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This issue's cover was a joint effort by the *In Step Staff* — photography by David (Rip) Godfroy with the "artsy" touches done by Ron (Mother) Geiman.

NOTE:

Jackie "Oh" missed deadline (again), so we don't have "Lipstick" in this issue. But, we do have an expanded Arts section, a new monthly Travel column, and — hold onto your seats — a thoroughly campy Horoscope for the first time.

Let us know what you think.

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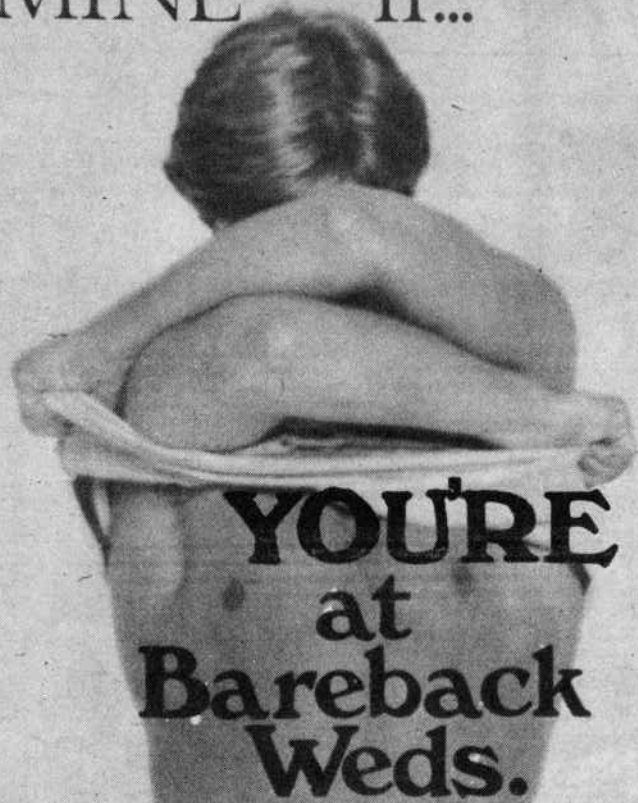
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Briefs

Supreme Court To Hear Gay Rights Case

Washington — USA Today — The Supreme Court began what could be historic look at gay rights recently — hearing arguments on an Oklahoma law that allows school boards to fire teachers who advocate homosexuality.

The Oklahoma law allows school boards to fire or refuse to hire anyone who has engaged in public or private homosexual conduct or activity that might come to the attention of school children.

Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, arguing the case for the National Gay Rights Task Force, told the justices the Oklahoma law infringes on free speech, and "in effect tells teachers, 'You better shut up about this subject.'"

Dennis Arrow, a lawyer for the Oklahoma City Board of Education, said the law is justified because it helps diminish the "threat presented by the advocacy of criminal activity" in schools.

The Oklahoma law was passed in 1978, at the height of the "Save Our Children" campaign waged by Anita Bryant. A former Miss Oklahoma, she personally urged the state Senate to pass the law.

A federal appeals court had struck down the law — believed to be unique in the U.S. — as "overbroad."

A ruling in the case, expected anytime before July, could give a clear signal of the court's feelings on the conflict between gay rights and those who believe restricting homosexual activity serves the public interest.

New Blood Test May Limit Spread Of Aids

New York — via GNIC — Scientists have discovered an antibody test that can block the spread of AIDS through blood banks and warn donors if they have been exposed to the deadly virus.

The research, done by scientists at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., was reported a recent *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Results from tests of 88 patients with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and 297 healthy people showed that the new test is sensitive and specific enough to detect the presence of antibodies against HTLV-III virus, which has been linked to AIDS, said Dr. William Blattner, chief of the family studies section at the cancer institute.

The body fights infection by producing specific antibodies that recognize and attack different invading viruses. The presence of antibodies in blood indicate a person has been exposed to a virus.

In Washington, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler said because people who have antibodies to the virus "are probably capable of transmitting the virus to others" that "many cases of AIDS will be prevented by widespread application of the new HTLV-III test."

The concept for the HTLV III test known as ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay was developed by Dr. Robert Gallo and co-workers at the cancer institute and had been used in research. FDA approval for commercial test kits being developed by five companies is expected in the next few weeks, according to Dr. James Curran, chief of the AIDS section at the CDC in Atlanta.

In the NCI study all but two of 88 AIDS patients had positive or borderline results for the antibody. Negative results were found in 93 percent of the 297 healthy people.

Groups Respond To Licensing Of Blood Test

New York — N.G.T.F. — A coalition of national gay/lesbian and AIDS service organizations released a joint statement initiated by the National Gay Task Force recommending that gay men not take the soon-to-be licensed test for antibodies to HTLV-III/LAV, the virus believed to be associated with AIDS. It merely indicates the presence of antibodies to the HTLV-III virus.

The statement emphasizes that the test should be used only in the context of screening blood donations in order to help safeguard the nation's blood supply, and as part

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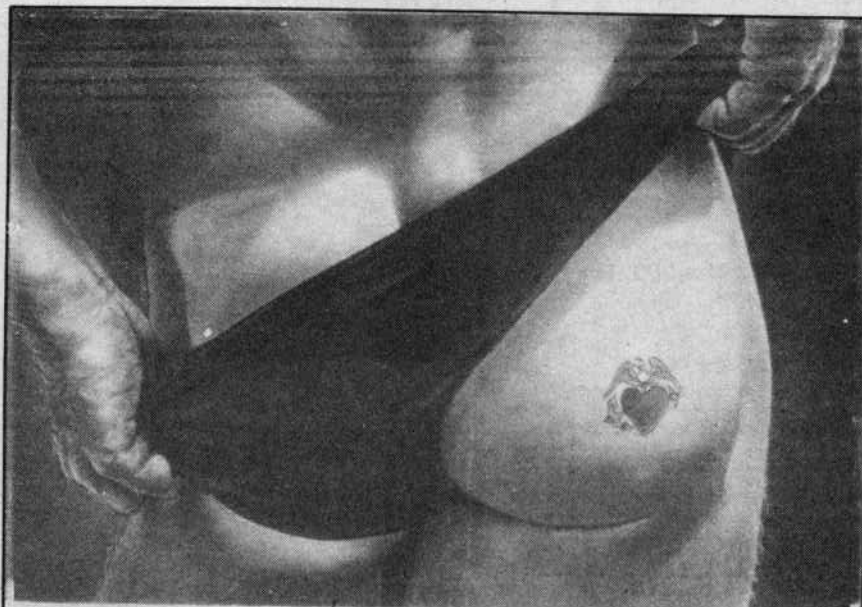
guess it's wrong to wish that they'd spread their beauty around a bit. That is asking too much. It's only understandable that they want to be surrounded by equally beautiful people . . . but I wonder if they ever feel depressed (it must be a rare occurrence) when they look around and see someone who is a little more beautiful than they are. Is it a situation of competition, or just simple, mutual admiration?

Our society seems obsessed with beautiful people. We see them in many television commercials — usually the ones for suntan lotion. They are also the perfect models for swimsuits, iced tea and diet soft drinks. I wonder about the beautiful person in the commercial for a candy bar. What if he ate lots of candy bars? Would he stay beautiful? The ad doesn't give us that information.

In the gay community, we are quick to label them as hunks and foxes. They are very easy on the eyes. I recently met a beautiful person at a party and he was nice — he could talk — he was considerate and was intelligent.

My conversation with him gave me hope; maybe I'll give beautiful people another chance to prove their humanity. Well, that's just another facet of "being gay to me." ♦

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Monday Night Dance Club (social group)	P.O. Box 563, Stevens Point, 54481
Northland College Gay/Lesbian Student Organization	Ashland, 54806
Rhineland Rap Group	369-2467
U.W.S.P. (Gay People's Union)	Slap Box 30, Stevens Point, 54481, 346-3698

NORTH WEST WISCONSIN • (715)

Wilderness Way (W, resort/campground for women)	P.O. Box 176, Wascott, 54890, 466-2635
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of research programs that guarantee strict confidentiality. It also underscores the need for gay men at risk to AIDS to continue to avoid donating blood in order to minimize the chance of any HTLV-III virus entering commercial blood products. These voluntary deferral guidelines must remain in effect because, as the statement points out, the test is not 100% effective according to present data.

