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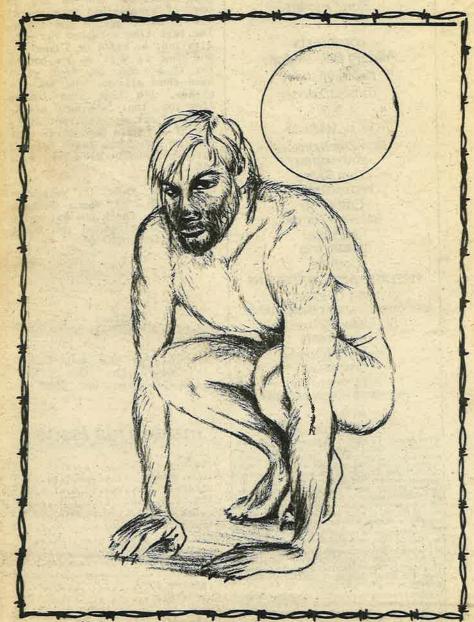






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Once again, our art files have been depleted, and we are in need of submissions from any of you talented people out there. The last time we asked for submissions, we had 4 or 5 come in. and that is what we are hoping for this time, now that we've used them all up. And Women please, I'd like some things from you, too. The only womanoriented art we received lately was of a female dominatrix that even we found too "hot" for our cover. Contact Ron for more info.

Of course this is Halloween time, and that means Pageant time, too. Check our extensive calendar listings so you don't miss out on anything!

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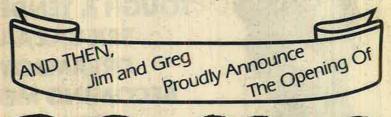
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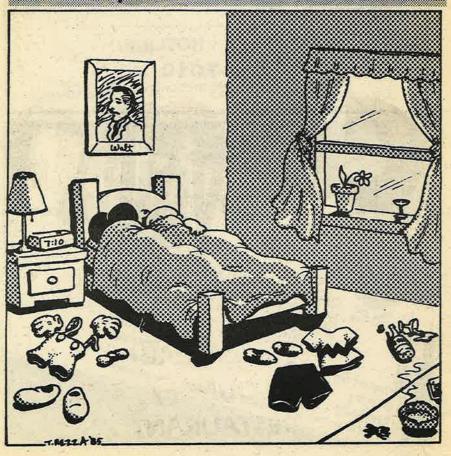
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Mass. House Crushes Gay Rights Bill, 88-65

Boston (Gay Community News):
In what turned out to be a resounding defeat, the lesbian/gay rights bill fell in the Massachusetts House of Representatives by an 88 to 65 vote. The measure, which would have extended civil rights protections in jobs and housing to persons regardless of sexual orientation, has effectively been killed for this year.

The debate was at times stormy, with the opponents of the bill suggesting its passage would increase the spread of AIDS and would "further" break down the family and moral fibre of the country. Proponents attempted to separate issues of public health and morality from issues of civil rights and also attempted to correct inaccuracies in the assertions of

legislators about the spread of AIDS.

The September 23 vote, which followed almost four hours of debate, was expected to be much closer than the final tally. Recent head counts, according to Peg Lorenz, lobbyist for the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus (MGPC), had indicated a virtual dead heat with 16 legislators undecided up until the last minute. The MGPC has led the fight for passage of the bill for over a decade.

Several legislators who had voted in favor of the bill when it last came up in the House in 1983 voted against it this time around. In 1983, the bill passed the House by four votes, but was killed in the Senate on a technicality.

Possible New AIDS Drug Is Tested

Minneapolis, MN (Sentinel):
An experimental new drup stops the AIDS virus from reproducing and attacking blood cells in the laboratory, and initial tests show it can be given safely to victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, researchers said.

"I think this is very promising. This is one of the most potent drugs against the AIDS virus," Hiroaki Mitsuya of the National Cancer Institute said at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology.

