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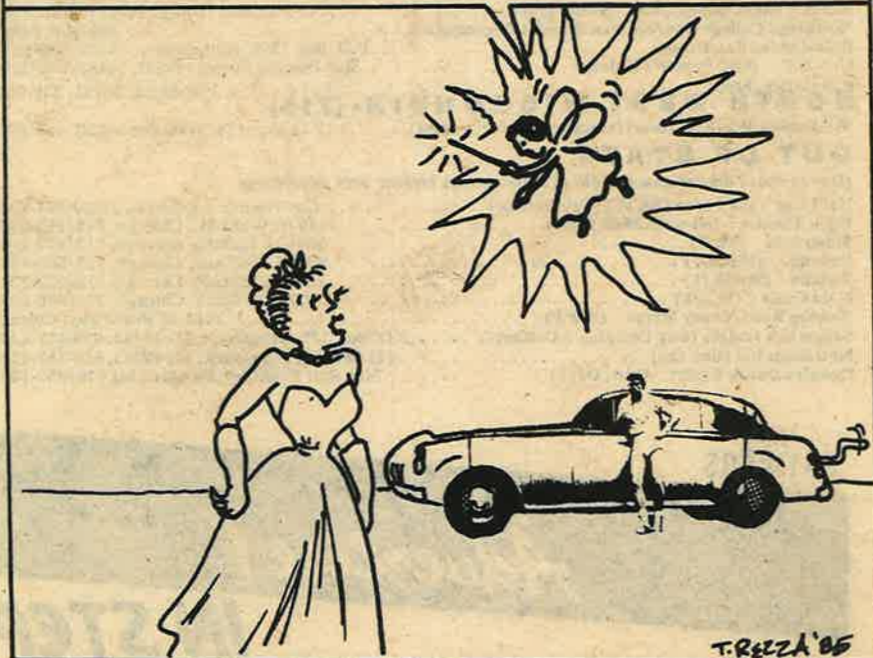
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Hudson's Case Brings National Attention

(GNIC) — News of actor Rock Hudson's yearlong battle with AIDS has focused nationwide attention on the incurable epidemic now reaching into the heterosexual population, officials for gay rights organizations said last Monday.

Washington.

'If the prominent do contract AIDS increasingly, it may further public understanding of the disease,' he said.

'The phone was ringing off the wall,' said Nate Sebastian, director of the AIDS Foundation in Houston. 'Very few people asked (for information) about Rock Hudson. They wanted to know about AIDS — if there is a test for it, what the symptoms are.'

Gay rights activists say Hudson's AIDS diagnosis could become the necessary springboard to badly needed increases in research and education funds that would speed scientific efforts toward a cure and spread the word on prevention tips until an effective treatment is found.

'We have been fighting this for a long time, trying to make the public aware this is not a gay disease. We've gotten a lot of calls about this, a lot of concerned heterosexual people were calling because a 'real' person named Rock Hudson has AIDS.'

Hudson's battle with acquired immune deficiency syndrome could prove to be 'somewhat analogous to what President Reagan is doing for colon cancer,' said Ron Najman of the National Gay Task Force in

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Pascavis Murdered

A memorial service was held July 31st for Delbert E. Pascavis, who is Milwaukee's representative to national Black White Men Together, and a past Milwaukee chapter secretary. Del was murdered in his apartment earlier that week. Over 300 people jammed St. Elizabeths church (2nd and Burleigh), many of who are members of BWMT, whose members took an active part in the memorial service. Pascavis was also the editor of BWMT's newsletter.



A 17-year-old boy was charged in his strangulation death. The boy, whose 18th birthday is only 2 months away, was accused in a delinquency petition on July 30th, of first degree murder, robbery, attempting to operate a vehicle without the owners consent, and theft. All the charges are connected with the slaying of Pascavis in his Booth Street flat.

Pascavis was found by his landlady with a telephone cord and a torn bed sheet around his neck. The boy also attempted to steal the victim's car. The victim lived at 2341 N. Booth Street. The boy was arrested based on information supplied by neighbors who had seen him in the area.

BWMT. That award, if it can be retrieved from his estate, will be turned into a memorial award, to be presented yearly, according to spokesman Alyn Hess.

The Milwaukee Chapter of BWMT last year gave Pascavis its Hospitality and Friendship award for representing the true spirit of

A larger community memorial service is tentatively planned for BWMT's regional convention in October.

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'I hope (Hudson's case) will make more people in the country realize that anyone of any caliber can contract the disease,' said Mark Segal, publisher of the Philadelphia Gay News.

Holly Smith, Public Affairs Coordinator for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said Hudson's diagnosis has raised much concern in a city known for its large gay population.

'We look at it from primarily two different levels,' she said. 'One, it's a tragedy for any person who has been diagnosed as having AIDS. It's a catastrophic illness and it's very sad to hear that Mr. Hudson's diagnosis has been confirmed.'

'But on the other hand, perhaps because a major celebrity has AIDS it can help in providing information to the general public about risk reduction and prevention.'

'In reality, information is the best defense against AIDS. Education prevention is our vaccine for AIDS — since there is no medical vaccine nor a medical cure. So we're looking at the potential positives.'

'In a human sense, however, this gentleman is suffering and our hearts go out to him.'

Dr. Neil Schram, chairman of the Los Angeles City-County AIDS Task Force, said people try to deny that they're at risk for AIDS. But he thinks Hudson's AIDS diagnosis will focus new attention on the 'vulnerability' of all men, women and children to the immune system disorder.

'For the general public, this may be the closest contact they've had with AIDS,' added a spokesman for L.A. Cares, an AIDS educational program.

'Hopefully, as terrible as it is for him (Hudson) and everyone around him, this will emphasize the vulnerability of everyone to AIDS.'

Jim Sharp, a 35-year-old New York AIDS victim, agrees.

'As horrible as (Hudson's case) is, it is the break AIDS victims have been waiting for,' Sharp said. 'But he has had AIDS for a year, why couldn't he have helped earlier? Why did he have to hide and sneak off to Paris? He could have done more.'

Blood Centers: Gay Community 'Very Cooperative'

Relatively low percentages of donated blood in Wisconsin have shown AIDS antibodies during mandatory screening of all blood donated to the Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin.

Only 59 out of 28,489 units of blood donated to that center during the period of March through June 30th showed the HTLV-III antibody. A required second independent test conducted on the 59 'tainted' units showed only six of those showed positive results.