The lesbian and gay community nationwide has responded to the AIDS crisis with an outpouring of resources, as well as a lobbying effort that has resulted in increased government funding for AIDS research, and in turn such developments as the HTLV-III blood test. Now that the test is about to become commercially available, it is critical that the legitimate value of the test, as well as its limitations and risks, be thoroughly understood.

Local Man To Be Treated With New Drug

Milwaukee — In Step — Robert Keller, an immunologist and associate professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin, has received permission from the Food and Drug Administration to use Isprinsine, which generically is called inosimplex, on a 31-year-old Milwaukee man who was recently diagnosed as having AIDS. Treatment is to begin immediately.

Results of a study conducted with the substance last year at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York were recently reported. In the study, half of a group of 63 volunteers with the pre-AIDS complex (ARC) and at risk of developing a full-blown case of AIDS received the substance for 28 days and the other half got a placebo. The study found that those receiving Isoprinisine had their immune system rebound to normal or near normal, and that it stayed that way for up to six months.

The FDA has since given approval for a larger similar study to begin at twelve medical centers around the U.S. The use of the drug in Milwaukee, however, is not part of that larger study.

Steven Garber, a physician and health-care analyst for the investment firm of Rooney, Pace Group, Inc. emphasized that the drug probably was not a cure for AIDS. But

he said it might prolong a patient's life until such treatments become available.

Two Anti-Discrimination Ordinances Proposed In Houston

Houston — via GNIC — Two ordinances concerning anti-discrimination policies will be voted on in January. A group in favor of the ordinances, Citizens for a United Houston, launched its campaign recently with a downtown press conference. A list of 50 national professional and religious organizations, along with a list of 150 corporations, supporting sexual orientation anti-discrimination policies was presented.

United Houston includes the League of Women Voters, the New Coventry Presbyterian of the Presbyterian Church, the Metropolitan Community Church, the Houston Women's Political Caucus, and the Greater Montrose Business Guild.

In a surprise move, the executive committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce voted recently to oppose the referendum which would guarantee basic rights to homosexuals.

The Committee for Public Awareness has organized to oppose the anti-discrimination referendum. Public Awareness opened their campaign last week by mailing 45,000 circulars to Houston voters. Spokesman Greg Blume of a new anti-referendum group calling itself Campaign for Houston said that he was pleased with the chamber action.

Special Bulletin

Houston — In Step — At press time, the proposed gay rights ordinance was overwhelmingly rejected by Houston voters by a four to one margin. The voter response was a major set back for gay rights. More details will be provided in the next issue.

Anita's Back . . . In Houston This Time

Houston — via GNIC — Anita Bryant visited the chief economic supporter of the anti-gay forces here, less than a month before the scheduled Houston gay rights referendum vote.

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Bryant secretly met with James Lyor chairman of the board of River Oaks Bank and Trust. Lyor has been the largest single contributor to Houston city Councilman John Goodner's Committee for Public Awareness, pledging \$50,000 to the anti-gay committee.

Goodner's committee was formed to fight a citywide referendum which would add the words "sexual preference" to the anti-discrimination ordinance which applies to Houston municipal employees.

Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who is wholeheartedly in favor of the anti-discrimination ordinance, said that the chamber's executive committee has sided with "bigots" who are filled with "hate and venom."

Wisconsin Seeks Ban On Poppers

Milwaukee — In Step — The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection met in Milwaukee January 9th and authorized public hearings to seek a ban on the sale of poppers (aka Isobutyl Nitrate, "Rush"). The public hearings will be held throughout the state in February.

The State previously sought to place the substance under the Hazardous Substances Act but found insufficient basis for taking the action. Labeling on the bottles identify it as a "room odorizer," however, it mainly is used as a "sexual device" within the gay community. The product has been linked to headaches, dizziness, weakness, fainting, nausea, vomiting, heart attacks, liver and lung damage — all through the use of the substance as an inhalant.

Last year, poppers were implicated in the asphyxiation death of a Mount Horeb attorney who died during a sexual bondage session with another Wisconsin man. He was found with a popper-soaked handkerchief stuffed in his mouth. Some state legislators are also concerned about the use of poppers by children, who think that since the inhalant is legal it "must be fairly harmless."

The public hearings will be held in the following locations:

Milwaukee — February 12, 10 a.m.; State Office Building, 819 N. 6th St., Room 40

Eau Claire — February 14, 1 p.m.; State Office Building

Appleton — February 19, 10:30 a.m., Fox Valley Technical Institute

Madison — February 22; State Capitol,

Room 421-S; time unknown at press time.

AIDS Insurance Given Tentative Approval

Sacramento — via GNIC — Sources at the California state capitol stated that they have given tentative approval to an AIDS insurance policy being offered by a Santa Monica firm. The only point currently in question is the amount of the premium to be charged.

Coastal Insurance Company says it will charge a \$194 annual premium for the policy, which will pay up to \$73,000 per year in hospital charges plus \$5,000 per year for treatment and therapy. The State of California Department of Insurance officials say that they believe that the \$194 premium will not be sufficient to cover claims.

The insurance agency handling the insurance in the San Francisco Bay area says that the response has been overwhelming, and that they've ordered 5,000 additional applications.

Class Action Suit Filed Against Milwaukee Police Department

Milwaukee — OUT! — Does the constitutional right to privacy include the right to masturbate in private movie viewing booths in adult bookstores? Allen Czerniak and Ronald Higgins of Milwaukee maintain it does.

The two men have filed a class action suit against the Milwaukee Police Department claiming police violated their rights — and those of more than a hundred other men — by arresting them in bookstore movie booths over the last three years.

In their suit, Czerniak and Higgins say police arrested and jailed them even though the Milwaukee city attorney's office consistently refused to prosecute cases involving allegations of sex in bookstores.

According to documents filed with the court, Czerniak and Higgins were arrested ten minutes apart at the Paradise Bookstore

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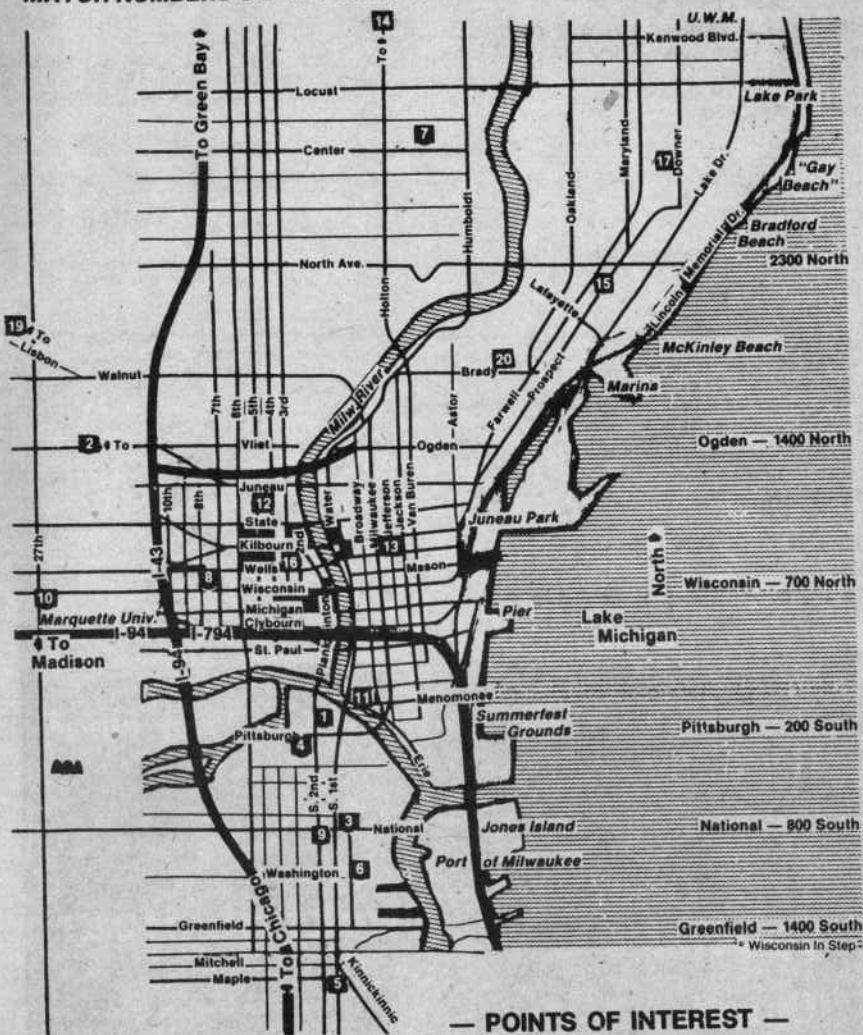
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(W. Kilbourn Ave. between N. 4th and 6th)

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Randy Rosploch

In Memorium

Milwaukee — *In Step* — Randy Rosploch, 31, died January 13th of AIDS-related respiratory arrest at Wood V. A. Hospital.

