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J. W.

Tom (Gerp): You're too good to me too often. I miss you when we're not together.

O. G.

Dennis: The next time you might put on a pot of coffee.

Michael

To Miss Trap: Looks is skin deep! All the rest is beneath.

Candy

Devon: It's automatic!!!!

Slick

Sunny: Hold on — it's almost time to bring out your lawn chair.

Tootie

Bobby: Chicago — July

Mikey

K. A.: Where's the beef?

Tootie, Joe & Blair

Jackie "Oh": Try telling how you feel.

G. Man

Jilly Bean: Love ya, Love ya! Kiss, Kiss!

Scotty

S. B. in MPLS.: I need a new picture — the old ones got a little too wet. I miss you too!

J. H. in Milw.

Space Cow: Let's go out for a night on the town ... We gotta kick up our hooves.

Earth Pig

Doris: It's *Mr. Geiman* in public. Say that "Mr." deep and loud.

Ron

Y. P. Staff: I do not miss the headache!!

X-Employ

Bunzzie: The hot pads were great.

Puddy

Gary: I lost my hat!

Tony

Whomever: Rumor has it Lulu is in town.

Porky

Kelly: This is going to be a good summer.

JME

Jimmy W.: I heard you like to do it in rubber boots in t-rooms.

T.

-R-: Thank you for your friendship. I value it a lot.

God love ya, Jamie

Wayne (artist): We're have you been? Can't wait for a rematch.

Rod

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WHAT'S UP FRONT?

Staff Artist Tom Rezza again graces our cover with his talent, combining Spring and All Fools Day.

March has been so wet and gray, that the thought of April warms the cockles of our hearts.

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BRIEFS

Ban On Poppers Sought

Rep. James Rutkowski (D-Hales Corners) has asked the State Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to restrict the use of isobutyl nitrite ("poppers"), which allegedly was involved in the bizarre death of a Mount Horeb attorney recently.

Rutkowski asked the department to regulate the substance because the Controlled Substances Act, which regulates narcotic and illegal drugs, prohibits controls over substances that are marked over the counter under state and federal law.

The department could regulate the substance under the Hazardous Substances Act, the law that enables the state to ban unsafe toys and other potentially hazardous products.

Milwaukee Sentinel

AIDS Cases Seen Doubling In San Francisco

Doctors are predicting a doubling of AIDS cases in the Bay Area to 1,000 by year-end, increasing strain on the health care system as well as the toll in human suffering.

Nationally, AIDS cases have surged to 3,646 from 1,300 a year ago, said Harold Jaffe, an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Despite recent reports from New York that the incidence of AIDS seemed to be leveling off, this isn't the case nationally or in San Francisco, officials say.

Wall Street Journal

Ed's note: Please see AIDS reference sheet and story in this issue.

A Perfect April Fool's Gag

If you can't find the words, say it with flowers . . . DEAD ONES. So reads an advertisement for des Fleurs Mortes of Milwaukee.

"Now you can get even without sacrificing your dignity. For a nominal fee, you can arrange to have a formally attired messenger deliver a neatly wrapped box of decomposed foliage to the deserving person of your choice. Anonymously, if you wish," the ad reads.

No Evidence That White Lives In Luxury

Reports that paroled assassin Dan White is living in a Bel Air mansion and received \$50,000 to write a book apparently are false according to investigators for the California Department of Justice.

The department said White was residing in the same Los Angeles County residence to which he was released upon his parole. "A search of his residence by his parole officer failed to uncover any evidence supporting these allegations," said assistant attorney general William Stein.

Milwaukee Journal

Man Held For Murders

A 27 year old suspect remained in custody in Los Angeles where police arrested him Feb. 27 on a forgery warrant issued in Milwaukee. The warrant, issued Jan. 31 charged the suspect with signing a murder victim's name to a check four days after the murder.

Police said the man was a strong suspect in the murders of Michael Kirk Simmons on July 9, 1982, and James V. Brown on Sept. 6, 1982 — both from Milwaukee.

The medical examiner's report on Simmon's death said a relative told police that Simmons was gay and often had sex with strangers. A neighbor of Brown told authorities Brown had an "alternate lifestyle," the report on his death said.

Milwaukee Sentinel

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GRAFFITI

Send us your messages for our graffiti section. Keep them under 25 words and send them to *Wisconsin In Step*, 823 North Second St., Suite 409, Milwaukee, WI 53203. We'll run as many as we're able to in each issue. Join the fun!

Oxy: Nothing will help.

The Big Squeeze (El Marko)

Hilka (Keesler): Farrah and I miss ya! Stop wetting your pants.

Mikey

Craig'ls: I don't wanna be alone. Where is my baby? Mmm . . .

Squeeze

Roger P.: If I strip for you, will you strip for me? I like being "used."

Love, Mike

Wanda: (The War Witch-W.R.M.) - Have you had any p. lately?

Miss Mole

Space Cow: Ask Scotty to "beam you down" . . . it's been too long since your hooves have touched the ground.

Earth Pig

Geof M.: Why havn't I heard about your visit to S.F. yet?

Dave

John: Why was the bedroom door locked all night last night?

Anon.

Dear Blondie: Why in the hell can't you handle the job title that you were given (general manager)?

"Dissatisfied Customer"

Water Buffalo: Why do buffalo girls go 'round the outside?

Earth Pig

Miss Molly: You're beautiful — and I love you.

J. J.

Earth Pig: To do-se-do my partner!

Water Buffalo

Pookie: I love you — thanks just for being you.

Your Jane Jane

Mike (Factory): I'm still waiting for my "New Years" kiss.

T.

Larry K.: Give me a pen . . . I want to play connect the dots on you know who.

Dean

Julie: No, the dog doesn't have wings.

T.

Bunzzie: You'll get the color TV when I get the diamond brooch.

Sheba

D. W.: Gosh, it sure was great shootin the breeze with you the other day. Yeah, I miss you too!

Dave

Miss Trap: We know what you did last week!

Steve

Michael: This is your last chance to dance with me.

Wobert

Steve: I love you — 3 years March 28th.

Steve

Chad: It's been real, but I'm glad it's over.

Jamie

Greg: RSVP or roll over and let me know.

Scott

Miss Mole (Larry): Is that you with the Astor Boys? I can't tell with your hand in the way.

Swzina

Betty H.: Let's get together for another fiery con-cockton, but next time lets have some cream!

Burned

Joel: You're such a fag.

Love, Scotty

Slick: Love is caring. *From One Who Cares?*

Jennifer: Is that the correct way to spell your name? Auh!

Bowling Partner

O'Pooski-Pooh: Oh yes baby! Birdie bubbles are real in.

O'Pooski-Pooh II

JOCK SHORTS

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Everything's Coming Up Baseball

by Tom Salzsieder

The official start of the 1984 gay softball season was signaled by the Spring meeting of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA). Sixteen member cities sent delegates to a four day conference on March 1-4 in Houston. NAGAAA represents thousands of gay men and women softball players from all around the United States and Canada. The Saturday softball league of Milwaukee was represented by Commissioner Ron Burbey and Assistant Commissioner Tom Salzsieder. This year in late August, Houston will play host to the Eighth Annual Gay Softball World Series. The series is a competition among the championship teams from each member city: Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Seattle, Southern New England, and Toronto. Milwaukee will host Series Nine in August, 1985.

