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Our cover artist for this issue would like to remain anonymous. Why? We're not really sure, we think the art is very well done. We've been urging artists to submit art for the cover, done in a style other than "line drawings" or "cartoon style," and now that we've finally got one, he wants to remain in hiding. He claims he's not really happy with the result and doesn't want to be embarrassed over it. We can tell you this though—he's a V.J. (video jock), and his talent for art is truly a talent, he has had no formal art education.

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# Briefs

### DANGERS OF AIDS BLOOD TEST

InStep, along with most Gay groups and Medical Advisors to the gay community, advise you NOT to take the now available test that detects antibodies to HTLF-Ill/LAV, the virus beleived to be associated with AIDS. The test, which is now available nationwide (Primarily blood banks for now), merely indicates the presence of antibodies to the HTLV-III virus. It IS NOT 100% affective, in fact, it's not even close. It has the potential for incorrectly indicating that blood contains AIDS antibodies, as well as indicating that blood does not. When a group of AIDS patients was tested, 7 percent were not detected. Many gay activists, as well as medical advisors stress that this test is designed to keep the nations blood supply as safe as possible. Those of us in at-risk groups concerned about AIDS will not find any useful answers in this test; it will not tell us if we have AIDS, if we are likely to get AIDS, or even definately if we have been exposed to the HTLV-III virus. WE MUST CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM DONATING BLOOD, HOWEVER, USE ALTER-NATIVE TEST SITES OTHER THAN BLOOD CENTERS IF YOU MUST TAKE THE TEST. If you donate blood, and the antibodies are found in your blood, your name goes on a nationwide computer list as having "unacceptable blood," That computer list could be accessed by insurance companies, or employers and you could lose your insurance, or even your job.

The federal government is well aware that the effectiveness of the test is dependent on those of us in the "at-risk" groups not using blood centers as means of getting the test. The federal government is convinced of the need to support establishment of alternative testing sites, however, they have not come forward with sufficient funding, and enough time must be given to put the locations in place. The alternative test sites must fulfill three basic requirements: they must be free, counseling must be available to explain the test results, and there must be informed consent and confidentiality.

Mark Behar, Brady East STD CLinic spokesman, (BEST is Milwaukees' gay/lesbian health clinic) said the BEST CLinic took up the issue of testing in a meeting March 13th. At the meeting, it was decided BEST would go ahead and "offer the test with great reluctance". Behar said, "we're offering it, but only as a service to our patients. It should be available at BEST by sometime in April." The BEST board will first work out details with their Medical Committee, Ethics and Greivance Committee, and their Program Committee, BEST urges people not to take the test, but if they feel they must, then take the test within "our own community" so results can be kept secret.

The Blood Center of Southeast Wisconsin is already using the test to screen all new blood donations. This effort started last

week. Blood Center spokesman informed InStep that even if the blood tests Positive (after three retests), that the donor WILL NOT BE INFORMED. Their name will, however, go on the list of "unacceptable donors.

In Milwaukee, the Blood Center will provide BEST with all the neccessary equipment, and test kits to provide the tests free of charge at BEST. They would rather that "at-risk" groups (us) get the test taken at BEST. They do not want to be inundated with people just wanting to find out if they have the AIDS antibodies present in their blood. That is the main reason they will not inform donators if they come up positive. BEST will counsel those with positive reults given at the clinic.

Statewide, it is expected that STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) Clinics that are funded by the state will eventually become test sites. This all depends on how fast the federal government moves on funding alternative sites. Hopefully, it will come within the next month.

Milwaukees Red Cross no longer handles blood donations, but nationwide Red Cross officials have said they would begin phasing in the test as soon as possible.

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund received assurances from the Food and Drug Administration that the Continued on page 5

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HTLV-III antibody test would be labeled with language intended to minimize cival rights abuses. The unprecedented labeling will read: "It is inappropriate to use this test as a screen for AIDS or as a screen for members of groups at increased risk for AIDS in the general population."

The test, abbreviated as ELISA, was licensed March 2nd, and is being produced by ABBOTT Laboratories, just north of Chi-

For local testing by alternative clinics, we'll just have to wait a month or so. Besides BEST in Milwaukee, other clinics most likely to offer the test will be: Blue Bus Medical Clinic (Madison), and Community Clinic (Green Bay). As the alternative test sites begin offering the test, InStep will try to keep you informed.

### S.F. HEALTH BOARD OUTLAWS BATH SPYING

SAN FRANCISCO GNIC — The Public Health Department will be able to contine monitoring bathouses for safe sex practices, but they will not be able to use an outside detective agency, according to a story in the Bay Area Reporter. Future surveillance will be handled by health inspectors.

The health department had conducted surreptitious spying in the baths, using the Hal Lipset detective agency last year. The city's Board of Supervisors approved paying Lipset \$50,000 for the effort, long after the spying was finished. Public Health had requested another \$10,000 to pay Lipset for more of the spying, but the new seven member Health Commission nixed that effort, ordering the health department to withdraw its request.

"This will give us some time to evaluate all of this," said Commissioner Jim Foster, a long-time gay activist. "What the commission did is to agree unanimously that we should not go outside to hire independent investigators. We believe this should be a department function."

"You have demonstrated courage by your actions, considering the public pressure," said attorney Lohn Wahl, who represented the Committee for Sexual and Civil Liberties. "We are pleased with your vote to recall this extremely obnoxious and dangerous attempt to put secret police into the gay community. We have fought for years to keep undercover police from spying on our lives. Only since 1975 has it not been a felony to show affection toward another man. We do not want to go back to those days.

"The money spent by the city on this action could better be spent on educating gay and bisexual men on safe sex practices," suggested Wahl.

### U.S. Civil Rights Commission & Anti- Gay / Lesbian Violence

New York NGTF — Responding to lobbying by the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has begun studing anti-gay / lesbian violence. At a Feb 11 meeting, the Commission agreed to encourage its State Advisory Committees to examine anti-gay / lesbian violence from an administration of justice standpoint. (The Commission maintains that its authority to deal with this issue is limited to administration of justice questions, i.e., the response to the problem by law enforcement officials and the criminal justice system.)

No action was taken at the national meeting on an NGTF-supported proposal for a national study of violence against individuals because of race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation

Commenting on the Commission's response, NGTF Executive Director Virginia M. Apuzzo said, "Anti-gay / lesbian violence is a problem of epidemic proportions, deserving a full and immediate investigation by the national Commission. However, efforts by its state Advisory Committees will be a step forward and may lead to remedial action."