The drug, known chemically as azidothymidine, has been code-named Compound S by its developer, the pharmaceutical firm Burroughs Wellcome.

But experts cautioned that much more work would be necessary before they could say whether Compound S would play any role in the treatment of AIDS.

Police Raid AIDS Benefit

MERIDIAN, Miss. (GNIC) -Mississippi's gay community will
unite in opposition to the
arrests of four people participating in a nightclub benefit
for an AIDS treatment center,
gay leaders predicted Oct. lst.

"The gay population will
stand up now as it has not
before," said Charles Graham,

president of Meridian's Gay

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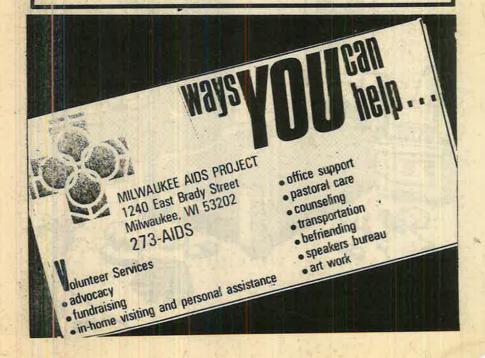
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Action Party. "We are not angry, we just want to work out our own problems."

Three men and a juvenile face a city court hearing Oct. 7 on charges of violating a municipal ordinance against dressing in clothing inappropriate to one's own sex.

The four were arrested early Sept. 30 when police raided the

nightclub.

Hilary Chiz, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Mississippi, said she was contacted about the incident and would go to the hearing if asked.

"It seems to me that this bar has been operating without disturbance for some time, and why the Meridian police would choose to go in at a time when they were having a legitimate benefit, I don't know," Chiz said.

Graham said the gay community was "holding the benefit to raise money for an AIDS center in Jackson, which would hold up to 10 patients," Graham said. "There are nine people in Mississippi needing facility."

Graham said officials had hoped to raise \$2,000 at the floorshow but ended up collectonly about \$700.

He said the floorshow, which featured men wearing women's clothing, was done for entertainment, with the entertainers donating their time.

Eddie Sandifer, executive director of the Mississippi Gay Alliance, termed the police action "Gestapo tactics." He said posters outside the club advertised the event as a benefit to raise funds to combat AIDS.

"The Talk of the Town was doing a fund-raiser ... the

entertainers were in male and female attire," Sandifer said. "Right at the end of the show, right after midnight, six police came in and raided the club and took four performers to jail."

New Hepatitis B Vaccine 'Very Promising'

WASHINGTON (GNIC) -- An experimental hepatitis B vaccine produced through genetic engineering techniques appears to be as safe as the existing vaccine, while being possibly more effective and less expensive, researchers sav.

Initial human trials of the new vaccine, to be reported today at a medical meeting, appear very promising, said the National Institute of Alleray and Infectious Diseases, the federal agency that sponsored the study.

Hepatitis B, a viral disease transmitted through contact with infected blood and other bodily fluids, is on the rise in the United States despite availability of a safe, effective vaccine to prevent it, medical experts say.

Scientists at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston say the experimental vaccine appears to trigger immune responses to the disease much more quickly than the existing vaccine, although both showed a similar 95 percent response rate eight weeks after inoculation.

However, larger clinical trials and follow-up studies will be necessary to evaluate the protective effects of the experimental vaccine, they say.

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Robert B. Couch tested 40 healthy men, giving half three doses of the licensed vaccine over a six-month period and the others three doses of the experimental one. No side effects, other than occasional soreness at the injection site, were seen in either group.

Blood tests performed at Georgetown University Hospital here showed that 10 percent of the experimental vaccine group had immune responses within 10 days and 70 percent showed responses within four weeks.

In the licensed vaccine group, none showed a response within 10 days and only 25 percent had immune reactions within four weeks, the researchers reported.

The findings are to be reported at the 25th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy meeting in Minneapolis.