Randy was well-known in Milwaukee's gay community where he was socially active for over ten years, having worked at various gay oriented businesses including Club Milwaukee.

His death closely followed that of his ex-lover Brian Nicholas, who had resided in Chicago the last year and a half. Randy had been in and out of Milwaukee's Wood V. A. Medical Center constantly over the past year, and allegedly checked himself in again a week and a half before his death. Upon hearing of Brian's death (believed to also be of an AIDS-related condition), Randy allegedly was heavily traumatized and placed in intensive care where within days he died.

His body laid in state at Schaff Funeral Home January 16th and his burial took place January 17th at the V. A. Wood cemetery.

In Step Co-Editor Ron Geiman reflects upon Randy's death in the following letter . . .

Dear Randy:

Well, it's finally struck home now. You were the first person I knew personally to succumb to this ferociously devastating disease.

I remember when I first heard you had been diagnosed as having AIDS. I wanted to sit down and do a long interview with you, but never got around to doing so. I didn't want to invade your privacy — make you talk about something so surreal — knowing you were going to die at the ripe old age of 31. Maybe I didn't do the interview because I was afraid of my own reaction — that I'd cry, or just break down.

We haven't been close these last three or four years, but I remember best the times in '78 when you and Brian were living in that cute South Side flat with all the flowers you planted growing in the front yard. My ex-lover Randy Panasuk and I used to come visit and we'd party the time away.

Remember that big hairy moose of a dog you had — the cats, birds, and a few other

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assorted beasties occupying what little space you had amongst the jungle of plants you grew? You and your plants . . . You'd start them from seeds or cutting, whereas I'd go out and buy them fully grown.

You gave us a cutting from a tiny leaved green trailing plant that we planted in a hanging basket. Within months that damned plant took over our entire kitchen window! When Randy and I split-up, he got the plant — and according to him, it's still doing fine. I cannot recall why the four of us drifted apart — it just sort of happened.

Fan dancing is something else I'll remember you for — ribbons, too. I've seen a lot of fan dancers, but you were the only "ribbon dancer." I'd watch you as you spun out trailing loops of color as you immersed yourself in the music and the optical effect of the ribbons.

It was August or early September when I last saw you at the Factory II. Here you were sick, but still dancing with your ribbons. During a break, we talked and you told me you were wearing the loose fitting hospital clothing because your body was so swollen and

puffy with fluids. Your face was drawn and your eyes had a hint of uncertainty. We talked some more, then a song started that got you going — after a brief hug, you were back out on the dance floor.

I thought I'd see you again, so I left shortly thereafter. Maybe if I had known that I wouldn't see you again I would have said what was in my heart, or even asked you to do an interview. But I didn't.

I'm glad you passed on while unconscious — it was probably easier that way. I didn't go to your wake or funeral because I don't ever attend those for relatives (it's a "primal" thing I've had since childhood).

I just wanted to say I'm glad I knew you and rejoice that you're now past all the pain and suffering you went through during your last year. I vow to you to do what I can to educate our community to the reality of AIDS, so when others go through what you went through, hopefully there'll be more of a support system for them to lean on.

Rest in peace, Randy — and give my best to Brian.

Love, Ron

Group Notes

Concerned About Police Harassment?

Milwaukee — In Step — If you have suffered from police harassment, the Gay People's Union, in cooperation with Police Chief Ziarnik, wants to know about it.

Currently, GPU members and other community leaders are trying to prove to Chief Ziarnik that police harassment of gays in Milwaukee exists.

Last November, an advertisement was run in *In Step* asking gay and lesbian people to report incidents of police harassment, and included a form for reporting such incidents. Flyers were also distributed throughout Milwaukee area business establishments.

But so far, according to a spokesperson for the union, only five or six people have responded.

According to Sue Burke, a member of the Governor's Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues, there is a perception among gays that police harassment of gays still exists. She cited a statewide survey of gays and lesbians

released last summer, which stated that of 145 gays and lesbians surveyed, 35 people reported harassment by the police — 27 of those were from Milwaukee.

Confidentiality has been assured, if requested, and silence on this matter will only thwart efforts to initiate corrective action. Contact GPU at 562-7010 for more information and/or a report form.

Governor, Others Honored By CCBA

Milwaukee — In Step — The Cream City Business Association (CCBA) announced the recipients of its 1984 community service awards at their annual meeting held recently at Nantucket Shores Restaurant in Milwaukee. The CCBA is Southeastern Wisconsin's primary service organization in support of the business interests of the area's large gay community.

The awards, real Cream City bricks with an etched brass placard, are presented an-

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nually to those persons and organizations recognized for their support of gay community during the past year. Four awards were announced for 1984, the second year of the presentations.

Focus Award — WISN TV 12 (Milwaukee) — For the public media which has provided the best overall coverage, and best represented the concerns of the lesbian and gay male community in Southeast Wisconsin.



The award was in recognition of continuing coverage and sensitivity on the part of the station. Accepting the award were News Director Tim Morrissey and Anchorperson Eleanor Hayes.

Pace Setter — Sue Burke — Presented to the gay woman or man who has by his or her work best represented the gay community and aided its growth. Sue is a member of the Governor's Council and a strong community advocate.

Torch Bearer — Governor Anthony Earl — For the nongay person or group which has best advanced understanding and acceptance of the gay community. Governor Earl was recognized for his continuing support through creation of the Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues, enactment of the "Consenting Adults" legislation, and upholding the State's antidiscrimination



laws regarding gay women and men. Governor Earl regretfully was unable to accept the award at the meeting and will personally receive the award at the February or March CCBA monthly meeting.

President's Award — Antidiscrimination Project of the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee — This award is at the discretion of the group's President to an individual or group which has had significant positive impact on the gay community of Southeast Wisconsin. The Antidiscrimination Project was recognized for its work in investigating and acting upon complaints of anti-gay discrimination. Tom Zander accepted the award on behalf of the Project.

CCBA President Marc Haupt reported the organization was in very good health in

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Graffiti

Rochelle — I'm ready whenever you are. Give me the place & will give you the time!

Try To Guess

Philip — You and me at the Marine Bank was pure heaven. I know it's not fair, but I'd love to do it again. And again.

You Know Who

Georgette — Sorry to hear you have a lover. Let me know when she won't affect your decisions...

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Smellier — Thanks for not just sliding over, but sitting on my lap and taking care of me.

Smelly

Janette — You're a true "Bella Donna." I miss and love ya! Kill, kill, kill - The Bubble Machine.

Farrah

Willie — I love you and your wild heart. Happy 7th.

Forever, Mike

Mandi — How far do you want to drive with your purse on the roof of your car?

A G.B. Policeman

Mike J. (Bodyshop) — You're so cute when you're sleeping.

The Girls With The Run Hose

Hodralla — I'll always love and care for you. It's hard to let go; wish it was. Wish ya the best of luck in '85.

Love Ya, Your Friend

George B. — I really do love you, ya know!

Ron

Hello Milwaukee — To all you big, bad and beautiful animals.

Love, Odessa, The Zookeeper

Odessa — Come see us in Milwaukee (we'll go bar hoppin' — then go to Mad City's The New Bar to see Sylvester.

Ron & Kim

Mandi — Steve is still waiting for us at Super America.

Melinda

Tamileta — Quit biting your nails! It's irritating everytime I look at you.

Love Ya, Hon

Ken (Rudy's new friend) — Auugh! What a big boy you are! Watch out for K.A.!

Ron

Pauline — Relax! I have fun with you where ever we go!

My Keel

People — Happy New Year to all my friends in Milwaukee.

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J. R. — Thinking about you always.

J. B.

Seebooth — Too bad you can't fight your battles with your lover like you do liquor.

Customers

Jeff C. (Phoenix) — Nothing is forever, but I'm for always.

B. R.

Sammy (Phoenix) — I love you.