The test does not show if someone has the disease AIDS. It is only designed to show whether that person's blood contains the antibodies — an indication the person has been exposed to AIDS. It does not determine if they will develop the disease.

Spokesmen also said the low proportions of donated blood containing the antibodies reflected a 'cooperative, responsible gay community whose members had been encouraged not to donate blood.' Blood center spokesman said, 'The Gay Community has been very cooperative since the start of this.'

United Way Accepts First Gay Member

NEW YORK (GNIC) — The Greater New York Fund/United Way approved the acceptance of SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) as a member agency, it was announced last week by Harvey Newman, Associate Executive Director for Agency Relations of the Fund.

'As a voluntary health and social service organization serving New Yorkers, SAGE meets the requirements for admission to the Greater New York Fund/United Way,' said Mr. Newman. 'SAGE, as a member agency, will participate in the Fund's annual grant program, which now includes over 400 health and human care agencies in the city.'

'This decision . . . is important to SAGE in two ways,' said Ken Dawson, Executive Director of SAGE. 'First, the funding will help

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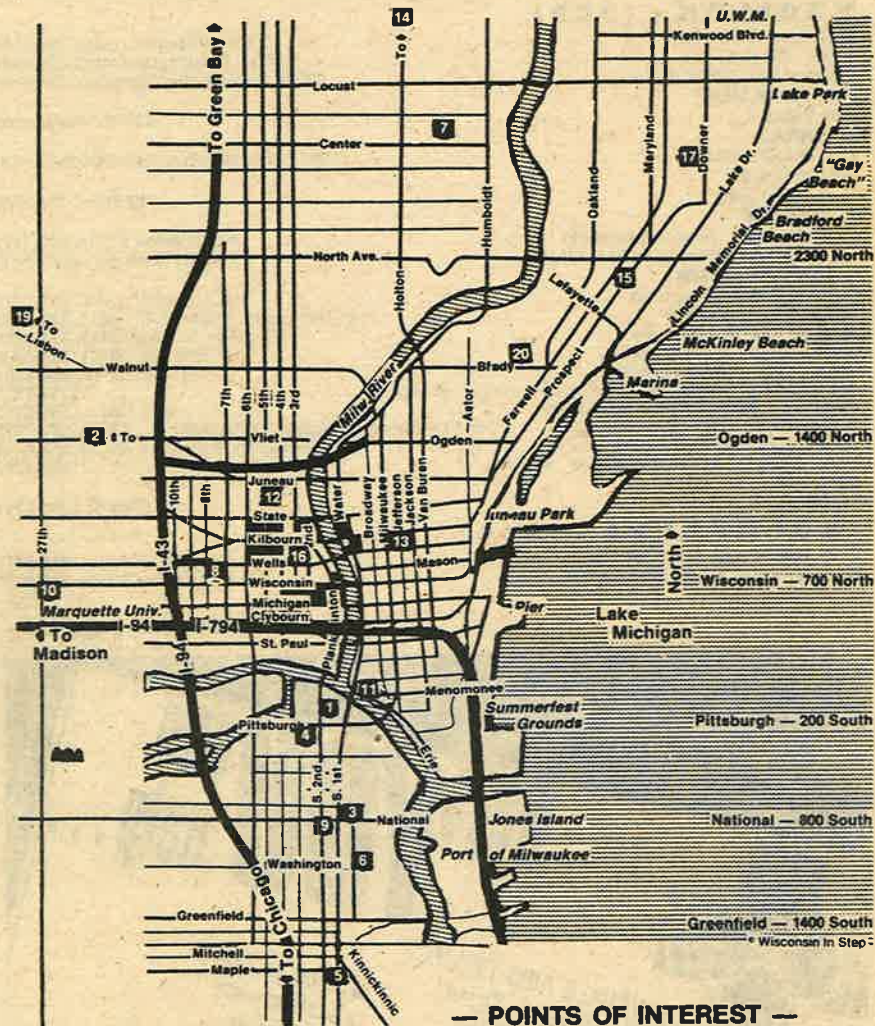
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(W. Kilbourn Ave. between N. 4th and 6th)
- Milwaukee Public Museum**
(W. Wells and N. 7th Sts.)
- Mitchell Park Conservatory (the Domes)**
(600 block south on S. 27th St.)
- Riverside Theatre**
Wisconsin At The River

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support our services to older gay men and women throughout New York City. Actually, it was a special allocations grant from the Greater New York Fund/United Way, along with a similar grant from the New York Community Trust that allowed SAGE to hire its first professional staff in 1980. Since that time we have been able to expand our program to include services to 500 seniors each month. Along with our professional staff, we are proud of the work of 225 volunteers who are an active part of our program.

'In addition, membership in the Greater New York Fund/United Way is an important recognition of SAGE's credibility among New York's social service community. SAGE is the first gay organization in New York to become a member agency of the United Way. To my knowledge, we are also the first gay United Way member on the East Coast. I congratulate the Fund for its pioneering support,' said Mr. Dawson.

SAGE is a social service agency offering a variety of professional and volunteer services, all of which are free and confidential. SAGE is located at 208th St. in Manhattan and can be contacted at 212-741-2247.

New Belle Glade Study

BELLE GLADE, FL (GNIC) — A team of researchers from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta will try to discover why the small town of Belle Glade has the highest AIDS rate in the world.

The Miami News said Saturday the Florida team of doctors that first discovered the high rate of AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, have blamed the squalid living conditions in the community for the problem.

The AIDS virus destroys the body's immune system and victims die of a variety of illnesses.

The state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services announced that the CDC researchers from Atlanta will begin their study some time next month, the News reported.

The CDC team appears to be interested in examining the high number of Belle Glade victims who do not fit the usual AIDS profile of male homosexuals, hemophiliacs and intravenous drug abusers, Mark Whiteside, a

physician with the Palm Beach County Health Department was quoted as saying.

Statistics show that some 19 percent of the Belle Glade victims do not fall into those groups, a level nearly four times the five percent rate registered nationally.

Cases of AIDS in Florida are increasing faster than in any other state, Whiteside said. Currently, there are 701 cases statewide. An earlier study of Belle Glade showed 37 AIDS cases there.

Whiteside said he is concerned the CDC study will focus on sexual transmission of the disease and not on the environmental conditions the Florida researchers believe to be the cause of the high rate in Belle Glade.

'Our focus was environmental factors, their focus is heterosexual transmission,' he said. 'I've never been convinced AIDS has ever gone from a woman to a man.'

Carolyn MacLeod, also part of the Florida Department of Health study, said she feels 'a little bit of resentment' toward the CDC for ignoring the direction of the research.

