bramar, John Luttrupp & Dale E. Stamey will play June 8th for the opening of the "**Terminal Neon Art Show**" at 241 N. Broadway in Milw. Photo by Al Gartzke.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING

*Gypsy, Melody Top Theatre*, 353-7700, June 5th through the 17th.

**Celebrate** — Lincoln Center for the Arts Festival, 820 East Knapp, June 9th, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Free.

*A Life In The Theatre, Clavis Theatre*, 272-1340, through June 3rd.

**City Of Festivals Parade**, June 23, downtown Milwaukee.

*La Cage Aux Folles II and Victor/Victoria, Oriental Theatre*, 276-8711, June 3rd and 4th.

*Nothin' Dirty Goin' On, Your Place*, June 29th and 30th, 9:30 p.m.

**Superpops: Marching Along With Sousa, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, PAC**, 273-7206.

*Lionel Richie with Tina Turner, Alpine Valley Music Theatre*, 414/242-3722, June 21st.

*Liberace, PAC*, 273-7206, July 11th through the 15th.

*The King And I, PAC*, 273-7206, August 7th through the 12th.

*Dan Fogelberg, Alpine Valley Music Theatre*, 414/242-3722, June 2nd.

**Rainbow Summer at the PAC**, opens June 8th. Free noontime performances in the Peck Pavillion on the south side of the PAC on Kilbourn.

**Inside The Double Helix: The Story Of Rosalind Franklin**, Broom Street Theatre, Madison, Friday through Sunday, through June 10th.

*Fanny and Alexander, Oriental Theatre*, 276-8711, June 10th and 11th.

**Ballet Bash, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, County Zoo**, 291-6000, July 7th and 8th.

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ing-rewarding and more fulfilling than any one aspect.

**WIS:** What special quality has Guy Little brought to the Melody Top?

**GSL:** I hope bringing in fresh talent. New directors, choreographers, designers, and performers.

**WIS:** What of this season? You've included many of the old classics *My Fair Lady*, *The Sound of Music*, *Showboat*. More of the same?

**GSL:** There are few if any new shows being released for production. We attempt to present the best of Broadway along with any available new shows. *Joseph and The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* will be presented for the first time. Last season we presented the Milwaukee professional presentation of *Barnum* with Larry Kert (he was the original Tony in *West Side Story* on Broadway). We chose

other shows like *George M* and *Little Me* not presented here for sometime. We try to please the entire spectrum of our audience.

**WIS:** Is there enough of a challenge to keep Guy Little at the Melody Top?

**GSL:** I love Milwaukee and have enjoyed the Melody Top, but nothing is forever. I never want to become stale. I love theatre, art, and music. I love life. What will be ahead for me, time will tell.

**WIS:** Do you feel you have the backing of the gay community?

**GSL:** I don't think the gay community as a whole backs theatre in Milwaukee. It's not just the Melody Top. I don't think the majority is interested in theatre, ballet, or opera.

**WIS:** How can that be changed, do you think?

**GSL:** You got me. If I had the answer I'd certainly go for it.



Bob, his son Scott & bartender Ron took a break from My World's 5th Anniversary festivities.



My World dart tourney winner Mike, with co-owner Bob. The bar recently celebrated its 5th Anniversary.



My World sheephead tourney winner Dean with co-owner Scott.



Tom chowed down at My World's 5th Anniversary cookout.

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make money on this — the cost covers the bus rental and paying for everyone's entry into the MAGIC Picnic. Come crawl with us! (There will be room for 47 on each bus).

## — BAR NOTES —

Heard Green Bay's Thriller Party was a hoot — with The Napalese, Trix's, and The Body Shop all working together to provide a ghost of a time.

Gotta support those athletics! The Ball Game, Wreck Room, and Your Place all have had fundraisers for either their own teams or for The Classic. Many more "Jock Fund Raisers" are on the agenda — so keep your eyes peeled for signs and flyers — and keep your wallets and purses open.

In *Step* music columnist Kim had his birthday bash and 4th Anniversary spinning at the Factory II. Abbey Rhodes put on a great show and K. A. certainly had a festive time.