Michelle

David & Dave — Good luck in Palm Springs — can I visit?

Rudy

Boo-Boo Larue — Don't they make sun glass contact lenses?

Rudy & Dude

Percodan Patty — Have you ever tried speed? It goes well with strawberry margaritas!

Anonymous

Douche — 37 or 33? Who will it be tonight?

Dude

Rudy — You'll hafta get a bigger bed!

Ron

D & D — Best of luck, guys — I mean it sincerely.

Mother

Ms. Clayton — Thanks to you, Colonel Sanders is alive and well

Mother

Bobby — We want you back at the Phoenix.

Customers

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Max

Mandi — If thos O.J. Tequila & T.J. didn't straighten your hair, nothing will.

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W. W. Wells III

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general. "Our meetings continue to get better and better, the membership is growing once again and we are gaining even greater respect among the power structures of our City," said Hauptert.

Four new at-large board members were also elected to two-year terms at the annual meeting.

Although the main intent of the organization is to benefit local area business, individual members gain tremendous support from CCBA on a variety of subjects not necessary related to just business.

Interested individuals and business owners who would like more information and/or join the organization should contact Ralph Navarro at 374-5599 or write: CCBA, P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53204-0204.

Network Builds Something Special

The Network in Waukesha buildings something very special — something very unique. It is comprised of people of all interests, blending with others who are different in many ways.

Among the many services the Network offers include potluck dinners, newsletters, a dating service, mail forwarding, personalized matching, rap sessions, and counseling for the entire spectrum within the gay and lesbian community — gay, bi, transsexual, transvestite, and others.

Those interested in more information and/or membership in the Network should write to P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 or call Dee Daily at 542-5735

BWMT Events

Black and White Men Together of Milwaukee, an internal support group offering social and affirmative action opportunities, has announced some of the many upcoming events planned.

Their Steering Committee meets on Monday, February 4th. A PJ Valentine Party will be held on February 9th; call 344-1443 or 265-6633 for more information. The next membership meeting and rap session will be held on February 16. A group will Torchsong Trilogy at the Riverside Theatre on March 3rd.

New members are always welcomed. Write B.W.M.T., P.O. Box 12292, Milwaukee, WI 53212 or call 962-2998.

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What A Way To Lose

I never thought that I'd like to see myself on the same side as *Hustler* publisher Larry Flint. I still can't see myself as being very happy with him and his — product. And I'm still not "on his side," but, I am angered beyond belief with the decision the jury handed down in the case Jerry (don't talk about my momma) Falwell brought against Flint. You all must know what I'm referring to: Flint ran an ad in *Hustler*, profoundly horrible in taste, but intended to be humorous, which portrayed Jerry Boy as being one who (to phrase it delicately) has coitus with his mother as well as being a hearty drinker. Now, being a minister of God, pure, and only hating queers and other social misfits, Jerry Boy couldn't stand by and let such a slander go without challenge. Making a long story short, it seems that the jury found Flint not guilty of slander and libel, but awarded Jerry Boy 'round \$200,000 for things like emotional stress.

In essence: *Jerry lost — but he won.*

Now, this is very interesting. That a person can lose in court, in this sort of suit concerning libel and slander, because of the First Amendment protection regarding "free speech, yet be awarded damages for unproven complications like stress, see one's good name in the wrong place, and upset of emotions. It would be interesting to see if this decision might apply to others more mundane and ordinary, not in the haloed level of Jerry and the Gang.

What I mean is this. If Falwell and his gang of malcontent Christians continue to badmouth various minority groups, why may those groups not seek some sort of compensation vis a vis the "emotional distress" decision? I, of course, am thinking of all the hogwash and twaddle which Falwell and Company puts out about gays. I have seen more stress generated, more families split asunder, more human dignity trampled than I had ever imagined I would in part because of Falwell. In addition, his outright lies about gays should continue to affect American gays for quite a while. To wit: that gays are child molesters (a proven inaccuracy), that AIDS is the curse of "god" upon us (if so, lesbians must be the blessed of "god" since

we are a particularly hardy and healthy group — not to mention that "god" hasn't said this directly to anyone besides Falwell, and if a man will lie once chances are he will do it again . . .), and that gays are an abomination. (Why is it that Falwell and his ilk only accept from the Bible what they wish? And I don't think Jerry can read Hebrew, so he'd best realize that there has been a great deal of mistranslation going on concerning words and what they mean/meant.)

The thought, then, occurs to me that perhaps we should engage in a class action suite against Mr. Falwell — and seek damages for all the emotional upheaval he has caused us. What would be necessary, of course, are ten to twenty gay people who can prove that they have been adversely affected by Falwell's foddermouth pronouncements, a competent — no, make that an expert, attorney who has a flair for the law beyond the printed word, and a large war chest. We are dealing with a well-monied group here, not some small sect.

Don't laugh! I have always thought that one way to end bigotry and discrimination is to hit 'em where it hurts: in the pocketbook. People don't like parting with their money. Falwell's no different, I can imagine. And would his "congregation" enjoy shelling out for such a fight? Your guess is as good as mine, but I really don't think so.

More importantly, however, is the fact that the law should apply equally to all. Mr. Falwell is no better than the gay man who loses custody of his children merely because he is gay, no better than any one of us who has been hurt because of homophobia.

I have sent away for a copy of the decision in question. And I want to make all of you a serious offer: if a class action suit could be brought against Falwell, are there ten good people out there willing to stand and be counted? If there was a chance that we could begin to challenge the vicious prattle of the Falwells of the world, would you do it?

It wouldn't be an easy battle, for sure. And it would be taxing, harrowing, and stressful, not to mention, expensive. The gains might be money . . . and just maybe a little more understanding about human nature and gay people. We could lose, too. But

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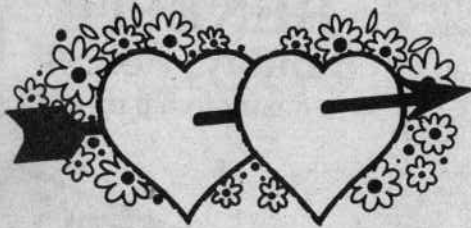
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Consider This

Gay To Me

by *Eagle Newsmagazine*
Portland, Oregon

In past columns I've discussed some rather serious subjects — friendships, inclusive language, health crises, voter responsibilities — all pertinent and timely. This month I've chosen to address our biggest nemesis: *beautiful people*.

Now I don't know about you, but I've never been a beautiful person. My body is grossly generic without admirable points of interest. I've got average eyes, status quo thinning hair, and my physique would never be associated with good nutrition, physical conditioning or quality development.

When I see beautiful people, I admire them. I admire their healthy shining hair; their rosy, flawless complexions and their catalog-perfect bodies. But seeing beautiful people does make me wonder about a number of things. I muse about how they really look in the morning as they roll out of bed — or do they roll out of bed(?) — no, they probably bounce out of bed full of healthy energy and good cheer. Is their hair ever greasy? Do they have those little matings c. "sleep" in the corner of their eyelids? They probably never look in the mirror and see that ugly red line across their forehead that comes from sleeping on a folded pillow.

Are beautiful people nice and friendly; are they able to maintain a somewhat intelligent conversation? It's easy to understand if they don't achieve these traits — they've probably been too busy cultivating beauty instead of refining these finer points of personhood. I can't comment from personal experience because I find that most beautiful people are unapproachable.

As I sit and watch beautiful people, I wonder if they ever have bad breath; do they find lint in their navels; do they ever have to buy odor-eaters; and, what about athlete's foot? I bet they never burp and rarely sneeze. They must get colds — everybody else does — but I don't imagine that they ever get a runny, red nose. That would diminish their beauty.

I just don't know about beautiful people! What's even more perplexing is when I see two beautiful people together — forming a seemingly unbelievable beautiful couple. I

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Fund Raising Efforts Launched

Fund raising are the two key words for the Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) in 1985. In order to meet the approximately \$20,000 goal for the Gay Softball World Series, there will be fund raisers, fund raiser, and more fund raisers this year. At least one each month is planned between February and August.

The first will be a main raffle drawing and minin-raffles at Your Place on Sunday afternoon, February 3rd from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. The prizes include a VHS video recorder, 13 inch color TV, bushel of booze, and a telephone. The next fund raiser will be at the Ball Game on Sunday, March 3rd. More details on that later. Everyone is encouraged to stop in at Your Place on February 3rd and to buy raffle tickets. Your support is greatly need to make the world series a success.