Belle Glade, she said, needs action, not another study.

Students Defend Gay Teacher

LEBANON, PA (NY Native via GNIC) — Students, parents, and staff at Lebanon's Cedar Crest High School have come to the defense of Rick Lee Thompson, an openly gay teacher who has been charged by local police with indecent assault and involuntary deviate sexual intercourse after a ninth grade boy claimed Thompson attacked him in April.

The arrest triggered angry protests from students, who insist that Thompson's competence as a teacher and behavior toward students have been exemplary. Student response culminated in an hour-long walk-out from school in late May to show support for Thompson. Cedar Crest Principal Joseph Hartman and School Superintendent Robert Maurer expressed support for the student action and promised the school 'will not institute disciplinary action' against the students.

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Group Notes

Gay Men and Lesbians, 55 and Older

Previous research in the gay / lesbian community has indicated a preference for retirement housing and long term care facilities which are homosexually oriented. To elicit more detailed and accurate information concerning interest in such facilities for older lesbians and gay men, a nationwide survey is being conducted by Dr. A.J. Lucco, Fellow in Geriatric Medicine at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Gay Men and Lesbians who will be at least 55 years old by the end of the current calendar year are needed to complete an anonymous, self-administered questionnaire which asks for demographic data as well as opinions in regard to retirement housing options and preferences. If you qualify and are willing to participate, please contact A.J. Lucco, M.D., The Beacham Center, 5200 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

Organizations willing to distribute questionnaires are also asked to reply.

The study is being funded privately by the principal investigator. Results will be compiled and made available to gay / lesbian organizations around the country which are interested in developing retirement facilities for older lesbians and gay men.



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Rural Gays -

'Socially Isolated'

The relatively new Rural Outreach Project, formed with a grant through Madison's United, has achieved some of its early goals . . . to find rural gays and lesbians in south-central Wisconsin and survey their needs. A mailing list of approximately 60 people has been established so far, and hopefully, the numbers will continue to grow.

According to project representatives, the most frequently mentioned need heard from the counties is that of more social contact among one another. There seems to be a real sense of social isolation, and as a result, a newsletter has been developed to assist people in communicating with one another.

In time, it is possible that rural networks can be developed to act as informational exchanges and social outlets, for those that live in extremely rural areas, or find it inappropriate to be open in their small towns.

Rural gays also seem to be unaware of the gradual but steady growth of a gay and lesbian culture, even in Madison. This also shows their needs to be information exchanged between the cities and the rural areas, not just rural and rural.

The network is also trying to identify other areas of needs people in rural areas may have, besides the issues surrounding social isolation.

Help is also needed in reaching new people. Those gays and lesbians that you do know in your area, should be made aware of the Rural Outreach Project. The project is also considering putting Rural Outreach ads in small town weekly and daily newspapers to try and reach those that are unaware of either the project, or the gay cultures that are blooming in Madison and Milwaukee.

For more info contact the Rural Outreach Project, PO Box 310, Madison Wisconsin 53701. Donations always accepted.

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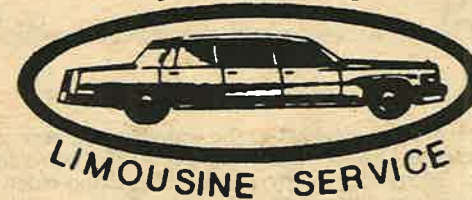
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Letters

To InStep and Ronald Burbey,

Sorry to take up space and write again, but I'd like to answer the letter written to me from Ronald Burbey, Comm. SSBL. I was very upset. First of all, he totally overreacted to my letter. All I did was ask where all the money goes. If a person gives money somewhere, he usually likes to know what it's being used for. I had no idea things cost that much. Making under \$9,000 last year, \$20,000 is a lot of money to me. And where was I gossiping? I just asked where the money goes and gave my opinion that people care more about good time baseball than disease.

To clear my good intentions, I am a member of NGTF and GRNL for which I paid the standard amount although I guess I'm almost low income. I've given direct donations to AIDS and Best Clinic. I paid \$25.00 to join SSBL and have gone to a couple benefits. And I give to the Democratic Party and Red Cross and organizations that fight hunger throughout the world. I'm sorry I don't have time to get involved. I work 50 hours a week at least.

As for the players having to pay, I heard that from one of the players in the league.

I asked a simple question of where the money was going because I had no idea. I try, and I think his answer to me was unfair.

Tom

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The Arts

by Kevin Michael

'Cocoon'

Director, Ron Howard, the 30-year-old actor-director, we remember as Opie on 'The Andy Griffith Show' or Ritchie on 'Happy Days' hit the bulls-eye with his summer hit 'Cocoon.' This is his third film and he shows us depth and insight and real promise as an up-and-coming director.

The cast he has assembled is superb. Among this selection of stellar performers one can hardly choose as to who is best. These are experienced actors for the most part who have developed their craft to an art and relish that which they can create. Enjoy doing it and make us too enjoy the experience of sharing it with them. Included are Jack Gilford, Don Ameche, the wonderful acting duo of Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy, Maureen Stapleton, and musical comedy star, Gwen Verdon.

It truly is wonderful to see those within the acting community with a wealth of experience and talent given their continued chance. We live in our own culture so directed by and at youth that the thought of being 40 is traumatic for us, let alone dealing with these oldesters. Producer, Richard Zanuck, said, 'By daring I meant it dealt with older people. That alone, would be good enough reason for most studios to reject it out of hand.' That's tragic.

However, Tahnee Welch, daughter of Raquel and Tyrone Power Jr., is no disappointment. She performs quite well first time out. Steve Guttenberg, who starred in 'Police Academy' is entertaining and at 26, one of

the younger members of the cast said that working in a film with older actors made him aware of growing older. 'I learned a great deal of patience . . . We are all consumed with immediate gratification and long-term goals are put off.'

I won't go into the plot here or spoil the effect of the film. Rather, see it for yourself and then put my thoughts about it into context.

The underpinnings within the film are many and varied. We look at the ultimate purpose of living and dying. For those with a faith vision, there also is the notion of an afterlife and the various ways that each of us approach that issue.

A truly moving scene for me was the reconciliation between Cronyn and Tandy who plays his wife in the film. The choices which he had before him and the options which he discussed with her were truly moving and showed the skill with which they are by far two of the best in the business.