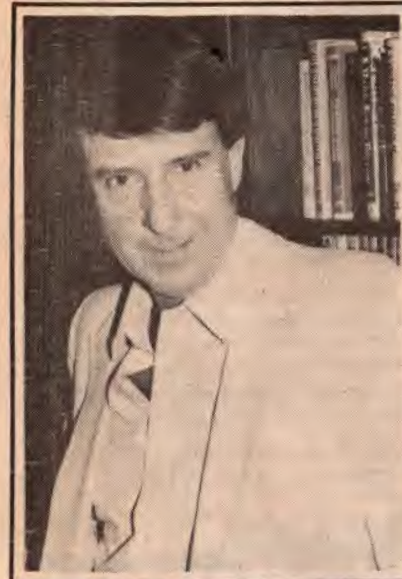
A few nights later, the Factory II's downstairs bar was crowded for the showing of *Caligula* while upstairs Jackie "Oh" celebrated Spring with champagne.

That same night a bar crawl from Dr. Steve's Chicago bars (Loading Zone, Ozone, Loading Dock and Halsted's) hit Milwaukee like a thunderstorm. Caesar Vera had a hard time keeping her "brood" in check. (C'mon boys — we're movin' out!)

My World in Green Bay celebrated its 5th Anniversary the other weekend. Mike won the dart tournament and Dean won the Sheepshead tournament. Saturday night was a big buffet "chow-down" and Sunday afternoon was a "picnic" (the first "grilled" food I've had this Summer). Congrats to Bob and Scott on hitting the "5 Year" mark in business. (Bob — toss Buddy a bone for us.)

That Sunday, after My World, *In Step* photographer Chas and I visited some of the other bars including the newly remodeled Napalese Lounge. Just can't say enough to express my surprise at the beautiful job they did — if you've been there before — you should see it now. And, if you've never been there — I'm sure you'll be impressed. Good job Tim, looking forward to *In Step* being on Fam-

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Melody Top Producer Guy S. Little.

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# THE ARTS

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## At The Top . . . He's The Top!

by Kevin Michael

Guy S. Little, Jr., *Melody Top's* Producer has been in Milwaukee for the past six years in that capacity. Prior to Milwaukee, he presented and directed well over three hundred productions of both musicals and plays at his own theatre. Mr. Little also served as the Producer at the *Sombrero Playhouse* in Phoenix and the *Piccolo Playhouse* near Chicago while involved with his own theatre. He was Production Stage Manager at the *Coconut Grove Playhouse* in Miami and has presented theatrical tours in Colorado, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Connecticut.

The generous offer of his time and talents have benefited both the *Holiday Invitational Tournament* and the *Cream City Association Foundation*.

WIS: You've recently had quite a philosophical shift in casting soap opera stars. Why?

GSL: I was the first producer to book soap opera stars. In 1960, Ruth Warrick, then on *As The World Turns*, starred in *Pal Joey* (you can now see her as Phoebe on *All My Children*). I haven't really shifted my philosophy. It's just there are few new stars being trained for Broadway shows. Many of the soap opera stars have Broadway backgrounds, are highly talented, and well known through the medium of television. In fact, Christopher Durham (Matt on *Capitol*) who'll be starring in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* was just on *Phil Donahue* and is featured in this month's *Playgirl*.

WIS: We know you've been in Milwaukee for six years, what happened before?

GSL: I was and am the owner and was producer of a theatre in down-state Illinois, *The Little Theatre-On-The-Square* in Sullivan. I am honorary chairman of the board but did produce there for 22 years.

WIS: You must have worked with a great many stars. Who stands out?

GSL: Alan Alda recreated his father's Broadway role in *Guys and Dolls* for me. June Allyson made her comeback from film to a stage career. Among others: Joe E. Brown, Eve Arden, Betty Grable, Margaret Hamilton (the wicked witch in *The Wizard Of Oz*), Van Johnson, Pat O'Brien (he's from Milwaukee you know), Cesar Romero, Ann Miller, Tab Hunter, Mickey Rooney, and dear wonderful Patricia Morison who recreated her original Broadway role in *Kiss Me Kate*.