The Series IX Club is always looking for more members. Only thirty-five people have joined so far. A \$25 donation to the World Series Fund will bring you a monthly newsletters on the Series preparations and other

sporting events, invitations to upcoming cocktail parties, and the satisfaction of knowing that you have supported Milwaukee's gay community in their effort to show the rest of the country what we're all about. Send your name, address and \$25 check to Series IX Fund, P.O. Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Join today!

The commissioners of the seventeen member cities of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance, the National Softball Organization, will be holding their Spring meeting in Milwaukee from February 28 through March 2. Any new applications from other cities interested in joining the organization will be eligible to participate in this year's World Series in Milwaukee. At that meeting, a Gay Women's World Series in Milwaukee in conjunction with the men's tournament will also be discussed. The meetings will be held at the Marc Plaza Hotel.

A manager's meeting of the SSBL will be held on Sunday, February 17 at 6 p.m. at the Juneau Village Solarium, 1129 N. Jackson St. (corner of Juneau and Jackson) to elect officers for the 1985 season. Anyone interested in running for an office should plan to attend.

The Arts

Kevin Michael

The Pirates Of Penzance

Skylight Comic Opera treated us over the holiday to a most "festive" presentation, the delightful Gilbert and Sullivan *The Pirates of Penzance*, which is truly an enjoyable evening. A wonderful Broadway production was mounted by Producer Joseph Papp starring Linda Ronstadt, Kevin Kline, and Rex Smith. Also, a film was made of this Broadway production; though less exciting in the cinema, it was musically quite satisfying.

Two seasons ago, Melody Top presented this classic with Doug Sheehan, now a member of the *Knots Landing* television series cast under the able direction of George Bunt. He took this piece, which is well over 100 years old and approached it with high camp and great fun much akin to the New York company. Another directorial approach which keeps Gilbert and Sullivan purists most contented is to present it just as it is — in a very "straight" fashion.

This particular Milwaukee production suffered from the interpretation of Lisi Oliver who attempted to have it be both high camp and "straight" in focus at the same time. Obviously, it was neither though either one would have been a wiser directorial choice. Her credentials and background which are most interesting, including assistant to Sarah Caldwell at the Opera Company of Boston for almost a decade, should have given her the ability to make wiser choices and create less obvious and more interesting staging.

Her casting was very strange to say the least. The nurse, Ruth is to be 47 and Frederick, the Pirate Apprentice, 21. Nicholas Saverine, as Frederick looked closer to 47 and Linda Milne as Ruth was not much beyond 21. His voice, though pleasant, had not much sustenance. Milne's characterization suffered from the same difficulty as did Angela Landsbury's in the film. Ruth is a caricature as are the others portrayed and has to be played very "broadly." She, and most of the others, were not. Again, this task lies with the direction and focus of any stage presentation.

The Major-General, William Wronski — had fun or tried to in spite of his direction.

When the Major-General was a caricature and Wronski made that choice, he was successful and we enjoyed him. It was when he and the other actors weren't sure that the befuddled direction came to the fore.

The star of the show was John Kuether as the Pirate King. John not only acted his part extremely well, but is truly a Milwaukee star on the rise. He has a clear, rich voice and has performed in nearly forty-five productions here. He has sung at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. as well as La Scala in Milan. Also, he has sung on a new recording of *West Side Story* with Leonard Bernstein conducting.

Though the production included only piano accompaniment, the chorus voices were full and rich. Diane Ketchie as Mabel, was not vocally light enough. Her voice was overly operatic and seemed heavy.

The set was adequate, representational though not terrific.

Some tempos seemed awkward. The lyrics which are quite fun were clear and Michael Pisani, Music Director, should be complimented on a job well done. However, had the production had a greater unity in presentation, it could have been much more enjoyable than it was.

Gilbert & George

Milwaukee — In Step — The work of internationally known English artists Gilbert and George will fill the Milwaukee Art Museum's Journal/Lubar Galleries January 25 to March 17. Gilbert and George create huge, colorful photo-murals, some as large as 14 by 36 feet. This is the first retrospective of their work ever shown in America. As has been their custom, the two artists will accompany their work to Milwaukee and attend several special events in conjunction with the exhibition.

Organized by the Baltimore Museum of Art, the exhibition features 67 major photo-pieces dating from 1974 to 1983. The photo-works are composed of 24 by 20 inch units placed together in grid formations. The art team looks to society for its subject matter, often using religion, nature, patriotism, human longings and appetites, loneliness and

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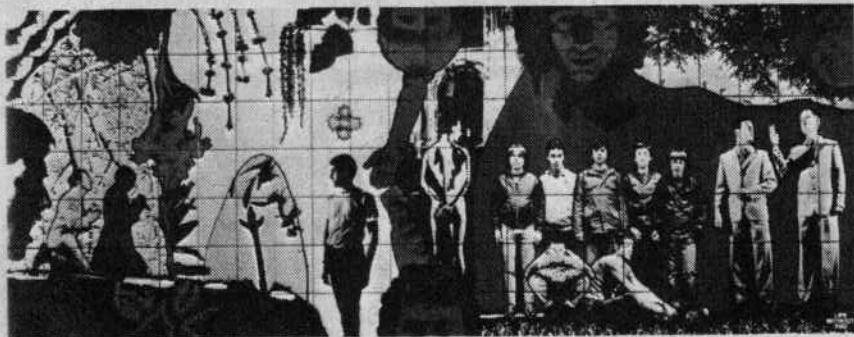
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Gilbert and George, "Life Without End," 1982. From the exhibition "Gilbert and George", January 25 to March 17 at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

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the ages and stages of life as themes. The artists themselves frequently appear within their work, always wearing their familiar three-button worsted English wool suits.

Although the artists do not set out to create art that would shock the viewer, their decision to express extreme states of consciousness and facets of life that people consider private is of great importance to their work. As they have declared, "We are fascinated by the richness of the fabric of our world."

The opening reception will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 24 in the museum's East Entrance. Brenda Richardson, who organized the exhibition for the Baltimore Museum of Art, will give an opening talk at 6:15 p.m. The public is welcome. Regular museum admission will be charged.

London Look Party

Milwaukee — *In Step* — The Milwaukee Art Museum will celebrate its new exhibition, "Gilbert and George" with a London Look party from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Janu-

ary 25.

The party will feature psychedelic music by Milwaukee's Plasticland, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and the chance to meet Gilbert and George in person. Representatives from Malcolm of London Hairdressing Salon will be at the party to style and color hair and apply London Look makeup to any interested guests, free of charge. Mini-skirts, paisley shirts and day-glow colors are encouraged attire.

Gilbert and George would *certainly* welcome fellow gays and lesbians to join in on the festivities — let's show them what a warm Wisconsin welcome really is!

Tickets to the London Look party are \$7 to the public and \$5 to museum members. Tickets may be obtained at the museum, 750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive (at the War Memorial Center), Milwaukee. Call (414) 271-9508 for more information and mention this article.

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Milwaukee News Service To Start

Milwaukee — *OUT!* — A new lesbian/gay news reporting service will open its doors here in coming months.

Called Speak Its Name, the service aims to boost coverage of lesbian/gay issues in both mainstream and alternative media. It will conduct in-depth investigations and issue reports to those media.

The service will have a statewide scope, though special attention will be focused on the Milwaukee area.

Speak Its Name was awarded \$3,000 in start-up money from the Wisconsin Community Fund, a statewide funding source for progressive social change. Under the grant, Speak Its Name will secure office space, hire staff, and publicize its service. Milwaukee resident Darla Kashian is working to identify other financial backers for the project.

In order to develop the widest possible news-gathering resources in Milwaukee, Speak Its Name is setting up an advisory board composed of city residents. The news service is also seeking nominations for its board of directors. Persons with experience

in media or related fields who are interested in serving on either body can contact Speak Its Name, 1444 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53703; phone (608) 256-7664.

London Bookshop Charged With Importing Conspiracy

London — *via GNIC* — A campaign is underway to defend this city's only gay and lesbian bookstore against the British government's apparent campaign of harassment.

Gay's The Word, which imported one-third to one-half of its stock from the United States has been charged by Customs and Excise with conspiracy to import obscene material. Eight members of the bookstore's board of directors and one store employee were charged under the Customs Consolidation Act of 1876, which defines as indecent or obscene that which seems such to "the ordinary man in the street."

