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We're really glad to be back!

Be sure to check out the interview with Christopher Durham (the well-known television star, *Playgirl* centerfold, and just general hunk) appearing in this issue.

NOTE:

Our return came so fast that we never had the chance to contact some of our writers. Look for "Jock Shorts", "Lipstick", and "Dance Steps" to return in the next issue.

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BRIEFS

Supreme Court Agrees To Decide Gay Rights Case

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to decide a gay rights case — for the first time in nearly two decades. It was announced that they would rule whether the Constitution permitted local public school boards to fire teachers for advocating gay and lesbian activities.

Upon opening their new term, the justices agreed to rule on 29 of the more than 1,000 cases they considered and said they would review an Oklahoma law that was overturned by a federal appellate court as a violation of the right of free expression by teachers.

Most recently, the Supreme Court has sidestepped a number of opportunities for review of gay rights claims. The last time the justices ruled on the issue was 1967, when they held that the government could lawfully deport aliens found to be homosexuals.

The Oklahoma law authorizes school boards to dismiss teachers for public statements "advocating, encouraging or promoting" homosexual activity when there is a "substantial risk" that such statements will be brought to the attention of students or school personnel.

Milwaukee Journal

Climb Noted In Wisconsin AIDS Cases

The Wisconsin Division of Health on October 1st released its quarterly update on AIDS cases, showing three new native Wisconsin cases since July 1st. That brings the total of native Wisconsin cases to 12 since AIDS reporting began. Of those 12 — six have died; most were sexually active gay males and one may have had multiple blood transfusions while out of state, according to Dr. James Vergeront of the Division of Health.

In a separate tally, two new out-of-state patients have returned to Wisconsin for treatment bringing the out-of-state figure to a total of 12. Six of them have died of AIDS, and all were sexually active gay men.

When questioned as to the strength of

Wisconsin's AIDS reporting system, Dr. Vergeront confirmed the requirement that doctors must report patients with specific outlined symptoms. Vergeront insisted Wisconsin has one of the stronger reporting systems in the country, and said ten other sources were available besides physicians to keep the system in check. Certain test results, which could indicate AIDS, are also filed with the state, including STD tests, hemophilia tests, tuberculosis, and the tumor registry. •

Hospices Will Treat AIDS Victims

Six hospices in the Milwaukee area have signed a statement of willingness to treat AIDS patients.

The statement says that all hospices will follow a set of standards for ministering to AIDS patients that was established by the advisory committee on infections within hospitals of the American Hospital Association. The standards essentially mandate careful hand washing, wearing of masks near coughing patients and avoidance of contact with the patient's body fluids and blood. The precautions are nearly the same ones used for treating hepatitis patients.

The hospice statement points out that there is no evidence of person-to-person transmission of the disease through ordinary social or occupational contact, nor evidence of air-borne or food-borne transmission.

The six hospices signing the agreement are: Mount Sinai Hospice, St. Joseph's Hospice, Milwaukee Hospice Home Care, St. Mary's Hospice, Visiting Nurses Association and Kenosha Hospice Alliance.

A hospice is a specialized center for the care of the terminally ill who do not require hospitalization, affording patients to pass on to eternal life with more dignity.

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Ed's note: What a terrific gesture by these professional organizations! In having lived with an AIDS patient who eventually died, hospices are a welcome option for those patients. Although AIDS patients are usually besieged with various

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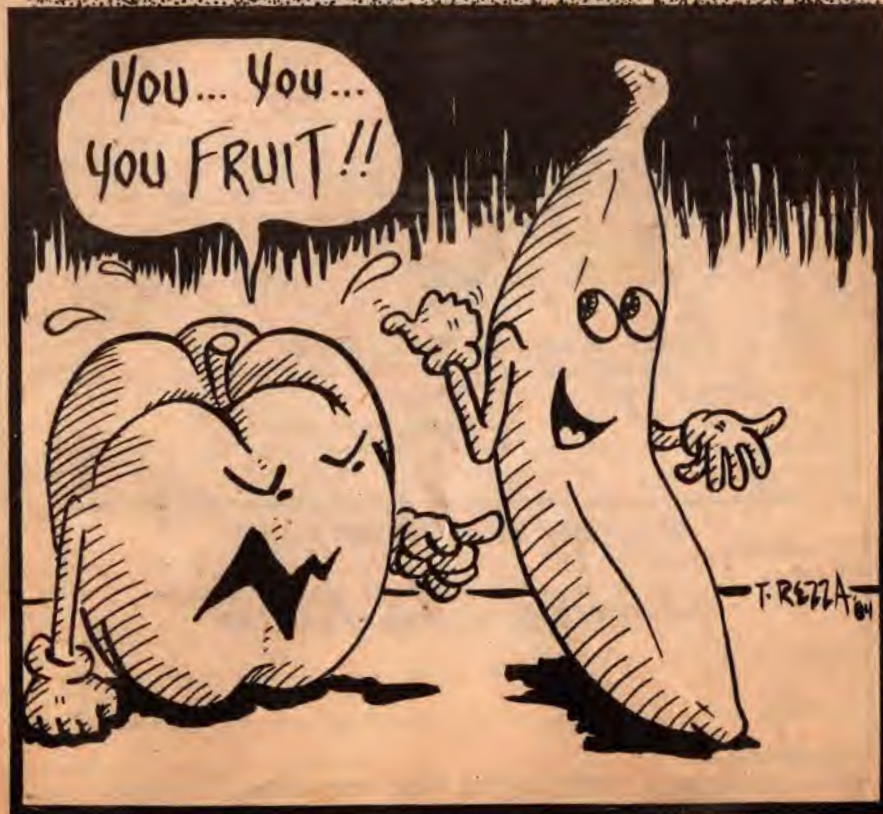
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infections, etc., they normally do not require constant hospitalization. It sure would have been nice if Scott would have had a hospice available to him before he died. (This was in California — and they're the ones who are supposed to be more progressive than we are. Ha!!!)

