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Erika had been working with co-editor Dave for quite some time and became interested in *In Step*. Jokingly, Dave suggested that she work up a cover appropriate for Valentine's Day and — voila!

NOTE:

NOTE: No Small Potatoes, Arts & Lipstick columnists all missed their deadlines (3 raps with a ruler over their knuckles, from Mother).

But, you'll find a new horoscope (not as raunchy as the last one), a new women's column called "Thoughts From The Labyrinth" — welcome aboard Sis!

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Briefs

Brady East Clinic Receives AIDS Grant

The City of Milwaukee has granted \$15,000 to the Brady East STD (BEST) Clinic for the Milwaukee community AIDS project. On Wednesday, January 16th, individuals interested in the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) reviewed its organizational structure and its relationship to the clinic.

A call is being made to the community for help and support. Anyone interested in providing time, energy, and expertise to implement the community AIDS effort is encouraged to contact the clinic or attend any of the meetings which are held on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., with AIDS informational updates at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Best Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202, telephone 414/272-2144.

The objectives of the Milwaukee AIDS Project are as follows:

1. To develop a community education/AIDS prevention program focusing on Milwaukee's gay community, including the development of a resource guide supporting healthy lifestyles;

2. To develop an AIDS Technical Advisory Council (ATAC) composed of representatives of such institutions as the Milwaukee Health Department, Wisconsin Division of Health, Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin, Medical College of Wisconsin, and other agencies, and gay and lesbian community leaders, health professionals, etc., to act as credible spokespersons on behalf of the MAP and the AIDS prevention effort, and to help define intervention and prevention strategies and tools;

3. To develop a gay/lesbian community health needs assessment for identifying prevention strategies;

4. To provide sensitivity training to health providers and other service professionals who may encounter people with AIDS and AIDS-related complex in order to improve their quality of care and to help prevent discrimination based on unfounded fears of contagion and homophobia; and,

5. To develop a network of professionals who will provide support services and advoca-

cacy for people with AIDS and AIDS-related complex, their families and loved ones when requested, and to receive and provide sensitivity training for working with people with AIDS and AIDS-related complex.

Involvement and participation at all levels is needed and will be greatly appreciated. This is your opportunity to help provide our community with the educational and support services so desperately needed. Please share this article with your friends and encourage them to attend also. If you have any questions or are unable to attend the upcoming meetings on February 6 and 20, please contact the clinic. **W.I.S.**

AIDS Vaccine Expected Soon

Newport Beach, CA — *Milwaukee Journal* — Scientists have moved closer to a possible vaccine against the deadly AIDS virus by identifying, for the first time, an antibody that neutralizes it in the laboratory, a prominent researcher says.

The finding by Maryland and Massachusetts scientists doesn't mean a vaccine is possible, but "it does prove man is able to make a neutralizing antibody" to inactivate the AIDS virus, said Robert Gallo, a physician with the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD.

Gallo, chief of the NCI's Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology, said that the antibody knocked out the ability of the AIDS virus to infect cells.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is marked by the inability of the body's immune system to resist disease. The disease has claimed more than 3,800 lives in the United States since mid-1981. **W.I.S.**

CIA May Have To Re-Hire Gay Man

Washington — *via GNIC* — The CIA has not decided whether to appeal a federal judge's ruling that the intelligence agency must rehire a gay man fired as a possible security risk, a spokeswoman said Friday.

CIA spokeswoman Kathy Pherson said "no decision has yet been taken whether

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Northland College Gay/Lesbian Student Organization Ashland, 54806
 Rhinelander Rap Group P.O. Box 1396, Rhinelander, 54501, 369-2467
 U.W.S.P. (Gay People's Union) Slap Box 30, Stevens Point, 54481, 348-3698

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Wilderness Way (W, resort/campground for women) P.O. Box 176, Wascott, 54890, 466-2635

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 Sidetracks (M, V) 3349 N. Halsted, Chicago, 312/477-9189
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MCC Joan of Arc (M.C.C. affiliated)	372-9745
ORGANIZATIONS	
Alcoholics Anonymous (Request "Gay" Meetings)	272-3081
Beer Town Badgers (L/L social motorcycle club)	P.O. Box 166, 53201
Black & White Men Together	P.O. Box 12292, 53212, 962-2998
Business Association of Milwaukee (BAM)	147 N. Broadway, 53202
Castaways M.C. (cycle club)	P.O. Box 1686, 53201
Cream City Association Foundation (CCAF)	P.O. Box 204, 53201-0204, 276-2204
Cream City Business Association (CCBA)	P.O. Box 92614, 53202, 374-5599
GAMMA (sports/social)	2511 N. Farwell, Unit L, 53211, 276-2204
Gay Community at UWM	Student Union, Room E-364, 963-6555
Gay Hotline (referral, events tape)	562-7010
Gay Peoples Union	P.O. Box 208, 53201, 562-7010
Gay Youth	P.O. Box 09441, 53209, 372-3639
Girth & Mirth Club (chubbies/chasers)	2727 S. 68th St., 53219
Lambda Political Caucus	P.O. Box 92872, 53202, 963-9833
Mandala Gay Hotline (Crisis Counseling)	P.O. Box 92128, 53202, 291-9463
Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers	P.O. Box 07018, 53207, 475-5425
Milwaukee Area Lambda League (gay P.A.C.)	3125 N. 25th St., 53206, 962-2988
Parents & Friends of Gays	P.O. Box 449, 53201, 931-7727
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Popular News	465 N. Main St., 335-8798
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Jo'Dees (MW, D)	2139 Racine St. (Hwy 32), Racine, 834-9804
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ORGANIZATION	
Gay/Lesbian Union, Racine	625 College Ave., 54303

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The Main Club (MW, D)	1813 N. Third St., 392-1756
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ORGANIZATION	
Gay & BI Support Network	P.O. Box 632, 53187, 542-5735
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Holtz Variety/Magazine Rack	901 E. Moorland, 53286

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Governor's Council On Lesbian & Gay Issues	P.O. Box 7863, Madison, 53707-7863
In Step (bi-weekly G/L magazine)	823 N. 2nd St., Suite 409, Milwaukee, 53203, 414/289-0744
OUT! (monthly regional G/L newspaper)	P.O. Box 148, Madison, 53701, 608/256-7684
Wisconsin Lesbian Gay Network (WLGN)	P.O. Box 851, Stevens Point, 54481, 715/341-8064

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Dignity/Northeast (Catholic Support Group)	DePere (414) 497-0668
Flambeau Forest Resort (MW, lakeside cottages, resort)	Star Route, Winter, 54896, 332-5236
Lambda House (Mw, yearround bed & breakfast inn)	P.O. Box 20, Pence, 54553, 561-3120
Monday Night Dance Club (social group)	P.O. Box 563, Stevens Point, 54481

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there will be an appeal."

U.S. District Court Judge Barrington Parker ruled Thursday that CIA Director William Casey's firing of a male homosexual employee was "improper, unreasonable, an abuse of discretion and both procedurally and substantively flawed."

He ordered the CIA to rehire the employee, identified in court proceedings only as "John Doe," and who had been working for the agency for nine years before his dismissal.

"Doe" was represented by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Parker said "Doe" joined the CIA in 1973 at age 17 as a typist and advanced steadily into electronics. He was said to have become aware of his homosexuality in 1976 but waited until January 1982 to voluntarily acknowledge it to a CIA security officer. Doe was placed on administrative leave the next month and fired on national security grounds in May 1982.

Houston Measures Defeated — Mayor Vows Continued Support

Houston — Milwaukee Journal — Mayor Kathy Whitmire said that she would continue the city's nondiscrimination policy against homosexuals despite the voters' overwhelming rejection of measures protecting gay rights.

Voters rejected two measures adopted by the City Council that banned discrimination in city hiring and in affirmative action programs based on sexual orientation.

The vote was 82% against extending job protection to gays, and 18% in favor. The affirmative action program was rejected by about the same margin.

Whitmire, who supported the measures, said she was disappointed and surprised.

The measures, adopted by the City Council in June, prohibited the city from considering sexual preference or asking about it in reviewing candidates for city jobs or affirmative action programs. The council actions made it clear that gays would not be given preference.

Opponents of the measures focused on homosexuality, rather than the question of equal opportunities in hiring.

The words "homosexuality" or "sexual orientation" did not appear on the ballot.

Voters were barraged by brochures, newspaper advertisements and public statements equating a vote in favor of the council's actions with a vote in favor of homosexuality.

Red Cross Refuses Lesbians' Blood

Garden Grove, CA — via GNIC — The Orange County Chapter of the Red Cross put out a plea for blood donations and then refused to accept donations from lesbians.

Dr. Benjamin Spindler, director of blood services for the Red Cross' Orange County chapter, said that he canceled a lesbian blood drive last week because he did not want to loose the "good will" of other donors to fears over AIDS. He went on to say that he valued regular donors' good will "more than I value the 30 or 40 units of blood we would have collected" from the lesbians.

Dr. A. Randy Truax, a San Diego physician specializing in gay health issues, criticized the Red Cross action as "blatant homophobia." Truax went on to point out "Not only are they turning away precious blood donations which they desperately need, but they are also turning away the very safest blood" because lesbians have not been diagnosed as having acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Spindler admitted lesbians have a low risk of contracting AIDS, but argued "the public could not distinguish between what was a high-risk group and what was not."