I couldn't help but think about the notion of a 'fountain of youth' which rejuvenates and re-creates these old-times in their Florida retirement community. What of the question of age? It laces and cuts through our own gay society like a knife. Not long ago, I had a discussion with a 70-year-old woman who told me that many people want antiques and appreciate that which is old. Except people.

It's my belief that we in gay life many times have our values placed in the wrong area. The entire question of age is a strong one within society as a whole but within our own gay community birthdays strike fear and terror. Why is that so prevalent? I can't help but hope we're growing beyond surface impressions in dealing with and communicating with other people. At least, that's the gay society I strive to build and want to continue to be a part of. How about you? See 'Cocoon' and come to your own conclusions and decide for yourself. The value of your own life, as well as that of others, and your own continued happy existence just might depend on it!

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Magic

Tim L.: Get the front of the Accord fixed and clean out interior, all the garbage on the floor and seats won't make a good impression on yourself when you take out guests.

Your sister Bob K.

Trasha: Get over yourself - Milwaukee did.

Over Myself

Lady Dy: Some other time, Some other place.

Keep In Touch

Zeke Loves Murphy: To both of my fans and Jeff watch for our 'come dressed as your mother party.'

W.W. Wells III

W.W.: Relax!

Ron

Ruby Jones: When's the wedding?

Frankie

Girls: Love your ceiling fan.

Nel

Tony K.: I need a man in my life. Thanks for the good times.

Love, D.G.B.

Moome: Nobody will ever know just how evil you really are!!!

KA.

Buff (aka Thigs): You'd better be careful 'working the Ave.!!'

KA.

Neal: When you wanna come?

An admirer

Parakeet: We didn't even get to throw a 'shower'!!

Your Sisters

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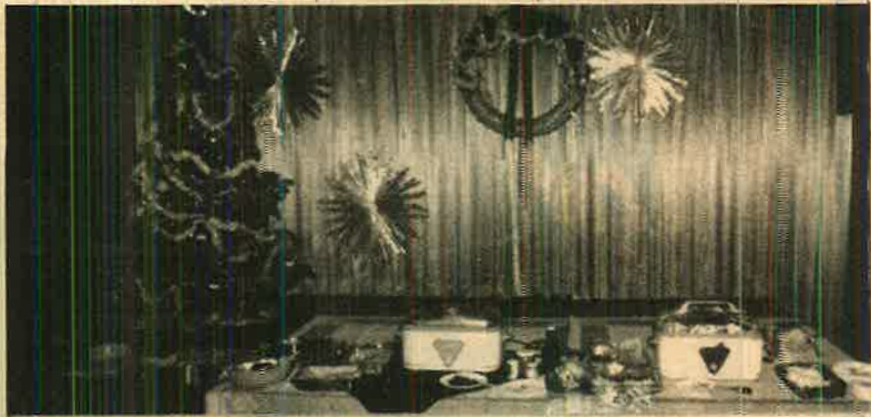
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The Ballgame had a Christmas in July party. Is that Miss Claus in her cap behind the bar, or is that Michael? You get a prize if you guess which is which.

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Anti Gay/Lesbian Violence Surveys Obtain Similar Results

In a recent comparison of seven independent anti gay / lesbian violence surveys, NGTF Violence Project Coordinator Kevin Berrill found that the results of the surveys had a high degree of correlation with one another. The similarity of results between the 1983 NGTF Violence Project Survey and six other separate surveys dramatically underscores the validity of the methodologies used for all seven projects.

The NGTF Violence Project Survey found, in addition to the data provided on the reverse side, that 20% of gay men and 10% of lesbians have been physically abused because of their sexual preference. Over 90% of the respondents reported having experienced some type of homophobia-motivated victimization. Results from the NGTF survey were used to gain support for a California bill (AB848) protecting lesbians and gay men from bias-motivated violence and harassment. The bill was signed into law last year. Earlier this year, the survey results were implemented in convincing the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to encourage its State Advisory Committees to examine anti-gay / lesbian violence.

Berrill compared the NGTF Violence Project Survey with independent surveys conducted in Philadelphia, Wisconsin, Maine, New Jersey, New York and Richmond, Virginia.

'Ban AIDS'

SAN DIEGO (NY Native via GNIC) — The Johnson & Johnson Company, manufacturer of Band-Aids, has ordered the San Diego AIDS Project to 'cease and desist' its AIDS education campaign titled 'BAN AIDS.'

In a letter dated June 25, legal representatives of the Fortune 500 company charged that the Project's use of the slogan 'BAN AIDS' emblazoned across the image of a stick-on bandage, constituted an infringement on the Band-Aids trademark. Dr. Hal Frank, director of the San Diego AIDS Project, said in a press release that the emblem

had been a big hit, particularly at the Atlanta International AIDS conference, where T-shirts featuring the emblem sold out on the first day. But he stressed the success of the campaign was not the result of the identification with Band-Aids. 'In our opinion,' said Dr. Frank, 'the success of the BAN AIDS campaign is based on the public's response to the need to eradicate AIDS as the nation's number one health danger.'

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An employee of the school said that police had expected the school administration to fire Thompson following the criminal charges, but that Hartman, who already knew about Thompson's sexuality, believed strongly enough in Thompson's innocence to only suspend him with full pay for the duration of the trial.

Police subjected Thompson's home to two searches, during which they confiscated 22 copies of CHRISTOPHER STREET, copies of DEATH IN VENICE, DANCER FROM THE DANCE, and THE HOMOSEXUAL MATRIX, and Thompson's home computer and printer. None of the items has been returned. Police pressed Hartman for names of other gay teachers and also asked whether DEATH IN VENICE or any of the other confiscated titles were available in the school's library.

A defense fund set up in the community netted almost \$800 on its first day. The money will be used to help pay the estimated \$10,000 in legal fees. Contributions can be sent to P.C., Box 160, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064.

Court Rejects Benefits for Lover

SACRAMENTO (NY Native via GNIC) —The California Court of Appeals has rejected the claim of a gay state employee that his lover of 12 years should be entitled to benefits normally extended to spouses of state employees.

The court ruled against Boyce Hinman and his lover Larry Beatty when it found that the state Dental Care Act did not discriminate against homosexuals. The Act makes a distinction solely on the basis of married and unmarried employees and annuitants, not between heterosexual and homosexual ones. Homosexuals are simply a part of the larger class of unmarried persons, to which also belong the employees' filial relations and parents, for example. Rather than discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, therefore, the dental plans distinguish eligibility on the basis of marriage,' the court ruled.