NAGAAA welcomed one new member city, Dallas, into the Alliance at the meeting. One highlight of the meeting, especially for Milwaukee, was the selection of United Air Lines as the official airline for the 1984 Gay Softball World Series. This means that the series is designated a national convention, with all players and fans who wish to attend qualifying for super-saver fares with all restrictions waived. According to a United spokesman, Milwaukeeans will be able to fly to Houston for about \$200 round trip, compared to a regular fare of up to \$500. Bookings and cancellations can be made anytime prior to departure from Milw.

Pairings for the first round of the 1984 series were announced. Milwaukee will meet Seattle on opening day, Sunday March 26th, at 7:00 p.m. Other first day games will feature host Houston versus

Pittsburgh, San Francisco versus Southern New England, Minneapolis/St. Paul versus Los Angeles, Birmingham versus Chicago, Toronto versus Atlanta, New York versus Kansas City, Dallas versus Boston, and Long Beach versus the winner of the San Francisco/Southern New England game. The tournament is scheduled to conclude on Thursday, August 30.

Nine cities announced invitational tournaments to be held this summer. The earliest will be in Birmingham on May 5-6. Four cities will host tournaments over Memorial Day. In addition to Milwaukee's Wreck Room Classic, tournaments are being held in Pittsburgh, Seattle and San Francisco. The Canada Cup will be held again in Toronto over the Canadian holiday, June 30 - July 2. Boston and Atlanta will hold tournaments from July 4-8. The last tournament before the World Series will be in Kansas City on July 28-29.

Two officers of NAGAAA were elected at the meeting. Jerry DeSale of Houston was re-elected Assistant Commission and former Milwaukeean Dennis Schwarten was elected Secretary. The other officers, Commissioner Bill Muldon of Minneapolis and Treasurer Tom Salzsieder of Milwaukee have one year remaining on their term.

13 softball teams have entered the Saturday Softball Beer League this year. Newcomers include Paradise Bookstore, Club Baths, C'est La Vie, and the Unicorn who will host the Chickletts. Back from last year are Ball Game, Club 219, Factory II, Finale, First Street, M&M, Shadows, Wreck Room, and Your Place. The regular season will likely begin the last Saturday of April. Some teams are looking for players, so that anyone who is not on a team and would like to play should contact one of the team sponsors.◀

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Briefs

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California Gay Rights Bill Vetoed

California Gov. George Deukmejian vetoed a controversial bill that would have banned employment discrimination against homosexuals and called the decision the most wrenching of his 14 months in office.

The bill's passage by the Legislature had followed an eight-year battle to make California the first state after Wisconsin to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in hiring, firing, promotions and job training.

The Republican governor issued a 12-paragraph explanation.

"A person's sexual orientation should not be a basis for the establishment of a special protected class of individuals, especially in the absence of a compelling showing of need," Deukmejian said.

Ed's note: Governor: Wake up and smell the coffee, it's the 80's.

Ohio Has Gay Rights

Gov. Richard Celeste has issued an executive order barring discrimination in state employment on the basis of sexual orientation, making Ohio the fifth state to extend such civil rights protections to lesbians and gays.

The order, which went in effect Dec. 31 covers all state agencies, departments, boards and commissions within the executive branch.

Equal Time

Ed's note: That's real nice of you, Gov. Celeste. What about the rest of the work force in Ohio?

"Gays and Marriage"

The recent Milwaukee Journal series "Gays in Marriage" has stirred much response on the part of Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community. The one-sided coverage of this issue prompted CCBA President Marc Hauptert, along with other CCBA members, including Ralph Navarro and members of Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers, to write letters to the Journal

Editor Richard Leonard.

Most letters referred to reporter Gary Rummier's use of unusual cases that certainly were not representative of our community at large. Some of those interviewed had obvious psychological problems, but yet no commentary was included by professional counselors or psychologists.

Wed, March 14, Hauptert received a confirmation from Editor Leonard for a meeting between Hauptert, other gay community leaders and the Editorial Board for Monday, March 19th. At that time Hauptert intends to ask the Editors to do a more balanced story to try and "turn around" the damage the series may have caused.



Photo by Ron Gelman

Mardi Gras was celebrated at Club 219
B. J. Daniels, Miss 219 emceed along with
Robert Uyviri, 219 designer.

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Castaways M.C. (cycle club) P.O. Box 1686, 53201
Cream City Association Foundation (CCAF) P.O. Box 11951, 53211, 276-2204

Cream City Business Association (CCBA) P.O. Box 92614, 53202, 374-5599
GAMMA (sports/social) 2511 N. Farwell, L, 53211, 276-2204
Gay Community at UWM Student Union, Room E-364, 963-6555
Gay Hotline (referral) 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
Milw. Area Gay Fathers P.O. Box 07018, 53207, 475-5425
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Phoenix (Mw, D)	235 S. Second St.
Shadows (Mw, F)	814 S. Second St., 645-9490
This Is It (M)	418 E. Wells St., 278-9192
Tina's RTI (MW, D)	219 E. Keefe St., 372-9985
Wreck Room (M, L/L)	266 E. Erie St., 273-6900
Your Place (Mw, D)	813 S. First St., 647-9335

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Shadows	814 S. Second St., 645-6490

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Bread & Roses Womens Clinic	238 W. Wisconsin Ave., 278-0260
Medical Professionals for Alternative Lifestyle	P.O. Box 239, 53201, 277-7671
National Coalition STD Clinics & Services	P.O. Box 239, 53201, 277-7671

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Breier Orders Felger's Car Out

Police Chief Breier has ordered David Felger, the city's chief prosecutor, to move his car from the police garage because of a remark Felger made about an investigation involving a police officer.

Breier acknowledged that he ordered Felger's car out of the police garage once before, but declined to explain the details. One that occasion, Breier reportedly was upset with Felger's decision not to prosecute certain cases involving actions of people who went into movie booths at adult bookstores.

Milwaukee Sentinel

Studds To Seek 7th Term

Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) who captured the imagination of the country's gays last year when he announced that he was gay, will seek re-election to his seventh term in Congress. Studds will face five opponents in the September primary.

He said that his homosexuality is not and should not be an issue. "I might well

be, as I've said before, a first, second or third rate congressman. But, whichever I am, it has nothing to do with my sexual orientation. I don't intend to make an issue of the sexual orientation of my opponents. And I would like to think the same would be reciprocated."

Equal Time

Florida Photo Too Luring

The Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce is spending \$20,000 in advertising this year to lure snow belt students down for spring break. Their ad, however, has left some questions about the taste of the whole campaign.

It features a young coed riding on the shoulders of a macho college buck. The man is wearing a cutoff t-shirt and bikini bathing suit with a large bulge that casts a shadow of his thighs.

The ad also contains a mailing address to purchase a large color poster of the publicity photo. The campaign has prompted hundreds of inquiries from northern colleges — with twice as many coming from men as from women.