Koch Order On Gays Overturned

A New York City mayoral order prohibiting organizations that do business with the city from discriminating against gays and lesbians has been ruled unconstitutional.

State Supreme Court Justice Alvin Klein said that although Mayor Ed Koch "is vested with the power to issue regulations . . . he is not empowered to bypass the legislative process and create a new social policy absent a proper legislative basis."

A ruling had been sought by the city and three religious organizations — the Salvation Army, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York and Agudath Israel of America — that perform social services under contract to the city.

Milwaukee Journal

New Ray Of Hope For Herpes

A drug, acyclovir, is standard therapy for genital herpes. Given intravenously, it protects patients whose immune systems have been depressed and who might die if infected with the herpes virus. Recently two teams of researchers reported that administered orally, acyclovir also dramatically reduced flare-ups in people prone to recurrent bouts of herpes.

Despite such encouraging results, it was emphasized that the drug is "far from a cure" and, indeed, should be used with caution. The drug causes mutations in cells growing in tissue culture, raising the possibility that it could lead to cancer or birth defects. It is recommended that only those suffering frequent recurrences — more than three a year — should use acyclovir for long periods. And in pill form, the drug has not yet been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Newsweek

Army Asks For Settlement Check

On May 20, 1980, former U.S. Army Drill Instructor Miriam Ben-Shalom became the first gay person to win a decision against the military which affirmed that gay soldiers were protected under the Constitution with regards to right of free thought, free association and free speech. Ms. Ben-Shalom's discharge was held to be invalid and she was ordered reinstated into the U.S. Army Reserve with rank, back pay and benefits. Heralded nationwide as a landmark decision with profound importance for lesbians and gays in their struggle for civil rights, the decision continues to benefit gay people fighting similar court battles.

Three years later, because the Army had not complied with the Writ of Mandamus issued by Milwaukee Federal Judge Terrance Evans, Ms. Ben-Shalom returned to court with a personal remedy suit seeking to force the Army to comply with the Writ. On June 7, 1984, the Court ordered the Army to pay Ms. Ben-Shalom a mere \$744.35 and expressed its unwillingness to further enforce its own previous ruling.

Ms. Ben-Shalom has taken the latest ruling on appeal and has filed a brief with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago on September 7, 1984. Her attorney, Mark Rogers, says that because of the government's unwillingness to enforce its own decisions, it is absolutely necessary to have the case appealed. Rogers commented, ". . . It might seem as if the government does not care about the civil rights of its citizens, and that it is okay for them to refuse Ms. Ben-Shalom those things afforded her in the original Writ . . .

In a curious side to these ongoing proceedings, the U.S. Attorney has asked for the return of the \$744.35 check sent to Ms. Ben-Shalom's attorney. It seems that since the Army knows that she is appealing her case and that the check would not be cashed, they wanted it back because, somehow, the uncashed check would foul up the Army's bookkeeping system.

Ms. Ben-Shalom has asked her attorney to comply with the Army's request, saying, "Maybe they need to purchase a hammer or a plastic part for some general's stool. I surely wouldn't want to add to the Army's confusion, possibly threaten national security, or confound their bookkeeping system." ▼

Organizations And GROUP NOTES

Manadala Provides Needed Services To Community

The Mandala Counseling Service, Inc. provides crisis intervention and referral services to the gay and lesbian community on the Hotline, hours of which are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6 p.m. to midnight. The hotline is staffed by volunteers who have had training in crisis intervention and are sensitive to the issues of affectional/sexual preference and sexuality. The hotline's number is 291-9463.

Mandala also offers counseling by appointment only at 291-9446. Brief crisis intervention counseling, one to three sessions, are offered as well as referrals. Appointments can be made for Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. No fees are charged, but a donation of ten dollars per session is asked. Counselors are professionals trained in the fields of psychology and social work and are sensitive to issues of sexuality.

Thanks are extended to an anonymous donor for their designated United Way contribution of \$440.00. As Mandala is volunteer-run and non-profit, the much needed donation will help support the Hotline and aide in public relations efforts. Should anyone want to volunteer time or money, please call the Answering Service at 291-9446.