Hinman and Beatty had sought to prove that their union was equivalent to a marriage. They presented evidence showing their joint

ownership of a home, joint bank account, and their status as primary beneficiaries in each other's will and life insurance policies. But the court maintained that marriage could only be established by civil law and suggested that 'plaintiffs may achieve the reform they seek here only by attacking Civil Code 4100, which defines marriage as a civil contract between a man and a woman. We cannot change that law here.'

Harvard Adopts Pro-Gay Policy

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (GNIC) — Harvard University has adopted a new policy that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, physical handicaps or political beliefs.

The new policy adopted by the university's governing corporation, was announced Friday.

While federal fair employment law applies to the university, only two of the university's 10 faculties specifically prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, physical handicaps and political beliefs.

A campaign by gay activists over the past year prompted university-wide discussions and the university's action, said university vice president and general counsel Daniel Steiner.

'Requests from gay groups triggered a discussion of university policy and the idea of having a comprehensive university-wide statement covering all forms of discrimination emerged from those discussions,' said Steiner.

The policy adopted by the seven member corporation reads: 'Harvard University's policy is to make decisions concerning applicants, students, faculty and staff on the basis of the individual's qualifications to contribute to Harvard's educational objectives and institutional needs.'

'The principle of not discriminating against individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job or course of study requirements is consistent with the purpose of a university and the law.'

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

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Reviews . . .

Back East's Lip Sync Contest drew such a good crowd they've re-scheduled another one for August 22nd. Get your act together and try to win some cash - a \$5.00 entry fee for contestants help keep every un-talented Tom Dick & Harriet from wasting the audiences time.

Stoney's (Kenosha's female Elvis impersonator) AIDS Benefit show drew enough at the new Club 94 to enable a \$600.00 contribution to the Milwaukee AIDS Project and Chicago's Howard Brown Clinic.

We missed it, but reports indicate alot of other Wisconsinites descended upon Madison for the MAGIC picnic. Chicago even sent two busloads to party in the Mad City. The Madison Area Gay Interim Committee's Annual picnic's proceeds are distributed among various gay and lesbian organizations in the city. As of July 30th, an accounting of proceeds had not yet been completed, but the turn out was terrific . . . Enough so that Back East is sponsoring a picnic for AIDS projects in Wisconsin in conjunction with their anniversary on Monday, September 2 (more info next issue).

Both Club 219 and Wreck Room had shows to raise needed cash for World Series IX. For 219 to have a show is the norm; but you don't see too many at the Wreck Room! You can tell it's rare because even the 'Powell Family' did a number.



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LEO - JULY 23 thru AUG. 22 - (SUN) You were right about your money situation. A contract of sorts may be presented. Give it consideration. Take time for family and mate, in spite of current problems.

VIRGO - AUG. 23 thru SEPT. 22 - (MERCURY) Your special talents shine! Someone you admire invites you to a special function. Your judgement as well as your timing will be perfect.

LIBRA - SEPT. 23 thru OCT. 22 - (VENUS) Reconstruction rules. It's time to reconsider and rebuild, even if it takes you in a different direction. Scorpio assists. A free hand is yours.

SCORPIO - OCT. 23 thru NOV. 21 - (PLUTO) You will receive information that could result in a new job. Travel may even be indicated. Writing skills and persuasive powers are highlighted. Romance indicated. Sagittarius involved.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV. 22 thru DEC. 21 - (JUPITER) You will achieve on the home front as well as the office. A surprise reflects someone's feelings for you. Reunion with family member. Libra involved.

CAPRICORN - DEC. 22 thru JAN. 19 - (SATURN) Time to think ahead. Plan now for a travel trip taken over holiday period. A mysterious meeting with lover awaits. Virgo involved.

AQUARIUS - JAN. 20 thru FEB. 18 - (URANUS) Be concerned with taxes, possible increase in income. Be responsible. Added pressures are troublesome but pay off in the end. Cancer and Capricorn aid.

PISCES - FEB. 19 thru MARCH 20 - (NEPTUNE) The weight on your shoulders is removed. A change in past ways is the reason. Prestige increases with achievements. Romance highlighted with proposal offered. Aries involvement.

ARIES - MARCH 21 thru APRIL 19 - (MARS) There is someone who would steer you wrong. Practicality is your friend. The first impressions you are receiving are not necessarily correct, so look further. Watch Pisces!

TAURUS - APRIL 20 thru MAY 20 - (VENUS) Money and love are highlighted. An increase in your relationship is indicated. Commitments are met. Cancer person assists.

GEMINI - MAY 21 thru JUNE 20 - (MERCURY) In completing your latest project, you far exceed expectations. Money and love are waiting behind the scenes. Your problem solving abilities are recognized. Aries will assist.

CANCER - JUNE 21 thru JULY 22 - (MOON) You gain room to expand. A short trip is possible, along with forward progress. There is one who will aid you both in your work and on an emotional level. A Leo helps too.

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who claims to work at the Bodily Fluid Exchange. Anyone who says he was the main reason for the development of penicillin.

(Editors Note: Please remember 'Juicy Bits' is a satirical column of personal opinion. Don't take W.W. Wells Seriously — We Don't.)

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Remember, those of you who are quick to condemn or denounce: there are heterosexuals who, given the power to do so, would have it so that you could not practice the lesbianism or bisexuality that you find so pleasurable fulfilling and satisfying. Are you much better than them? We've come so far along this road. Let's not let the enemy overcome because of dissent among our ranks. Lets not push each other back into the closet in any way. Coming out the first time was hard enough.



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That brings up something I need some feedback on. Many people have complained to me that *InStep* contains too many pictures of female impersonators and they wish we'd have more 'regular people' pictures. We try not to run pictures from every show - but we do cover the 'special ones' and of course - all the pageants / contests. My policy so far has been (especially if the show is a fundraiser or benefit) - that since many of the entertainers perform 'just for tips,' that photo is their moment of glory and my way of thanking them for contributing their talents. That's the way I see it - if you feel otherwise, let me know. If the majority of you feel we shouldn't run as many, then that's the way it will be.

The Mr. and Miss Gay South Eastern Wisconsin Pageant held talent preliminaries at the Ballgame and the finals at La Cage. Congratulations to Miss Tiffany Thomas and Mr. Dave Rogers and first runner-ups Nicole and Paul. Jimmy and Michael put together an excellent show complete with Leslie Regine (Chicago's Baton) as M.C. and entertainer. Once you've seen Leslie, you can understand why she's been on TV.