Equal Time

Editors note: Would someone be kind enough to send us a copy of the ad? Let's have a looksie, shall we? ◀

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Club 219 (Mw, D, L/L)	219 S. Second St., 271-3732
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Factory II (Mw, D, V)	130 E. Juneau Ave., 276-5119
Fannie's (Wm, D, F)	200 E. Washington Ave., 643-9633
Finale (Mw, D)	808 E. Center St., 372-6664
1st Street (M, L/L)	157 S. First St., 278-0928
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GROUP NOTES

Gay Events Planned

University of Wisconsin-Madison's 10% Society, the campus organization for gay and lesbian students, in conjunction with the ideas and issue Committee of Wisconsin Union Directorate, proudly present the OUT & ABOUT Gay and Lesbian Awareness Series.

This series of programs has been developed to address specific gay and lesbian issues such as culture, health, and lifestyles. It is also designed to inform and education the general public as well as the gay community. Most events held in

Memorial Union (MU) on the Madison Campus.

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The Gay Community at UW-M and the Cream City Association Foundation are co-sponsoring a Spring gay weekend on the UW-M campus Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th. The weekend's activities are being held in cooperation with the Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues.

All events will be presented in the Fire-side Lounge located in the UW-M Student Union. Special admission prices have been set to make the weekend's activities available to all. The informational and entertaining weekend is for the benefit of the entire Metropolitan Milwaukee gay and lesbian community.

For more information, call CG-UWM at 963-6555.

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For complete schedules of both these worthwhile events, please refer to the "Calendar" section in this issue. ◀

Photo by Ron Geiman



Piano player, Mr. David, got the crowd signing along and doing the "jiggity-jig-jig" at the Ballgame's 10th Anniversary/St. Pat's party.

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COMMENT

WHS

Let's See What The Mailperson Brought Today . . . In The Mailbox . . .

Dear People:

Here's to "In Step" magazine (and especially "Jackie 'Oh'" writing in her Vol. I, Issue 3 column) for perpetuating the myth (and was there ever a more repressive, misinformed and damaging myth?) that all gay men are:

- 1) Thin.
- 2) Preoccupied with the dictates of "G.Q."
- 3) Rich enough to afford a subscription to "G.Q."
- 4) Great cooks.
- 5) Willing to jump at the chance to help make hors d'oeuvres for 500.
- 6) Well versed on the ins and outs of "natural fabrics" as opposed to polyester.
- 7) Into watching "drag."
- 8) Into wearing it.

Once again, the gay community proves to be its own worst representative . . . and the best incentive in the world for so-called "closeted" gays to stay put until those in the "mainstream" are mature enough to accept them and all of their "un-gay" (read "non-conformist") foibles.

Bro. Kevin, O.F.M.
Fr. James, O.F.M.
Milwaukee

P.S. - And by the way, how in Gods name does having a gay boyfriend solve the question of who's going to wash the dishes???

Ed's Note: "Bless us father . . . but we have not sinned." Jackie "Oh's" article was entirely tongue-in-cheek. Until we, as a gay and lesbian community, can accept our differences (impersonators, leather, S&M, G.Q., butch/fem, white collar, blue collar, pink collar, etc.) and make light of them . . .

Dear Editors and Staff:

Just a note to let you know how much we enjoy reading news items from our very best "sister" city — Milwaukee.

Our clients must like Wisconsin Step also, as your publications are usually gone within a few days.

Keep up the good work for Milwaukee's fine gay community.

Thor
Office Secretary,
For the Entire Saloon Owners & Staff
Minneapolis

Ed's note: Thor, dear — we're looking forward to seeing you and your team at the Wreck Room Classic Softball Tourney. We just love the Twin Cities "Nordic" types. Bring plenty of "cheerleaders" along too — there's plenty to go around here!

To Instep:

I like the magazine very much and feel good that Wisconsin has a magazine and appreciate your efforts to get it published. In the last issue, I thought the article by W. W. Wells III was funny, but it also showed some truth about some gays. All party, nothing else. It's too bad. I wonder what some people think?

Also, I'm upset that bars can give away prizes and cash, but I don't remember seeing a Milwaukee bar hold a benefit for AIDS. I remember a bar up north (Wausau?) and a Chicago bar did. Why not Milwaukee? And has there ever been a benefit for Brady Clinic? Couldn't you write an article about it?

Your news briefs are good and informative. Thank you.

T. M.
Waukesha

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THE CLASSIES

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B. J. Daniels, Miss 219 emceed the contest.

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Comment

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Dear Ron:

Here is a copy of the new AIDS card printed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Blood Center. I hope that it will be considered valuable information because we put a lot of time into it. I am very pleased with how things are going in Milwaukee with regards to AIDS — still no local cases.

Best wishes to you and your staff for a job well done. If you get criticism, consider the source. I think you're doing a great job. Damn the criticism, full steam ahead.

Roger Gremminger
Milwaukee

Ed's note: Look for the "AIDS Page" in this issue that contains the information contained on that card. Cut it out and save it for future reference. If you doubt

the seriousness of AIDS, read the article about living with an AIDS patient also in this issue.

Dear Ron:

Just saw your third issue and it looks real good. I noticed that you list a guide in the back of the magazine and I was wondering if you would list *OUT!* under organizations or publications.

If you could just list the phone number *OUT!* (608) 256-7664 we'd greatly appreciate it. We intend to do a guide ourselves sometime in the future and will surely list *Wisconsin In Step* when we do it. Thanks.

Looking forward to your visit when you come this way. Keep up the good work.

Peter Klehm
Publisher

Ed's note: Sorry Peter, it was a slip on our part — it was to have been listed.

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JUICY BITS

Why, people sometimes ask me, do you grow your own fruits and vegetables? Why go to all of the trouble of weeding and tilling soil, when you could be out dancing and doing poppers? It seems that many gay people do not know the joys and multiple uses of freshly picked vegetables and fruits.

Consider the leek, a mild flavored relative of the onion. When eaten in the raw state, leeks can sometimes help relieve the often embarrassing symptoms of peeshyness. A couple of leeks before a night out and the long periods spent at the urinal gazing at the wall (or other places), can be eliminated.

The common squash (chubbyis squishy) is another vegetable often ignored in the gay world. In fact, the squash is often the favored vegetable among chubby chasers with a fetish for being sat upon, repeatedly.

Kumquats provide a wide spectrum of uses for gays. Although not widely known, kumquats are thought to be a cure of impotence among homosexual English pop-music artists. According to Boy George, "For two months you must refrain from sex and eat nothing but kumquats. Before engaging in sex, you must bathe your privates in a bowl of chicken noodle soup or quiche. Just before you begin, you must dip your privates into a dish containing the blood of a male porn star. Sounds a bit silly, but it works." A tip for hopeful porn stars, as with vampires, garlic should ward off Boy George.

Cucumbers may be the preferred vegetable among gay males, and are often grown for uses other than a salad additive. In fact, a movement has begun to declare the cucumber the official gay vegetable. Cucumbers come in various



Columnist W. W. Wells III. (Nice glasses W. W.)

lengths and widths, although size is not really important when selecting a cucumber for personal use. Cucumbers should be peeled with a bit of Wesson oil added for best results.