The decision to use the State Advisory Committees does not preclude a national Commission investigation of antigay / lesbian violence in the future. For its part, NGTF has agreed to identify for the Commission states where investigations of

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anti-gay / lesbian violence are particularly feasible and desirable. Findings and recommendations by the state committees will be reported to and reviewed by the national Commission, which will consider endorsing and publishing the results. The Commission also agreed to consider lesbians and gay men recommended by NGTF to serve on the state committees.

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### Governors Council Reports to Earl

Milwaukee (Milwaukee Journal) — The Governor's Council on Lesbain and Gay Issues gave its biennial report to Governor Earl recently with the two main points: Fear of Personal Safety and Harrassment, along with a perceived anti-gay bias at the Department of Public Instruction. Eight council members met with Earl to discuss these and other points in their report.

Council members said gays and lesbians are "afraid for their physical safety if identified by attendance" at community meetings by council members in areas outside Madison and Milwauke.

The report cited Eau Claire, where a "small, covert support group for gays was disbanded" when two gay men were beaten badly by men vocalizing "Homophobic epitaphs."

In Racine, a person who was to testify before the Council on sex curricula in local schools was threatened at gunpoint, the report continued.

In Milwaukee, "the police were identified as the source of much of the violence and harassment of lesbians and gays," the council said, Earl suggested the Milwaukee situation may be changing since Police Chief Robert J. Ziarnik took office. (In a recent meeting with the CCBA, Ziarnik said he would not allow discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Department of Public Instruction is the state government's worst offender of gay rights according to the Council. However, the department claims they believe in and support the law of the state on employment.

Deputy Superintendent Dean Knowles said he was suprised by the council's comments and said he would encourage anyone who had been discriminated against to contact the departments affirmative action office or file an official complaint with the state.

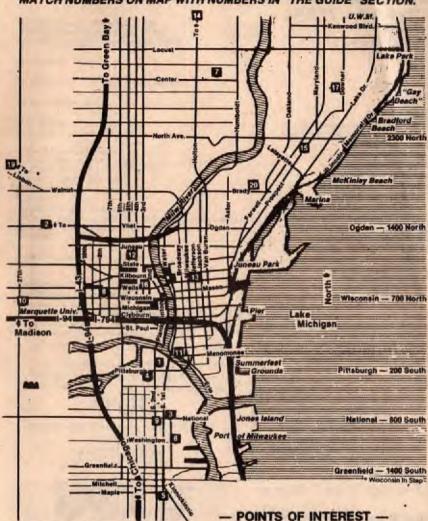
Job Security is controlled by the local school boards, Council member Charlene McLauchlan said "excuses (for firing) can be and have been dreamed up.

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### CONSERVATIVE CALLS FOR GAY QUARANTINE

WASHINGTON (03-04-85)— When the nation's most conservative political organizations convened, Paul Cameron was there to urge a national quarantine of all homosexuals to combat the spread of AIDS.

Also on hand to ride the nation's resurgent wave of conservatism were pro-lifers, free marketeers, anti-feminists, promoters of the new-fangled "Star Wars" space weaponry and the fellows who insist on the right to own old-fashioned hand guns.

Accuracy in Media sponsored a booth where a young woman hawked for \$12 each some nifty navy-blue neckties with little red and white bullseyes. Casual browsers at the various booths may have been abruptly sobered by the message delivered at the one manned for the Foundation for Traditional Morality by Sue and Bert Hurlburt.

One of their pamphlets was entitled, "What Homosexuals Do (It's More Than Merely Disgusting)."

"You need to talk to Dr. Cameron," Hurlburt said.

Cameron, a psychologist from Lincoln, Neb., was anxious to talk.

"Unless we get medically lucky," he said, "in three or four years, one of the options discussed will be the extermination of homosexuals."

Cameron was lobbying in the corridors at the Conservative Political Action Conference to warn of the dangers of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Cameron, who heads the Institute for the Scientific Investigation of Sexuality, said homosexuality is curable.

"It's not a sickness," he said. "It's a bad habit. It's like smoking but it is a more powerful habit.

"AIDS was started and transmitted by homosexuals," said Cameron, who accuses the medical profession of "pussy-footing" on the issue and favoring gay rights. He said gays "posture as victims but they earn their AIDS."

To protect the rest of society, he said, all of them should be "confined to quarters."

"The ominous specter now is that it looks as if mosquitoes may be able to transmit AIDS," Cameron said.

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or two from a mosquito carrying AIDS but a small child couldn't," he said. "If children start dying of AIDS, I don't think a homosexual's life will be worth a damn."

He acknowledged his proposal to quarantine homosexuals has not taken hold, even in most conservative circles.

"Many of the people right here at this conference are tolerant of homosexuality," he said. "That's a mistake."

Cameron said stemming the AIDS epidemic "involves quarantining gays, closing all gay bars and baths, criminalizing homosexual acts that involve exchange of bodily products and closing the borders to homosexual travel."

### Damski Gone from GayLife

Jon Henri Dameki, columnist for Gay-Life newspaper, and former writer for both Gay Chicago and Escape, has been "laid off" from the staff at GayLife.

Damski, often referred to as the "Mike Royko of Gay Chicago" says his proudest achievement of his gay life is to "have survived on the streets of Chicago as a word hustler for these past 8 years. I started out at GayChicago at \$10 a trick, and now with GayLife these past three years I have been making enough money for rent and food." He has supplemented his income with lectures and free lance writing.

According to Damski, now that he is laid off, he will not "be laid off my life's course. These stories I have written over the last 8 years as journalism, were always designed to be recycled in a book as literature." "Now I have in hand, material in abundance for three books: The New Town Anthology, Essays in Drag, and Fourth World People.

Damski figures it will take 6 months to a year to get the books out with a major publishing house.

He is holding an Autograph Party and Fund Raiser at Paradise, Chicago, on Friday March 29, 8pm on. There will be a \$5 donation at the door, and each person will receive an autographed copy, of one of the former columns going into the book.



### In Memorium — David Cornel

(Milwaukee) — David Cornel, who died late February was Milwaukee's premier key-boardist from 1973 to 1981 when he moved to San Francisco.

Cornel returned to Milwaukee last summer, not long before be turned 37 on Sept. 19th. But he never returned to a life of making music. He died at Froedert Memorial Lutheran Hospital of a neurological infection said to be AIDS-related. Cornel's hopes for greener pastures and more money were not met in San Francisco. Upon his return here he was dissillusioned with SF, extremely ill, and supposedly came back to have the support of his friends in Milwaukee.

His skill on the keyboards made him invaluable to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra where he was the primary keyboardist, and he was the first accompanist and diction coach of the Wisconsin Conservatory Symphony Chorus (now the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus) when it was founded in 1975.