The federal Centers for Disease Control says there are about 200,000 new cases of of hepatitis B each year and an estimated 800,000 people are chronically infected carriers.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Will Continue To Discriminate

MADISON, Wis. (GNIC) -- The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dane County Program says it will continue to bar participation by gay men and lesbians because it wants volunteers who will be a stabilizing influence on the children it serves.

Alan Orenberg, executive director of the agency, said recently the program has had a policy since 1980 that prohibits it from knowingly matching lesbians and gay men with

children.

The program matches children from single-parent homes who need "a mentor, a stabilizing influence," Orenberg said.

Recently, Brooks Egerton, 26, co-founder of Out!, a gay-lesbian publication, filed a complaint against the group with the state's Equal Rights Division. He argued the policy discriminates against gays.

Orenberg said the agency is not concerned that gay volunteers would molest the children that the program serves.

He said he believes "there are a lot of gay men out there who might be good big brothers," but added the program has to be selective about volunteers or face the danger of eroding "the level of trust from our constituency."

Police Tracking Sexually Active PWA

HOUSTON (GNIC) -- Undercover police officers were trailing a victim of AIDS who ignored the city health's director's order to abstain from having sexual relations.

Fabian Bridges, 30, has boasted he will continue having sex with strangers, even though he knows he carries the fatal disease, said Capt. Jack Fulbright of the Houston police vice division.

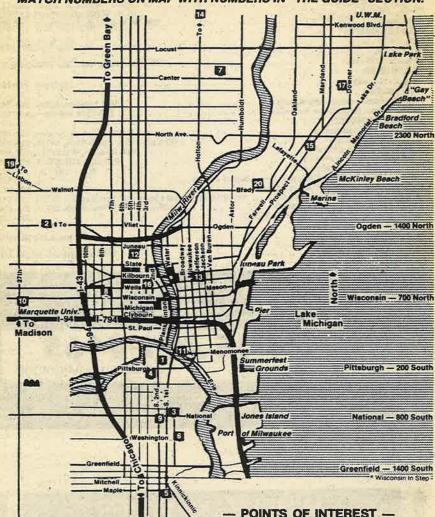
"We've got a man who's definitely a threat to society," Fulbright said.

Four undercover officers have been assigned to follow Bridges, but prosecutors said officers cannot arrest Bridges unless he solicits sexual favors from them or or they actually Continued on page 8 \$\circ\$

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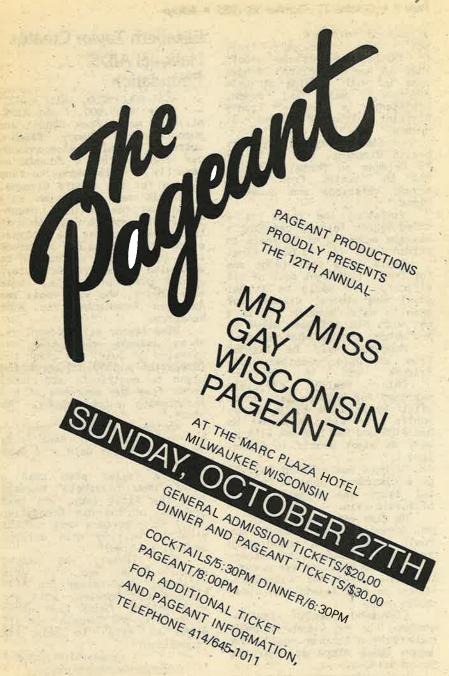
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Dr. James Haughton, the city health director, sent a letter to Bridges on Monday ordering him to "desist from having sexual relations and donating blood."

Violating the order is a third-degree felony, carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

"This is a real tough one for them," Fulbright said of his officers. "It would be a real moral and ethical dilemma for them to watch someone get in a car with him and just stand by and watch, knowing what he has."

Haughton said he learned from an Ohio reporter that Bridges was in Houston.

Ohio health officials searched for Bridges last month after being told by a Minne-apolis television crew that he had AIDS and had had sex with as many as eight people in Cleveland.