WIS: What other things have happened to stars you've contracted here in Milwaukee?

GSL: Doug Sheenhan, who starred in *Pirates of Penzance*, is now on *Knots Landing*. Irene Cara had just completed *Fame* when she came here to appear in *The Wiz*. She won both a Grammy and an Oscar this year.

WIS: You began as a performer?

GSL: Well, yes and no. At the age of 7 I had a marionette theatre and at 10, was producing *Hansel and Gretel* in my backyard. My professional debut was when I was 16 in New Hampshire. The play was *Lady in the Dark* and I played the juvenile. The following two summers I worked in summer stock and got my Actor's Equity card. Then after graduation from the University of Miami, I studied for my masters at Columbia and took post graduate courses at the American Theatre Wing when I was 21, I returned to Sullivan and opened my theatre.

WIS: You're now producing. Any chance you'll ever return to the stage?

GSL: When I had my own theatre, I was always involved in every aspect of production. Props, costumes, posters, publicity, as well as acting. I found every phase of theatre production highly rewarding. I find producing more involving-demand-

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## CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS MAY 31 - JUNE 17, 1984

### SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd

**Governor's Council Meeting:** Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, 10 a.m. Guest Speaker Howard Fuller. Public invited.

**Saturday Softball Beer League:** Games all day at Mitchell Park, behind the domes' east side.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd

**1101 West:** Larry and Larinda present the Mr. & Miss 1101 West Contest. Special guest entertainer: Siracco. 9:30

**Milwaukee TV Channel 6:** "Public Conference" — Discrimination Against Gays: How Real, How Much? Panelists include Sue Burke, Cheryl Williams and Marc Behar, 11 a.m.

**Black And White Men Together:** Picnic in Milwaukee's Lincoln Park (Hampton & Port Washington Road), Area 6. All are invited.

**Madison Gay Men's Chorale And Ensemble:** Appearing at the Capitol Building rotunda. 3 p.m.

**Factory II:** Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Party. Women's night, 9 p.m. - on. Josie Blake, Erica Stevens appearing. Drink specials and flowers for women.

### MONDAY, JUNE 4th

**Parkway Theatre:** All-male cast movies: "Kansas City Trucking Co." and "L.A. Tool & Die". All day until 11 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th

**Jo'Dees:** Bartender Don's Birthday Party. Beer, food, surprises. 7 - closing.

**La Cage Aux Folles:** Josie Blake's Polka Dot Party with guests Schante and the Polka Dot Sisters.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 7th

**Club 219:** Presents Miss M and Friends. Showtime 11 p.m. Starring Chili Pepper, Mama Rae, Lorie, and Dancers.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 8th

**Concerned:** Green Bay to Milwaukee Bar Crawl. Arriving Milwaukee around 9 p.m. \$15 round trip, includes beer & soda on the way down.

**Douglas Dunes Resort:** Tropical Nights show with Tiffany Ariagas, Miss Continental USA. See ad for more details.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9th

**Saturday Softball Beer League:** Games all day at Mitchell Park, behind the domes' east side.

**Your Place:** Benefit: "Flamingo Fest '84". 4-11 p.m. Outdoor party, food, games, dunk tank, prizes. \$1 admission.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 10th

**Body Shop:** White Party — Come dressed in all white for specials.

**1101 West:** The debut of "On Toure Rage" with Barbie Mason, Melinda James, Toni Clarke and special guest Gloria Holloway — Miss Gay Wis. 82/83, direct from Chicago.

### MONDAY, JUNE 11th

**Parkway Theatre:** All-male cast movies: "The Diary" and "Closed Set." All day until 11 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 15th to

### SUNDAY, JUNE 17th

**Body Shop:** 2nd Anniversary Celebration all weekend long.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 16th

**Douglas Dunes Resort:** Mr. Midwest Contest. MC'd by Michael K. and Michael Lee.

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ily Feud. (Minnow — you're leaking.)