Also named, though not formally charged, was Ed Hermanance, co-owner of Giovanni's Room. The Philadelphia bookstore that had provided most of the imported books which were seized by Customs and Excise.

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- 13) CAN THE RHYTHM GIRL'S TALK
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- 19) BIG IN JAPAN ALPHAVILLE
- 20) EDGE OF THE RAZOR STEPHANIE MILLS
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- 22) TUCH ME (ALL NIGHT LONG) WISH FEATURING FONDA RAE
- 23) HEARTS ON FIRE / SUGAR DON'T BIT SAM HARRIS
- 24) METHOD OF MODERN LOVE HALL & OATES
- 25) SUSPENSE TONI BASIL

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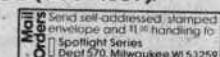
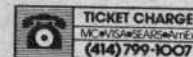
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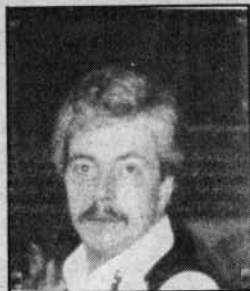


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- 3) What was the 2nd Castaways location?
- 4) What was Bucky's job at the old Castaways?
- 5) Who is Raymon Gonzales?

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AQUARIUS: It's time for you to stop acting like such a wimp and start accepting responsibility for more than giving everyone you know a reason to dump on you. If you don't, you're going to pass up an opportunity to get ahead and show everyone how wrong they are about you.

PISCES: This is definitely not your week to do anything more than hide in a corner. Not even trolls are going to want anything to do with you! Seems your big mouth has once again managed to piss off a whole bunch of people.

ARIES: You're in a similar boat as Pisces is, and if you don't watch it, you'll probably get fired. Be as ingratiating as possible, and don't hesitate to offer to swallow if it'll shut up some bitchy queen until next month.

GEMINI: You're suffering from your usual inability to make up your mind as to what's right or wrong. The sad part is that everyone else knows you're dizzy, and is going to try taking advantage of you. Whatever you do, DON'T be seen in or near JCPenny's this week!

CANCER: Lordie-Loo! You're going to be in rare form this week! Everything about you is going to be progressively bitchier! If you play your cards right, you won't even have to say anything to get across just what you think of those around you.

TAURUS: A close friend is going to tell you that you're full of shit when you try to convince him you're not the pushy bitch everyone else who knows you swears you are! Take heart; HE'S RIGHT! I recommend you get a grip on reality, honey, and either get a new circle of friends or start kissing some ass and fast!

LEO: This week is going to be a real downer for you. Your phone is hardly going to ring at all, and your cash machine will probably eat your card on Friday night before you go out. My advice is you buy plenty of food/booze before Friday, and cash a check so you won't be stranded.

VIRGO: Boyfriend, this is going to be one hell of a week for you! You're going to start out on the wrong side of bed on Monday and steadily progress downhill from there. Beware of a hunk you will encounter — though he's got a body to die for and a basket to kill for — he's somehow connected with an unpleasant experience from your past (probably your last lover).

LIBRA: For one who's supposed to be in balance, you've got everyone convinced otherwise. Try losing 20 pounds or so to at least help put the scales back in balance. Another thing that may help is telling someone who's being a real pain in the ass to fuck off.

SCORPIO: Before you run off at the mouth about how obnoxious a Virgo friend is being, make sure the bitch won't turn the tables on you! Virgos are on a "Don't Fuck With Me, Fellas" kick and should be observed closely before you say anything!

CAPRICORN: Just because you're horny isn't a license to go out and fuck the first thing you see! Be discreet this week. The secret fact that you will roll over on your belly because you're not that well hung (yes, we've seen the sock, dear) will get around and you'll have to change your local bar to someplace you're not already known.

SAGITTARIUS: The gig is up. We all know what you've been doing with yourself lately, and we do mean with yourself! Stop trying to bullshit everyone into believing you're God's answer to a tight ass, and admit you like being a puppet.

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Another Gay Etiquette Quiz

Many gays do not seem to know the correct social procedure leading up and through an evening of sexual fun and frolic. In fact, many gays probably don't know their own T.Q., that is, *Tricking Quotient*. So, grab a pen or pencil and test yourself; answers are available at the end of the article.

1. He is coming over to your apartment, probably to spend the night. Do you:

A. Frantically change those six-week-old sheets and buy a new blanket?

B. Pile up records, guitar, magazines on the bed so that it won't look so damned suggestively like a bed?

C. Play it cool and leave the apartment as it is?

2. He suddenly brings out a set of dirty pictures and insists on showing them to you. Do you:

A. Blush, but ask to see them a second time?

B. Treat it all as a bit of nostalgia and scabrous Americana, making witty comments as to the staging, photographic quality, ambience and technique?

C. Suggest you both try some of the poses?

3. In the heat of passion, you remember, too late, that you're wearing dirty underwear. Do you:

A. Start an evocative bit on the erotic power of acrid body odor?

B. Blame excessive fastidiousness on your mother and suggest you take a shower together?

C. Decide to be dramatic and do it with all your clothes on?

4. He looks at his watch and says, "Oh my, is it that late? I had no idea. Look, you can sleep over, but you have to promise you'll behave." Do you behave by:

A. Starting with the touch-his-cold-toes-with-your-warm-toes ploy?

B. Come on spontaneously with "Oh, I forgot something — I didn't kiss you good-night."?

C. Assure him, "I'll only put it in a little way."?

5. He suggests that you practice fellatio. Do you:

A. Request that he wear protection?

B. Tell him that you never suck off on the first date?

C. Ask him where he keeps the mouth-wash?

6. During sex, how do you communicate with him verbally?

A. Call loudly upon the deity with remarks like, "Oh, my, gawd!"

B. Say, "Hey, aren't I great?"

C. Give full utterance to cherished Anglo-Saxonisms like "Oh shit, oh, shiiiiit!"

7. You've just had a wonderful ejaculation. Do you:

A. Fall asleep immediately?

B. Make a token display of affectionate gratitude, then fall asleep immediately?

C. Pretend to fall asleep immediately in order to recharge for more action?

8. When it's all over, do you:

A. Share the only remaining clean towel?

B. Urinate or defecate while leaving the bathroom door open?

C. Kiss him gently on the cheek and say, "Would you hate me if I had a cigarette now?"

D. Subtly, but emphatically move the scene over to the dry side of the bed?

Answers: 1. C; 2. A; 3. C; 4. A; 5. C; B; 7. C; and, 8. A

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Staying Warm?

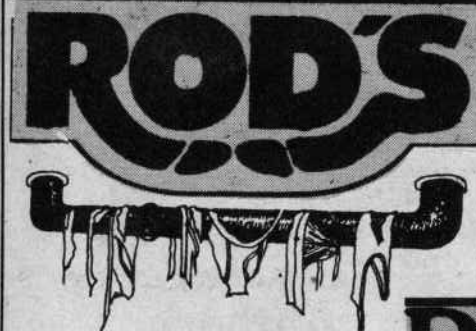
I know at least one person who's warmer — **Robbie**. For those of you that remember the lengthy letter we printed in our Dec. 20 "Christmas Issue," Robbie was literally out in the cold with no place to live. Since then, he challenged the "Red Tape" at the welfare office — **AND WON!** Robbie is the man who brought a class action suit, on behalf of Milwaukee's "street people," against the welfare department — who, until now, would not give general assistance grants to people who didn't have a permanent address.

I guess it didn't make it clear enough in my last column, so I'll explain again. The last issue was smaller than usual and had less advertising than the norm. A boycott against *In Step*? No! Just a yearly "post-holiday slump." Traditionally, January is a slow month — *everyone*, including many of our

advertisers, don't do much of anything, so they skip an issue and save their ads for when they can be more productive. You wouldn't believe how many people asked "what happened?" — so I figured it better to explain it again. Also, for the same reason, there aren't many pictures in this issue because not much happened to take pictures of.

The **1st Annual U.S. Snow Sculpting Competition** held in Milwaukee's Pere Marquette Park was interesting. The park is only a block from our offices and we watched the park department create those monolithic six foot square, ten foot high pillars of compacted snow. It looked like 2010 in a white-out. I was surprised to see the large crowds of people that came to view the completed works of art in the cold weather. (Long underwear is "in" in 1985.)