Gay women may prefer the zucchini or bumpy gourd over the cucumber. Their larger size and texture can provide multiple pleasures. In fact, some say they prefer a large bumpy gourd over their diesel vibrators. It eliminates the need for handling smelly fuel oil and are a lot less noisy.

As you can see, there are many uses for fruits and vegetables. So, in a sunny well-drained location, start your gay garden. Discover the joys of cucumbers and bumpy gourds — deep inside you'll be glad you did!

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Poem of the Week —

This poem is dedicated to those of us who have not told our parents:

You can fool some of the people
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some of the time
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**THE
ARTS****A Streetcar Named
Desire**

by Kevin Rozman

Tennessee Williams is one of America's greatest playwrights and *Streetcar* is considered by many to be his greatest work. He has described the play in this fashion, "Our illusions are all we have, any of us. That's what *Streetcar* is about." It was the first American play to win all three major drama awards: the Pulitzer Prize, the New York Critics Circle Award and the Donaldson Award.

It is not surprising that the television adaptation of this masterpiece was among his final projects before his untimely death in 1983. He wanted Ann-Margret for Blanche DuBois, the lead, one of the most demanding yet challenging of theatrical roles. Not a few had great reservations about her ability to carry it off. Superb casting Tennessee, she was a marvelous choice!

The film under the brilliant direction of Elia Kazan, is a cinematic jewel. It won for Vivien Leigh, as Blanche, her second Oscar and also contained the now famous performance by Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski. To risk a television production after the film was a tremendous gamble, but one that certainly paid off.

A 1984 presentation allowed for much more artistic freedom than was allowed Williams and Kazan in 1951. In fact, the Code of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) demanded that the reference to the homosexuality of Allan Grey (Blanche's husband) must be clouded if not totally eliminated and Stanley's brutal rape of Blanche must be struck as well. The gay issue was obscured, but the rape remained. So much for the times but how far we've come in 33 years.

As against this background, we were treated to a spectacular production of this classic. Ann-Margret brought a new and expanded interpretation to the role and

gave what I consider to be the best acting performance of her career. She almost lost her mind doing Blanche as she describes herself as an emotional actress and she became that involved with the character. It was certainly evident in her performance.

Brando has said of Stanley, "This guy is a big lusty animal with no sensitivity." Treat Williams supplied him many new dimensions of character so that he came more to the fore in this violent work with yet a fragile quality.

Marvin Hamlisch composed a haunting score which worked quite well with the effective staging. The lighting was phenomenal and among the best technical work I've seen on television in a long time. The work has a multiplicity of light/dark imagery and these were ever so tastefully underscored by the exquisite use of light and shadow.

Blanche tells us, "I don't want a realism — I want magic" and that she gave us. To anyone who missed the presentation, find a copy of the video and see it. This is one offering not to be missed. The gifted Anthony Quinn says it best, "I'd rather be in a flop by Tennessee Williams, whom I consider to be the world's greatest living playwright, than in a hit by shit." Enough said.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Not I, That Time, and Footfalls, Theatre X, Lincoln Center for the Arts, 272-2787, through March 31st.

Zones of the Spirit: Outlanders and Wormwood, Court Street Theatre, 273-7121, ext. 239, through March 25th.

We Were One Man and You Are Not Alone, Oriental Theatre, 276-8711, March 29th.

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The Rules Of The Game, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, PAC, 273-7206, through April 8th.

Twyla Tharp Dance, PAC, 273-7206, March 27th and 28th.

Some Like It Hot and Guys And Dolls, UWM Union Cinema, April 3rd.

Evita, Spotlight Series, PAC, 273-7206, April 10th through the 15th.

Weather Report, PAC, 273-7206, March 29th.

Duquesne University Tamburitans, PAC, 273-7206, March 25th.

Company, Milwaukee Players, Pabst Theatre, 271-3773, March 22nd through the 25th.

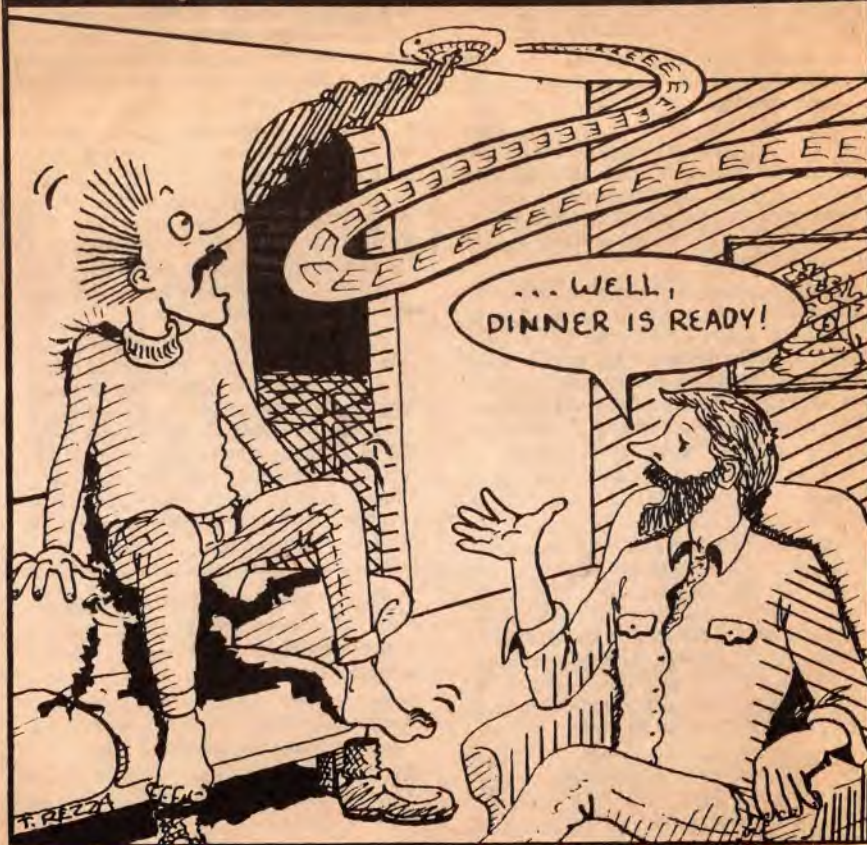
Tintypes, Skylight Comic Opera, 271-8815, March 28th through April 22nd.

Brave New 1984, Friends Mime Theatre, Lincoln Center for the Arts, 272-2787, March 30th through April 14th.

A Thurber Carnival, Experience Theatre, ETCI-Lite, Noodles Restaurant, 277-0187, Wednesday through Sunday beginning March 14th. ◀

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Dance Steps

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by Peabo Bryson also shipped this week in a remix. As we wait for the other remixes that are said to be scheduled, let's hope that all this worthy music does surface, one way or the other.

Taking a definite step further in the pop direction to follow the number one *Holiday/Lucky Star*, Madonna's remixed *Borderline* (Sire promo 12-inch) adds drum and keyboard tracks to the original and remains a lovely, floating dance track. Remix/post-production was done by John "Jellybean" Benitez, who now shares co-production credit with composer Reggie Lucas. A young star on the move!