Orange County Gay and Lesbian Services Center spokesman Randy Pesqueira said the blood drive would have been a "golden opportunity to educate the community that of the entire population, lesbians are the least likely to have AIDS."

Carl Lewis: "I Am No Homosexual!"

Los Angeles — via GNIC — Olympian Carl Lewis, hounded by rumors about his lifestyle and criticized for being "arrogant and aloof," has failed to obtain a single major U.S. commercial endorsement since he won four gold medals in Los Angeles six months ago.

"What you've got are a lot of little things which taken together scared away the big corporations," said J. Fred Duckett, a press

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official at the Summer Games.

Lewis, arguably the world's greatest athlete, has been largely ignored on the American endorsement circuit in favor of stars like Edwin Moses and Mary Lou Retton — great Olympians, but Olympians who did not match Lewis' harvest of four gold medals.

What happened?

In interviews with Lewis, his admirers and his critics, and experts in the world of track and field, a few possible answers emerged:

Companies appear unwilling to risk million-dollar contracts on Lewis because of rumors associating him with drugs and homosexuality — rumors heatedly denied by Lewis, his friends and business associates. "They say the same thing about Michael Jackson," said Lewis. "He's also a victim of false rumors."

Lewis denies the rumors and attributes them to professional envy.

"Petty jealousies. They just wanted to try to hurt me," he said. "I know who I am . . . I'm not homosexual."

Judge Blames Church For Priest's Sex Crimes

Boise, Idaho — via GNIC — The Roman Catholic Church is partly to blame for a priest's 20 years of sex crimes against boys, a judge said before sentencing him to seven years in prison.

Judge Alan Schwartzmann said he was shocked and disgusted to learn the Rev. Mel Baltazar's church supervisors throughout the world knew of his sexual conduct with boys but failed to intervene.

"I think the Catholic Church has its atonement to do," Schwartzmann said.

"They helped to create you and hopefully they will help to rehabilitate you," he told the clergyman.

Baltazar, 50, pleaded guilty last year to lewd conduct with a 15-year-old boy who is receiving psychological treatment because of the incident and whose parents are considering suing Baltazar, the church and St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where as a chaplain Baltazar met the boy.

Prosecutors had sought a 30-day jail sentence but changed their request to a prison term after a court investigator discovered reports that Baltazar had engaged in illegal sex with boys throughout the world during

the past 20 years.

The pre-sentence report detailed Baltazar's sexual activities with youths in the Philippines, Cleveland and other U.S. cities as a priest and hospital and Navy chaplain.

"After reading this report I have a profound sense of grief and absolute shock and outrage," the judge said, noting Baltazar usually chose destitute, homeless or mentally disturbed youngsters.

West Hollywood Considers Benefits For Unmarried Couples

West Hollywood, Calif. — via GNIC — The nation's first city with an openly gay council majority began considering an ordinance that would give unmarried couples living together many of the same rights as married couples.

The proposed law would give any couple living together, homosexual or heterosexual, rights such as dental and medical benefits and hospital or jail visitation privileges.

"Basically, we are asking for equality," said Mayor Valerie Terrigno, a gay rights activist.

The proposal would take effect only in West Hollywood and it was unclear if it would apply to anyone other than city employees.

Council members said they hoped passing such a law would encourage private employers to extend such benefits to "domestic partners."

Fifty AIDS Insurance Policies Sold In 2 Days

Santa Monica, CA — via GNIC — A Southern California insurance company sold 50 policies covering potential AIDS victims in the first two days it offered the coverage, the company said.

The California Department of Insurance recently approved Santa Monica-based Coastal Insurance Company's application to sell the first medical insurance in the state specifically for possible victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

James Hotinger, a Coastal Insurance vice president, said that 50 policies with an

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1 Ballgame (Mw)	196 S. Second St.	273-7474
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
5 Clay's Castaways (Mw, D)	1753 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.	672-3382
4 Club 219 (Mw, DJ, L/L)	219 S. Second St.	271-3732
5 DK's (Wm, D)	135 E. National Ave.	643-9758
10 Essinger's (MW, G/S, F)	826 N. 27th St.	342-1440
6 Fanne's (Wm, D, F)	200 E. Washington Ave.	643-8633
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 Lega (WM, DJ, V)	814 S. 2nd St.	645-8572
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
10 Music Box (WM, DJ, V)	618 N. 27th St.	931-9144
4 Phoenix (Mw, DJ)	235 S. Second St.	278-9727
13 This Is It (M)	418 E. Wells St.	278-8192
14 Tina's RTI (MW, D)	219 E. Keefe St.	372-8985
11 Wreck Room (M, L/L)	266 E. Erie St.	273-6900
8 Your Place (Mw, D)	813 S. First St.	647-0130

BATH

8 Club Milwaukee (M)	704-A W. Wisconsin Ave. (rear)	276-0246
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15 C. C. Conrad (Jewelers)	2239 N. Prospect Ave.	277-7707
17 Eclectic I (gifts/decor)	2616 N. Downer Ave.	963-0797
16 Fairbanks (antiques, vintage clothing, jewelry)	823 N. 2nd St., Street Level	
Midwest Women's Music (records)	207 E. Buffalo	278-0066
15 Old Masters Galleries (cards, art prints, posters)	2239 N. Prospect	278-0898
Progressive Prints (printers)	2909 N. Humboldt	264-5345
Prospect News	2103 N. Prospect Ave.	276-8110
11 Thinking Of You (cards, "gay things," gift items)	147 N. Broadway	273-5969
Tobacco Road (smoking supplies, gifts, head shop)	1701 N. Astor	271-7473
15 Video Visions (video tape rentals & sales)	2239 N. Prospect Ave.	272-0805
17 Webster Books	2559 N. Downer Ave.	332-9560

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Mandala Counseling Services (mental health services)	1240 E. Brady St.	291-9446
Metrotech (ERA real estate)	1010 N. Broadway	226-4060
Nova Enterprises (multi-level marketing)	3734 S. 97th	53228, 276-2101 ext. 479
QFI (Property Management & Development)	1010 N. Broadway	226-4072

RESTAURANTS

11 Glass Menagerie (Lunches, Dinners, Cocktails)	124 N. Water St.	347-1962
8 Grand Avenue Pub (Lunches, Dinners, Cocktails)	716 W. Wisconsin Ave.	271-9525
Mother's Place (lunches, dinners, cocktails)	1127 Milwaukee Ave. (S. Milw.)	
Mr. J's (Catering/Cheesecake Emporium)	1521 W. State St.	933-9223

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Lib	601 N. Fifth St.	278-9401
Libra	2945 S. 13th St.	647-9090
Popular News	225 N. Water St.	278-9356
19 Parkway Theatre (all-male films first Mondays)	3417 W. Lisbon Ave.	342-2446

MEDICAL

20 Brady East STD Clinic (BEST) (V.D. center, health screenings)	1240 E. Brady St.	272-2144
Bread & Roses Womens Clinic	238 W. Wisconsin Ave.	278-0260
Medical Professionals for Alternative Lifestyle	P.O. Box 239, 53201	277-7871
National Coalition STD Clinics & Services	P.O. Box 239, 53201	277-7871

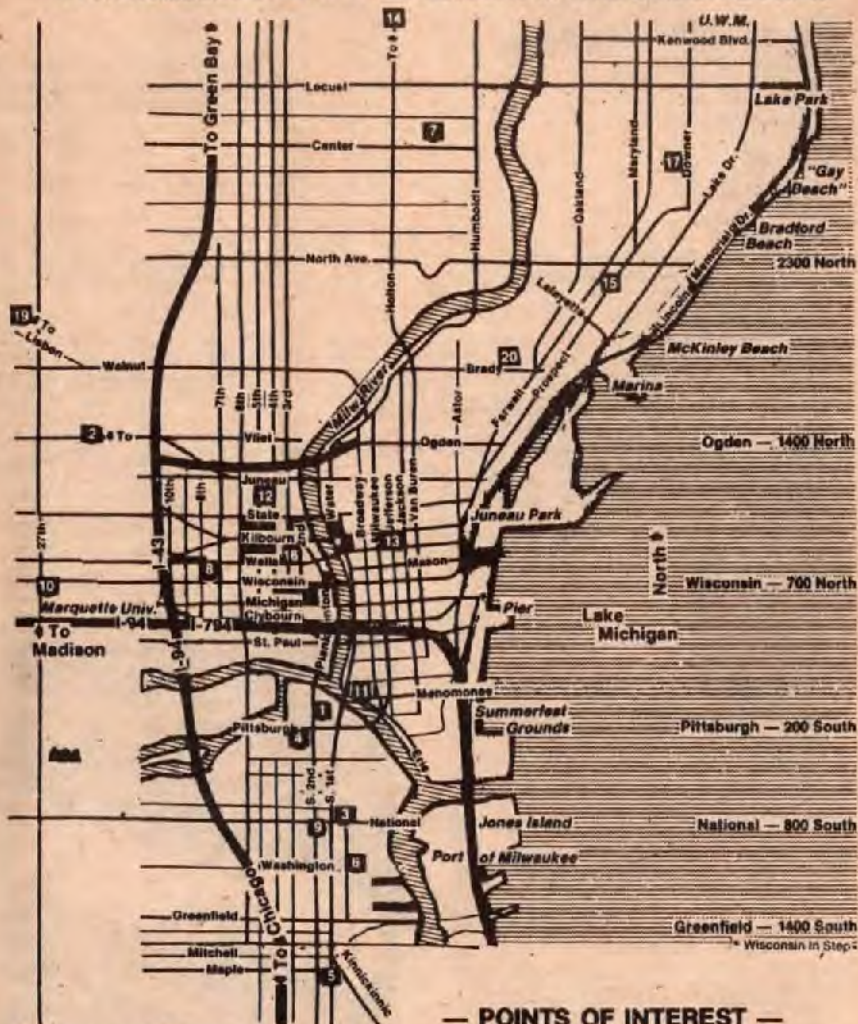
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Christian Gay OK (non-demoninational support group)		289-0801
Dignity (Catholic support group)	P.O. Box 597, 53201	444-7177

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MILWAUKEE AREA MAP

MATCH NUMBERS ON MAP WITH NUMBERS IN "THE GUIDE" SECTION.