Bridges was arested Aug. 23 on a disorderly conduct charge, but later was released, Ohio officials said.

He also was arrested Aug. 14 in Indianapolis following the theft of a bicyle, authorities said. After authorities discovered he had AIDS, he was given a one-way ticket to Cleveland, where he has relatives, officials said.

Cleveland Health Commissioner Dr. V. Diana Morledge said Ohio officials would have taken legal steps if they had found Bridges.

Elizabeth Taylor Creates National AIDS Foundation

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.(GNIC)
-- With \$250,000 from AIDSstricken actor Rock Hudson and
support from Nancy Reagan,
actress Elizabeth Taylor announced creation of a foundation
recently to raise money to find
a cure for the deadly disease.

"This new foundation will emerge as the national organization to support research with the staying power to attract adequate financing and resources from the private sector and to work with the government to turn around the AIDS crisis," said Miss Taylor, who will chair the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Miss Taylor said Hudson, 59, whose illness with AIDS was revealed in July, has given the foundation a \$250,000 check and plans to contribute additional funds from the proceeds of his forthcoming autobiography, "My Story."

Another \$100,000 donation has been made by J. Paul Getty Jr., Miss Taylor said at a news conference.

Miss Taylor also read a brief "Dear Elizabeth" message from the first lady, who said creation of the new foundation "will prove to be a very serious step in solving this serious medical problem."

Miss Taylor, who helped organize the Sept. 19 gala Hollywood fund-raiser for AIDS Project Los Angeles, said she will solicit funds from other celebrities and "people from all walks of life" to help the foundation.

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Group Notes

AIDS Related Organizations Gear-Up For 'Early Frost'

On Monday, November 18th, MBC Network TV will present "An Early Frost" the first made for television movie about the AIDS crisis. Starring Adrian Quinn, Ben Gazarra, and Gena Rowlands, the film is a moving portrait of how one American family responds to learning that their son is seriously ill with AIDS.

A number of nationwide AIDS organizations have reviewed the script and unanimously feel that the film is an excellent vehicle to dramatize the current health crisis. It is especially helpful because it will give millions of Americans a glimpse at the human and personal side of the AIDS epidemic.

AIDS Project Los Angeles

(APLA) has begun a nationwide "Alert" campaign to get local AIDS groups to become involved in promoting "Frost" to help draw attention to efforts in their area. They are urging local AIDS organizations to do special media grabbing events, and by holdina fundraisers. In this way they hope to make "Early Frost" a centerpiece for action and education.

APLA hopes to receive a great deal of pre-broadcast publicity so that "Early Frost" becomes a national news event that goes beyond network boundries, ala "The Burning Bed," "The Day After," and "Something About Amelia."

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A good time awaited those attending Myrna's opening party in Fond du Lac. Rear (1 to r) the staff, Peter, Sandy, Myrna, Kay and Lary and David.

Louise(Kevin): Welcome Milwaukee. Just what this town needs is another loose girl. W.W. Wells III

Rodney, Michael & Ben: Welcome back to the Mainland. spur of the moment trips to the "land of the leis" sound mahvel-ous! Selleck for breakfast. too...mmmm, mmmmm. Ron

Attention: Anyone know where we can buy disposable cameras? At the rate we go through them. just what InStep

Corky: Someday.

Cckkie(K.C.): Thanx. Sunny-Milw.

Mrs. George: Do you have the receipt for Southern Comfort Punch?

Lady, my sweet lady: I can't believe its true, our time has just begun.

We live

Murph (St. Paul): Good luck at "ladies night." Pmy1-Milw.

Honey (St. Paul): Good luck at "Foxys"-I remember it well. Pmyl-Milw.

Mr. George: You're learning to sleep with your eyes open. Good

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Jessie & Lola: Great to see you at Clay's. The music was silent for too long.