Afterwards, we trekked to Trix's whose rowdy crowd had just been through the Sunday beer bust. Somehow, we managed to get most of them outside for a group photo. Shelly, V. V. and Cassie II — thanks for a good time. (You too, Mikey.)

Then it was on to the Body Shop for a show by Milwaukee's M. C. Productions — Mandi McCall (Producer), Bouji (Co-Producer), and cast members Natasha, Pepper, and Christina. Guest Barbra Jean

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## LIPSTICK

Summer is here at last, and for some of us this means looking for a summer job. But, who wants a job in summer? Below you will find a few tips to keep you out of work this summer.

- ✓ When filing out the application, ask how to spell sanitarium.
- ✓ Tell the interviewer that you don't believe in resumes . . . they are an affront to your creativity.
- ✓ Suggest ways to redecorate the company lobby. Show them how versatile you are.
- ✓ Ask how long your vacation will be and how soon will you be able to take it.
- ✓ When asked for references, tell the interviewer you never know anyone for as long as a year.
- ✓ Ask if the company insurance plan covers psychiatric care, or sex-change surgery.
- ✓ Remind the interviewer that it's against the law to ask personal questions. For example, where did you last work?

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came from 1101 West. The Body Shop's dance bar is undergoing serious renovation including the building of another bar and raised platforms that will create a "sunken dance floor," in time for their 2nd Anniversary, June 15-17.

The ride back to Milwaukee isn't complete without a stop at 1101 West in Appleton — and Andy was real fun (even the moon made an appearance). Ask him about The Chicken Ranch. (And yes, I know it's Larinda Kelly who is Miss 1101 West and the new Queen of Queens — typos and careless caption note taking. Sorry dear!)

## The Fine Art Of Not Getting The Job

by Jackie "Oh"

- ✓ As the interviewer the time because you have an appointment for a VD test.
- ✓ Ask if the company has a drug rehabilitation program.
- ✓ Bring your father along as a reference.
- ✓ Make sure you know nothing about the company at which you are applying.
- ✓ Ask when your insurance goes into effect because you may have to have your gall bladder out.
- ✓ Ask how many sick days you are allowed per week.
- ✓ Ask where you can park your motor cycle.

*NOTE: Thanks to everyone who came to my party. We all had a good time (see pictures). Don't forget June 3rd starts Women's Nite — All of you who keep saying you have nothing to do take note. See you there!*

One final note . . . Recently during the "Shopping Spree" portion of The More Show, a woman named Judy had called in to guess the price of the products. Bobby Rivers, one of the show's hosts, asked if her name was Mary Ann as it was difficult to hear the name over the studio monitors. Liz Ayers, the show's other half, asked Bobby how he got Mary Jane out of Judy. Bobby's reply was "With a crowbar!"







Appearing at McCall productions show at Green Bay's Body Shop recently were (L to R) back: Barbra Jean Mason, Natasha, Pepper McCormick; front: Bouji & Mandi McCall.

Photo by Chuck Harrington

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money to come in and entertain his 88 guests. They do not know I'm coming. They just think its a birthday party for Dr. Levy. I'm going to walk in the room at the end of the night and say "Would you get off stage? I have to do an act." They'll be surprised — we planned everything.

**WIS:** Do you do impressions?

**R.T.:** Yeah, Arthur Murray.

**WIS:** What are you going to be doing, playing Vegas?

**R.T.:** Yes, I live there. But, I've been on the road this last year because of the play and now I'm going back. I've been in Atlantic City recently with Diller. We go to the Fox in St. Louis for Debbie Reynolds

— we do an act together.

**WIS:** Is living in Vegas like living in an unrealism?

**R.T.:** There is no real world in Vegas — no one ever stops to look for it. There's The Strip and on both sides behind it, after the plastic, is a normal world, but nobody goes there.