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# Falwell in Milwaukee

Group Notes

(Milwaukee) — The Reverend Jerry Falwell, leader of the 'so called' Moral Majority, has been invited to attend the Annual Leadership Prayer Breakfast in Milwaukee Friday, April 26th, at the Marc Plaza Hotels' Crystal Ballroom from 7:45 to 9:15 AM.

The prayer breakfast is an annual event which used to be run by the JayCees, but is now sponsored by the Christian Courier newspaper.

Roger Byers, a local gay activist, is willing to coordinate a protest or demonstration against Falwells' appearance here. Byers said: "I'm amazed to see who's attending this event — including Milwaukee County Sheriff Richard Artison, Milwaukee County Executive William O'Donnel and an expected crowd of up to 600 people." He continued, "We must make plans to make a response to his presence."

For Information and to coordinate activities, contact Roger at (414)931-7727.

### GAY PARENTS TO UNITE IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES GNIC — Gay men and women will have the opportunity to share ideas and exchange their experiences at the 6th Annual World Conference of the Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFCI), to be held in Los Angeles, May 31 through June 2.

Richard Warren, executive vice-president of the 2,000 member organization with 47 chapters in the United States, Canada, and overseas, based in Washington D.C., says that early returns of a pre-registration mail-out last month indicate that about 600 men and women will participate in more than 20 workshops being offered at the conference. "We have gotten commitments from some of our overseas chapters to send delegates, and we fully expect that every region of the U.S. will be represented as well."

Gay Fathers Coalition International embraces a diverse group of gay men and

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lesbians in parenting roles. While some chapters are devoted exclusively to gay married men, the majority of the membership is men who live an exclusively homosexual lifestyle.

A number of key experts in psychology, family counseling, and family law have already been set to appear at the summer conference. Among them is noted psychologist Brian Miller, an authority on the subject of gay parenting.

Workshops being offered will include general parenting subjects as well as panels on custody issues, single parent adoption, communication with teens and younger children, and relationships with former spouses.

The Conference Organizing Committee will work with registrants to provide housing and transportation while delegates are visiting Southern California. To receive a pre-registration package by mail, write to GFCI, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109-346, Los Angeles, CA 90046 or by calling (213) 871-1575.

### MADISON AIDS SUPPORT NETWORK

The AIDS Support Network of Madison is seeking volunteers to be support managers and support counselors to provide emotional support to people with AIDS and or AIDS Related Complex (ARC).

A one year committment is required. All interested persons should contact Will at (608) 256-5115 by April 10th.

The AIDS Support Network is sponsored by The United.

### Support Group for Milwaukee Lesbians

The Women's Support Group Program has offered support groups for lesbians in the Milwaukee area for the last six years. The groups, held at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, center on issues of affectional / sexual preference. The goals of the program include providing supportive, safe and nurturing environments for lesbians to share together their triumphs and struggles.

The affectional preference groups initially offered through WSGP were Free Space and More Space. The Free Space group provides a safe Place for women who are just beginning to question and explore their

sexual / affectional preference. Women who are self-defined as lesbians and feel comfortable with their lifestyle choice, join the More Space group to gain support.

Over the last 4 years, groups for women dealing with affectional and sexual preference issues have multiplied and become more diverse. In '84 and '85, special interest groups have emerged: Free Space for women under age 25, Lesbian mothers, Lesbians letting go (relationship ending), Lesbians over 40, and a group for married women dealing with coming out.

Groups are made up of eight to ten women with two trained facilitators. At present time, groups generally meet once a week, Monday through Thursday evening, and a negotiable contribution of \$2 per week is asked. For more information about the Women's Support Group Program, phone 271-2565.

### THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK Documentary

TC Films International recently announced that the critically acclaimed film "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk" is now available for showing by colleges, film societies and community groups.

"Times," winner of the 1984 New York Film Critics Award, is the powerful story of Milk, California's first openly gay elected official who, along with San Francisco Mayor Geroge Moscone, was assasinated by fellow Supervisor Dan White.

The "Times" has received unqualified raves from the critics and has moved audiences across the country with its message of hope from a compassionate and committed gay activist whose life made a difference for many people. Harvey Milk's determination and spirit touched not only gay people, but also a coalition of blacks, latinos, senior citizens, and Asians, which proved that cooperation can change peoples lives.

The film can be used in many contexts and situations to educate the community while raising money and consciousness in a positive life affirming manner. The rental rates for the film vary depending upon the specific showing — from \$500 against a percentage of the gross receipts for large entertainment bookings, to a flat fee of \$200 for restricted classroom use. The company will be happy

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Steph: Happy Easter, I'll always love you. Thanks for everything!

Lisa: Heard you were taken hostage by a cult of coke smoking, pussy lickers in Jamaica. The Boys in 409

Lisa: If you ever have that much oral sex again, your lips may fall off. Your OB/GYN

Jennifer: Heard you wanted "The Big Bamboo"

The Splinter Queen

Lisa: Is it true "pussy juice" neutralizes "coke throat"? Jennifer

To The Best "Known" Book Store: Where are the new gay magazines and videos? Now that your "legitimate" isn't gay money good enough for you? Irate

Danny (Racine): Did they share you too?
His Past

Charlie & Jim Swimm: Brotherly love and friendly threeways. Auugh . . . a friend of four

To The Phoenix Girls: Speak up girl, what was that you said? Miss who, girl. Yes we know who the girl is, don't we?... Sinceraly, Bitch

Miss Laurie Girl: Are you coming out or not, I mean . . . come on in girl, the water is fine. . . Love ya, your Buddy S.M.

Geviers: Happy eight weeks, it's been a slice all the way, and hopefully many more pieces to come. CUM

Love you, Punky

Who Is Erika Stevens: "What's Love Got To Do With It?" Midnite

B.J.: I still see girls on swings. . . Delago, P.S. Not my aisle

Rump Roast Emma: A star is reborn! (and it's only the beginning) Mom. Directoress

BJ Hudson: Garble, garble, garble, ha ha Blanche! Lip Sync Crowd

Stella: Coming Soon! The World Premiere of "Sound of South Oklahoma!" A nun in a grass skirt and cowboy boots

Mole: My board's lighting up, but if she doesn't come up with something better than uneda biscuit and a cup of soup, you call me back.

Your Royal Rudeness

Mike and Chuck (Who's): Thanks for everything! We'll waitress for you anytime! 219 on Tour

Mom:... And then he unbuttoned my blouse — without buying me a shot! Mom Girls, Girls: Watch for the stairway to the skul

Cora Mae: Where's the gun rack! Curious

To Steven & Steven: We love you!La

Cage

Dear Abbey Rhodes: We miss you alot! Call Mrs. Squigmund. Midnite

Miss La Cage 84-85: Almost time for a new crown! Samantha

Mr. Z: Welcome home, daddy 'O. I'm not saying you've been gone a long time — but I hope you're the right guy I picked up at the airport.