Milwaukee Gay Chorus Forming

Several members of Christian Gay OK (CGOK) have expressed an interest in forming a chorus. In order to plan for such a group, there will be a sign-up and planning meeting on Monday, October 22nd at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting will be at the All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee (use entrance in alley at west end of Guild Hall building). Please plan to attend if you are interested.

B.W.M.T. To Celebrate 4th Anniversary

Milwaukee's Black and White Men Together (BWMT) will hold its 4th Anniversary the weekend of October 19-21.

The celebration is being held at the downtown Ramada Inn (633 W. Michigan Ave.) and will entertain with a whole host of events. A regional networking conference for BWMT chapters in the Great Lakes area will be a key part of the activities. Free housing and transportation can be provided upon request. Contact Del at (414) 265-6633 or John at (414) 332-1941 for more information.

United Way Can Be United Gay!

The United Way disperses funds to a great many services and causes essential to our society. Unfortunately, most of the causes essential to our well being as members of the gay and lesbian community are not included in United Way funding.

The Cream City Association Foundation (CCAF) provides economic strength for health, social support, and other service organizations within the gay community. Through the Donor Option Plan, the United Way allows you to designate the CCAF or any other gay foundation as the recipient of your contributions to the United Way campaign, thus fulfilling your responsibility to your employer in this support of that agency, but benefiting our own community.

So pledge your support to the United Way, and help our unique community and interests in the process. If you choose to designate CCAF (based in Milwaukee, but providing support to all of Wisconsin) on your United Way pledge card, you need not tell your employer who the CCAF is, only that we are a non-profit charitable foundation which the United Way honors as a designated agency. All contributions are tax-deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. With any donation to CCAF, you'll receive all informational mailings of the Foundation, keeping you informed of how your financial support is benefiting your community.

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2 Beer Garden (Wm, F)	3743 W. Vliet St., 344-5760
3 Boot Camp (M, L/L)	209 E. National Ave., 643-6900
4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D)	231 S. Second St., 291-9600
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4 Club 219 (Mw, DJ, L/L)	219 S. Second St., 271-3732
3 DK's (Wm, D)	135 E. National Ave., 643-9758
6 Fannle's (Wm, D, F)	200 E. Washington Ave., 643-9633
7 Finale (Mw, D)	808 E. Center St., 372-6664
8 Grand Avenue Pub (MW, G/S, F)	716 W. Wisconsin Ave., 271-9525
9 Hot Legs (W/M, DJ)	814 S. 2nd St.
9 La Cage Aux Folles (Mw, DJ, V)	801 S. Second St., 383-8330
11 M&M Club (Mw, F)	124 N. Water St., 347-1962
12 Mint Bar (M, G/S)	422 W. State St., 273-7660
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13 This Is It (M)	418 E. Wells St., 278-9192
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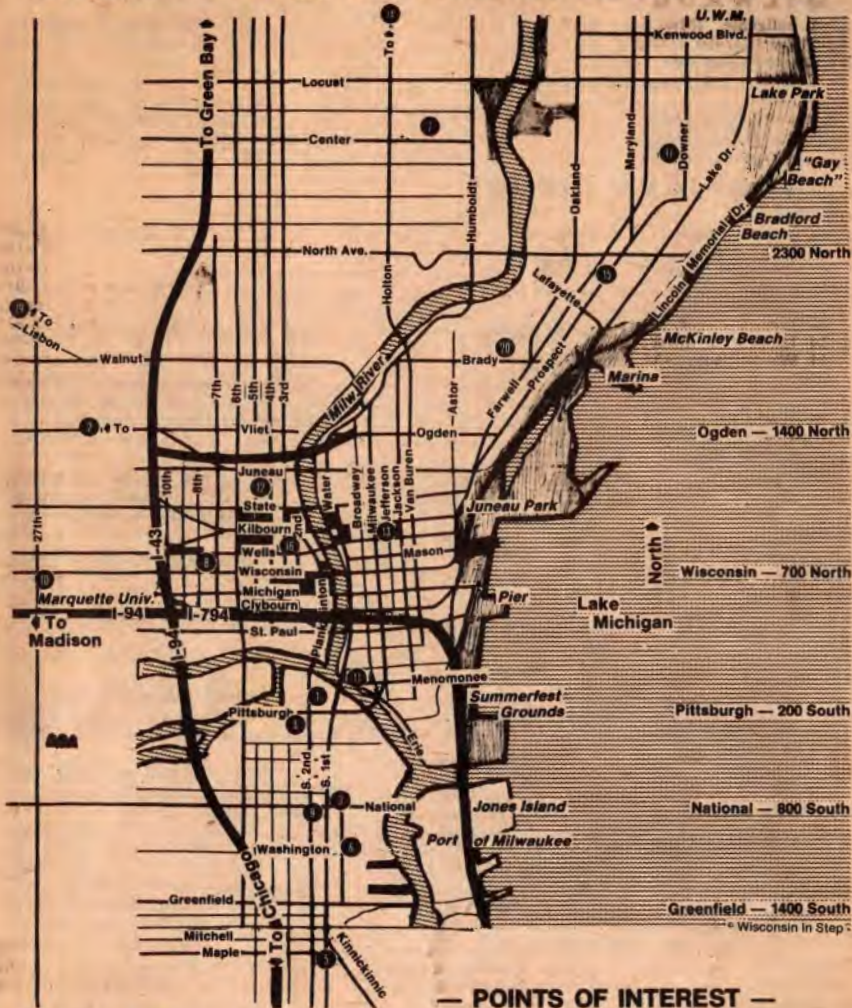
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Cost is \$3 per meeting. For more information or registration, call Bob Porter at The Counseling Center, (414) 271-2565.