— POINTS OF INTEREST —

- Milwaukee Art Museum**
(E. Mason St. at the Lakefront)
- Performing Arts Center (PAC)**
(N. Water, between E. Kilbourn Ave. & State St.)
- Pabst Theatre**
(E. Wells St. and N. Water)
- Grand Avenue Mall**
(W. Wisconsin Ave. between N. Plankinton Ave. and N. 4th St.)

- MECCA/Auditorium/Arena**
(W. Kilbourn Ave. between N. 4th and 6th)
- Milwaukee Public Museum**
(W. Wells and N. 7th Sts.)
- Mitchell Park Conservatory (the Domes)**
(600 block south on S. 27th St.)
- Riverside Theatre**
Wisconsin At The River

nual premium of \$194 had been sold in the first two days. The coverage supplements the company's regular medical insurance.

The policies were sold to men throughout the state, but most were sent by mail to people in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco.

The spokesman said the company had 328 inquiries about the insurance and 65 applications to date.

The policy is the first of its kind in California, but the second in the nation. It could pay up to \$73,000 the first year, Hotinger said.

Only Provident American Insurance of Dallas is known to issue a similar policy.

Gays Excluded From Maine "Tolerance Day"

Augusta, Maine — via GNIC — A Superior Court justice ruled a school cannot be forced to let a lesbian participate in a program on tolerance because it is not illegal to discriminate against gays in Maine.

"Under Maine law there is no judicially enforceable right not to be discriminated against or excluded from programs because

one is a homosexual," Kennebec County Superior Court Justice Donald Alexander said in a decision Thursday.

The Maine chapter of the Civil Liberties Union had asked Alexander on Tuesday to issue a temporary restraining order that would have effectively reversed a decision by the Madison school board to cancel Friday's planned Tolerance Day activities at the local high school.

Tolerance Day was developed by David Somitz, a history teacher who invited representatives of groups victimized by intolerance to speak to the students. The scheduled speakers included people who were elderly, black, handicapped, Indian, Vietnamese, veteran or homosexual.

"I had thought that we had freedom of speech in Maine, but I guess we really don't even have that," said Dale McCormick, the president of the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance, the scheduled speaker. "This opinion reflects the need for a gay rights bill."

"It seems that the court is saying that gay people don't have freedom of speech. But the courts have said over and over again that even Nazis have freedom of speech and I certainly consider gays several cuts above Nazis."

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Group Notes

Milwaukee Dignity To Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Dignity/Milwaukee celebrates its 10th Anniversary February 9th and 10th with special events. Dignity is a Catholic support group for gays and lesbians.

A pot luck dinner will be presented on February 9th at 7 p.m. at St. Pius X, 7500 W. Wright Street (2 blocks north of North Avenue on 76th Street).

A special anniversary liturgy will be held on Sunday, February 10th at 6 p.m., also at St. Pius X.

Interested new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Dignity at 444-7177.

Dignity — Northeast Wisconsin

Dignity is an organization offering spiritual support and services to gay and lesbian Catholics and their families and friends. The local chapter in formation began in October of 1983. It is a part of an international organization which was founded in 1969 by an Augustinian priest working with gay and lesbian people in the San Diego area. The hope of the organization is to unite gay and lesbian Christians into a recognizable community within the larger community of the Church.

Dignity/Northeast Wisconsin offers a worship service for the gay and lesbian community each week. These are held at the Ministry and Life Center of St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere, WI. The services are offered on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and alternate between the Catholic Mass and a Prayer service which attempts to stress the feminine side of the Church, which has been so greatly neglected in the past years. Recently, monthly "rap sessions" have been scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. This makes available the opportunity to surface topics of interest and concern to individual participants. These "rap sessions" are held in members' homes. Another goal of Dignity is to offer social gatherings.

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MADISON • (608)

Back East (WM, D) 508 E. Wilson St. (rear), 256-7104
Rod's (M, L/L) 636 W. Washington (rear), 255-0609
The New Bar (MW, D, V) 636 W. Washington (upstairs), 258-8765

RESTAURANTS

Cafe Palms 636 W. Washington

MEDICAL

Blue Bus STD Clinic 1552 University Ave., 263-7330 (M,W,Th)

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity 723 State, 257-3346

SERVICES

Fallen Woman (music promoters) 401 Elmside, 53704, 249-7872

Gay & Lesbian Information Recording 263-3100, ask for tape #3333

ORGANIZATIONS

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous 1021 University Ave., 257-7575

Gay Center (referral) 1127 University, Room B104, 53715, 257-7575

Madison Gay Mens Choral 2005 Pike Dr., #5, 53713, 274-3884

Madison Gay Theatre Project P.O. Box 728, 53701, 251-6489

Mens Center (referral center) 953 Jenifer St., 256-8204

National Lesbian Feminist Organization (rights group) 257-7378

Parents & Friends Of Gays & Lesbians 868-3291 or 256-3733

10% Society (student organization) ... Box 614, Memorial Union, 500 Langdon St., 53706, 257-7575

United (education/social services) 306 N. Brooks St., 255-8582

United Political Action Committee (P.A.C.) 255-2732

EROTIKA

Mall Books 231 State St., 251-9761

MENOMONIE • (715)

Gay Community at Stout UW-Stout, 54751, 235-4589

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The Guide

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M	Prefer Men Only	L/L	Levi/Leather
Mw	Mostly Men, Women Welcome	D	Dancing
W	Prefer Women Only	DJ	Disk Jockey; Dancing
Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome	V	Video
		F	Food Service

APPLETON • (414)

1101 West (MW, DJ) 1101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 733-9839

ORGANIZATION

Acceptance (counseling/referral) 731-4692
 Parents & Friends of Gays 731-4692

FOND DU LAC • (414)

Carry's Lounge (MW) 2 N. Main St., 923-3733

ORGANIZATION

Parents & Friends of Gays 921-7191

GREEN BAY • (414)

Bodyshop (Mw, DJ, L/L, V) 720 Bodart Way (rear), 435-5476

Loft (W, D) 2328 University Ave., 468-9968

My World (M, L/L) 409 S. Washington, 432-3917

Napalese (MW) 515 S. Broadway, 432-9646

Trix's (WM) 121 S. Washington, 435-4064

EROTIKA

Books & Things 753 Lombardi, 499-5797

Paradise 1122 Main St., 432-9498

ORGANIZATIONS

Argonauts Of Wisconsin (L/L social club) P.O. Box 1285, 54305

Concern P.O. Box 1087, 54305

Dignity (catholic group) P.O. Box 2283, 54306, 497-0666

Parents & Friends of Gays 102 S. Ashland N.E., 54305

Women's Service Center 433-6667

JANESVILLE • (608)

EROTIKA

Plain Brown Wrapper 7-9 N. Jackson, 754-9801

LA CROSSE • (608)

Tattoo's (Wm, D) 1552 Rose St., 784-5833

ORGANIZATION

Gay Men's Group (activities, support group) LAGA, P.O. Box 2561, 54602, 782-0963

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Dignity/Northeastern Wisconsin has sponsored pot luck suppers on several occasions in the past.

For more information about Dignity/Northeastern Wisconsin, write to Dignity, P.O. Box 2283, Green Bay, WI 54306 or call Fr. Steve Scherer at (414) 739-8030. All contacts are confidential.

Make The Connection

The Oshkosh based gay/lesbian support and social group has a new name and with it, a new and exciting enthusiasm about its goals. The **Lambda Connection** (formerly called the Women's Alternative) is an organization which is attempting to provide a non-threatening environment for gay men and lesbians to discuss problems, share information and experiences, and to meet potential friends.

At its weekly meetings, the group explores gay/lesbian related issues and offers alternatives to the feeling of isolation many members of our minority face.

One of the Interium Co-Directors, Ellen Robertson said, "It's going to take quite a bit of work and input from members, but I think

it's going to be an exciting and viable organization." Although the Lambda Connection is in the beginning stages of the process of becoming a recognized and funded UW-Oshkosh campus organization, the group is open to everyone, male and female.

For additional information, write in care of Concerned, P.O. Box 1087, Green Bay, WI 54305.

Open AA Meeting

A Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous Group which meets every Friday evening has designated the first Friday of every month as open meeting night.

The third monthly open meeting will be held in the educational wing of All Saints Cathedral at 818 East Juneau Avenue on Friday, March 1st at 7 p.m.