Love, Mr. Clay

Greg: Happy First . . . you made this the happiest year of my life. I'm looking forward to the many years ahead. Love, John

Chris (Christina, Darling): It's friends like you that make life more interesting! Keep smiling — things will get better! Earl (Earlitta, Roxanne) P.S. No more wire hangers, EVER.



Alan Wood, former Milwaukeean, now living in Green Bay was caught in Milwaukee

# Graffiti

(Syphilus): Who is your diseased mouth spreading lies and rumors about this week? A disbeliever

Wilma: Can Franky come out and play? I want to try out my new toys on him...Appleton Sister

Steve: Roses are red, give them to mom, now you found Alan, but what about Tom? Curious

Bill and Polly: What will the neighbors think? You're ruining our reputation. Is there a Madam in the house?

Neil (Oshkosh): You taught many in your day ... wanna teach me? You Know Who

Brenda (Golden Basket): I want the dijon! Drunk, but still got class

Editors: I lost my virginity, can you help me find it? Shy or Defenseless

Rick: Are you going to use your attitude at Macs (just like you did at 1101)? We hope so, we'd love to see you get fired again. Your Unadoring Public

Bob, John, Danny, Steve, Allan, Tom: Care for seconds on lasagne? I'll even burn the cheese for you. Chef Allan

Mr. Essaness: How's life in the closet?
Who's going to grease your hanger this week?

Appleton Theater Goers

Paul: Celebrate your birthday in style. Many happy thanks to know you and blow out your candle. Brother, Alan

John (W. Rankin): When are you and your upstairs neighbors having a waterbed party?

Rick: Would you please pad your headboard. Those all night sessions are keeping me awake, too. Insomniac Roommate

Andy (1101): When's the first barn party. I have cabin fever.

Anxious

BA to Hitchhiker: Snow abounds and makes it rounds — too bad the hornet is dormant.

Need A Starter

Alex & Rick (1101-Room 112): April Showers, Bring May Flowers. Lost your flowers in the shower. Staff of Exel Inn

Bill & Frankie: Thanks for "you casa, mi casa, you casa."

Little Chute

Alan (1101): You're oral fixation is cleaning out the fridge — please find a sublimation or a Hardee's inclination. Roomies Wilma & Frank: Thanks for letting me dwell at the "Palace." Love ya, Rick

Rick (1101): How can you cook a turkey, when you're not. Stuffed

Older Sister: Your little sister is very honest and a real man of distinction. Big Chute

My Other Half: A man of aggression and a man of direction is absolutely entranced with an Aztec glance, his name is Nance. Love ya, Little Chute Express

Daddy: You left me here all alone with no carrots in the fridge, and now the storm knocked out the power and heat. . . I'm going to court and get you for being an unfit parent.

Love anyway, Pauly Cotton

Bill A (427): Now that you're old and jolly . . here's someone named Polly — at your age — sex is nothing new. . . 'cuz we can all hear the things you do. Quiet Down and Hold the Fort on Orchard Court

Polly: We hear you're getting your jollies, we hear and hear and hear and we hear, because you are near! Need a Key?

Morgan Mae: Had your coffee yet? Hope so, 'cuz I love you.

Little Chute

Little Chute's Other Half: From the old song . . . going to the chapel and gonna get married — I.L.Y. Rick

Freddy: Please be nice to me ... I can only run so long and at 172; whoops — 173,000 miles, I'm getting tired! Good Old Ford

Shari: Give her up! She's no good, what a double woman! Save yourself. A Friend

Debbie: Thank you for the hospitality! Hope to see you soon. Lori

Jonezy: I'm glad you could find the expreshway! Love you, Patti

Cuddles: Snuggles loves you and misses you. How about dinner?

No Strings

Ms. Bleak Log: Honestly, I just can't run like I used to.

Juicy J

**Dwane & Jerry:** I thought only adolescent teens dressed alike. Am I wrong? Ex-Patron

Doris: Just how much gas DOES your tank hold? Frustrated Caller

Lucy: Why are you so short? Big Boy

Gary: Happy Easter, Best To You Always
— Start Shopping — Good Luck TJ & SK

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to help groups identify strategies for cooperation with university and local gay groups to help program the film in your area. Call 212-807-1877 collect if you have any questions, or write: T.C. Films International 15 Van Dam St., New York City 10013.

Lesbian Gay Awaranass Waak March 25-30

### Romanovsky and Philips in Stevens Point and Milwaukee

A dynamic duo known as Romanovsky and Phillips hit both the UW campuses in Stevens Point (Tuesday, March 26, 8pm, Encore Room U.C.) and Milwaukee (March 29, 7:30pm, UWM Union Wisconsin Room) with their entertaining evening of music, laughs and spontaneity.

Marked by frequent performances from coast to coast, the two do an openly gay show, to constantly glowing reviews, and the release of their first album, "I Thought You'd Be Taller" on their own label, Fresh Fruit Records.

Without aspiring to be a comedy team, the Continued on page 12 b

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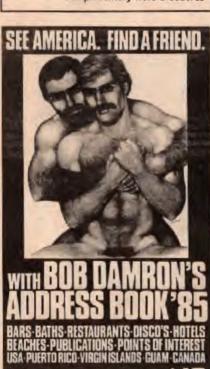
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duo soon developed a following for their witty and Insightful songs about the joys and absurdities of being gay.

Although once critic desbribed them as the "darlings of the gay cabaret scene," Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips prefer to think of themselves as the oddballs of the cabaret scene. Instead of molding themselves after the average torch song entertainer, they have carved out their own territory by singing about their lives openly, honestly and with humor.





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Along with Carrie Barton and Cam Davis, a non-traditionalist of Women's music and a pure-true rocker, Tret Fure will round out the six.

Tickets are avilable at the Stevens Point Area Co-Op, Campus Records and Tapes and the Women's Resource Center. Advanced tickets are \$10, \$13 at the door. For more ticket info and locations call 715-346-4851.

### Robin Tyler at UW Milwaukee

On top of all the other events scheduled to hit Milwaukee's U.W. Lesbian and Gay Community during their Awareness week activities, Lesbian feminist comic Robin Tyler performs Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 pm in the U.W. Milwaukee Union's Wisconsin Room.

Since going on her own as a monologist in 1978, Tyler released her first solo album, "Always a Bridesmaid, Never a Groom," on Olivia Records. She appeared on television on "The First Annual Funny Women's

Show" with Phyllis Diller. She continued to play colleges and concerts, and in 1985 released her 4th album, second solo one, titled "Just Kidding."