CGOK Adds Outreach To Hearing Impaired

Christian Gay OK (CGOK) has added an outreach program for the hearing impaired.

CGOK is a non-denominational group for gays and lesbians and their families and friends. They hold meetings three times a week with all services held at All Saints Cathedral in Milwaukee. Two services per week will be signed for the hearing impaired. Meetings are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. A pot luck dinner is planned for October 23rd at 6 p.m. Also, a group facilitator class (training for group leaders) is starting on October 23rd.

All Saints Cathedral is at 818 East Ju-neau Avenue in Milwaukee. For more

information, contact Harry at (414) 289-0801.

Immune Function Research Study

Applications are being accepted for enrollment into the National Institute of Health's immune function research study being conducted at the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic in Chicago.

Homosexually active men between the ages of 18 and 60 who are interested in participating can call the NIH research project at (312) 871-5696 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday for more information.

Mandala Seeks Volunteers

Mandala Counseling Service, Inc. is seeking people who want to train for the gay and lesbian crisis hotline. Training is on Sunday evenings and run for six weeks. The training will prepare the volunteer with counseling skills and covers

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Organizations: Get Your Events Listed

Send us information about your activities! For the "Group Notes" section, give us a description of what you're about, what projects you're into, and your meeting dates/times/locations. Use a different sheet of paper to get events listed in the "Calendar of Special Events" — send us your special dates. Have a speaker coming? A big fund raiser? Etc.? We'll be glad to list them for you. Please, no phone calls. Mail all information to: In Step Magazine, 823 N. 2nd St., #409, Milwaukee, WI 53203. ▼

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We eagerly await the arrival of each new issue and digest it cover to cover —

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Mary and Jane
San Rafael, CA

Dear Editors:

I am not sure, but I would guess there are a lot of — or at least a fair number — of older gays in small towns that would enjoy the company and the meeting with other older gays . . . say 50 or 55 and older.

What really baffles me is the city of Wausau, Wisconsin. There is a population of over 40,000 and they have only one mixed bar. I stopped several times and the group was 30 or younger. Where are they all hiding? The closet in Wausau must cover several square miles. Where

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Christopher Durham: A Talented And Beautiful Hunk

by Kevin Michael

Arts Columnist Kevin Michael had the pleasant opportunity to chat with Christopher Durham when he was in town starring in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Melody Top Theatre. No doubt you'll recognize him as Matt McCandless on CBS' popular daytime soap opera *Capitol*. Also, he was featured in a six page color feature in the June issue of *Playgirl*. He's not only an extremely talented actor and singer, but a warm, charming, and engaging person.

WIS: A reviewer here in Milwaukee describes you as a "hunk . . . though happily a sensitive actor." Do you ever resent the sex symbol image?

CD: No, I love it. It hasn't worked against me. It could, I guess, if someone wanted to get real harsh about it. That's what's so important to me about doing *Joseph*. People saw me on *Capitol*, in *Playgirl*, people see me on talk shows, and now people in Milwaukee know I can sing too! Hollywood is still noted for putting you in a little mold and they sometimes can't see beyond their noses to let you stretch. That's what I'm trying to do while I'm still at this building level with my career. I'm doing what I want to do. I think I'm a decent actor — I'm working at it. I think I'll be a terrific actor someday. There's a lot more there than just the physical.

WIS: An exciting tryout experience — beating out several hundred other actors for Matt on *Capitol*. Describe it for us, if you will.

CD: This was the third or fourth soap opera that I had gotten down to the wire for. Your agent submits you for it and you go in for a general reading. And then if they like you, they call you back a couple of times. I knew it was getting serious when they flew the producers in from L.A. to meet me. And then they called the next week and asked for a screen test. It took about a month, so it was kind of drawn out and nerve wracking. But, I was thrilled when I got the part. I started

crying when my agent called and said I got the part because it's your big break. When you get your first professional work like that, you know you're going to get the big exposure. It's that kind of feeling that makes it all worthwhile. Like *Joseph's* opening night — you're nervous as hell and you think you're getting ulcers. But afterwards, it's the biggest release of knowing you worked hard and you pulled it off!

WIS: Any preference for television or theatre?