The purpose of any open AA meeting is to allow the general public an opportunity to investigate the AA program and its offerings.

A guest speaker will address the types of problems s/he faced in coming to grips with the illness. This open gay AA meeting will allow a question/answer session following the presentation. Coffee and cookies will be served.

W.I.S.

You are cordially invited to attend the

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of DIGNITY MILWAUKEE

Potluck Dinner
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Anniversary Liturgy
 Sunday, Feb. 10th 6:00 p.m.
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Letters

Dear "Mother Ron & Company" —

I realize this is long overdue, but I am writing to thank you (all) for doing a really super job while providing a much needed service for the gay community here in Milwaukee.

And, in retrospect, I personally wish to praise you for running your letter to Randy and Brian. I cried . . . they both had been "roomies" and exceptionally close friends, and like you, I feel "blessed" to have known them and had their friendship in return. There will definitely be a void — at times very large and hard to fill.

. . . Bob Rodham, former Ballet Master of the Milwaukee Ballet Company (is) now running his own school in New York City. He sends his best to all and shares in our loss too!

What every gay man and woman needs to realize is "There is no compromising the quality of life to the quantity of life."

In closing, I'd like to share a "short" from one of Randy's and my last visit in this life:

"In looking back, I know exactly what caused my illness. . . I chose to go to baths and I chose to do the drugs. But now, I have to live with it."

This is so true, yet not completely true for, you see, we all have to live with it. But now everyone has to live without him.

Be good and continue the excellent job of trying to keep us all better informed humans thus enabling us to make life easier for us all.

*An Avid Reader,
Ned, Wauwatosa
W.I.S.*

Dear In Step:

I am a 21-year-old gay male who has been involved in the gay community for the past four years now, and there are a few things I'm leary of that maybe you could clear them up for me.

The bars are great, and there are a lot of good people out there as well as cheap — and we don't need to mention any names — but what I wanna know is whatever happened to morals and good old fashion relationships?

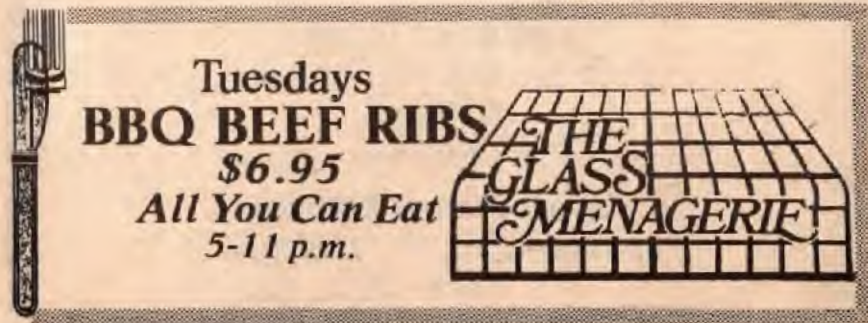
Now a days it's like everyone is a "trick" and "let's see who I can take home tonight?" I'm sick of people just wanting to get into my pants because I'm cute, hung, and 21. Trying to find someone to settle down with seems highly impossible these days. I know there are some "lovers" that do last — and I've heard about a lot of real good men out there; but where are they all hiding? I mean, can we talk . . .

And, to all the staff at In Step, I would just like to say keep up the great work because you're about the only real thing you can pick up in bars.

S. T. Begel, Milwaukee

Ed's note: Well, gee, thanks a bunch for your letter. Noted — and yes, there are people out there who value relationships. Keep looking, we're sure you'll find your dream boy soon.

IN STEP
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THE GLASS MENAGERIE

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Rip — I don't need a cupid to shoot an arrow into me — I'm already hooked. I am so very much in love with you and don't ever want to lose you.
Your Other Half

People — Dart leagues starting soon at C'est La Vie. Contact bartenders for information.
The Staff

Tony — Make us "something wonderful."
Thommy & Chrissy

Poops — Love ya — always will!
Goomba

Steven W. (Jackson) & Jeff S. (Milw.) — Match maker, match maker, make me a match. Keep trying.
Bob K. & Tim L.

Melinda James — Let's go to Cleveland for lunch next week.
Mandi McCall

Mark — To one of my favorite "lovers" — Happy Valentine's Day!
Kim

Triah — Come again . . . I did.
Beck

Room 324, University Inn — The party in your room after Sylvester was real interesting. Where were you?
In Step

Cheri — Congrats on "gettin' it."
Ron, In Step

Tommy — You're soooo quiet!
Roomies

Doug & Doug (Back East) — With the two of you working together, does any work get done?
Ron, In Step

Thommy — The mannequins look like dicks.
Chrissy

People — To quell all rumors — yes, we're moving to Palm Springs, CA on 2/17; no, In Step is not folding; yes, we're all still good friends; and, the reason for the move is that we can't stand the weather back here anymore. Thanks for your support and friendship this past year — In Step will be in Ron's good hands.
Dave & David

Steve & Stein — Thanks for all the help and encouragement you've given me.
Love ya, Tim

Joan C. — Roses are red, violets are blue, Happy Valentine's Day to you!
Ms. Bacali

Miss M — Happy 9th — I'll love you forever!
Mike

Gumby — Poke me! Poke me!
Felix

Janine — We miss, love & want you here in Milwaukee. Whattaya gonna do about it?
Your Ex-Lover, Friends & Acquaintances

People — Meet your Valentine at the Gay & Lesbian Community at UWM's February Potluck Dinner! Sat. Feb. 16th, call 963-6555 for more information
G.L.C. UWM

Sunni Bunn! — This has been the greatest year of my life. If really love you!
Hunni Bunn!

Indira & Bossy — At least you're only screwing up your own lives.
Thommy

F. Arnold — Check out the Lite-Brite for further updates. At least my notes have charisma.
B.B.B.

Chrissy — I like bottles a lot!
Thommy

Dave & David — You shall be missed very much!
Love, Sonic Vibrator

D.T. — I sure hope you're not sleeping when my call comes through.
Capt. Ahab, aka "Hilda"

J.W. — It's all over — and thanks for the memories.
G.G.

Glen N. — I wish you the very best Valentine's Day you have ever had. I pray that you receive all the love and good things you so very much deserve.
Love, Y.S.A. Ted

Tiffany — Watch who and what you do in those bathroom stalls. You never know who is watching!
Your Aunt

Baby Jane Hudson & Tuna Helper — Congratulations on being the winner & 1st runner-up in the \$1.98 Drag Show.
Jimmy, Michael & the \$1.98 Cast

Allen — Let's make some more rainbow rubber babies — I'll even teach you.
Dennis, Castaways

Nick — You light up my life — happy 1 year.
Guess Who

Joe — Let's bring back "The Way We Were" (not too Streisand's fan 'n shit).
Anchor's Away!

A Question — Is it just me suffering from mid-life senility or are these not making any sense?
Graffiti Ed.

People — Remember, these words of wit are always FREE. Keep those cards & letters coming to In Step, 823 N. 2nd St. #409, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Please — try to keep these messages a bit less "offensive" — there were a couple that weren't printed this issue because of the language used in them (at least try to keep them a little more civil).
Graffiti Ed.

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GM SEEKS FRIENDSHIP + — Me: W/M, Mid-30's, good looking, tall, slim, professional, bl/br. Enjoy cross-country skiing, tennis, biking, body building, movies, the arts, quiet evenings, massage, dancing, gardening & travel. Am honest with a good sense of humor; non-smoker, non-drinker. Open to new experiences. Interested in friendship, dating & possibly more. You: any race, 25-45, good looking with as many above interests and more. Reply with letter and phone number to Peter Williams, P.O. Box 11481, Milwaukee, WI 53211

COMPANION WANTED — Oriental, mid-20's wants to meet people that are discreet, sincere and personable. Write P.O. Box 93470, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Will reply definitely.

MATURE, HANDSOME W/M, 5'10", 160# wants one-on-one caring relationship with similar over 35. I'm active and busy. No heavy drinkers or drugs. Write to P.O. Box 18787, Milwaukee, WI 53218

STOCKY 36 YEAR OLD GWM who appreciates wit and people with a zest for life is seeking honest affectionate male 30-50 for companionship/friendship. Call Tom at 964-9667 (Milw.)

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Graffiti

Rodney & The Gang — Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Ron, George, In Step

Rip — Love the way your lips overwhelm mine!

Tootie

Susan — It couldn't be better if I had custom ordered it. You have all my love "from tonight until forever." Thanks for your love, support and giving me hope.

Always, Sis

Timmie — Would you shoot your arrow one more time — just for me?

Love, with Valentine kisses all over your body, Mike

Patricia — You will always be the lady in my life. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, Sheila T.

Mother — Happy Valentine's Day.

Love, K.A.

Joe Giraf — Thanks for the good times.

Tootie

King Productions — Thank you for a fun Sunday at the \$1.98 Beauty Show.

Mandi McCall

Scott — We really move for you!

Chrissy & Tommy

To My Fri. Nite Bowling Team — WHERE ARE YOU?

Clay

Editors — Thanks for printing my letter in your XMas issue. I did receive pos/neg views from people in the community, but now everyone is aware! And I'm very happy about the class action lawsuit outcome. I know that some of my "friends" (new/old) are pleased, too. Again, thank you for your awareness and concern.

Robbi, Milwaukee

Chrissy — Can I be a bitch or what?