The very large and talented Odessa Brown returned to Appleton for a show at 1101 West. Don't forget the 3-day Great Lakes Extravaganza and Camp-Out the 8th, 9th, and 10th at both 1101 West and Ardy & Ed's farm. See the last issue or their ad for more details - but it certainly sounds hot!

But, you'll have to check your schedule for on the same weekend the Wreck Room holds it's 13th anniversary, including their annual Street Fair / Cook-Out on Sunday, the 11th.

The Beer Town Badgers held a beer bust at the Boot Camp to raise more cash for the Series IX. If you haven't stopped in, the Boot Camp is a small, intimate butch bar with quite a collection of boots decorating the space. Can you guess what owner Si's hobby is?

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Santa slid down the air conditioning ductwork to the Ball Game's Christmas in July party where there was the usual great buffet and door prizes all afternoon. If you haven't stopped in the Ballgame lately - you'll be pleasantly surprised by all the painting and wallpapering they've done.

And M & M's extensive remodeling of the main area of the bar is finally coming to a close. I'm sure boo-boo and staff are hoping everything is done in time for the World Series. Seems, if my memory serves me right, they had just finished the greenhouse dining room when the Classic was held two years ago.

'Talents' the Thing'

This year's Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant takes an innovative departure from its usual format. The 1985 Pageant will give all contestants a chance to put their best foot forward on the Marc Plaza Stage.

Each contestant will perform a three minute musical or talent number of their choice.

The evening gown walk for Miss and the swimsuit walk for Mr., will remain as in the past. However, because of this departure, the Do Your Own Thing Walk will be eliminated.

Another innovation in the Pageant will be the limitation of fifteen contestants for the title of Miss Gay Wisconsin and fifteen contestants for Mr. Gay Wisconsin. There will be five finalists for both Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin category.

The only official entry for this year's pageant will be printed in the *InStep* issue of August 22nd, 1985.

A \$15.00 entry fee (refundable to the entrant on Pageant night) must accompany each entry form. All entry forms must be mailed to the Pageant Committee and postmark / date will determine the entrant's eligibility.

Watch the *InStep* issue of August 22nd for complete entry information and the form.

The Pageant Committee believes that this new format will give each contestant the fairest opportunity to display their best talent for competition.

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

'W.W.'s Guide to Safer Sex'

As I'm sometimes fond of saying, 'It ain't easy being easy.' That statement has never been more true than it is today. With the onset of AIDS, herpes and other social diseases, the gay man of the eighties has been forced to become more cautious in regard to the partner chosen and the activities consummated. Experts agree that a long term monogamous relationship is the next best thing to celibacy in dealing with this problem. However, the truth remains that few gay men choose to abstain from sex and fewer still know the meaning of the word fidelity. So, in an attempt to deal with the problem, I present my 'Guide to Safer Sex' . . .

1. Never go to bed with a man whose arm hair completely covers his wrist watch. There's just no telling what kind of little critters may inhabit that hairy environment. Besides, who would want to go to bed with a giant fur ball, except my hairdresser Binky.

2. Watch the quality control. Desperation hour at the bars need not always be a nightmare waiting to happen. Often times, over-indulgence of alcohol and chemicals may cause judgement to be impaired resulting in a slip of quality control. It is not unusual to wake up with someone who looks like an extra from the 'Night of the Living Dead,' and trying to figure out how on earth you could have brought someone like that home, does nothing but compound a hangover. And worse still, how do you politely, but firmly, get him out quickly and quietly, before one of your roommates awakens and tarnishes your reputation even further by making witty comments such as, 'I heard that one was born twins and the other one took one look at him and died laughing.'

Fortunately, that scenario need not be played out, if a few simple guidelines are followed:

A. Avoid people with open and running sores.

B. Beware of someone who claims to be in the running as the AIDS Poster Child.

C. Stay away from someone with a pierced nose.

3. Never attempt to operate a diesel vibrator while under the influence of alcohol.

4. Avoid certain sex and role playing games, such as 'Proctologist' or 'The UPS Man Who Must Make Deliveries In The Rear.' Instead, substitute wholesome and all-American games like 'Strip Scrabble' or 'Musical Underwear.'

5. Condoms are now recommended as an aid for safer sex. They also make wonderful party favors and can also be used as a disposable coin purse for half dollars. A friend of mine was severely embarrassed when he asked his friendly neighborhood druggist for a box of smalls.

Remember: one size should fit all, even if you have to use a magnifying glass and tweezers to put one on.

6. Handkerchiefs are no longer an accurate guide to sexual proclivity. The modern gay man has replaced them with another means of identification by the way of socks. For instance, a man wearing one left sock colored light blue, is usually into having sex with small mammals, like gerbils. An excellent pick-up line these days would go something like, 'Gee, those are real nice socks you have on.' For a complete guide to 'sock identification,' send a stamped self-addressed envelope along with a check (made out to 'cash') for \$35.00 to W.W. Wells III, in care of *InStep*.

7. Never take someone who works for Toilets-R-Us as a salesman.

8. Personal hygiene is an important factor in 'Safer Sex.'

A few tips: never wear your underwear until it hurts, and begins to smell gnarly. Change those eight-week old sheets before bringing someone home. Avoid cooking with dirt.

9. Other people to avoid: Anyone who claims to know the inner workings of the porno film industry, intimately. A person

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The Wreck Room hosted one of Series 9 first successful fundraisers, 'The Classics'



Roger Dealy, Jerrie Powell and Uncle Al

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Jock Shorts

by Tom Salszieder

The regular season of the SSBL has concluded with the **Wreck Room Wings** and **Spurs** the champions of the two division. Several make-up games from June 15 have to be replayed before the final pairings for the play-offs can be determined. The play-offs will be held on Saturday, August 10 and 17. Sunday, August 11 is a rain date for the first weekend. Games will start at 10:00 on both days. The last games on August 10 will start at 4:15. On August 17 the championship game will begin at 3:00, with the additional game, if needed, to start at 4:30. A picnic at Mitchell Park for the SSBL will follow the games.

Thanks to all the performers at the recent shows at **Club 219** and **Wreck Room** for the benefit of Series 9. Great to hear Milwaukee's City of Festival Choir. Sounding good. In upcoming Series 9 fund raisers, a lasagne dinner will be served at the **Ball Game** on Monday Evening, August 19, from 5:30 - 9:30. Cost will be \$5.00. At 10:00 that evening, there will be a show at the **Ball Game**. Contact any SSBL Manager for tickets or pick them up at the **Ball Game**. Tickets are still available for 'A Night at the Ball Park,' on Tuesday, August 27. \$20.00 includes a cook-out at the **Wreck Room**, transportation to the **Ball Park**, and a lower grandstand ticket to the **Brewer - Kansas City** game. This assumes there will be no baseball strike. We'll find that out on August 6. For tickets, send your name, address and \$20.00 check to: Series 9, P.O. Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

In a recent development, **Miller Brewing Company** has agreed to furnish beer, trophies and other incidental items for the **World Series**. Their support is much needed and greatly appreciated.