She is also the Producer of West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival, and The Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival, which yearly attracts thousands of women to gather together. As well as being the keynote speaker at the San Francisco, New York and Dallas Parades, she was emcee for the National March on Washington.

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# Thoughts From The Labyris by Sis

# The Politics of Women in Leather

So, what I want to know is . . . where ARE all the leatherwomen in this fair city of Milwaukee? Come now, ladies . . . I know you're out there. I even know who a few of you are! But I know that, in a city this size, there just have to be more of us!

Oh sure, I see little vestiges of the love of leather around town, pants here, a vest there, a jacket or two. But where are those women who have an on-going affair with that most aromatic and sensual of hides?

I mean, every time I'm out and about in my leather, I am the recipient of an endless stream of compliments, ranging from admiration to proposition.

I have formulated a few of my own theories through experience. One is the obvious obstacle of the prohibitive cost of leather that is of any real quality. It is expensive. I've seen many women obviously dressed well enough to make it apparent that money isn't the barrier.

My opinion is that a large part of what keeps people in general away from leather is the mystique surrounding it, and the image it projects. I have several reasons for believing this:

First, let's explore the nature of leather, itself. It has its own distinct aroma, and the feel of it as a snug-fitting second skin, the suggestive look of it. It is primal, therefore, capable of invading our secret fantasies, and playing havoc with our carefully created sense of what's proper and what's taboo.

Secondly, traditionally leather has been the chosen gear of cowboys, motorcylce cops and bikers, for its intrinsic value of affording protection against the elements, and in the case of an accident, protection from lacerations. Therefore leather has become associated with all these "roughneck" types who, in the eyes of our parents, were not exactly ideal role models for their growing children. Not to mention the fact that we all know leather is not very "ladylike." This latter idea is now rather out moded in view of the wide range of tailoring and styles available today.

Even though, due to the punk / new wave / breakdance fashion influence the

availability and acceptability of leather has proliferated greatly. There is still one more rather significant attitude that exists towards leather, especially in the gay society. This is the idea and the implication that (yes, I'm really going to talk about this) anyone who is quite heavily into leather also engages in "leathersex" as it has come to be known. It is more commonly known, in its more complex, creative and experimental forms as Sadomasochism, or S&M.

This attitude was something I was familiar with but didn't actually have any direct experience with until just the other evening, and it amuses me to no end. My lover and I were out at a woman's bar talking with some women, when one of them, her confidence buoyed by a few cocktails, admitted that she had always been a bit uneasy around either of us, because of the way we dressed. It wasn't that she didn't like it — she was just afraid that because we were into leather, we must also be into other things that she considered "kinky."

She actually asked which one of us had the "whip marks." Amused, I asked her what she thought it was we did for kicks. Her thoughts were pretty much along this line: We went home to our penthouse apartment with some poor soul we picked up, and then proceeded to ingest large amounts of cocaine and hallucinogenic drugs, under the influence of which we'd bound and whipped this unfortunate person. At the peak of the frenzy, we then tossed this screaming heap of humanity out the penthouse window and proceeded to indulge in an orgy of wildly uncontrolled sex.

We were both highly amused. She seemed disappointed when we told her that our thoughts were tuned more to out-fitting the new canoe we just bought, and that we could hardly afford cocaine in any significant amounts since a good deal of our money went into the rent and upkeep of our lower East Side flat.

I am not implying here that no one that wears leather is into S&M, as I know many are, and that leather plays a large part in that whole scene. However, I would like to break the stereotype and stress the fact that taboos are what we allow them to become, an integral part of our lives as we are willing

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Books Bros. is the best legitimate bookstore in town, while others, such as Caesar's, Centurian, and Speedway offer something more than just books and video. The aptly named Stables is supposed to be a bath, but sleazzy describes it best.

Arizona's two publications, gay-oriented, are Western Express and The Observer, and are available at many of the bars.

I usually stay at the Sheraton Pueblo Inn, which is not particularly close to the bars. which are spread out over a large area, but has good rooms and a great swimming pool. Incidentally, a car is very necessary in rambling Tueson. For casual straight dining. Bobby McGee's Conglomeration, Carlos Murphy's, El Adobe, LaFuente and Palamino's are reasonably priced. For excellent and expensive dining, gourment style, try Charles Restaurant, the Gold Room at the Westward Look Resort, or the Tack Room at Rancho Del Rio, Bentlev's House of Coffee and Tea is a fun little mixed place where you can pig out on desserts.

Besides Mission Szn Xavier del Bac, visitors should be the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum for living animals and plants, the Pima Air Museum, Colossal Cave, Fort Lowell Museum, Old Tucson, and cruisy campus of the University of Arizona.

In addition to all the sports to be found in a desert resort area, Tucson offers horse racing, greyhound racing, and hot air baloon rides. Nearby are Sabino Canyon, Saguarro National Monument, Kitt Peak Observatory, Tomstone and Nogales...just across the border in Old Mexico.

So, if you're looking for a place in the sun, leave the wintry weather behind and try Tucson. Since it's "Cowtown days", Tucson has had a phenomenal growth rate and now boasts a metro population of over half a million. About this time of year, when much of the nation is blanketed with snow (or mired in mud), Tucson is usually basking in sunshine.

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During the last century, mining camps sprung up with the discovery of gold, and today ghost towns dot the surrounding countryside. Just eighty miles south of here is historic Tombstone, where once Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday and Bat Masterson fought it out with Cochise and his flerce warriors. Gunfire no longer blazes at the OK Corral, but memories will live forever.

Naturally, the bar scene is best on week-

ends, and don't forget Arizona bars close up tight at lpm. The Joshua Tree has been a long time favorite. There is a disco in front, and the cruisy Back Pocket in the rear. The Fineline has three floors, including a street level disco, Dicks, a pseudo leather bar in the basement, and the B.F.R. (Big Fucking Room) for lounging and shows upstairs. Rita's Rendezvous has a disco and features a popular brunch on Sundays.

Colette's West is very popular with younger women, while Ruby's attracts more mature ladies. One of the oldest gay bars is the Graduate which does especially well during the cocktail hour. They get an interesting mix of Latinos, midnight cowboys and older guys. The new, and most promising bar in town is Tramps. One side has a disco, while the other is a cruise bar which attracts some hot-looking cowboy types. They plan to open a restaurant a couple of doors down in the future. The Congress, downtown, gets what ever is left over, but is not heartly recommended. Continued on page 35.



The Mission San Xavier Del Bac, typical of mission style architecture in Tucson.



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to let them be. Opinions, attitudes, and especially, fears built on misinformation can not only be dangerous, but can also lead to embarrassing situations or needless anxiety.