Tommy

Robbi — Our pleasure — we were pretty surprised to see you on television having won your case. We hope your efforts will help you to once again join the mainstream.

Editors

Woman - K.A. — I want a nylon hat. Please put in an order for me.

Bandaid Line

Ben (Cafe Palms) — As usual, your hors d'oeuvres were exquisite — and the desert you gave me at Back East was superb!

Thanks, Ron, In Step

Sis — Welcome aboard!

Your X-Neighbor, Tam R.

Bache — Roll him in flour.

B.B.B.

John B. — I'll have a heart on for you always.

Love, Dale K.

Twetty — Te amo, mi amor.

Nena

People — Aren't there any hot women in Milwaukee? All I see are women that look like men — I wanna real woman!

Ready, But Not Ruff

To Everyone At The New Bar's Anniversary — Wasn't it fun?

In Step Staff

Jim Rodell — Welcome back!

Clay

Pam — You do a great job impersonating Julie from the Love Boat — the hostess with the most-est.

Ron, George, In Step

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The Arts

Allen Lozito Live In Milwaukee & Chicago

New York's Allen Lozito is electrifying — bringing truly original entertainment to every stage he sets his high heels on.

It's hard to describe Allen — suffice it to say he's multi-talented. He does Bette Davis, and Tullulah and the whole cast of *The Wizard of Oz*, without ever leaving the stage for a costume change. Hopefully, he'll do "the sperm."

He's a true artist, just a readjustment of his clothers, a different wig, a change in stance and demeanor and voila! He's a totally convincing different character than he was seven seconds before. Creative mime? Wierd sounds create a mood, often risque, but never offensive.

His humor, besides his impressions (and I use that word in a "trusted" sense), covers politics, entertainment, and of course being gay. In between it all are zippy one-liners.



From the moment he walks on stage, looking like some alien drag queen from the 5th Dimension, I promise you'll be captivated.

You can catch his act in Milwaukee at Club 219 on February 15th (his third appearance there) and at Chicago's Club Victoria for two shows on February 17th.

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Arts Happenings

Billy The Kid — Milwaukee Ballet; PAC Uihlein Hall; February 14-17; 276-5672.

My Werewolf — Theatre X; Lincoln Center for the Arts; through February 16th (Wed.-Sat. eves.); 278-0555.

Billy Ocean — Riverside Theatre; February 17th; 271-2000.

Oliver! — Riverside Theatre; February 19-24; 271-2000.

Torch Song Trilogy — Madison Civic Center; February 21; (608) 251-6489.

Mr/Ms/Miss Gay Madison Pageant — Tripp commons Memorial Union; February 24th; (608) 251-6489.

Torch Song Trilogy — Riverside Theatre; February 26th to March 3rd; 271-2000.



CLUB 219
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Steppin' Out

Ron Geiman

Terminal Cabin Fever Lashes The Heartland!

Madison politico **Dick Wagner** (former co-chair of the Governor's Council on Gay/Lesbian Issues) has kicked-off his new baby — **The New Harvest Foundation** — with a bang. His original fund raising goal of \$30,000 has been raised to \$50,000 because he's already raised pledges of \$25,000 so far! More on this in the briefs/group notes section next issue.

Madison's social scene was certainly thriving last week when **The New Bar** celebrated its first year. **Rod Scheel**, owner of both **The New Bar** and **Red's** brought in San Francisco's own **Sylvester** — long popular disco "diva" on the gay dance floors of America. **Sylvester's** 50-minute-long set was a series of hits containing numbers from his new album as well as medleys of his past hits.

The following night, **Rod, Mike** and staff threw an invitational cocktail party with some of "Ben's Best" hors d'oeuvres. Saw lots of Chicago and Milwaukee bar owners and workers. Great pictures in this issue. The "Roddie Awards" were supposedly a kick — missed those (two nights is enough in Madison — I do have to work . . .).

The **Gay/Lesbian Community at UW-M** had over 60 attend their screening of **Pink Triangles**. They did a survey and it turns out that their eighth-page ad in *In Step* brought in over half of their crowd. They're planning their **Gay Awareness Week** the last week of March this year and are planning on bringing in **Vito Russo**, *Celluloid Closets* author and lesbian/feminist comic **Robin Tyler**. More on that in upcoming issues.

Kenosha came a callin' when **Jim King**, **Michael "The King Family"** brought a show to **M & M Club** one night and their "\$1.98 Drag Show" to **La Cage** the next night. They announced the wrong winner of

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Madison's Back East owner **Cheri Becker** is flanked by her two Dougs — the bartender at left and the D.J. on the right.

Photo by Ron Geiman

Classies

EMPLOYMENT

GAY ENTERTAINERS WANTED for largest, most unique gay club in Twin Cities. Call Honey collect at Castle Royal 10 a.m. (612) 224-0703 or 458-1922.

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A RARE FIND! — Unusual water decanter engraved with Palmer House Chicago emblem and "1876" engraved near the base. Stainless/Nickel(?) finish. Truly unique! \$75 Must sell — moving 2/15. Call David, 289-0846 afternoons and evenings.

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PEOPLE

GWM, 44, 136#, 5'7" would like to meet male of any race 18-25 for lasting relationship. Will treat you great. Write to P.O. Box 65, Babcock, WI 54413.

ORIENTAL, MID-20's, 5'10" would like to meet male 25-40 for good friendship or lasting relationship. Write to P.O. Box 93470, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

GWM would like to meet someone in the Hartford area. Call 673-3650.

GWM, 30, 170#, Br/Br, 5'5" would like to meet w/male mid-30's — stable, interesting, personable, youthful outlook — serious but fun-loving. I am similar, shy, sincere, loving, caring, cultured, loves sex, youthful! 347-9961, room 526. (Milw.)

LOVER WANTED — GWM, mid-years, frisky! Stable, personable, outlook youthful — serious but fun-loving; generous. Average endowment, cut, healthy sex drive; loving & sincere. Wishes to meet similar male, ANY AGE past puberty, interested in affectionate, fulfilling, intimate, lasting & loving relationship. 5'10", 190# male awaits your speedy reply. Call Lover at 258-4532 and stop us both from being lonely. (Milw.)

GWM, 41 seeking a friend/companion with the potential for a lasting relationship. Age 35 to ? West Allis area. Call Ken at 476-4607 (Milw.)

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the \$1.98 Drag Queen Show! **Tuna Helper** originally had been announced as winner, but after an error was rectified, **Baby Jane Hudson** was crowned the "Queen Of The Sneeze." **King Productions** is also announcing their first "Mr. and Miss Southeastern Gay Wisconsin Pageant" for late July in Milwaukee. In other years it was just Miss Southeastern Gay Wisconsin. It will be a two day affair at a yet announced location.

Miss M's "Miss Gay Continental Wisconsin Pageant" held for the first time last year in conjunction with Chicago's "Miss Gay Continental USA" will also become "bi" sexual this year, adding a "Mr. Gay Continental Wisconsin." That will be held June 23rd at the **Hyatt**.

Sounds like some competition for the "Grand Daddy" contest, "Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin" at Halloween.

At presstime (Fri., Feb. 1), **Stan** called me to announce the cancellation of **Club 219's** "Ms. Gay Wisconsin Contest" on Sunday, February 3rd. That's before this issue hits the streets, but after our Friday deadline (there's always that four-day "grey" period)

The special performance by **Stan** is still scheduled along with number by past "Ms." title holders **Gracie** and **Diane "Legs"**. Turns out there were only two contestants registered by February 1st — and there was little interest and support coming from women's groups. In past years, many bars and businesses donated prizes, but this year only a few men's bars donated anything. According to **Stan**: "That's it, there will be no more Ms. Gay Wisconsin Pageants held at 219... there's just been no support for it." 219 owner **Tony Canfora** holds the copyright to the contest name and would consider selling the rights to it.

Cherine Alexander did a guest spot at **219** — heard she was hot.

Sorry we don't have pics from M&M, 219 and La Cage's shows, but there were camera malfunctions and staff limitations (it's been too damn cold outside, too). I don't own a car and rent one for two or three days every other week, so it ain't always easy to get everything covered. Apologies to all...

As of deadline "Consenting Adult" hasn't aired yet, so I don't know if it's well done or not. Hope lots of you watched it — and by

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La Cage's Strip Search continues every Wednesday.

Photo by Ron Geiman



Photo by Ron Geiman

Green Bay's "Who's" owner **Michael Dzuba** watched the men with **Wayne Bernhagen** and **Matt** from the Wreck Room.



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en the false names of Catherine and David Roe.

"We have no hesitancy in saying that the conditions under which this child must live daily are not only unlawful but also impose an intolerable burden upon her by reason of the social condemnation attached to them," Justice Charles Russell wrote on behalf of a unanimous court.

The high court, noting the child had reported seeing the two men hug and kiss and share the same bed, also suspended any further visits by the child to her father's home or visits where the father's lover was present.

Jock Shorts

Low Fare Tom Salszieder Bowls Them Over . . .

Announcement of some low air fares has stirred up quite a bit of interest in Milwaukee bowlers to go to Atlanta over Easter weekend (April 5-7) for the **Dixie Bowling Tournament**. Republic Airlines came out with a round trip fare of \$138 from Milwaukee to Atlanta — certainly the lowest price for quite some time. Ken Kurtz is coordinating bowling arrangements for Milwaukee bowlers attending the tournament — anyone interested can call Ken at 273-0494 for more specific details.