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Kim, George and I played host last Monday night to **Cheri** and **Doug** from Madison's **Back East**. Now, Monday's aren't real exciting (especially when the wind chill hits -20°), but we still had a good time. We hit **Hot Legs, La Cage, 219**, and the **Wreck Room**. All those shots of "Russian Apple" were too much.

Erica Stevens marked his return to the stage as a "girl" after a hiatus. He had been doing impersonation so steadily — for so long — that he wanted to be a boy for a while. But we missed you girl! So, welcome back to the world of makeup and high heels.

A certain West Side bar told a customer, when she asked about *In Step*, that we were out of business. She wanted to place a classified ad — so she pursued it and found our number in the phone book. **To the bar:** Just because you've never advertised with us doesn't mean we're out of business — (we deliver copies to you every other week).

Out of twenty-one gay and lesbian bars in Milwaukee, only three have never advertised. If you can figure out which three — you win the booby prize.

If you're planning on going to see **Torch Song Trilogy** at Milwaukee's **Riverside Theatre**, go as a group! Make group plans by calling (414) 276-5672 and mention you saw their ad in this issue of *In Step*. If you go see a play only once every five years or so, this is the one to see! It will help us get The Spotlight Series to advertise again if they hear enough people say the "saw it in *In Step*."

My "Worst Idea Of 1984" had to be the **In Step Awards For The Best & Worst Of '84**. We've gotten a total of 28 responses (out of 8,000 copies distributed) — 20 of them collected at one bar. (So you know which bar they rated "best.")

Typesetters, attention. We'll be going through some changes here at *In Step* real soon — and we're going to need a phototypesetting company. If you can suggest anyone, call me at 289-0744. Also, we need to purchase a used IBM Selectric or compatible typewriter, so if you have an extra one around — or sell equipment at a reasonable price — we'd rather someone gay get the commission for the sale.

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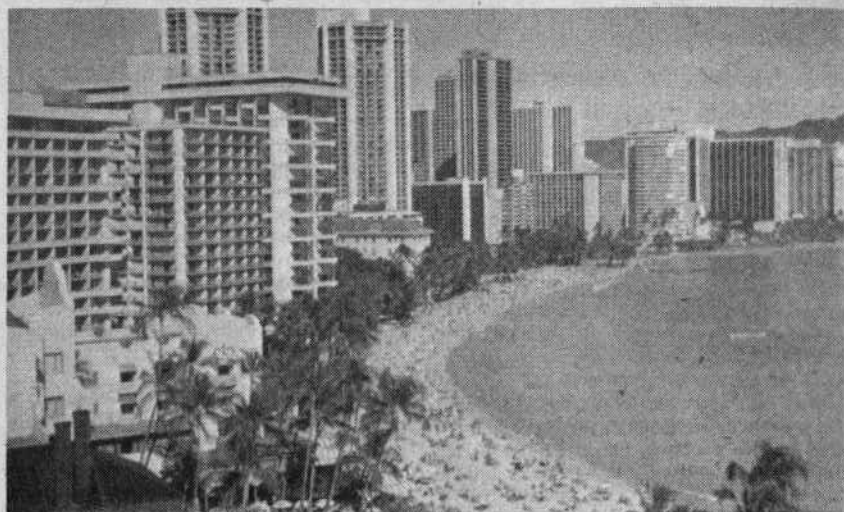
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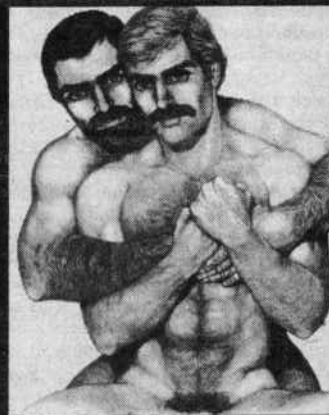
yond Oahu's obvious attractions are the diverse "neighbor islands." You can find grand canyons, waterfalls, rugged coasts, sugarcane fields, and volcanic craters. Over-all, the islands are true "adventures in paradise," and when Hawaii calls, if I can, I come flying. Mahalo Hawaii for everything, and aloha until next time!

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Honolulu

The busy little island of Oahu is, quite simply, paradise in the Pacific! Phenomenal Honolulu, with a population of half a million plus is the capitol of Hawaii, and beautifully situated on the south shore of Oahu. Most tourists head directly for the section known as Waikiki Beach, which houses some of the most expensive real estate in the world. The "Gathering Place" has always had perfect beaches, swaying palm trees, a pounding surf, rainbow covered mountains, out-of-sight sunsets and a year-round tropical climate. Add towering skyscrapers, glamorous restaurants, 25,000 hotel rooms, all sorts of sports and cultural facilities, occasional bumper-to-bumper traffic . . . and you have over-crowded Oahu!

I prefer not to drive in Waikiki, as you can easily walk from your hotel to the beach, bars, restaurants and shopping centers. Taxis are readily available, as are pedi-cabs, a sort of rickshaw on a bicycle. Of course you will need transportation if you want to tour the island and visit Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head, Pale Lookout, Waimea Falls, Mormon Temple, Byodo-In Buddhist Shrine, Polynesian Cultural Center, University of Hawaii or catch the big waves at Makaha.

Some years ago I wrote that Hawaii was "a great place to take your lover" — and it still is — but you can also have a ball on your own! **Hula's Bar** at 2103 Kuhio (at Saratoga) is an island institution. This super island disco attracts a multi-racial, unisex crowd with lots of pretty preppies. It has a beautiful outdoor patio with a huge Banyon tree strung with thousands of little lights. Just around the corner on Kuhio is **Hamburger Mary's**, and in between is **'Dirty Mary's**, Oahu's cruziest macho hideaway. They have added a small disco.

Pat's Cocktail Center at 435 Atkinson, opposite Ala Moana, is "the" place for resident or visiting wahines (women). The **Question Mark II**, and **Do Jiggy** are neighborhood bars catering to mostly older kanes (men). The original Question Mark at 43 Beretania downtown may be closing? Hawaiian bars are open daily until 2:00 a.m., but if you want to party and boogie later, head for the very mixed **Wave Waikiki**, at

1877 Kalakaua, or **Marcel's**, off the parking lot for the **Island Colony Hotel** at 445 Seaside. This is the current after hours spot, and busy nightly from 2-4 a.m. For action anytime, try the new **Steamworks** at 2139 Kuhio, the hottest bath between California and New Zealand.

The gay restaurants are the **Godmother** which features Italian fare, **Richard's Stuffed Potato**, a garden cafe, and **Hamburger Mary's**, which offers organic burgers with lots of alfalfa sprouts or whatever. For great, straight dining my favorites remain **Michel's at Colony Surf**, **Bagwell's 2424**, **Canlis**, **Chez Michel**, **Colony Steak House**, **Hanohano Room**, **Matteo's**, **Nick's Fishmarket**, **Protea**, **Ships Tavern**, **The Summit**, **Third Floor**, and at times the **Maile Room** at Kahala Hilton. Also very good, but somewhat less expensive, are **Bobby McGee's**, **Buzz's Steak & Lobster**, **Chart House**, **John Domeni's**, **House of Hong**, **The Pottery**, **Tony Roma's**, **Trattoria**, and **The Yacht Harbor**. Avoid almost every place else, including luaus and dinner boat cruises.

The gay owned **Hotel Honolulu** at 376 Kaiolu, one block from all the Kuhio District "action" opened about Xmas, 1982. At first, there was no air conditioning, but when I was there this August, attractive managing partner, Richard Mennick, told me it was being installed later that month. Fun and close to the bars. A lot of gay kids stay at the **Ambassador Hotel** — and I like the condos at the Waikiki Shore.

For shopping and cruising visit the new **Kuhio Center**, next to Hula's and Mary's — and don't miss the upstairs sexporium, which is inaccurately called 80% straight. You will see some of the most gorgeous numbers in the world along Waikiki beach — but unfortunately, you will rarely find them in the bars. There are gayer beaches, but I like the area in front of the **Royal Hawaiian Hotel** for swimming, sunning and body surfing. For chicken and hustlers, try Kalakaua and Kuhio Avenues. Pick up a free copy of *Bob's Bulletin* or the *Gayzette* for all the local gay news.