With the upcoming **World Series**, it's hard to think of bowling, but **HIT (Holiday Invitational Tournament)** will sponsor a scotch



doubles tournament on Saturday, August 10 at 7:00 at **Landmark Lanes**. Anyone interested in bowling should arrive at the alleys about 6:30 that evening to register. Also, teams and individuals are needed for the **Friday 775 Scratch League**. Contact **Bruce Thompson** or **Steve Morrison**. An organizational meeting for the league will be held on August 26th at **Landmark Lanes** at 7:00. Open bowling will follow the meeting. •

SSBL Standings

Division 1

Wreck Room Wings — 14 / 0
27th Street Danceteria — 13 / 2
Paradise — 9 / 5
Your Place — 5 / 10
Club 219 — 1 / 12

Division 2

Wreck Room Spurs — 9 / 5
Hot Legs — 5 / 8
M&M — 5 / 9
La Cage — 3 / 9
Ball Game — 2 / 10

July 27 Results

Wreck Room Wings 10 / Paradise 0
Wreck Room Spurs 7 / Finale 2
M&M 10 / La Cage 9
Wreck Room Wings 12 / Club 219 9
Finale 19 / Club 219 8
La Cage 16 / Hot Legs 15
27th Street Danceteria 11 / Wreck Room Spurs 8
Hot Legs 16 / Ball Game 7
27th Street Danceteria 16 / Your Place 15
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Thursday, August 8

Rod's (Madison) — Monthly birthday party.
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Friday, August 9

Wreck Rooms — 13th Anniversary thru the 11th, free tap beer 10pm-12pm.
 1101 West (Appleton) — 9:30-12:30, Great Lakes Extravagana and Camp Out at the Farm, preliminaries of Mr and Miss Gay Great Lakes Pageant at the bar with guest entertainers, after bar party at the farm.
 Milwaukee GAMMA — Cruise with GAMMA on the Iroquois, \$6 in advance, \$6.50 at the dock.
 Loft (Green Bay) — 3rd Anniversary celebration.

Saturday, August 10

Wreck Room — 13th Anniversary, prizes

and surprises, midnite till close.
 1101 West (Appleton) — Mr and Miss Gay Great Lakes Pageant, Part 2, 9:30-12:30 at the bar. Special guest entertainers, after bar farm party and camping.
 Brandy's (Green Bay) — Black out party.
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Sunday, August 11

Wreck Room — 13th Anniversary, annual street cook out, 4-8pm.
 1101 West (Appleton) — the finals of the Mr and Miss Gay Great Lakes Pageant, 9-12:30, special guests, after bar party and camping at the farm.
 GAMMA — Milwaukee lakefront volleyball.

Tuesday, August 13

Concerned (Green Bay) — meeting at Martha's Restaurant, 7pm.

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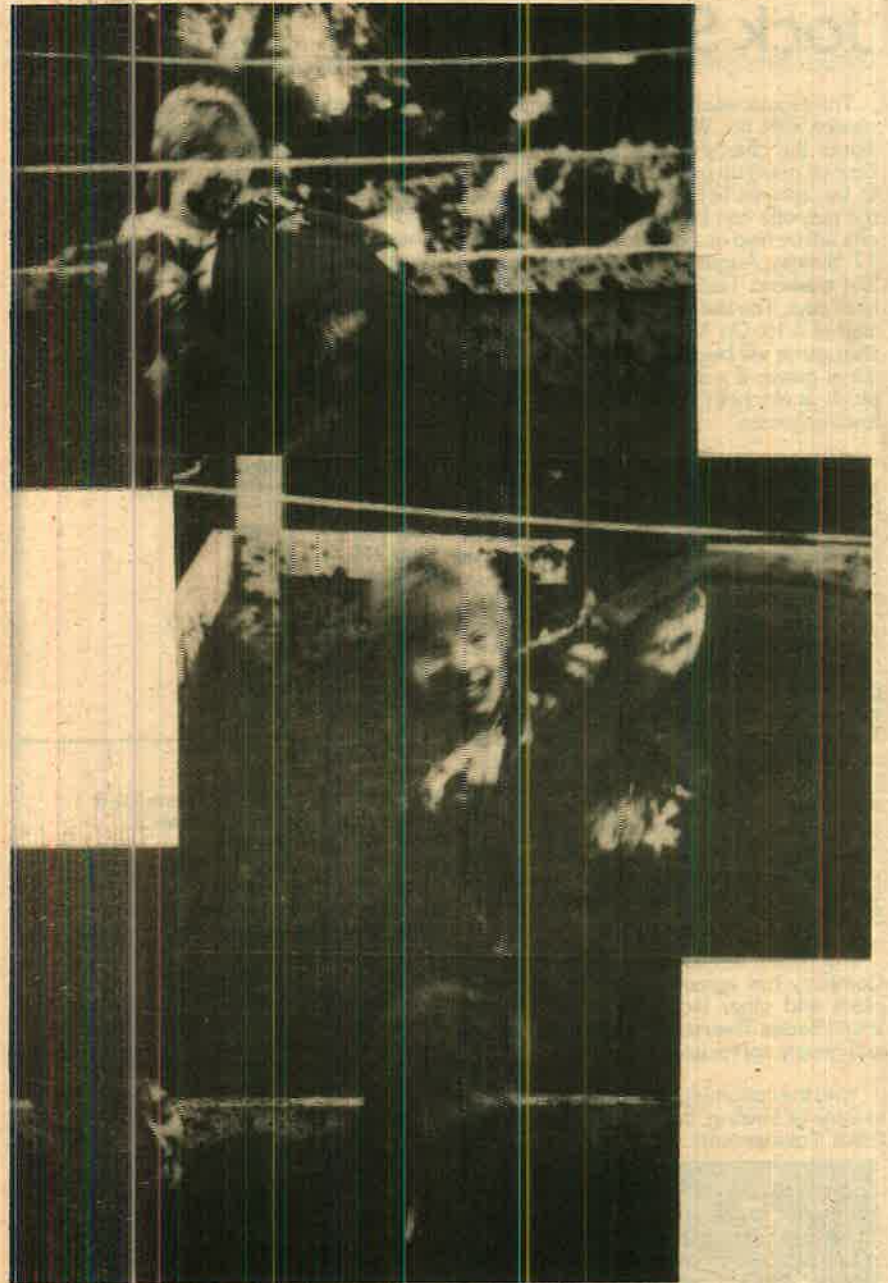
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From The Labyris

by Sis

Lesbian S / M . . . Politically Incorrect?