**WIS:** Would you like to do a serious film?

**R.T.:** No. There's enough trouble in the world. I want to do something light and funny.

**WIS:** How many years have you been in the business?

**R.T.:** What's today?

**WIS:** May 16th.

**R.T.:** About 22 years, and five days.

**WIS:** Gee, I'm not sure how we should end this.

**R.T.:** Simple. Good luck with your paper and I'll see you when I come back.

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We got the gang from Trix's, Green Bay, together in front of the bar.



Napalese, Green Bay, bar manager Tim (L to R) along with staffers Diane "Minnow" & Mikie.

Photos by Chuck Harrington



### Miss Gay Continental USA Wisconsin Pageant

(Milwaukee) Local personality "Miss M" (Michael Roberts) has announced the franchise for the Miss Gay Continental/USA Wisconsin contest has been obtained. The entrants will come from a 100 mile radius of Milwaukee and will enable Chicago talent to enter the competition.

The pageant will be held Sunday, August 5, 1984 at the Performing Arts Center (Bradley Pavillion) in Milwaukee. Ticket prices will be \$16 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tables will be sold in advance with 10 people per table. This price includes an hors d'oeuvre buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Chena Black (Miss Continental 83-84) from Atlanta Georgia, as well as performers from Chicago and Milwaukee.

The categories in which contestants will be judged are as follows: Bathing suit (1 piece), evening gown, and talent (5 finalists). Also, a white evening gown must be worn for the parade of contestants. There will be a \$50 entry fee that must accompany the application. These can be obtained along with rules and regulations by writing to M. G. C., 815 S. 30th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53215 or telephone 414/645-7710.

The Wisconsin winner will receive cash and prizes, plus a paid entry into the Miss Gay Continental/USA pageant held in Chicago.

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have four people in the room: Fritz Holt, Barry Brown and the two producers. I knew them all. I had rehearsed the scene forever. Arthur Lawrence had the final say, so I did it, five times. I went in and wore a cravat, which is asexual — it wasn't a shirt or it wasn't a blouse. I went in and read for George first (the Gene Barry part). I was working the St. Regis in New York at the time . . . I hit a high note that tall dogs would form — my ass was puckering. **Hair was growing under the wig!** I do sing well, and on key. Then I tried for Albin (the George Hearn part). I went outside and at the count of four I went out and put on an apron and had a pot in my hand — like washing dishes — pulled my hair off and came back in as Albin. Well, they were just screaming. I wanted to show them a different look for Albin, as opposed to Rip doing it. Five call backs and they *still* gave it to Gene Barry! You think I'm not mad? — *you bet your ass I'm mad.* I would be *sensational*. I want that part so bad I can taste it. I've seen the show five times *praying* he would break a leg.

**WIS:** That scene with Cheech and Chong in drag in that restaurant with you . . .

**R.T.:** I wasn't the one in drag, I was the *matre'd*. That was *Things Are Tough All Over* — it's about your paper. These are good questions, Ronnie.

**WIS:** What was one of the better unairable "bleeps" of Jaye P. Morgan on the Gong Show?

**R.T.:** Oh, well, she opened her blouse and flashed. I looked at her and said "*Please not now, people are eating.*" We screamed! She constantly kept flashing.

**WIS:** Is Jaye P. as crazed off stage?

**R.T.:** Yes she is. There's a definite trip to the home every other week. I may go next — I left my robe open too long yesterday. I joined a sperm bank and made *ten* deposits and petered out — I'm just *so* exhausted.

**WIS:** Tell us about what you're doing here in Milwaukee.

**R.T.:** A friend of Phyllis Diller, a doctor she used to know and goes with, is having a birthday party. He's paying me a lot

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Photo by Chuck Harrington

Mr. David at the piano and the Ballgame's softball benefit crown singing along.

## JUICY BITS

History books and *The Encyclopedia Britannica* have long relegated to oblivion the accomplishments of many gays. There is a long list of little-known gays who changed the course of history. So, in an attempt to bring to light these forgotten people and their accomplishments, I present this brief compendium:

**Ray "Butts" Dufflebacher (1865-1939):** As a youth attending a strict prep school in Brooklyn, he invented and perfected the *Hit-and-Run-Moon*. Using a fast horse and carriage, Ray pulled down his pants and stuck his ass out an open window, with his bare butt aimed at the startled head master, Franklin Hooper. After a close inspection, Hooper was able to identify Dufflebacher as the culprit by a mole on his left cheek.