Just as we do not want to be judged by non-gays in a stereotypical opinion of what "gays are supposed to be," so we should accord the same lenience of pre-judgement and ignorant bias toward those of us who choose to dress in leather (or whatever else strikes their fancy).

I hope that, for those "closet leather-lovers" who have fantasized about strutting
their stuff in some tight-fittin' leather pants
or for those who enjoy that slightly sweaty
feeling a snug leather vest gives, but who
have been too oppressed to do so, that these
thoughts have expelled some of your fears.
For those of you who love leather but whose
only hangup is the cost, the best I can do is
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# Steppin' Out

Ron Geiman

Just a forewarning, nothing that occured after March 13th is in this column, deadlines, — ya' know, so there wasn't really alot for me to do, or to write about for this issue. Not many pictures, either, but then there are always plenty that didn't get run in past issues that we can finally run.

The Danceteria, Milwaukee's new after hours juice club opened its doors Friday March 8th, to a nice "preview" crowd, but was slow on Saturday, and then picked up again on Sunday. Cover charges are out for card holders. Seems the ad that appeared in InStep last issue didn't state the cover was just for non-members. Nice place - big, and new lights are on their way, so after hours dancing will be even more enjoyable. I was there opening night, and I had just got done saving to a friend, "I wonder how much longer before the cops show up?" - when about 3:15, in walked two officers, who talked to the doorman and manager, and after a few questions, left. The static I used to feel when I'd see cops in the bars wasn't there. Was it I urge you to read the article in the Briefs Section on the AIDS Antibody Test that is now being used across the state, and nation. We urge you NOT TO TAKE THIS TEST, but if you insist on doing so, do it thru a gay clinic such as BEST in Milwaukee or the Blue Bus Program in Madison. If the testing is kept within our own community, and there are safeguards for your anonymity, then, you could THINK about having it done. No sense worrying yourself sick if the antibodies do show up in your tests, when health officials are saying that just because the antibody shows up, DOES NOT MEAN YOU WILL GET AIDS.

So, why bother?

TIDBITS: The Queen Mother of the "Jewel" of the Hotel Washington Complex (Rodney) is vacationing in Hawaii. I'm sure we can all expect a "Lei Party" once he returns.

Another Ad error from last issue: The Mr.
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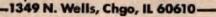
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### GET READY MILWAUKEE

Over 600 gay men and women softball players will be coming to Milwaukee the last week of August as the Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) hosts the 9th Annual Gay Softball World Series. In addition, the 1st Gay Women's Softball World Series will be held in conjunction with the men's tournament.

Plans for the 2 tournaments were firmed up at the Spring meeting of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) the national gay softball organization, which was held in Milwaukee Feb. 28-March 2nd. Over 60 Softball commissioners and other league representatives attended the meetings. In the men's division. 2 new cities- Norfolk and San Diego, were admitted to the national alliance and will join the 17 prior member cities: Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New York, Pittsburg, San Francisco, Seattle, Southern New England, Toronto and Twin Cities.

Meeting together for the first time, women representatives of member cities of NA-GAAA elected to have the first Gay Women's Softball World Series in conjuction with the men's tourney in Milwaukee. Nine cities have made a firm committment to send a women's team to Milwaukee while 5 other cities have indicated a likelihood of participating in the series.

The men's tournament will be held at Mitchell Park and will start on Wed., August 18 at 10:30 am with games between San Francisco and New York (the only two participating teams in the 1st Gay World Series) and Dallas and Long Beach. Games will continue throughout the day on both diamonds and the official

opening ceremonies will be held on Wednesday evening at 7pm. The men's and women's teams will all participate in the opening ceremonies. Following the ceremonies, the Milwaukee team will Play the featured game of the day against the Dallas-Long Beach winner. Games are scheduled through Sunday, Sept. 1, when the semi-final and final games will be played.

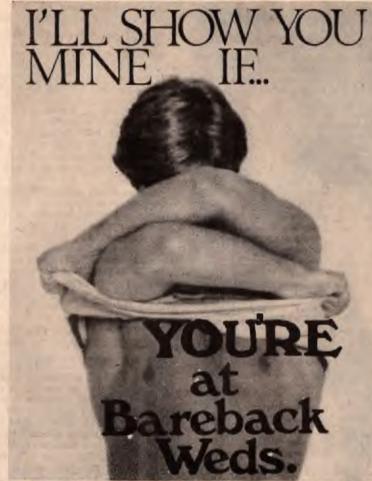
The women's tournament will start on Thursday, Augst 29. Games will be held at West Milwaukee Park from Thursday through Saturday and the women's semi final and final games will be played at Mitchell Park on Sunday, Sept. 1. The awards banquet and ceremonies will be held on Sunday evening following the final games in the Crystal Ball Room of the Marc Plaza Hotel.

A lot of money will have to be raised by Milwaukee's gay community between now and August to put on these tourneys. The next fund raiser for the Series will be at **The Finale** on Saturday, April 20 from 3-7pm. Finale on Saturday, and there will be food, raffles, auctions, and other suprises. Make your plans now to attend and show your support for Series IX.

### SERIES IX SPORTS CLUB APPLICATION

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music awards.)

eant will be held June 20th NOT the 29th at LaCage. The main Pageant is scheduled forJune 23rd at the Hyatt Regency.

Bobby Rivers, "Ex" Milwaukee TV Personality, well, not exactly Ex, but he doesn't have his own show "MORE" anymore, is going by the name of BOB Rivers now. He reports that Liz is still doing her hair.

Tina Turner on Entertainment Tonight said she's going for an Oscar next. She'll be co-starring with Mel Gibson in Mad Max at the Thunder Dome. During the interview she said, "I'll have one of them up there next..." treferring to an Oscar to sit next to her

Brooks Almy, who played the role of Lady Blues from Torch Song Trilogy didn't make it to opening night cast party at the M&M after Torch Songs opening, but she did show up there before she left and brought the house down on Saturday night. After the scheduled performers took a break, Brooks and the piano player worked the crowd into a frenzy for an hour and a half. She later returned for duos with the scheduled performer. Needless to say, Pa Boo was ecstatic.

The North American Gay Volleyball Association is holding its 3rd annual International Tourney in Chicago this year on the Memorial Day Weekend. This is also the first year that NAGVA will host a Gay Women's Volleyball Tourney in association with the mens tourney. Any interested teams, and especially women's teams, should contact Arthur at (312) 477-9189 for more info.