Softball players wanted! Some of the bars in Milwaukee are looking for softball players this summer. It's great exercise, a lot of fun, and you really meet some nice people. Anyone wanting to get on a team should check with their favorite watering hole to see if they are sponsoring a team.

Don't forget the softball managers' meeting on Sunday evening February 17th at 6 p.m. at Juneau Village Solarium, 1129 N. Jackson St. (corner of Juneau and Jackson). This is an important meeting as the officers for 1985 will be elected and decisions regarding the season will be made. Anyone interested in running for any of the offices (commissioner, assistant commissioner, secretary or treasurer) should plan to attend the meeting. An update will also be given at the meeting on the preparations for the **Gay Softball World Series IX** to be held in Milwaukee this summer. *W.I.S.*

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This handsome man can be found behind the bar at Milwaukee's Boot Camp, a leather/western bar on East National Avenue that's been open since October. Floyd is his name, and he works every nite except Wednesday. And get this — he's "available." Photo by Ron Gelman

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all means, if it was good or poorly done, write letters expressing your feelings to the network and to your local stations. We need more TV events like this. It's exposure and exposure is education and education can only help people understand us.

Can You Live Department: Poor Steven Carrington — what will the poor rich boy do? For all of us *Dynasty* fans waiting for Steven to "come out" again it has been a ritual. Will he or won't he? Then he finally does and now he's probably not! Gay in the early stages of the show, then "bi," then married to a woman, rocky times with her, an affair with his P.R. man, and now back to his wife? *Plleeeaaassee!*

Crystal Ball: Milwaukee's getting an after hours juice dance bar in late February or early March! — *FINALLY*. But be prepared to drive or cab it — word is that it's *not* in the Downtown, South Side or East Side area. Should be fun to party until 6 a.m. on a Sunday morning. I'm sure now a few of the other bars might open at 6 a.m. Sunday

morning. In Chicago, Medusa's is open until 6 a.m., then everyone goes to B.J.'s for an "eye opener."

Julie Brown Homecoming Queen's Got A Gun and Will I Make It Thur The 80's dance floor songstress appears this Sunday at **219**. Save \$2 and buy your ticket before the day of the show. She kicks off 219's anniversary and Mardis Gras schedule.

I'm not sure who he was, but the contestant who entered **La Cage's "Strip Search"** on the 30th looked familiar to me . . . He wore this little cap so I couldn't see his eyes very well, but his face, and — uh — other . . . parts looked awfully familiar to me. I heard someone mention that the dancer had just moved back from San Francisco and used to live here. Maybe that's why he looked familiar — I *do* have a few skeletons in my bedroom closet.

But then again, don't we all?
Musical Bartenders Department: Jeff is gone from the **Phoenix** and "big" **Bobby** is back there (he was at The Castaways) and **Jim Rodell** is once again tending bar at **The Castaways**.

And the saga continues . . . **W.I.S.**

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Southern California; failure to return him to the custodial parent; and failure to obtain court-ordered psychiatric counseling for him.

Brian is in a San Diego County foster home where he is to remain until a custody review late this year. The court that heard the civil custody fight between the Bateys decided that neither parent should have custody of Brian at this time.

Offensive Sign Removed From Eatery

West Hollywood, CA — via GNIC — The predominately gay City Council won its first test of an ordinance banning discrimination against homosexuals when Barney's Beanery removed the "Fagots stay out" sign that had hung behind the bar for decades.

The popular chile parlor's owner also agreed to stop distributing matchbooks printed with the slogan.

Mayor Valerie Terrigno, one of three openly gay members of the recently incorporated city's council, unscrewed the sign as owner Irwin Held and a crowd of reporters looked on.

"The words have been discriminatory and have reduced a large part of our population to the status of second-class citizens," Terrigno said.

"It is singularly appropriate to retire these symbols, once and for all, on the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., an American whose life was committed to the equal rights of all people."

Held said he believed his right to use the slogan was protected by the First Amendment guarantee of free speech, but decided the principle was not worth a court fight.

Court Rules Gay Man Unfit For Child Custody

Richmond, VA — via GNIC — The Virginia Supreme Court ordered a child removed from the custody of her father, citing his homosexual relationship with another man.

The court reversed the decision of a Fairfax County Circuit Court granting joint custody of the girl to both parents, who were giv-

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like the recent style of **Sheena Easton**. Both seven and nine minute mixes sport good structures and are based around a time-honored sequencer progression.

At press time, there is a new movie coming out called **Vision Quest**. The title song is called *Gambler* and is performed by none other than **Madonna**. This song is not on her new album, but inside sources tell me that this one is a "killer." More on this next time . . . until then, Happy Valentine's Day and keep dancing.

P.S. — *Look out Appleton* — I'm comin' to spin those tunes on February 10th for the "Turnabout Party." Hope to see and meet a lot of you there! **W.I.S.**

IN STEP
ONE YEAR NEW!

IN STEP'S TOP DANCE HITS

Chart courtesy of *Don Dydell & Dan Matp (Asst.) of the New Bar, Madison*

— **RECORDINGS** —

- 1) **NEUTRON DANCE** *POINTER SISTERS*
- 2) **MATERIAL GIRL** *MADONNA*
- 3) **TENDERNESS** *GENERAL PUBLIC*
- 4) **HAPPY SONG** *BONEY M*
- 5) **SUGAR WALLS** *SHEENA EASTON*
- 6) **LOOK MY WAY** *THE VELVETS*
- 7) **OUT OF CONTROL** *EVELYN KING*
- 8) **LET ME FEEL IT** *SAMANTHA GILES*
- 9) **CHINESE EYES / COME INSIDE (Remix)** *FANCY*
- 10) **WHAT I DO** *PHIL FERON*
- 11) **CAN THE RHYTHM** *GIRL TALK*
- 12) **LOVERIDE** *NUANCE FEATURING VIKKI LOVE*
- 13) **SLICE ME NICE** *FANCY*
- 14) **AGE OF CONSENT (All Cuts)** *BRONSKI BEAT*
- 15) **RUN FOR COVER** *RANDY SCOTT*

— **VIDEOS** —

- 1) **SMALL TOWN BOY / WHY** *BRONSKI BEAT*
- 2) **INVITATION TO DANCE** *KIM CARNES*
- 3) **SOLID** *ASHFORD & SIMPSON*
- 4) **SEX CRIME** *EURTHYMICS*
- 5) **DUMPED ON** *TRIANA*
- 6) **JUNGLE LOVE** *MORRIS DAY & THE TIME*
- 7) **BIG IN JAPAN** *ALPHAVILLE*
- 8) **DIANA D** *CHUCK MANGIONE*
- 9) **DREAM STREET** *JANET JACKSON*
- 10) **HEAVEN** *EUROGLIDERS*

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Child Stealing Charges Against Batey Dropped

San Diego — via *GNIC* — Felony child-stealing charges have been dropped against Betty Lou Batey, a fundamentalist Christian who battled her gay ex-husband for custody of their teenage son.

Judge Earl Maas surprised court observers Monday by dismissing the charges on grounds they constituted double jeopardy.

Mrs. Batey, a member of the United Pentecostal Church was convicted earlier of three counts of contempt for running off with her son Brian, 13, when he was in the legal custody of his father, Frank Batey, Palm Springs, Calif.

Mrs. Batey is to be sentenced February 15 on her contempt convictions. The three counts involved taking Brian outside of

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COMING: June 23rd
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"The San Francisco Sound" dance music — recording artist Sylvester's appearance at The New Bar's 1st Anniversary celebration

Photos by Ron Gelman



(l-r) 219 entertainer B.J. Daniels, the Baton's Cherine Alexander, 219 D.J. Tim Brizzo, Club Victoria manager Michael K., 219 owner Tony Canfora and 219 manager Stan Adams.

Dance Steps

Kim Zweibohmer Dance Fever

Now that *Beverly Hills Cop* is the top-grossing movie of the holiday season, the 12" singles are starting to flow like water off the sound track. **Patti LaBelle** *New Attitude* (MCA 12") takes a step towards serious dance music here and as we all know she can do a lot with that voice of hers. LaBelle carries on with gospel feelings over a pounding, slightly rockish uptempo arrangement. She has a lot of fun with the song and so will you. Contained on the flip side is the *Axel F Theme* by Harold Faltermeyere, which should be getting some early evening club play as well.

It seems the up and coming (well, possible) trend is going to be jazz musicians putting out 12" dance singles. Currently charting is **Deodato's** *S.O.S., Fire In The Sky* (Warner Brothers 12") and *Are You For Real* (LP Cut), **Shakatak's** *Down On The Street* (Polydor 12") and now comes one hot number — *Open Mind* by Jean-Luc Ponty (Atlantic 12"). This is high-energy instrumental with the dance mix and editing by **Mark Berry**. It may sound a little weird at first, but give it a few listens — I'm sure you're going to like it!

With all the songs coming from movies these days, this is one not to be missed! *Believe In The Beat* by **Carol Lynn Townes** (Polygram 12") comes our way via the *Breakin' II* sound track in remixed form that is **HOT!** When I saw the movie, this cut is the one that you leave singing. Despite being in a movie about break dancing, this one does not deserve the label. A great song that is a blend of uptempo pop and Eurodisco — very catchy and surely to pass-up her previous hit 99%.