If high energy is your taste, Dorothy Moore (of 1976's grand ballad *Misty Blue*) is back on Streetking with a 12-inch ti-

tled *Just Another Broken Heart*. Look for this to break in first with the high energy devotees of Viola Wells, Miquel Brown, etc. (You know all those "gay" songs — 132-134 beats per minuted (BPM's)!!!

As reviewed in an earlier column, *Hold Me Now* by The Thompson Twins is off to a running start. The techno-pop trio releases their second album this week titled *Into The Gap* (Arista). Solid production by Alex Sadkin and Tom Bailey along with rich arranging details should help clinch the albums reception — after all, they do deserve a place in America's music — excellent! (If you want a longer version of *Hold Me Now*, be sure and pick up the 12-inch when it becomes available — HOT!

And lastly, the Go-Go's are back! Returning with new producer Martin Rushent (used to produce The Human League), their new single *Head Over Heals* (IRS 12-inch) has a surprisingly heavy sound with "beefy" baselines. A new direction for what used to be cute-popsters.◀

WHS

STEPPIN' OUT

Out And About . . .

by Ron Geiman

Spring! It even sounds warm. All Fools Day is April 1st, and the coronation of Wisconsin's Emperor and Empress at Green Bay's Body Shop is April 7th.

The Emperor and Empress are judged on Costume, Era/Period Style, and Presentation. Doors to the showroom open at 8, show at 9 and coronation at 10 p.m. There is a \$3 spectator fee and a \$10 entry fee for contest participants. All money raised will be donated to the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, keeping the Emperor and Empress title in the field of charitable fundraising.

Congrats to Gus and staff at the Unicorn, his opening party was well attend-

ed, and he himself bared almost all during his Sunday night male dancers. He's good people — stop in and meet him, and tell him Ronnie sent you. Too bad the weather was so typical Milwaukee yech last Thursday for the first preliminary wet jockey short contest — not enough entrants signed up. Thursday, March 22nd will be the next contest. Who knows? You could win a trip to Las Vegas.

219's Mardi Gras was real festive. Uyvarti glittered the place from ceiling to sidewalk, and 11 costumes paraded their creations before the partying crowd. The winning costume, depicting a marionette won \$1,000 cash prize for designer John
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The Club Milwaukee Manager Paul, and staffers hosted "Green Day" with a buffet that included Irish Stew

Club Milwaukee members were "in the green," whether it be jocks, socks, shorts, or towels.

Steppin' Out

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Rogge, constructor Kay and Todd who wore it.

The Parkway has been searing the eyeballs with their bi-weekly Monday all-gay film days. There's nothing like a bit of erotica to lessen the tensions from a long weekend or a Monday after work.

The Milwaukee Area Lambda League recently elected Boyd McGranahan as President and Sue Burke as Vice-President. Good luck to these two vital, new leaders of a very important organization involved in getting gay issues before our local politicians. See the Guide/Directory for address information — they can always use some \$.

I do hope you all survived St. Pat's Day, and weren't too green around the gills from a weekend of partying. How come everyone's Irish at St. Pat's? Congratulations to the Ballgame's owner Gene O'Brien — it was also their 10 Year Anniversary. How many of you remember when the Ballgame was called Castaways, or even further back when it was the Nightbeat? That was before my time, I didn't come out and move here until Aug. '72.

People magazine recently had "Chatter" from a Linda Sawford, 40, who remembers that there were a few drawbacks to living with a guy named Reg Dwight for nine months in the late 60's — he made too many calls to Mom, worried too much about losing his hair, asked her to help pay for her own engagement ring, and then called off their wedding ten days before the big day. So, when she heard about the marriage of her dearly un-beloved, who now calls himself Elton John, to recording technician Renate Blauet, Linda spoke up. "I'm not a bitter woman and I really hope he makes a success of marriage. But, if Renate is expecting romance, she has picked the wrong guy. He was lousy in bed."

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Partigoers celebrated at the Ballgame's Anniversary & St. Pat's Day party.



The Ballgame's celebration included a lavish buffet featuring Irish Stew (with 75 lbs. of meat) that lasted from 4 'till late in the night.

● IN STEP'S TOP 20 ●

- 1) GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN (Remix) CYNDI LAUPER
- 2) WHITE HORSE LAID BACK
- 3) BEAT BOX ART OF NOISE
- 4) AUTOMATIC (Remix) POINTER SISTERS
- 5) LET'S STAY TOGETHER TINA TURNER
- 6) HERE COMES THE RAIN AGAIN EURYTHMICS
- 7) PROUD MARY CHI CHI LIAH
- 8) MISS ME BLIND (Remix) CULTURE CLUB
- 9) GIVE ME TONIGHT SHANNON
- 10) HOLD ME NOW THOMPSON TWINS
- 11) RADIO GA GA QUEEN
- 12) WATCH THE CLOSING DOOR (Dub) I.R.T.
- 13) SOMEBODY'S WATCHING ME ROCKWELL
- 14) WHERE IS MY MAN? EARTHA KITT
- 15) MAKE IT ON MY OWN FREE ENTERPRISE
- 16) RELAX FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD
- 17) DANCING IN THE SHEETS SHALAMAR
- 18) GOT A DATE (Remix) DIONNE WARWICK
- 19) BORDERLINE (Remix) MADONNA
- 20) ALL NIGHT PASSION ALISHA

● HOT TRACKS ●

- 1) ONE IN A MILLION (Remix) THE ROMANTICS
- 2) SHE'S STRANGE CAMEO
- 3) LAST DANCE GEORGE CLINTON
- 4) IT'S MY LIFE TALK TALK
- 5) NO MAN IS AN ISLAND WARP 9

DANCE STEPS

The *D. C. Cab* soundtrack (MCA LP) is an album to rave over, and has been overlooked by many. With Giorgio Moroder and Pete Bellotte at the helm, it's fascinating to see how much study this team has put into new American production styles since creating the music for *Flashdance*. Containing songs by DeBarge, Stephanie Mills and Karen Karmon, Shalamar's *Deadline U.S.A.* is the standout (a remix was just shipped) while Campaign's *Knocks Me On My Feet* is in the very voguish vocal group/electronics fu-

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In Step columnist and Factory II programmer Kim Zweibohmer.

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- Persistent diarrhea unexplained by other causes.
- Weight loss of more than 10 lbs. within 2 or less months for unknown reason.
- Personality changes, memory loss, confusion, or depression unexplained by other causes.

What is The Incubation Time?

The time between contracting the alleged agent to onset of symptoms is thought to be long — probably 6-9 months to 2-3 years.

How Can Risk Be Reduced?

- Maintain good health — Take good care of yourself — get adequate rest, good nutrition, and physical exercise; reduce toxic substance use (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalents, and recreational drugs); reduce stress, maintain good friendships, etc.
- Avoid large numbers of sexual partners. Get to know your partners, date, work on relationships.
- Avoid exchange of body secretions from large numbers of sexual partners, especially semen, stool, and urine. Use condoms to minimize such exposure.
- Delay contact with a new sexual partner if that person is not well; but, be supportive.
- Be a good friend — Be supportive to someone having physical or emotional problems. And talk about your own worries and concerns.
- Avoid sharing needles.
- Get and maintain health insurance.
- See a doctor if you are at risk or if you develop any symptoms.
- Be generous to volunteer agencies working on the AIDS problem.