What's coming up special? How about Gay and Lesbian Awareness Weeks at both UW Milwaukee and UW Stevens Point. Check the group notes section for more info, but both campuses will offer entertainers, and lecturers the week of March 25-30. Vito Russo, author of Celluloid Closef will talk on Gay Images in Television. Russo is an eloquent speaker (so I've heard)and his articles have been published in a wide arrary of national gay publications.

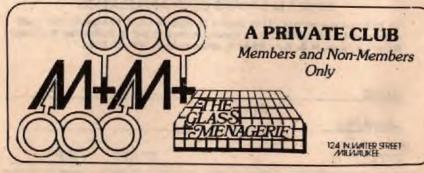
1101 in Appleton offers an entire list of events coming up: the play ONE on Friday the 22nd, Odessa Brown (the beast is back!) March 24 and the return of the \$1.98 Drag Show on the 31st.

Jo Dees in Racine is having a variety show put on by Midwest Entertainers Inc. (whoever they are), entitled "Fascination

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The hosts of the Mr and Miss Gay Continental Wisconsin Pageant coming up June 23rd are Miss M, and Michael Schmid.





Julie often stops in InStep offices to help out with typing . . . or whatever. Here she's being helped by Lisa, the InStep "mascat."



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Beyond the Alphabet." Their LipSync contest is also coming up April 14th, so get readyl

The Gold Coast in Chicago which has been around for years, owned by Chuck Renslow (also owner of GayLife newspaper and Man's Country), has been sold to Frank from Frank's Pizza Express. The new Gold Coast (it moved nearly a year ago) is located just 3 doors north of Man's Country.

Essingers reports that more and more gay people are making the 27th Street bar a frequent stop. They plan on taking out the pool table to create space for a dancefloor.

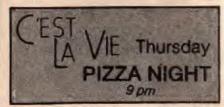
C'est La Vie manager Michael is back from Florida ( not much of a tan, must have spent most of the time in-doors or under the sheets!) stop in say hi, they open at noon dally.

Club 219 brings some hot entertainment our way again on Friday the 29th, when recording artists "JO-LO" perform some of their dance floor hits such as Last Call, Violation, Menergy, Thank God for Music and They Come Out at Night. JO LO, formerly known as the Patrick Cowley singers are out on Megatone label.

Madisons' Back East owner Cheri and staff invite you to a few of their goings on, including a Spring Break Party on the 21st, Western Night on the 28th and don't forget to get on their Milwaukee bar crawl bus trip. They'll be coming to Milwaukee on March 24th, so better sign up now!

Milwaukee's first "Daddy" contest is set for Saturday March 23rd at the Castaways. "Ohhh Daddy Daddy" will showcase some of the areas best examples of "Daddies." 35 and up? Sign up by calling Clay, or stop in and sign up.

Don't forget La Cage's anniversary celebration continues through Sunday of this week, so stop in and congratulate them on their first year, and wish them the best for the next 10.



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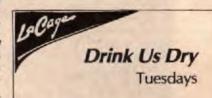
For all you fans of Sade's (SHAR-day) Hang On To Your Love, be sure to pick up the 12-inch remix of Smooth Operator (Epic). Extended from the album to 9 minutes, they give it a really HOT latin jazz ending that is incredible. Smooth Operator is the second single from the Diamond Life album. Unfortunately, Hang On To Your Love failed to break the ice on pop radio, but after Smooth Operator, you can bet that Epic records will try a re-issue. Only time and disc jockeys will tell . . .

Speaking of remixes: Arthur Baker has redone Bruce Springsteens' Born In The USA (Columbia 12-inch) and Paul Mc-Cartneys' No More Lonely Nights (Columbia 12-inch) — very good and musts for 12-inch collectors. Also, The Time's The Bird (Warner Bros.) has been remixed to a 12-inch (finally) in a trebly new version with some very unusual rhythmic edit effects borrowed from hip-hop. Interesting...

Burning up the table . . . Helen Terry of Culture Club fame has a great import 12-inch thats more enlivening than some of her last works. Now You're Mine (Virgin / U.K.) is the first of her solo records to have a real

serious hook; it has a solid Maniac beat and a very '60s-ish vocal approach. Check out Alison Moyet's Invisible (Sire Records) . . . more on this next time.

And finally...one remix I overlooked and one you should run to your nearest record store to get is Julian Lennon's Too Late For Goodbyes. Mixed by Steve Thompson — incredible and must be heard to appreciate. (WLUM is already programming this gem.) See you . . . .



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# Dance Steps

Kim Zweibohmer

### Kane and Parker Return!

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stasy offers new dance material as well-

Well, you can see Paul Parker has been busy writing material for Madleen Kane, but has managed to release his own 12-inch. Don't Play With Fire and Without Your Love (Megatone 12-inch) puts Parker back in the spotlight. Don't Play With Fire is typical Megatone hi-NRG, but the flip Without Your Love is a terrific remake of the Cut Glass classic Without Your Love. Good overall production lends way for chart-topping success and in a way, the Cut Glass remake is very faithful and almost better than the original.

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### IN STEP'S TOP DANCE HITS

Chart Courtesy of Michael Malikowski — Jo Dees Int 7.

— TOP 25 DANCE HITS —				
1)	MATERIAL GIRL / LIKE A VIRGIN MADONNA			
2)	THE MEN ALL PAUSE			
3)	OBSESSION ANIMOTION			
2) 3) 4)	PRIVATE DANCER (REMIX)TINA TURNER			
5)	SUGAR WALLS (REMIX)SHEENA EASTON			
6)	ONE NIGHT IN BANGKOK			
7)	LOVER GIRLTEENA MARIE			
8)	WHEN THE RAIN BEGINS TO FALL JERMAINE & PIA			
9)	CRAZY FOR YOU MADONNA			
10)	THIS IS MY NIGHT			
11)	PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE			
12)	HANG ON TO YOUR LOVESADE			
13)	CARELESS WHISPER (REMIX)			
14)	NEW ATTITUDE			
16)	I WOULD DIE FOR U (REMIX)			
17)	EAT YOUR HEART OUT			
18)	NEUTRON DANCE			
19)	INVISABLE (TRANSPARENT MIX) ALISSON MOYET			
20)	SMALL TOWN BOY / WHYBRONSKI BEAT			
21)	EROTIC CITY PRINCE			
22)	RELAX FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD			
23)	LOVER BOYBILLY OCEAN			
24)	METHOD OF MODERN LOVE			
25)	SEX SHOOTERAPOLLONIA 6			
- TOP 5 PICKS -				
1)	GAMBLER			
2)	EROTIC RAP FUTURE FLASH			
2)	BELLE OF ST. MARK (REMIX)SHEILA E			

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### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

La Cage - 1st Anniversary Celebration. Strip Search hosted by Steve Reid, entertainment by Danielle Thomas.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

LaCage - 1st Anniversary, Birthday Cake for all, free split of champagne if wearing a LaCage T-shirt, plus a drawing for a car ('75 Buick Convertible), and other prizes, \$1 cov-

Back East (Madison) - Spring Break Party, free drink if in swimwear.