CD: No, I think I want to do it all. I had a theatre background before I started doing *Capitol*. I thought it was very strange because you don't have an audience and there's no immediate feedback. It's a different medium. After doing *Joseph* (and it's the first theatre I've done since *Capitol*), I called my agent after opening night and said, "I want to do more theatre!" I'm never happier than when I'm on stage. I have a good time — I hope it shows.

WIS: You work out daily — believe me that's appreciated by our reading audience. What's the regimen? Any advice for those of us with little or no physique?

CD: Diet is important. I maintain a very strict diet. I work out six times a week and try to take aerobics three times a week. I swim some. I get depressed if I don't work out. I have a lot more energy when I leave the gym — it gets the blood flowing. I want to look good. I don't think I ever would have started lifting if I hadn't gone through the time where I was very skinny. In fact, when I graduated from high school I weighed 126 pounds — and that was just six years ago. I was tiny and didn't want to be that little, so I started working out.

WIS: The six page *Playgirl* layout (you should pardon the word choice) is considered by some as being controversial. In fact, one right-wing Milwaukee group was incensed that you were playing a character from the bible after appearing in the magazine. How do you react to that?

CD: Well, I'm not defensive about it. I'm very open minded about anything. I know I'm a good person at heart. Who are they to judge? I don't judge them. It's their

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the hell are they all hiding?

I also attended several "rap groups" in Rhinelander, and again the group was close to 30. There has to be some older gays out there somewhere. I can't be the only one north of Fox Point.

What I am getting at is some way for older gays to contact one and other, BUT how to do this or go about it I am drawing a blank.

D. L., Tomahawk

Dear Editors:

I am congratulating and thanking you for your printing of "Dear Abbey" in your May 17-30, 1984 issue for your "Consider This." It was most important to my mother as she slowly understands and accepts her son's homosexuality. It was a positive STEP UP the ladder for her in our continuing mother/son understanding of a gay son battling with her five other "straight" married sons.

One Out Of Six Isn't Bad

To The Staff Of In Step:

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To The Editorial Staff:

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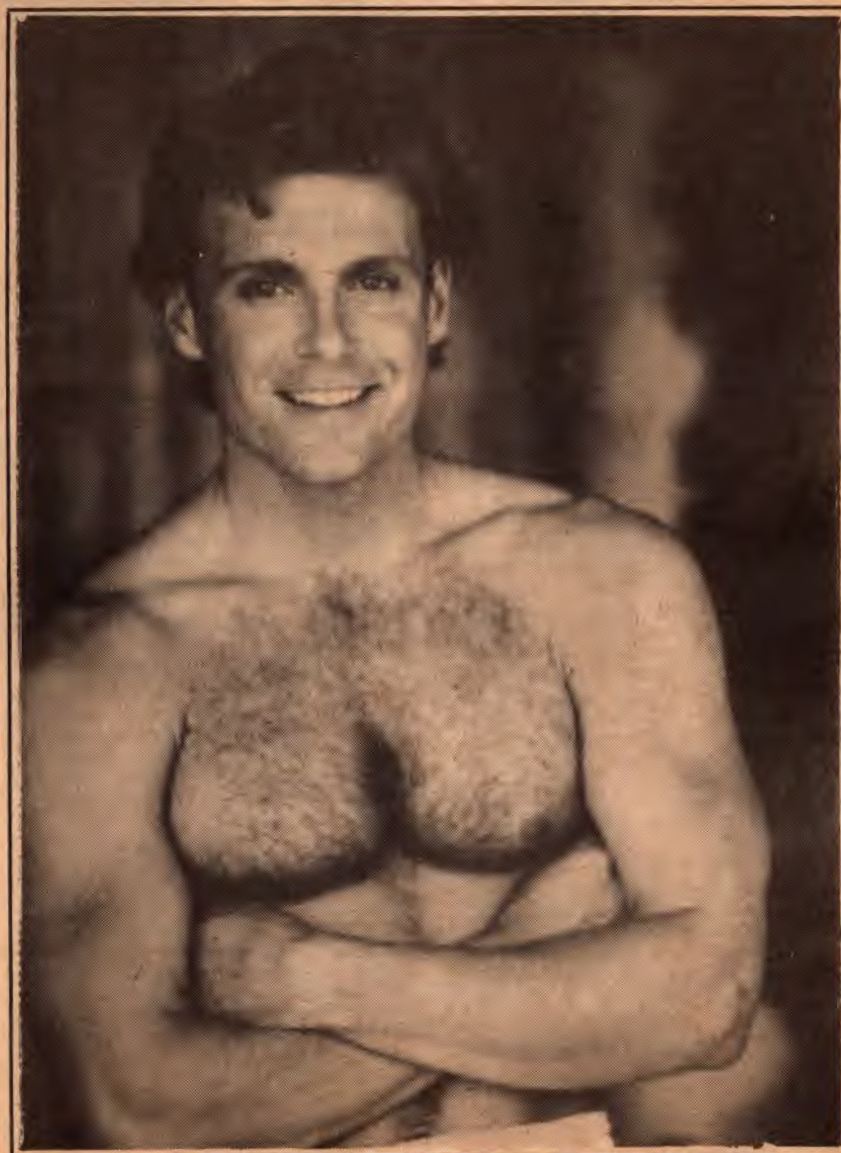
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I wish the Wreck Room continued success in the years ahead. I will not forget the hospitality they have shown their patrons. Thanks for letting me share in the celebration.