Your Friends

Ask your friends where they get good health care services and tell your friends about these agencies and individuals.

How Can Blood Products Be Kept Safe?

Because of the possibility of spreading AIDS, if you are at risk for AIDS — because of symptoms or because of your lifestyle, or if you have sexual contact with someone at risk — please do not

donate blood until a specific test to identify AIDS is developed. Altruistic donations of blood represent a substantial contribution to the total supply of vitally needed blood products. In order to help prevent shortages, if you are unable to donate, please urge a family member, friend or colleague without the above constraints, to donate in your place. Because of our current incomplete state of knowledge and due to the seriousness of the disease, we believe that it is better to be overly cautious now, than to find out later that we have not been cautious enough. However, if you are embarrassed and decide to have blood drawn, please call the Blood Center to have your blood withdrawn.

Is There Assistance Available?

Yes. We suggest that persons at risk for AIDS contact one of the following Wisconsin organizations:

NATIONAL: National Gay Task Force's AIDS Crisisline, (800) 221-7044 (open weekdays 3-9 p.m. Eastern Time)

STATEWIDE: State Medical Society of Wisconsin, (800) 362-9080, (608) 257-6781 (Madison)

STATEWIDE: Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian Network, P.O. Box 851, Stevens Point, WI 54481

APPLETON: Acceptance, Inc., P.O. Box 291, Appleton, WI 54912, (414) 731-4692

MADISON: Blue Bus STD Clinic, 1552 University Ave., Madison, WI 53706, (608) 262-7440

MENOMONIE: Gay and Lesbian Community at Stout, 1526 Stout St., Menomonie, WI 54751 (715) 235-4589

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Steppin' Out

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And keeping up with *In Touch* magazine, we find an update on Divine's sidekick, Edith Massey. Baltimore's beloved Edie the Egg Lady has moved to the West Coast, where she plans to relocate her store (Edith's Shopping Bag), and crash the studios. Already Tab Hunter has been nabbed to co-star with Divine in the comedy Western *Lust In The Dust*.

The Business Association of Milwaukee (BAM) bar crawl to Chicago happens Tuesday, March 27th. We'll be taking three bus loads of Milwaukeeans (plus 5 from 1101 W.) down to Chicago and we're gonna hit Halstead Street, starting off with the newest dance bar — Trianon and working our way north on Halstead to all the bars (about 13 of them) — there are also two bookstores and the Unicorn baths along the route. We'll arrive at Trianon about 9:15 p.m. and depart the northern end — load up the buses at the Loading Dock — at 2:45 a.m. That's over 5-1/2 hours to cavort. Tickets are going fast — at \$12 fare — and you can pick them up at: Club 219, Ballgame, 1st Street, M&M, Wreck Room or Your Place, and Factory II. Do it now — it's guaranteed fun.

Ludwig Van Ear has just signed up Black Flag and the Meat Puppets for a Milwaukee concert, on April 20th. We'll have more information in the April 5th issue about location, etc. It so happened that I was reading *In Touch* magazine for men, March issue, and saw that Black Flag's lead vocalist Henry Rollins is *In Touch's* "mascot." It seems that Henry has a habit of almost totally disrobing on stage, so I called *In Touch's* offices and talked to Editor Jim Yousling for more information. Jim said "Black Flag is loud, angry and fast . . . and Henry is really magnetic!" So I ended up calling Black Flag's label — SST Records — and they are sending us a bunch of photos — and hopefully a revealing one of Henry Rollins (he's known for stripping to a jock on stage). Look for it in the next issue. Kim will also review their album.

Enjoy the Spring, and don't be a fool. ◀

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\$1,000 prize winner Todd as *The Marionette*. The costume was a cooperative effort between Todd, John Rogge and Kay.



A glitzy Mardi Gras was celebrated at Club 219 with a costume contest with a \$1,000 1st Prize.

Photos by Ron Geiman

AIDS REFERENCE SHEET

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Information supplied by the Brady East S.T.D. Clinic of Milwaukee, and the National Coalition of Gay Sexually Transmitted Disease Services (NCGSTDS), with the kind assistance of The Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin.

What Causes Aids?

The exact cause is unknown. However, AIDS appears to be caused by a transmissible agent. The agent is potentially transmitted by body secretions, excretions, and blood. Sexual secretions (semen and vaginal secretions) as well as stool and urine are suspect. Sweat, tears, and saliva are not thought to transmit AIDS. Blood transmission occurs through shared, contaminated needles used for non-medical drug usage and probably from bleeding due to injury during sexual activity. Transmission by blood and blood products used for transfusion from individuals at "high risk" who are not ill but apparently have the AIDS agent has also been documented.

Who Is At Risk?

AIDS was initially recognized in previously healthy, young, homosexually active men (especially those with large numbers of sexual partners), intravenous

(IV) drug users, Haitians, and a few blood product recipients (e.g., hemophiliacs). Sexual partners and others may also be at risk.

What Are The Signs And Symptoms?

- Red to purplish, flat or raised blotches, bumps, or spots, usually painless, occurring on or under the skin, inside the mouth, nose, eyelids, or rectum, that don't go away. Initially, they may look like bruises, but usually are harder than the skin around them.
- Swollen glands (lymph nodes) in the neck, armpit, or groin that may or may not be painful, and have been present for several months. (These may represent other diseases or conditions.)
- White patches in mouth and persistent pain with swallowing.
- Persistent dry cough or shortness of breath unrelated to smoking, that has lasted too long to be from a usual respiratory infection or cold.
- Fevers (greater than 99°) or drenching night sweats that may occur on and off and last for several days to weeks, unexplained by other causes.
- Severe tiredness unrelated to exercise, tension, or drug use.

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Jackie Goes To The Movies

by Jackie "Oh"

After a year of movies, and with the awards coming up, I'd like to share a few of my favorites. So — JACKIE "OH" GOES TO THE MOVIES.

JUST LOOSE (R) — The award-winning documentary of a young mans journies through the nations gay bars.

MOMENT TO MOMENT (PG) — A facinating analogy by gay couples on their relationships with their lovers.

BATH OWNERS DAUGHTER (R) — The heart-breaking account of a gay bath owners daughter trying to make a life for herself after cleaning the orgy room.

AGAINST ALL ODDS (X) — The story of a straight bartender who is hired, full-time, in a leather bar.

CLOSED ENCOUNTERS (XX) — The true story of what really happens at Wesson Oil parties.

DINER (R) — The story of a small town greasy spoon run by an aging bag lady (Dirty Helen) whose vocabulary only includes the phrase "Cheap Fucker."

STAYING AWAKE (PG) — A Barbara Walters special report on cocaine use in the United States.

THE BIG CHILL (R) — The ultimate horror story. The cold and stormy night the furnace broke down at the Club Baths.

HOTEL WISCONSIN (X) — A gay couple open a transient hotel for AWOL sailors.