Club 219 - Odessa Brown live in concert. \$1 door, 11:30pm Showtime.

Centry Hall - Poetry Reading by Milwaukee poet Antler. 9pm, free admission. This event celebrates the announcement that Antler's selected poems will soon be published by a division of Random House.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 LaCage — 1st Anniversary celebration, guess the top 10 videos of their first year and win a audio or video tape of those hits.

1101 West (Appleton) - AIDS Awareness Week, presentation of the play "ONE," the one-act monologue play about a man with AIDS, from his viewpoint. A benefit for Concerned.

Douglas Dunes (Douglas, Mi.) - Annual women's weekend, Sat, night entertainment,

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Castaways - "Ohhh Daddy Daddy" Contest. Call bar for info, register by 7pm.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

LaCage - 1st Anniversary Celebration, special show with "Who's No Lady Revue" with special guest stars.

Back East (Madison) - Bar crawl to Milwaukee, bustrip, call early for info and regis-

1101 West (Appleton) - Odessa Brown, live.

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

U.W. Stevens Point - Gay Peoples Union, 6th lesbian / gay awareness week kick off at The Flame, Dance sponsored by MNDC, free Beer and Soda from 8-10pm.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

UW-Milwaukee - Gay and Lesbian Community at UWM gay awareness week,

reps from press speak of "Gavs in the News," a panel discussion. Union Rm E-280. 5pm.

UW Stevens Point - Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week, "Romanovsky and Phillips," 8pm, Encore Room, U.C. Stevens

CCBA - "After Work" at M&M Club, 4 -7pm, socializing.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

UW-Stevens Point - GPU presents the film "Lianna" about coming out, 6pm, Rms. 125 A & B. U.C. Discussion follows.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Back East (Madison) - Western Night, old country and pop, Free drink if dressed

UW-Milwaukee - GLC-UWM Gav Awareness Week presents Vito Russo, author, "Gays Images in T.V.," \$1 students, \$2 Public. Union-Wisconsin Room.

UW-Stevens Point - GPU Gay Awareness Week presents an evening of song with Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Barbara Higbie, Teresa Trull, with Carrie Barton with Cam Davis, 8pm, Sentry Theatre, Stevens Point, Tickets \$10 Advance, \$13 Door.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Club 219 - Dance music recording artists JO LO perform live, showtime Midnite, \$4 advance, \$7 Door.

UW-Milwaukee - GLC-UWM presents Romanovsky and Phillips "gay cabaret," 7:30pm, Union Wisconsin Room, \$2 Students, \$3 Public.

UW-Stevens Point - GPU G/L Awareness Week Dance, 8-11:30, U.C. Fremont Terrace, Cash Bar, D.J.

Douglas Dunes (Douglas, Mi.) - April Fools Weekend Bash.

Jon Henri Damski Party - Autograph and fund raising party, \$5 donation, 8pm on at Paradise, Chicago.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

UW-Milwaukee - GLC-UWM presents feminist comic Robin Tyler in concert, Union Wisconsin Room, 7:30pm, \$3 Students, \$4 Public. Continued on page 23 \$

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AQUARIUS - JAN. 20 thru FEB. 18 - (URANUS) Relief is on its way, but so are some nasty situations that need to be dealt with. Someone should give their support. You will need all the help you can find.

PISCES - FEB. 19 thru MARCH 20 - (NEPTUNE) Its up to you to make the decisions concerning your new relationship. Getting some where is half the fun and I know you're having fun at the half way

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TAURUS — APRIL 20 thru MAY 20
— (VENUS) This is a period of health
change for you, watch your diet, eat the right
kind of foods, get lots of rest. Start up a little
exercise routine and build on it.

GEMINI — MAY 21 thru JUNE 20 — (MERCURY) You may be replacing an old friendship with a new one. This may be telling you that it is time to make a change in your life.

CANCER — JUNE 21 thru JULY 22
— (MOON) Let things come together lest you push them apart; waiting is a hard thing to do but it is the best way to solve your problems.

LEO — JULY 23 thru AUG. 22 — (SUN) Signs show progress is slow, but sure. Handle problems as they arise, above all do not procrastinate. Your goal is well within sight. Stick to your guns.

VIRGO — AUG. 23 thru SEPT. 22 — (MERCURY) Making up is so much fun, why don't you try it? The other party doesn't want to fight any more than you do. Be cautious on Tuesday.

LIBRA — SEPT. 23 thru OCT. 22 — (VENUS) Someone is putting in a good word for you, many things should begin to improve. Be thankful and make sure to show you are well worth the attention.

SCORPIO — OCT. 23 thru NOV. 21 — (Pluto) Your professional and personal life are due for some advances. Adjusting should be easy, but be prepared for some interruptions. Hard work never hurt anyone, keep it up.

SAGITTARIUS — NOV. 22 thru DEC. 21 — (JUPITER) The best way to eliminate a liability is to turn it into an asset. Stick with your idea, you just haven't told the right person about it yet. March opens many doors for you.

CAPRICORN — DEC. 22 thru JAN.

19 — (SATURN) Many tempting offers will be presented to you, Don't hold out forever, but take a little time to shop around. People are very open to your persuasions.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31

1101 West (Appleton) — Return of the \$1.98 Drag Show.

Jo'Dees (Racine) — A variety show by Midwest Entertainers called "Fascination Beyond the Alphabet."

Club 219 — Regualr Sunday night show with special guest Leslie Rejene.

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- Not only do blonds have more fun, they also have V.D.
- Remember "cross my heart and hope to die?" I would like to confess that I never meant the second part.
- . If you multiply the number of joints you

- have smoked by the frequency of the radio station you are listening to, you will get the amount of money you're going to spend at the record store.
- I always wonder when I read about "raw" sewage; does somebody really cook that stuff?
- I've never seen a terminally ill man who is working on his tan.
- A nine-year study has discovered, as many had suspected, it really only takes one to tango.
- Just because a penis operation is not a success is no reason to go off halfcocked.
- A San Francisco man is suing Campbell's Soup, claiming that a bowl of alphabet soup spelled out obscene messages to his lover. He claims the little letters formed the words "eat me" and "suck my noodle."
- In the future the speed of the earth will increase and smaller people will fly off into space.

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 I've never seen a burn with nice luggage.

 Suppose you cook roast duck and plan to serve cold duck with it. What happens if dinner is delayed? Can you serve warm Cold Duck with cold warm duck.

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