**Leonard Quigly (1915-1956):** While tripping on acid one night, he invented the first *scratch-and-sniff* inflatable sex doll.

**George McFadden (1823-1898):** A lonely and under-sexed fisherman from Bangor, Maine, McFadden was overwhelmed by his desires and became romantically involved with several crustaceans and developed the first reported case of *crabs*.

**Pierre Louis Chalet (1603-?):** In 1634 he invented the *closet*, which he wallpapered with back issues of *Gentlemen's Quarterly* and then moved into permanently. His body was discovered by a cleaning lady in 1745.

**Pornoryporus (13 B.C.-A.D. 42):** A scientist and philosopher in Rome, he invented the *VCR* and made several movies including: *Blazing Zippers*, *The Leather Nun*, and *Cell Block 69*. The term "pornography" comes from him, although his other accomplishments have been largely ignored.

**Jean Marie Dubious (1912-1969):** Long dissatisfied with conventional electric and battery operated vibrators, and want-

## Gaze Through History . .

by W. W. Wells, III

ing something more powerful to fulfill her desires, she invented the *deisel vibrator* in 1954.

**Rosco Splitz (1857-1951):** An all-around athlete, Splitz invented the modern *jock-strap*, which leaves the rear exposed. He is also credited with inventing the current method of hiking the football, with the center bent over and the quarterback receiving the ball through the center's legs.

**Lester Dingleberry (1919-1975):** Held the first *Crisco* party in 1940. He was also the first person to hold a *Slip and Slide* party. Dingleberry was sent to prison in 1943 on a morals charge and coined the phrase "bend over and pick up the soap."

**Leslie Pleasance (1834-1911):** Driven by his desire for a more masculine appearance, he perfected the first *chest hair toupee* in 1876.

**Zippo Blintz (1845-1922):** Although credited to Alexander Bell, the *telephone* was actually invented by Bell's houseboy Zippo Blintz, which he used to give the first *obscene* phone call in 1877.

**Dr. Fred Lumpster (1901-1978):** As a Marine Corps doctor, he invented *hernias* so that he could examine young soldiers for them. The fact that hernias do not exist did not come out until 1951, after a handsome young private complained to his superiors that Dr. Lumpster had examined him for hernias 235 times in the last year. He also coined the phrase "turn your head and cough."

Of course there were many other gays who made significant contributions to society. We can only hope that those who write history books will not ignore their achievements — that the likes of *Boy George*, *Richard Simmons*, or *Bobby Rivers* will be treated with the respect they deserve.



In Step Interview

# RIP TAYLOR

America's funny man chats with In Step's Ron Geiman and Kevin Michael.

Before In Step had a chance to ask any questions, Mr. Taylor took off . . .

**R.T.:** A month ago I did a benefit for AIDS in Cleveland and raised a *awful* lot of money. Before that I did other benefits for AIDS at the Hollywood Bowl with Debbie Reynolds and about 50 or 60 big name movie stars and raised a lot of money. The gay community screwed it up because they fought among themselves. The movie stars, hosts and the celebrities were the easiest to get. They always are — and the benefit didn't make much money because the people who ran it fought among themselves so much. I'm doing another one on the 3rd of June at Studio 54 in New York.

**WIS:** For the Gay Men's Health Crisis Center in New York?

**R.T.:** Don't ask me — it's to help AIDS. That's all I'm told, and that's all I want to know — I don't want to fight with these people. The mistake they made in Cleveland was that they put the advertisements only in gay bars and gay places. It's not a gay disease. I went on television and a woman said to me "Are you in town for the (quietly) 'gay' party?" I said, "Why did you whisper that word?" This was on TV and they wanted to stop the tape, but I told them not to. The little boy who was in the bubble — was never out of the bubble — he died from AIDS. Immune deficiency — he died. Was he an Ohio farmer? Was he gay? What? *No, he was a little kid in a balloon all his life.* So it isn't necessarily a gay disease. And don't make a mistake — when you have AIDS shows to help raise money, depend on the gay community because no one thinks they have it. They all know they're not going to get it. They're still going to be promiscuous — they can't help it, it's human nature. And it isn't just for gay people. That's the problem. *Now we can be funny. . .*