"10" (G) — An educational film produced by the Boy Scouts of America detailing the fact that it is performance and not size that counts.

DRESSED TO KILL (R) — Phil Donahue's secretary mistakenly invites Bill Blass, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Norma Kamali and Cyndi Lauper to appear on his talk show at the same time.

Note to W. W. Wells III: What is a gay etiquette article without an explanation of a proper table setting? ◀



Houston's Colt Thomas after being selected Interational Mr. Leather 1983.

International Mr. Leather

The world leather community readys itself for the sixth annual International Mr. Leather Contest and Show scheduled for May 27th in Chicago. Sponsored each year by The Gold Coast Leather Bar, the contest brings over a thousand leathermen together. Drummer Magazine has call the event "the Academy Awards of Leatherdom."

This year, a weekend package is being offered for \$50. The package includes a reserved seat at the contest and show; private bar parties at The Gold Coast and other area leather bars; admission to Man's Country's Black-and-Blue Ball; an official contest poster designed by Etienne; discounts at Chicago's leading leather shops, bars and businesses; and much more!

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Both entry forms and weekend package reservations are available to be picked up at The Gold Coast, 501 N. Clark St., Chicago; by mail from International Mr. Leather, 5025 N. Clark St., Chicago, Illinois 60640; or by calling (312) 878-6360. Deadline for purchasing weekend packages is May 20, 1984. ◀

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THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd
UNICORN — Wet Jockey Shorts Preliminary Contest (minimum of 4 contestants), Judging at 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th
SAM'S — Sunday Night Satin Show, Entertainment by Lips, Inc. at 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27th
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BAM) — Annual Bar Crawl, 3 buses, Milwaukee to Chicago, back to Milwaukee. Departs 7:30 p.m. behind the Wreck Room. Get tickets from any BAM member organization (if you can). There may be some tickets for sale at boarding time.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th
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THURSDAY, MARCH 29th
UNICORN — Wet Jockey Shorts Preliminary Contest (minimum of 4 contestants), Judging at 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1st
APRIL FOOLS DAY
FANNIES — April Fools Party — 5 p.m. — Stop in and be foolish.

UW-MADISON — 10% Society "Out & About Series". Larry Bush, speaker 7:30-8:45 p.m., Great Hall, reception following. Bush is author of *The Bush Report* newsletter & a political correspondent for *The Advocate*. Topic: The Challenge of Community — How society deals with an identified gay & lesbian community.

MONDAY, APRIL 2nd
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& "Class of '84 - Part 1."

TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd

UW-MADISON — Gay Film Night, 7 p.m., Historical Society Auditorium, "We Were One Man," won Hugo award at Chicago International Film Festival.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5th

UNICORN — Wet Jockey Shorts Preliminary Contest (minimum of 4 contestants), Judging at 10:30 p.m.

UW-MADISON — 10% Society "Out & About Series". History Program: "Pink Triangles — The Nazi Persecution of Lesbians & Gays", 8 p.m., 2650 Humanities. Slide presentation & lecture on gay life under the Nazi regime.

FRIDAY, April 6th

UW-MADISON — 10% Society "Out & About Series". **Dan J. Bradley**, speaker 8:00-9:15, Memorial Union Theatre, reception following. Bradley was President of the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, DC under the Carter Administration. He is also the Committee Chairman with the American Bar Association's Committee on the rights of gay people and serves on the Board of the Gay Rights National Lobby. Topic: 1984 — Law, politics, and the gay and lesbian community.

SATURDAY, April 7th

BODY SHOP — Wisconsin's Emperor & Empress Masquerade Ball. A charity event for Howard Brown Clinic. \$10 contestant entry fee, \$3 spectator fee. Judges on costume, era & presentation. Open 8 p.m., 9 p.m. show, 10 p.m. coronation. ◀



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by David Paul

It's been almost a year since Scott died. It seems like a bad dream when I think about it all today, but it wasn't.

I'll never forget the July afternoon when Scott entered the room where David (my lover) and I were watching television. He had a somber look on his face and quietly looked at us and said, "I've been to the doctor today." There was a seemed like an incredibly long pause followed by a burst of tears and "I've been diagnosed as having AIDS."

We had a large flat in the Castro district of San Francisco. Scott shared the flat with David and I for about two years. God, I remember what that place looked like when we first moved into it. We even had Evan White (a newscaster on KRON-TV in San Francisco) living directly across the street. That building was, without a doubt, the ugliest building on the entire block. It had a certain charm to it, though. Over the last couple of years the three of us had turned that ugly duckling into a home we were all proud of. Our friendship had elevated to that of three brothers, not just roommates and lovers. Scott was 29 years old, unemployed and receiving unemployment benefits which were about to run out. His entire family lived back in Minnesota.

For some odd reason, neither David nor I were particularly shocked by the news. I can't explain why. Possibly it was the look in his eyes when he walked into the room that afternoon. It was the most helpless look I've ever seen in someone's eyes — it was obvious that Scott knew a lot more than we did.

After we quieted him down, my first reaction was to pull him into the kitchen and start talking about financial aid from various local and federal groups. Everything I had heard about AIDS up until then said the same thing: "It gets real

expensive, real quick." (I was just reading in the paper recently that the average medical bills for an AIDS patient are exceeding \$80,000.) Common sense told me that if we at least got the paperwork rolling before he became severely ill, it would be to his benefit. There weren't too many success stories on treating the disease. That probably was the smartest move we made.

Simply put, the months that followed were pure hell — for all three of us.

Scott did go to every possible agency he could think of. In having AIDS, his doctors verified that he was incapacitated and therefore was eligible for social security disability payments. That was great for getting him some cash to live on, but what about the medicals?

Shortly after he was diagnosed, I read an article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about an experimental interferon program at U.C. San Francisco Medical Center. At that point, there really weren't (and still aren't) any other alternatives. Scott went to the university the following day to see if he could get in that program. The three of us talked about the alternatives available and we figured his level of medical care would be better getting involved in this kind of program. I found out later that it was the drug manufacturer who made interferon and some grant money that made the program possible. As it were, they had already selected the ten participants in the program, but one dropped out that morning and they needed just one more person. Scott happened to be in the right place at the right time.

The group of ten were divided into two. One group would receive mega-doses of the drug, and the other a lesser amount and/or placebo. Scott was in the high dosage group. The after effects of

Shortly before he was to move into this hospice Scott decided to go back to Minnesota to visit his family. I think now that he knew he was dying and wanted to be on his own turf when "it" happened. After he got back to Minnesota, he became very ill and was put into the hospital. His mother decided that the doctors had done all they were going to do for Scott and demanded his release. The hospital complied and while driving back to their country home, he went into respiratory arrest and died. He was 30. That was last May, only ten months after he was originally diagnosed. It wasn't so much Scott's death that bothered me much — we all knew death was inevitable with this disease. Feelings of deep pity for his mother were all that I could feel when I learned of Scott's death. I shed no tears over his death. David and I both knew that his quality of life was next to nothing and both know that there is an after-life. Scott was much better off dead than alive with AIDS.