*Mark
Milwaukee*

Ed's note: Wayne and Jimmy — normally we would just forward a letter like this directly to you, but you really did go "up and beyond" what is expected ▼

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Christopher Durham

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problem. I can't be bothered with it.

WIS: I have to ask this. Why wouldn't you reveal all?

CD: There wasn't enough room on the page! We totally did it for exposure (a little pun there). It worked very well. It was a very modest layout. I'm surprised at the big deal people made out of it. I think if you lay it all out there, they've seen it all and what else is there left to wonder about? You leave something to the imagination because it's much more stimulating.

WIS: Christopher Durham born on April 9th — an Alres person — is there any of that sign in you?

CD: Yes, actually. I don't follow astrology that precisely, but a lot of what they say about Aries are true. I'm very impatient, very creative, very theatrical, very hot tempered at times. An astrologer asked me once what was my favorite color. Red is my favorite color and that's funny because I had no idea that red is the color for Aries.

WIS: You're a multi-faceted person. Athletic and a painter as well. Tell us about Christopher Durham the artist.

CD: I do a lot of water colors. I just started oils about two months ago. I'm very much into the Impressionistic period with pastels — Monet, Renoir. It sounds funny, but I also paint eggs. I do a lot of animals — I did a Beatrix Potter series. A boutique in Beverly Hills wanted to feature them, but I didn't have time to paint 100 eggs. I took up piano last year, too. It's nice when I have free time to be able to sit down and produce something that's mine.

WIS: You're also a masseur?

CD: Yes, that just happened two weeks ago. That was fun for me because being such a fitness buff, I'd always been interested in massage. I started to study in January and just got my degree. I'm licensed in Swedish massage. It's actually very therapeutic, very healthy.

WIS: Do you miss New York being now a Californian?

CD: L.A. was a hard adjustment for me because I'm very hyper and California people are very laid back, I suppose because of the climate. I'm not the kind of person that's geared towards that. I'm not the kind of person that goes to the beach and lays out for three hours. I get bored very easily. Yes, I do miss New

York. I'm going back for a week after *Joseph* closes to visit some friends and to see a lot of theatre. I have never seen *La Cage Aux Folles* or *The Real Thing*. I like California now, but it was a bigger adjustment than going to New York.

WIS: You say '84 was good for you?

CD: '84 has been the best year of my life! It's been a complete turnaround. I read a book by Shirley MacLaine, *Out On A Limb*, over Christmas that changed my life. I was going through some changes . . . questioning. My life just changed — a lot of the questions were answered. You know how you read some books and they'll stick in your head for about two weeks and then you forget what they were saying. But that book I always go back to. She's phenomenal!

WIS: Were you ever trained as an actor prior to New York?

CD: Yes, but not extensively. I've studied with acting teachers in New York and Los Angeles. I've been very fortunate in that I began working professionally soon after I arrived in New York. My philosophy of acting is that the best way to learn is by doing. Experience is the best teacher. I feel taking classes is important — you know to keep polishing your technique and I always jump right back into acting classes if I'm not working. It's great to do scene study and be critiqued, but I learn much faster when I'm out there actually performing. I love to work with people more experienced than myself. *Capitol* was terrific because there are some real pros on that show and they were so willing to share their craft.

WIS: A favorite stage role?

CD: That I've done? I must say — and I know this will sound corny because I'm here — but I've the most fun with *Joseph*. Also, Frederic in *Pirates Of Penzance*. I like comedy — that's why this is so nice. On *Capitol*, I was such a syrupy, sweet, serious guy, they would never let me be funny. I'm basically a funny person — I can be very off the wall. And in *Joseph*, I can do this. I try not to take life that seriously. It's great to act crazy and goofy and get paid for it.

WIS: How do you find Milwaukee?

CD: I'm staying an extra day. I like it and I'm having a great time now that the show's opened and I have my days free. I'm staying on the East Side, the neighborhood is beautiful and the people are

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friendly. Everyone's been terrific!

WIS: We're very pleased and proud to have you in our magazine. Any comment?

CD: Being in a gay magazine? I have a lot of gay friends and I don't have any qualms about it. I come from a conservative town in Virginia where it still isn't talked about, I don't think. I'm surprised at how open Milwaukee is to it — I thought it would be a lot more conservative. I'll tell you something I really believe, I don't think it's important what your sexual preference is, I think it's important that you're sexual. It would be a tragedy to me if you weren't sexual at all. If you want to sleep with men or women, who cares? Sex is such a small but important part of your life. You spend more time eating than you do having sex. Some of the most talented people that I've met are gay. So what difference does it make?

WIS: What's in store for Christopher Durham next? Back to Capitol?