It all began about two years ago when the woman who really 'brought me out' even more than I already was told me during a conversation on the subject, 'You know, some people would consider the stuff we do S / M.' I pondered that for a moment, not really having thought about it before. I responded, in my typically 'sis' manner, 'So?' We talked a bit more and then the subject faded, but the strong implications of that very true statement remained in my mind.

I consider my sex life to be a private matter, known only to myself, my lover, and those I choose to confide in about it. However, there are those people (including other lesbians and supposedly 'liberated feminists') who would rather I did not engage in S / M acts that they consider 'perverted,' 'Violent,' or 'Pornographic.' Those people would be especially happy if I didn't talk about it or if they didn't have to be confronted with the reality of its existence.

The thing that amuses me the most about this fact is that some of you people reading this fit into the above-mentioned category (although publicly you would disavow doing so, claiming that the subject itself is disgusting and that you want nothing to do with it). I would suspect that you are doing so out of a strictly voyeuristic or prurient interest. Better make sure no one's watching you!

Last Month's *OUT!* newspaper contained a letter to the editor from a reader who was cancelling her subscription simply because the paper had run several reviews of some new periodicals targeting a Lesbian S / M readership. I'd like to know what it is she's afraid of. Dealing with people that have different modes of living and thinking than her own? Hers is the kind of tunnel vision that fosters intolerance like racism, sexism, and yes, homophobia. I'm sad to think that bigotry is not yet outmoded.

Everyone is definitely entitled to their own opinion. But it makes no sense to me: she hurt the financial position of the publication she otherwise enjoyed by removing her subscription, simply because it was trying to be fair and publish information that is of the interest to a great deal more people than she

would care to know about. Maybe it was her way of making a political statement, but she seems to be a bit confused on the issues. The only statement that makes sense to me is that censorship, however thinly veiled, is okay. But, in my mind, censorship, in its many subtle and varied forms, lurks everywhere, just ahead of Fascism, its most loyal ally.

I don't mean to call names, but apparently she suffers from a lack of correct information. I wonder if she bothered to find out what S / M is really about before she retaliated against *OUT!* Does she know that one of the greatest parts of the erotic stimulation derived from S / M practices stems from the state of mind of its participants?

There will always be extremists in any situation, but the mainstream of S / M practice takes place between mutually consenting, informed people who truly derive pleasure from dominant / submissive role playing during sex. **IT IS NOT PORNOGRAPHY, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,** or any other little nasty thing the Phyllis Schlafly crowd would have you believe. It IS fun, erotic, creative sex between people who have learned to test their own limits.

I wonder how many women who profess to be strictly into 'vanilla' sex would (or do) engage in S / M in one or more of its various forms, given the chance? Publicly, not many. Secretly, quite a few. If I had only known it was an option, I would have come out of the 'S / M closet' long ago myself.

I am in no way putting down vanilla sex. It can be very pleasureable. I just happen to enjoy a varied diet. The only things I cannot condone (if anyone cares) are bestiality and pederasty. I believe that sex can only be acceptable between participating parties who are significantly aware of what's going on between them. Animals and children do not comprehend what is happening to them and therefore cannot give consent as an adult can. Intoxicated persons fall into that same category. When they are too drunk or high to know what's going on, they are in no better shape intellectually than those animals and children, and should not have sex forced upon them.

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Wednesday, August 14

The New Bar (Madison) — live, Michael Lee and Peter Rooney.

Ballgame — 2-8pm, Series IX benefit Mini Raffle, Color TV grand prize, free Food.

Thursday, August 15

Club 219 — Michael Lee and Peter Rooney, live, 11:30pm.

Friday, August 16

Augtoberfest — Old World 3rd Street in Milwaukee, thru the 17th. 3rd Street between State and Juneau.

Irish Fest — ethnic festival at Summerfest grounds, thru the 18th.

Argonauts of Wisconsin (Green Bay) — Northwoods Run 11.5, an outdoor run thru the 18th.

Saturday, August 17

GAMMA — Biking on the Hoan Bridge.
Governors Council — on Lesbian and Gay issues, meets in Green Bay, at the UWGB Ecumenical Center, 10:30am.

Sunday, August 18

GAMMA — Great America Trip.
Napalese Lounge (Green Bay) — Mr and Miss Napalese pageant, call bar for info.
1101 West — Mr Michael Lee & Peter Rooney, alive and not well.

Monday, August 19

Ballgame — Lasagna Dinner / Show, benefit for Series IX, dinner \$5 from 5:30-9:30, includes free 10pm show.

Tuesday, August 20

La Cage — Miss La Cage Contest, 9:30pm sharp, over \$2,500 in cash, prizes and sponsorships. Call bar for info and applications.

Friday, August 23

Festa Mexicana — ethnic festival, summerfest grounds, thru the 25th.

Saturday, August 24

Brandy's (Green Bay) — Cookout party at Jays, bar closes at 10pm thru tomorrow.
Pendulum — Greg and Jim's Warehouse Party, call for info.

Sunday, August 25

Clays — Rummage sale, 12 noon - 6pm, rent table for \$5.



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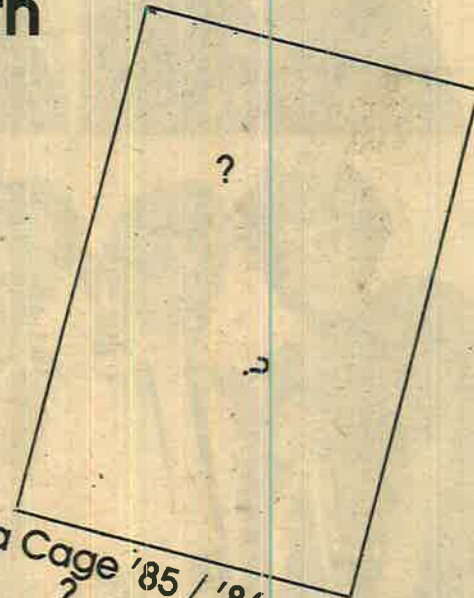
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