**WIS:** Describe the ugliest woman who ever appeared in the \$1.98 Beauty Contest.

**R.T.:** Well, a lot of them had hair coming from every pore. You didn't see those scenes. The outtakes were *absolutely hysterical*. I mean *gross* people! They had two drag queens on and didn't tell me when they made their entrance. I said, "Hello, you need a shave." Finding out they were really men was hysterical. Good luck with your new paper, incidentally. Tell the people that *I asked you* for this interview — you didn't ask me.

**WIS:** You did start out in theatre, right?

**R.T.:** No, I started out in night clubs. Strip joints. I was really wonderful at one club in Baltimore — they called it Balmer — the building was 27 strips and Rip. So I went from night clubs to TV to the theatre. Now I'm legitimate and my mother is so happy. I did *Sugar Babies* on Broadway when Micky Rooney got sick and took a vacation three times — and I was on Broadway with *Ann Miller!* I had such a wonderful experience. Then I did *Peter Pan* with Alan McMullen, who is sitting here with us. He was the stage manager then and now lives in Milwaukee. *You should pick his brain because he's very bright in regards to the theatre.* Exchange phone numbers with him!

**WIS:** The character that you perform is basically you, isn't it?

**R.T.:** Exactly . . . yeah, I get away with it . . . I'm working all the time.

**WIS:** We brought some confetti along . . . I was going to . . .

**R.T.:** *Don't, I'll have to sweep.* I'll tell you, people *throw it my food* when I'm eating. I get *so mad* sometimes.

**WIS:** Did you ever get tired of the \$1.98 Beauty Contest?

**R.T.:** No, it was number five in the country when Chuck Barris took it off himself. He owned it and he took it off — it was his prerogative.

**WIS:** Any reason why?

**R.T.:** Well, you'd have to ask him. He was just hurt. Someone told him it was



The many faces of comedian/actor Rip Taylor.

just a piece of schlock. Meanwhile we had *The Dating Game*, *Newlywed Game*, etc. — 19 hours of network television weekly. 19 hours is a lot of money. So, somebody was sitting home watching that "schlock." It hurt me because I wanted to be on daily . . . to become a household word like Fab or Dash or Renziti.

**WIS:** Do you like the transfer from television to the stage?

**R.T.:** I do. I didn't think I could do it because hardly anyone else thought I could do it either. They thought because of the character I play in night clubs that I'm like that all the time. I'm not like that really. I make myself laugh all the time . . . and I do laugh. I didn't deviate a sentence from any script. They were all quite surprised. Every interviewer kept saying "Are you going to throw confetti?" I would ask "Is it in the script?" They would say "No," and I'd say "Well then I guess I won't." But, they all came expecting me to get out of character and be Rip Taylor, not Captain Hook. I'm *constantly* battling a preconceived notion of what I'm going to do. I went into the theatre to

show producers in Hollywood that I could stick to a script and do a series. I was off the TV, and when you're off the TV they forget you're at home. That's the interim I'm into now. I'm in Vegas and Atlantic City working a lot, but in major gambling places to make some money — not in the television because there's not much TV. The theatre is slow because the theatres are closing the plays because the materials have not been good. So, I like to do both. It's hard to take those blinders off those people in Hollywood saying "He just throws confetti."

**WIS:** Besides Captain Hook, what else would you like to do?

**R.T.:** I did Mr. Lutz for John Kenley in the *Student Prince*. I didn't change a line from that, either.

**WIS:** Would you do La Cage Aux Folles?

**R.T.:** I had five call backs for "La Cage" last January before it opened. The Director, Authur Lawrence, is a very dear friend of Gene Barry and that's how Gene got the job. They handed me the script a week before I went into read. They only

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