CD: I don't want to say anything yet because no contracts are signed, but there are some things in the works when I return to L.A. I'm not superstitious, but I think it's bad luck to talk about an acting job before it's actually yours. I'm very optimistic and I know I'll do well. You have to think confidentially like that and I'm very sure of myself.

WIS: You choice of "A Dream Is A Wish Your Heart Makes" as a finale song and the story about your relationship with your father is quite beautiful and touching. Could you speak about this?

CD: That is a favorite song of mine. It struck me — hit me overnight. I had heard Bette Midler do it. It's a Walt Disney song and it's so appropriate for the show. It's the kind of thought I'd like to leave people with. I love to dream and a lot of my dreams are coming true and if I can share that with people that makes me very happy! Have your dreams and dream them and do what you want to in life! ▼

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Conventions And Confrontations: The Directions Of '84

It surely was an active summer, wasn't it? The gay communities of America saw themselves on prime time TV this year; according to some, the coverage was sublime. There are those who feel that our efforts were ridiculous, as well. No matter what camp you find yourself leaning towards, you have to admit that this year our voices were heard and most certainly counted!

The San Francisco march (on the eve of the Democratic convention) was perhaps the most moving event I have ever witnessed. Don't you believe the stories of the media about "100,000 to 150,000 people." Let me assure you that there were at least 200,000 persons there and marching. Gay people and their friends and supporters knew this was serious politics and conducted themselves accordingly: they marched with pride, assurance, dignity. Aware, as the massive crowd seemed to be, that the whole world was watching, those people placed a serious and non-violent philosophy out for media consumption. For the first time, the usual glitter and tom-foolery were absent. And we were taken seriously. Cesar Chevas marched in solidarity with us, Senator Alan Cranston appeared at a benefit held at one of the bars, local politicians showed up by the score.

I was proud to march with that crowd. I will also share a profound personal impression I had: As I marched, I never once looked around to see who was following me. For those few hours, in the middle of 200,000 people, I felt the safest I have ever felt in my years of activist work. I cried as I marched, overwhelmed by the unity and singlemindedness of all those people. They wanted Gay Rights. They want those rights — now. And I felt a fierce, incandescent joy at being with them; felt a joy in being a lesbian I never felt before.

Dallas was another thing altogether. The march on the Republican convention was orderly, but diverse. Iranians

marched, feminists marched, Palistinians marched — good grief, everybody who wants the Prez out of the White House marched. Certainly the media was there, but it was obvious that they were having as much trouble as I was figuring out who was what was where, initially. There was a great deal of dissention within the Dallas gay community as well, due in part to the presence of those wild and crazy persons from San Francisco: The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. I guess Dallas wasn't ready for gay-style street theatre. Frankly, I don't think Dallas was ready for either marchers or the convention. Although the South has a strong tradition of hospitality, I saw much of that thrown out to the wind. Public buildings (and restrooms) were closed down — there seemed to be some fear that all 1,500 of us marchers were somehow going to just take over the city. The camp grounds reserved for marches had (only two days before people began arriving) been sprayed — to eliminate rattlesnakes . . . or so I was told.

Many Dallasites viewed the marchers with less than restrained hostility: one many threatened to "horsewhip" one of the Sisters and moved toward 'her' in a threatening manner. I stepped between the two (in my navy blue suit and girl shirt) and was nearly punched in the face — until the aggressive fellow realized that I was — really — a woman and not a guy in drag. For once, I was happy that the Dallasite was sexist as he said that he "Din't punch ladies."

There were bright spots though: the older man who said he had changed his mind, after all, and gays weren't so bad — and went to welcome the Sisters to Dallas and to apologize for some earlier rude remarks. Another speck of joy was talking to a female delegate — and watching her surprise when she found that we had a great deal in common, and as she said, "You remind me of my sister, but you're just a tad bit more vocal."

You've noticed that I have not mentioned much about the dark side of things; the negative side of things. I guess that's because I feel that these marches

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(L to R) Bob Kozminski, Doris, Suzie Arnold, Dean Paradowski, Miriam, B.J. (rear), Pat Murphy and Charlotte Lorraine — at Your Place show, "Nothin' Dirty Goin' On."



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were so profound and so full of meaning that I don't care to harp or carry on about such glitches. There were plenty, but those things don't matter.

What matters is that in the Summer of 1984, the gay community of the United States of America began to really come of age! We are a sophisticated people, able to respectfully but strongly put across the message that we are no longer satisfied with being taken for granted, that we are no longer happy with second class citizenship, that we shall be taking our rightful place in society no matter the blocks placed in our way.

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Disco Diva Pamela Stanley said it first — "coming out of hiding" — but those are the perfect words to describe me. It's been over three months since our last *In Step*, and nearly as long that I've been out and about. It was hard taking an "unplanned vacation," and thank God I had my lover George, my partner David, his lover David, and Kim — plus a few other close friends to lean on during those "lien" months. It was difficult for me to go out to the bars and gay/lesbian events because I got real tired of people asking me "Where's In Step?" I had no idea when we'd be able to publish again and just didn't know what to tell people. But now we're back — and I'm "coming out of hiding!"