Two interesting singles: **52nd Street's** *Can't Afford* (Profile/Black Suit 12") is another interesting pop/hi-NRG/hip-hop fusion records. With a *Blue Monday* style, uptempo motorized bottom, the nine minute mix called *The Unorganized Mix* is all break with a strange rap about street confrontation. Excellent dance material, but only after a few listens! . . . Leaning more towards the pop side, **Kim Wilde's** *Go For It* (MCA 12") is another cross of pop-rock and disco: much

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AQUARIUS — JAN. 20 thru FEB. 18 — (URANUS) The name of the game for this week is priorities, make a list of jobs to be done and assign an order of importance. One thing done is better than nothing done.

PISCES — FEB. 19 thru MARCH 20 — (NEPTUNE) There may be those that offer friendship when what they really want is allies. You are on the right track, so keep on the right track.

ARIES — MARCH 21 thru APRIL 19 — (MARS) Ignoring problems will not make them go away. You must learn to be responsible for your own actions. Financially you look better than expected.

TAURUS — APRIL 20 thru MAY 20 — (VENUS) A dollar saved today is a dollar earned tomorrow. Soon the day will come for you to indulge and then you will have all the more to indulge with.

GEMINI — MAY 21 thru JUNE 20 — (MERCURY) If you pay more attention to where you are going instead of where you have been, you will soon find out your direction of travel ahead of time. All that is said, is heard by someone else, too.

CANCER — JUNE 21 thru JULY 22 — (MOON) Someone in your past is back to put things into perspective, it is time to bury the hatchet. A common cause is better than no cause at all.

LEO — JULY 23 thru AUG. 22 — (SUN) The ones around you realize this is a trying time, but be sure to remember that they are around you because they care. The innocent shall pay for the guilty's past.

VIRGO — AUG. 23 thru SEPT. 22 — (MERCURY) Look only for help from the people who are truly in touch with reality, many seek to deceive you and turn you from the true light. Watch Sagittarius carefully.

LIBRA — SEPT. 23 thru OCT. 22 — (VENUS) Now may be a slow and comfortable pace, but be ready to go to work soon. It is for the better, you need something in your life to keep you busy right now.

SCORPIO — OCT. 23 thru NOV. 21 — (Pluto) You know you have done the right thing and someone else wants to take the honors. Make sure you get full gratitude. You deserve it. There is no need to prove yourself.

SAGITTARIUS — NOV. 22 thru DEC. 21 — (JUPITER) You can make your life what you choose it to be. Now is the time to improve on your own personality. You must know yourself, before you get to know others. *W.I.S.*

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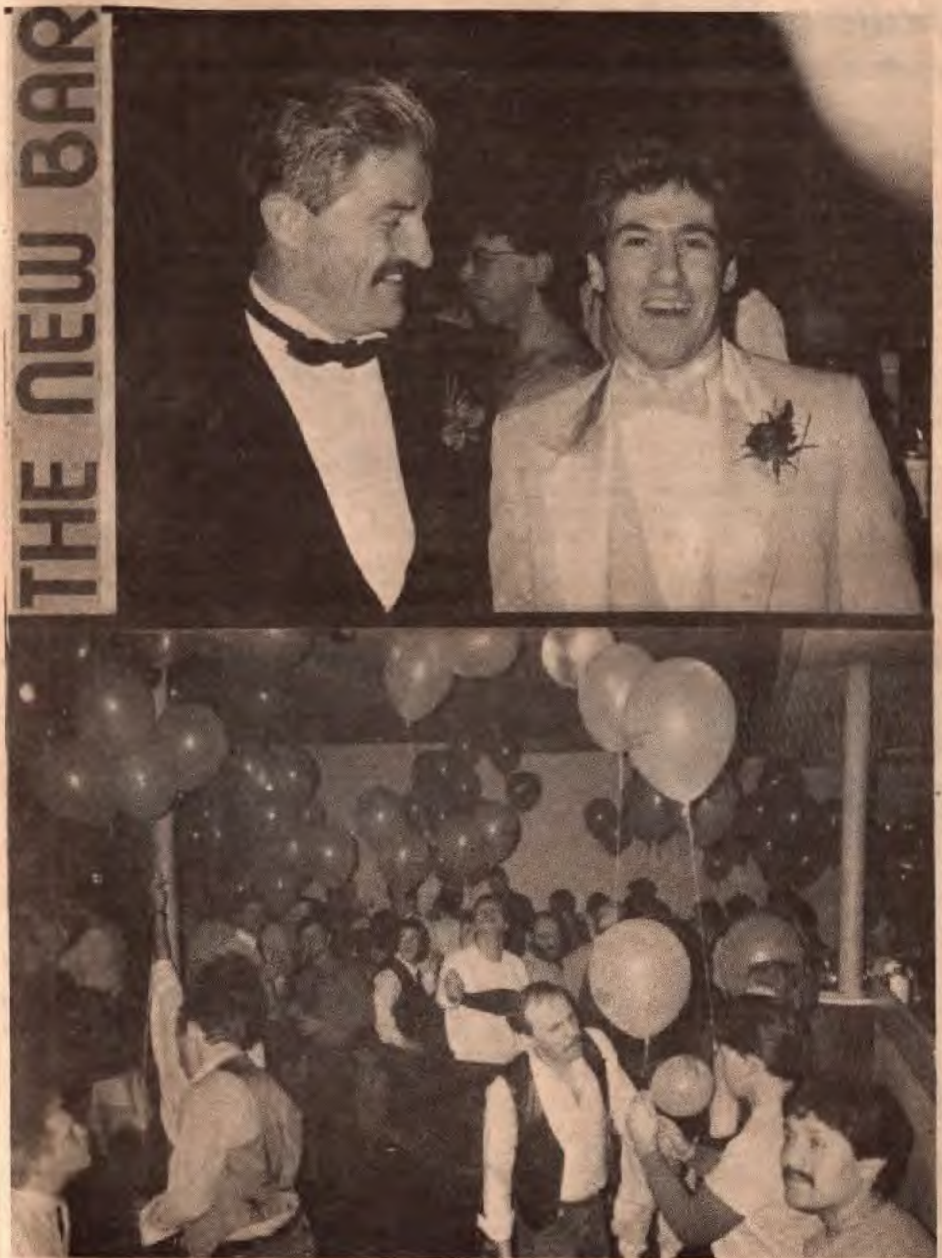
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Valley Beat

Sorry I missed you all the last issue, but to be honest nothing was happening in the Valley. The weather didn't help much.

Some things did develop though . . . **Trixie** held a "Star Search" show at **1101 West** which presented us with spectacular new talent such as **Miss K.C., Amy Landon, Effie Mae, and Margerine Shed Spread.** Speaking of shows, 1101 will be presenting their "Turnabout Show" on February 10th. The show is for a very good cause — all the proceeds go to the **Concerned Clinic Fund.** Concerned is an organization to help gay and lesbian people in the northeastern Wisconsin area.

Oh, here's a note to all "popper" lovers — don't forget to attend the meeting on **February 19th at 10:30 a.m.** concerning the ban of poppers in Wisconsin. The meeting will be held at the **Fox Valley Technical Institute.**

Now that we are one month into the new year of 1985, how many of you have not broken your resolutions? I confess — I did.

It's hard *not* to have sex less than once a week. You know what I mean, considering some of you have it with someone new every day of the week. Sick, but that's life. Enjoy!

Miss 1101, **Toni Clark,** was in Green Bay last month doing a show with **Melinda James, Mandi McCall** and myself. It was her first time performing out-of-town and Green Bay was pleased with her and the rest of us. I also heard that Toni made it to Milwaukee for a show also. Boy, is she getting around!

Speaking of getting around, make sure you make it to Green Bay for their "Sweetheart Ball" on February 14th and the "USO Show" February 23rd featuring **B.J. Daniels** and **Erica Stevens.** There is also a benefit show on February 24th for **Concern.** Don't miss them!

*Lots of luck and fun . . . Tania Michaels.
W.I.S.*



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Juicy Bits

W. W. Wells

Odds & Ends . . .

As I sat down to write this article, I realized that either my brain tumor was acting up again or I was suffering from a severe case of writer's block. So, I went through my files and uncovered some Juicy Bits that for one reason or another, never made it to In Step. Thus, I present my odds and ends column:

Special Attractions

It seems that bar owners are always looking for some new gimmick or special event to lure customers into their dens of inequity. Unfortunately, it's a rare day anyone comes up with any really original ideas. Well, I gave it some thought and came up with these ideas for special attractions:

- ◆ Hold a raffle every Tuesday and Thursday — winners get a free B.J.
- ◆ Have an indoor fireworks display every Wednesday.
- ◆ Every hour the lights go out and you have

- to grab the butt of the person next to you.
- ◆ Have a cute pony available for anyone who wants to sodomize it.
- ◆ Hold a real slave auction every Friday.
- ◆ Have a real goriolla come in nightly, pick-up the cutest boy in the place, and "do" him in the back room.
- ◆ Have a special of the day — usually Ken-ny, Bruce, Larry, Tom, uh . . . you get it.