If I knew I could never return to Hawaii, it would be the same as "Paradise Lost." Be-

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Musical bartenders time again in Milwaukee . . . "**Maggie**" (Jeff) gone from **219**. "**Missy**" Chuck Harrington gave his two week notice in a "snit" there also. **Gary** and **Hockie** both at **219** from the **Wreck Room**. **Maggie's** roomies are both gone, too. **Steve Smith** moved to Oklahoma City (must be lookin' for some big "Bronc"), and "**Mitzie**" (Rick Matter) has been "lost in space" for two months. No one has seen or 82/83 Mr. Gay Wisconsin or heard from him at all. *Anyone know where he is?*

Next time!

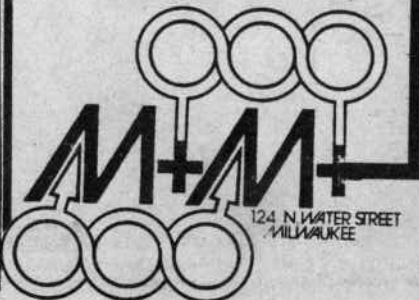
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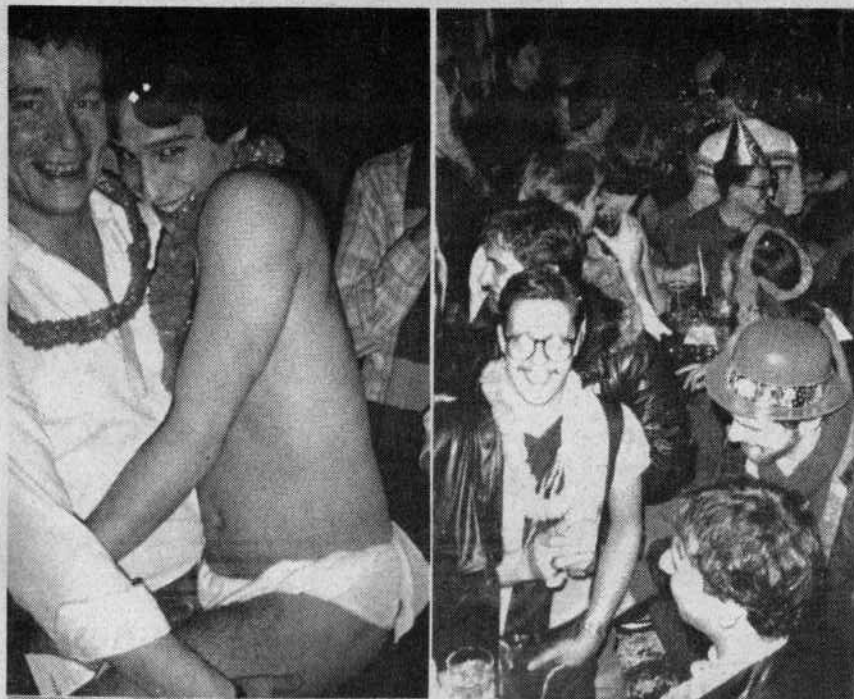
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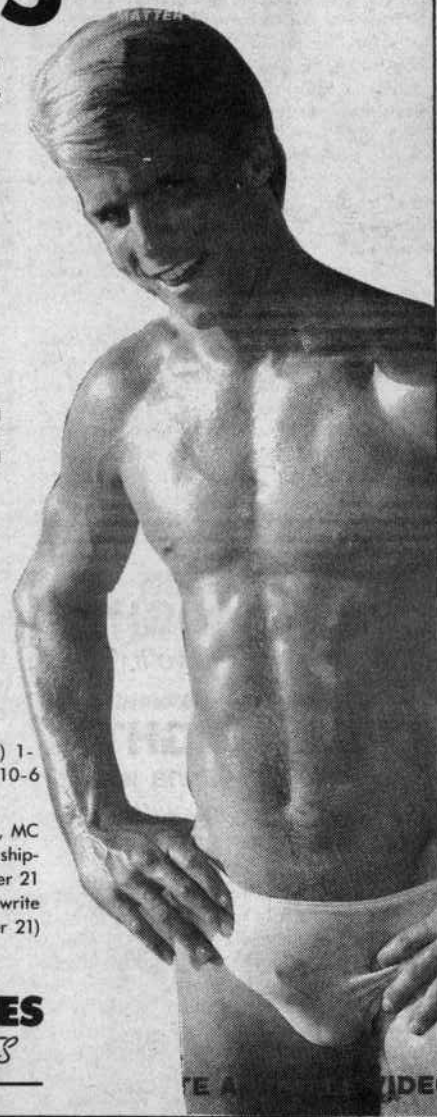
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on the night of September 29, 1983, by vice squad officers in plain clothes. They were held overnight in jail.

The city attorney's office, which is defending the police actions, cites legal decisions which find that movie booths or toilet seats are not — unlike a home — “a man's castle.” They are public places and thus having sex there is illegal, the city attorney's office claims in its request to Judge Warren to dismiss the suit.

Attorneys for the two men cite a different legal precedent, one used by the city attorney's office in 1981 when it decided not to prosecute bookstore arrests. That legal decision, from Michigan, states that locked stalls are “temporarily private places.”

Police have maintained, and Milwaukee Police Chief Robert Ziarnik hinted at in his remarks in December, that the right to privacy is compromised by the holes between the stalls. When questioned about the bookstore arrests at the time, Chief Ziarnik stated that the city attorney's office was, in fact, prosecuting those arrested at the bookstore.

Defunct Factory II A Church?

Milwaukee — *In Step* — Efforts are being made by the Village Church to move into the now defunct Factory II at 130 E. Juneau Ave. by late spring.

The church, under the guidance of Rev. Jim Bartos, has searched for a new downtown site for the past ten years. The church attempted all kinds of previous purchases. At one point, it offered to buy the Knickerbocker Hotel and locate its church there in addition to running the hotel. It even bid for air rights to build atop the present Juneau Village parking structure. The new site was the best of any of those alternatives.

Ironically, the church tried to buy the same building two years ago but was outbid and the building housed one of Milwaukee's more popular nightspots until the Factory II was forced to close late last summer.

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Calendar JANUARY 23 — FEBRUARY 10

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd

Gay & Lesbian Community At UWM — Free showing of “Pink Triangles” documentary (50 minutes) on treatment of gays from Nazi era to the present. 5:30 p.m. showing at UWM Union Room East 309. Call 963-6555.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th

Fannies — Aquarius Party; 9 p.m. on.

M & M Club — “Kenosha Comes A Callin’; showtime at 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th

Rod's — Annual “Roddie Awards” — the best and worst of almost anything.

La Cage Aux Folles — Miss \$1.98 Beauty Contest Pageant & Show; 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28th

The New Bar — 1st Anniversary Celebration — presenting Sylvester — live in concert; \$7 advance, \$9 day of show.

TUESDAY,

The New Bar — 1st Anniversary Celebration — invitational cocktail party; 5-9 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

Your Place — Series IX Softball World Series fund raiser — main raffle, mini-raffles; 3-8 p.m.

1101 West — “Star Search” — with Trixie as emcee.

M & M Club — Ron's 5th Annual 29th Birthday Party — fun, games, prizes, buffet, show & a big surprise; 1 p.m. until ??

Club 219 — Ms. Gay Wisconsin Pageant — special performance by Stoney; emceed by Diane “Legs”; 10:30 p.m.; \$2 at the door.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

ABC Television — “Consenting Adults” — made for TV movie based on the best selling novel by Laura Z. Hobson.

Parkway Theatre — all-male-cast films — “Best Little Warehouse in L.A.” and “Cousins”; continuous all day.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

Club Milwaukee — Bradley's Birthday Bash; 9 p.m. until ??; members only.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

1101 West — “Turnabout Show” — bar employees do the entertaining and entertainers work the bar. Special guest D.J. Kim Zweibohmer; all proceeds donated to Concerned Clinic Fund.

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

Arts Happenings

Walt Disney's World On Ice — MECCA Arena; January 24 to February 3rd; 271-7230.

The Temptations & The Four Tops — Riverside Theatre; January 31st; 6 & 9:30 p.m.; 271-2000.

Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf? — Madison Gay Theatre Project; January 31, February 1, 2, 7, 8 & 9; Kanopy Movement Center; (608) 251-6489

Red Skelton — Riverside Theatre; February 1-3; 271-2000.

Tom Hazleton — Acclaimed theatre organist at the Wurlitzer Pipe Organ; Riverside Theatre; February 12th; 271-2000.

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.

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