I must salute those advertisers who stuck by us and appear in this issue. I know you've heard it before — but it must be said again — without them (our advertisers), we wouldn't be here! They understood our problems and offered their emotional and financial support to get us back into print again.

Come to think of it . . . I have to thank all of who did ask "Where's In Step" — it showed you were concerned and cared enough to ask, and that means a lot in hindsight. A few people with "attitude" asked where the paper was with a "sneer" in the voice — to those I now give a healthy dose of raspberries (ppptthhh!!!).

#

Our thinking months ago was that this issue would carry photos of all the winners of the bars' Mr. and Miss Contests — in preparation for the Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant. However, we missed out on most of those contest, and rather than just show a few — we won't show any at all to be fair to the majority. The Pageant is Sunday, October 28th at Milwaukee's Marc Plaza — Crystal Ballroom. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30, and the show at 8. Tickets cost \$15 for the show only and \$25 for the dinner

and show. It promises not to be a "Drag-A-Thon," only the three finalists for Miss Gay Wisconsin will perform. See the ad on Page 7 for details — GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE CONTESTANTS!

#

Halloween — the time of year for all of us to "wear that dress we've always wanted to wear" is fast approaching. As usual, nearly every bar in this state has a costume contest, so be sure to check the calendar of events — if not to enter, at least to go and be entertained. It'd be nice if a certain person in Milwaukee who's first name starts with a "K" didn't enter this year's contests — he's a perpetual winner and others deserve a chance. I wonder if the clone of "Divine" will reappear again this year? (S)he took Milwaukee by storm last year. Speaking of Divine — (s)he of "Pink Flamingos" and "Female Toubles" (two early 70's low-budget films) and the more recent "Polyester" with Tab Hunter and "Odorama" (scratch and sniff) — do you realize that's the same Divine with all the hi-energy dance floor hits? Most recently her "You Think You're A Man — But You're Only A Boy" has been climbing the charts!

#

This has been an active summer — especially in Milwaukee when it comes to bar openings and closings! We salute the passing of an era — over 11 years of **The Factory** and then the **Factory II**. The Factory II never was as popular as the much cherished "Old Factory," but rumors that started in May helped in its demise which finally occurred September 18th. The staff has, for the most part, been absorbed into other bars, but **Chuck** is unsure of what the future holds for him — once again, rumors persist.

First Street and **Unicorn** have been gone for a while, and they were joined by **Lost and Found**, plus **Shadows**. **Lost and Found** is under new ownership and is now called "**The Music Box**" and **Shadows** is being ripped apart (and opening very soon) as primarily a women's dance bar to be called "**Hot Legs**" (we've been

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told several times that men will be more than welcome). The Boot Camp Saloon is a levi/leather bar on National, diagonal from DK's (this is a new spot for a gay bar). We also welcome the re-opening of Grand Avenue Pub (GAP) — Milwaukee's only gay bar on "The Avenue."

###

Congratulations go out to the Brady East Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic (BEST) on their recent 10 year anniversary celebration. Events included an open house and information sessions on AIDS and hepatitis, along with a Harvest Ball. Besides STD testing on Tuesdays and Saturdays, BEST has a hepatitis B vaccination program on Mondays, and preliminary AIDS exams along with referral and advocacy. Thanks to a grant from the Cream City Association Foundation (CCAF) of \$1,800 — BEST is developing a handbook on healthy lifestyles and they are planning a survey on health needs of both lesbians and gay men. Keep an eye out for clinic volunteers dressed in nuns habits — they're the "Sisters of Inaccurate Deception" and they intend to regularly show up at events to focus attention

on gay health issues.

###

"Can You Live Department: *Out!* reports that *Madison Magazine* had this little quote in its September issue — "Madison is known throughout the country's gay male community as a bondage hot-spot." *Out!* reports the article's author declined to name his source for the claim that Madison is a "bondage hot-spot."

###

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Believe it or not, Don Knotts is Mick Jagger's illegitimate father. Need proof? Here: Place a photo of bug-eyed, big-lipped Mick next to a photo of bug-eyed, big-lipped Don Knotts. Look similar? I thought you'd see it my way. But how? Easy: Aunt Bee spread for every dude on the set of *Mayberry RFD*. Why do you think they called her Aunt Bee? Even Andy was her sex drone, and especially Don Knotts. She had a thing for Don, a thing that eventually produced... Mick Jagger. Think it over.

Did you know that the Flying Nun is based on an actual man who really lived? Of course she wasn't as good looking as Sally Field and could only stay airborne for maybe ten or twenty seconds at a time, but I still think that's pretty fucking interesting.

Here are my beliefs: Capital punishment is okay by me. Phone calls should always be returned promptly and courteously. The United States should not try to be a world policeman. Hot food should be served hot. I guess that's about it.

Some people need cards to tell the future, or tea leaves. Others prefer the entrails of animals, or the bump on your head. But only I have perfected a system — solely based on the stretch marks of Bobby Rivers.

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