Yeah, it sure changed my outlook on living a healthy gay lifestyle. Throughout his illness, I always made a point to be as well educated on the subject as possible. The research teams really are no closer to a solution today than they were two years ago. The medical community generally is ecstatic about AIDS because they think that if they can find the cause of the disease that it would lead to an almost certain cure for cancer. I knew quite a few people in the medical community personally, and it was awful hard to share that enthusiasm while a close friend was wasting away right in front of my eyes.

Thinking back, Scott was a partier. He loved to go out until all hours and then work on two or three hours sleep, participated in a lot of anal sex (receiving end), did a lot of drugs, and didn't eat right — everything that they've been saying are high risk factors.

I lost a good friend to AIDS. If just one person changes his habits to try and give himself a better quality of life and possibly avoid the AIDS scene, then the purpose of this article has been accomplished.

It is apparent to me that Wisconsin — not only the gay community, but the

community at large — is trying very hard to ignore this menace. Don't worry though, the price will be paid later. The threat of AIDS is much worse today than it was two years ago, although the media has not been giving much attention to the ongoing problem lately. When Scott was first diagnosed in July of 1982, there were only about 500 cases known. Today that number is well over 3,600.

Within this issue, you will find some important facts about the disease provided to us by the BEST clinic here in Milwaukee. When a disease as powerful and deadly as AIDS stricken our community, the best defense is oftentimes a good offense. Clip that page so at least you can identify this problem. Take it out of your wallet once in a while and look at it. Remind yourselves that AIDS is not going to go away unless some dramatic breakthrough in a lab is accomplished. You can turn your back to it, but you're only fooling yourself!

I hope you live to a healthy old age as I intend on doing. ◀

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work great for a week or two until he would come down with another whole series of infections. Some of them were so bizarre.

The one infection that really made me take considerable notice was one he had in his mouth — a yeast infection growing on his tongue. The treatment for this required him to suck on a woman's vaginal suppository. It used to make me sick to my stomach to watch him taking these suppositories. Try and imagine how Scott felt — I couldn't.

By now the entire medicine cabinet was stuffed with various medications for all these different infections. The spots had grown to around 50 — and the ones he had for some time were getting much larger, about the size of a quarter and much darker in color. Instead of just noticing spots, I thought of them as real tumors now.

David and I both had the same medical coverage in an excellent health plan. Regular visits to our doctors to get ourselves checked over were the only way to have any kind of peace of mind. We had been taking certain biohazard precautions since the day Scott was diagnosed, but you just have no way of assuring yourself that you're healthy unless you pay your own doctor a visit.

Somehow we did manage to keep a pretty cool head about it all, and took necessary precautions around Scott. It probably wouldn't have bothered me too much to move out at this point, but David's friendship with Scott went back considerably further than mine and David was reluctant to just throw in the towel and walk away from it. We had never thought of asking Scott to move out until one Sunday afternoon.

We were eating and watching the TV when I heard a gasp. I turned around to see Scott having what I first thought was a heart attack. I grabbed him, and knew

then that he was having a seizure — and a real bad one. David had worked that night and I literally screamed at him to get his ass in the living room. Waking someone up out of a sound sleep to assist in the control of a seizure is probably not the wisest thing to do. When David just froze, I yelled at him to call an ambulance, which he did. Scott was just totally out of it. He didn't know who David nor I were, where he was, what day of the week it was. Nothing! It wasn't until several hours later in the emergency room that he even recognized who I was. (That was the only time the hospital allowed me in the emergency room because they needed me to play forty questions with the emergency room staff to find out all the neat little diseases Scott had.) They never did find out what the actual cause of the seizure was. We were told it could have been from any one of a number of things like his medications, the disease, an infection, etc.

That was when David and I started thinking about alternative arrangements for Scott.

The last thing we wanted to do was purposely ask Scott to move out. After the seizure we realized that with our working hours we couldn't possibly be there with him all the time and certainly could not afford an attendant for him. If he were to have another attack, it would probably be hours before Scott would even realize what had happened to him. I was convinced that if another seizure would happen that he would seriously hurt himself by hitting the piano some other piece of furniture, or the floor. We decided that the best approach was to announce that David and I were going to take an apartment on our own and move out.

That painful decision was made a little easier by Scott's announcement that he was trying to move into a hospice that was being set up. It was truly an odd scene as we both made our announcements almost simultaneously. The date was unsure, but it seemed to coincide with our moving plans. All three of us realized that our friendship was coming to a slow end and there was nothing any of us could do about it. It had to be done.

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AIDS PATIENT

these treatments were probably as bad as standard chemotherapy. His fever would spike up to 103-104° and he would get extremely nauseous. After six or seven hours, the fever would come back down and he could eventually get something into his stomach. This went on for weeks. If I ever clean up vomit again, it will be all too soon.

Scott enlisted the help of Shanti, which is a non-profit group that helps not only to educate the public on the concerns of AIDS, but provides needed assistance to those who are diagnosed. If anything positive managed to surface during these difficult times, it was Scott's counselor Drew. I don't feel too ashamed to admit this, but there were times when David and I just couldn't deal with his illness. Drew was always there — without fail. Scott, David and I were pretty close, but not close enough to give him that shoulder he needed or a warm hug. There were times when Scott would be in the hospital and Drew would come over to pick up some of Scott's things. We would end up talking for hours on end. Even if it didn't remove the hurt, anger and frustration I was feeling, nor cure Scott, it sure made me feel better after one of our talks. Drew usually got called whenever it was necessary for a trip to the hospital because they would not allow David and I into the emergency room or in tests with Scott. The hospital staff would allow Shanti counselors into these rooms. What a true saint Drew was!

One day, Scott came home in better spirits than he had been in previous weeks. He told us that his doctors thought he was possibly going into some kind of remission as one of his purplish spots caused by the Kaposi's Sarcoma was beginning to fade away. Scott was just beaming when he showed us the disappearing spot. We were all so happy

that day. I don't ever remember a time when the three of us felt that kind of camaraderie after that afternoon.

Within just a matter of days, the spots started growing at a rate that was much faster than we had seen previous. All of our excitement vanished within a week as it was obvious that he was growing worse each day. He had originally been diagnosed with six of the spots and now, just a short time later, had over 20. Other changes in his body became more evident as each day passed.

He developed this awful cough that would stay with him until he died. It was a hacking kind of cough where the coughing fits would last for several minutes at a time, and sounded like he would cough his lungs right out of his body. As I reflect back on all of that, it was that damned cough that really bothered me the most. It wasn't the pneumonia that often accompanied Kaposi's, but more of a bronchial condition that his doctors just couldn't seem to control.

For the next several months, Scott was in and out of the hospital regularly. It was necessary for him to go for blood transfusions about every other week. He would come home from the hospital after a transfusion looking and acting like he just put his batteries on the charger for three days. Just prior to a transfusion he looked deathly white and was totally lethargic.

His doctors would run series of tests regularly and always found several things wrong with him (infections, odd blood counts, etc.). It was obvious that his body was totally out of control to his doctors because they took him off the interferon program and concentrated more on controlling the onslaught that was rapidly taking over a man's life. The medications his doctors prescribed would

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