The most memorable pick-up lines I heard this week:

- ◆ "If you won't sit on my face, can I sit on yours?"
- ◆ Written on a slip of paper: "I'm blind, but I can sense you want to get me in bed."
- ◆ "Hi, I'm a sexaholic."
- ◆ "If you don't want to try 69, how about a 68?"
- ◆ "Shut up and finish my rim job."
- ◆ "I seem to have lost my penis, can you help me find it?"
- ◆ "If you really want to burn my ass, put some pepper on your tongue."
- ◆ "Let's trade underwear."

Random Observations

To me, one of the most important attributes a potential new boyfriend can have is the ability to suck a tennis ball through a garden hose.

I've spent many a sleepless night trying to figure out what you call a straight guy who hangs around with gay women.

As far as politics goes, I guess you could label me as a conservative. Whereas I don't think Ronald Reagan should be able to run for a third term, I do believe he should be allowed to appoint his successor.

I don't know about anyone else, but one of the things I love about Milwaukee is having frank sexual discussions with strangers I meet on the #30 bus.

With all the rumors flying about concerning the opening of a big new gay bar, I think I've come up with a perfect site — The Grand Avenue Mall. After all, it comes complete with an abundance of potted plants and gays . . . just add a D.J. and presto!

When I die, I want my tombstone to read: "She wanted to rest." *W.I.S.*

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

Club Milwaukee — Bradley's Birthday Bash, 9 p.m. - ? Members only.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

Brady East Clinic — AIDS Community Project Meeting, 7 p.m. Individuals and volunteers urgently needed for this new affirmative action program — all are welcome.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th IN STEP IS 1 YEAR NEW!

Fannies — Valentine's Party. Balloons filled with gifts — grand prize is dinner for 2 at Mike & Annas.

Dignity/Milwaukee — 10th Anniversary Potluck Dinner, 7 p.m. St. Pius X, 7500 W. Wright St. (2 blks north of North Ave. at 76th St.). All are welcome.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

1101 West — Turnabout Show. Bar employees do the entertaining and entertainers work the bar. Special guest D.J. Kim (K.A.) Z. All proceeds donated to Concerned Clinic Fund.

Club 219 — Julie Brown live in concert, 11:30 p.m. \$3 advance / \$5 door.

Jo'Dees — Valentines Show, 9:30 p.m.

Dignity/Milwaukee — 10th Anniversary Liturgy, 6 p.m. St. Pius X, 7500 W. Wright St. (2 blks north of North Ave. at 76th St.). All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

Grand Avenue Pub — St. Valentine's Party, 7 p.m. to ? Raffle & buffet.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th VALENTINE'S DAY

Back East — Valentine's specials, 9 to close. \$5 bottles of champagne, 75¢ rill & can beer, 50¢ shots & tappers.

Ballgame — Annual Valentine's Show, 10 p.m. "Sweetheart" drawing at intermission. Featuring Miss M, Mama Rae, Tiger Rose, Mr. & Ms. Gay Wisc., Laurie & the Dreamboys.

Castaways — St. Valentine's Day Party. Cabaret with Jim & John at the piano from 8-12 p.m.

1101 West — Sweetheart drink specials all night long.

Essingers — Valentine's Day Party.

Fannies — Sweethearts Party. Free split of champagne with dinner for 2, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jo'Dees — Valentine's carnations for everyone.

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Rod's — Valentine's Day — Put your heart in your pants - also - Aquarius Birthday Party. Hors d'oeuvres. Free cocktail for Aquarians.

The New Bar — Valentine's Party. Drink specials, hors d'oeuvres 4-8 p.m.

Your Place — Valentine's Party. Get free heart balloons; tokens with every drink redeemable for gifts.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

In Step — Farewell party for Dave and David, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (?), 823 N. 2nd St. #409. All friends are welcomed — they are moving to California 2/17. Punch, munchies, etc., BYOB.

Club 219 — 4th Anniversary Show starring Allen Lozito — The Mad Dragoon — comedy/dramatist/monologist, \$2 door; midnight-ish.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

Club 219 — Anniversary/Mardi Gras Ball. No cover for those in costume, \$1 for others. Over \$500 in prizes, best costume - \$250.

Gay Community at UW-M — Potluck dinner Call 963-6555 for more information.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Club 219 — 4th Anniversary regular Sunday night show with special guest Australia's own Holly Brown.

1101 West — An afternoon with Leslie and Jim — live music, 3-7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

Brady East Clinic — AIDS Community Project Meeting, 7 p.m. Individuals and volunteers urgently needed for this new affirmative action program — all are welcome. *W.I.S.*

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efforts at togetherness, and even some successful ones. But the lack of enthusiasm in the past for such events as a Gay Pride Parade or similar march speaks all too clearly for the inordinate amount of self-centeredness and apathy that the two groups foster toward each other. And it all must begin with the way we think about one another.

Let's consider that there are those who enjoy their labels: the militant feminists and separatists who like nothing better than to be identified as Lesbians and to embrace that ideology; the men who cross-dress and revel in the freedom, visibility and individuality of being "drag queens." Let's be happy that they are comfortable in having "found their niches," so to speak.

But then, let's also consider that old ideas and attitudes die hard and that there are those of us who do not want to deal with the stigma attached to certain labels. (Remember how horrible that word "masturbation" used to sound? A really ugly, cold, clinical name for a nice, warm, fuzzy feeling.)

Let's remember that there are those of us who don't hate the members of the opposite sex any more than we are in love with all those of our same sex; who enjoy moving about freely in the straight business world, unencumbered by those noisy little labels dragging along behind; who can cope with our "different" positions in society and realize that the people we love and are physically and emotionally attracted to just happen to be of our same gender.

We are women and we are men. We are people. And we are gay. And that's all we want to be.

Ed's note: First, welcome to these pages, Sis — we'll be looking forward to your columns each issue!

IN STEP ONE YEAR NEW!

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Sun. Feb. 10th Turnabout Show

"Bar employees do the show while the entertainers work the bar."

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Sun. Feb. 17th An Afternoon With Leslie & Jim

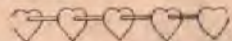
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These were large, ugly women who bore a strong resemblance to truck drivers, replete with five o'clock shadows, who were too homely to "get a man." Driven by their desperation, these sexual deviates waited in the dark corners of dimly-lit sleaze pckets called "gay bars" to prey on girls just like you. Yes, you knew . . . but you went anyway.

But when you got there, sweaty palms and all, you found no hulking shadows hovering in the doorway. All you saw were women just like you — young, old, and in between, of all different physical characteristics — shooting pool, dancing, having a drink at the bar. Where were all those horrible creatures you'd heard about? In your head . . . soon to disappear in the purging light of reality.

But those very images still exist in the minds of uneducated, unenlightened people, creations of the ignorant who do not wish to be otherwise. As gay women, participants in this thing we know as the "gay life style," do we not, then, have the obligation (to each other as well as our straight friends and family) to dispel these ugly images, these false beliefs about who we are and what we do? And if so, why not start with the labels . . . they're as good a place to begin as any.

Certainly, some labels are embraced by those very people whom they are meant to disgrace as a kind of "insider's lingo." Gay men refer to each other as Mary, Nellie, girl, bitch, or any other numerous "pet" names (just page through this publication if you'd like some more examples); and we often greet each other as dykes or with the familiar "Cheers, queers!" We turn these intended epithets into something near terms of endearment amongst ourselves. But, when we refer to those outside of our own circumstances, how truly considerate are we? Do we call our gay male friends "faggots" or "fairies?" Do they refer to us as "lesbians" and "dykes?" Are we unintentionally slurring each other out of thoughtlessness?

Granted, if these terms are used, it is usually in fun or simply out of the lack of a better term. But it is possible that it would be a good idea to find out what each other thinks, to understand ourselves. I specifically refer here to two groups — gay men and gay women — who should be one group . . . gay people.

Supposedly, we want to be recognized as a community. I propose that we begin acting like one. Sure, there have been some token

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Thoughts From The Labyris by Sis

Hey, Are You Gay Or What?

Lesbian (lez' bi en) - n. 1) Of or pertaining to Lesbos; an inhabitant of Lesbos. So reads *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*. I should be so lucky as to live on a Mediterranean paradise island populated by other women-loving women. But, alas — I am but a working-class woman on Milwaukee's South Side, trying to eke out a living in a male-dominated, largely homophobic society. And yet they call me a lesbian. They don't even bother with the capital "L" anymore.

Oh, don't get me wrong. Yes, I am a homosexual, and wouldn't have it any other way. Yes, I "hang out" in "gay bars." Yes, most of my friends are women — and most of them are also gay. So, I suppose if someone feels more comfortable by fitting me into a category complete with a nice, neat label, hey . . . that's okay with me. It's their inse-

curity, not mine. I know who and what I am.

But talk to one of my friends like that and you're liable to find yourself viewing the room from the floor up, with a most unpleasant sensation issuing forth from the gap where your front teeth used to be. She is a Gay Woman. Period. My lover also finds labels both uncomfortable and insulting. She sees no need for the pigeonholing, stereotyping, and generalizing of individuals that so typifies the use of labels. She finds them stinging and, above all, misleading.

Misleading, you ask? Think about it. Some of us — a good number, I'd say — led the straight life before coming into our own as openly gay individuals. Remember your first trip to the gay bar?

You had to go, for whatever your reasons were. But all the way there, you conjured up mental images of those awful women you knew you'd find there. Your mother had warned you about "lesbians."

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