Blue Crest

Char, Connie & Tinker: Welcome back to town. Uptown Friends

Ms. Ross: There's so much! I feel so deeply! Your phone mate

Ed: Thank you for Aug. 16th!

Redd: Happy belated birthday.
Milwaukee friend

Eugene: Glad to see you are out and about.

Ricardo: Oh Honney...I'm so proud of you for having given yourself the courage you needed for your new job. Felch me, fug me, sug me, sog me. Blonde Laddie

JJ(Milw): Am squeaky clean after your weekend visit to K-town. But really-4 times in 1 day? Let's get together and do it again.

Trick 2(Kenosha)

Tracy: Do you swirl your tounge while having sex? I've got to know! Pant, Pant!

W.W. Wells III

Tony(VJ/La Cage): Is it true you lost the Wham! video in a black hole? I'm keeping a list. W.W. Wells III

Walya: Happy Birthday! I hope we can share many more together! Lovingly yours.

Tonya D.J. Michka: I thought DJ's swap vinyl records, not lovers. I think you should return D.J. Rianna's before it skips. (could you also return the record I lent you?)

D.J. Tonya

Jessica: We must start recruitting the other "Supreme" soon!

Cindy Birdsong

Marty: Hurrah!! you finally bought a house! I'm really happy for you. Need a red light?

Flauncie

D.H.

Liz's sister

Dan(ez1409): Still hopeing to see you out. You can call me via Mark or Jack, if you like. Dave

Baby Jane: Sorry I missed your party again. Don't be mad! Also, hope that the flowers held up.

Victor C: Met some of your brother's, inlaws. Small world isn't it?! Call me soon! Revealling(Pics)

Roxanne(K.C.): Next time. Milw.

Phone mate: The people and timing are right this time. I know and so do you.

Phone-mate II

Monty: Hope you and Bessie-Moe have a good time in the Big Apple.

To Gill: You are missed and we will always hold you in our hearts. Your friends

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APLA is urging local gay & AIDS groups to hold "AIDS Watch/Early Frost Open House" gatherings on the night of the telecast. Anyone with a TV could host an event. For example, each person who attends donates a specific amount of money, say \$10. to a local AIDS organization. Some open houses could have higher minimums. All a host has to do is invite ten friends or neighbors. All funds stay right in the city they are raised. Citywide, in Milwaukee for example, if 500 "AIDS Watch/Early Frost Open Houses" were organized, a minimum of \$50,000 could be raised.

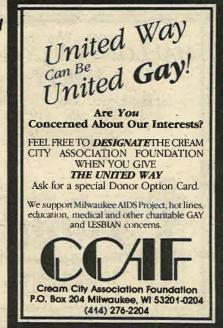
The gatherings themselves are a good media hook for additional coverage surrounding the film. Organizaing the events is a good TV and newspaper story

that could run before air date. November 18th is only a month away, and this does not give us much time. Most local AIDS organizations in Wisconsin are aware of the program, but due to the speed at which this project is progressing, and the short time until it is aired, none of the Wisconsin AIDS support groups have made any definite plans that InStep was able to ascertain as of presstime. But do call your local group and volunteer your home, or whatever other help you can give. In Milwaukee, call the Milwaukee AIDS Project at 273-AIDS. In Green Bay, call Center Project at 437-7400, and in Madison phone Madison AIDS Support Network, 255-1711.

BWMT's 5th Anniversary & Regional Network Conference

Black and White Men Together is holding its 5th Anniversary and in conjunction, a regional networking conference October 1, 19, and 20th. Registration for the entire weekend is only \$17.69 per person and includes all the activites scheduled.

Saturday, all activites are at the Ramada Inn, in downtown Milw. Registration begins at 9am, and at 10am, three workshops are scheduled: Black and White Styles In Conflict, Detecting Racism and Dealing With It, and at 11:45am, AIDS. Lunch is from 12:30-1:30, and afterwords three speakers will give presentations: at 1:45pm, Walter White, from the Wisconsin Continued on page 12.



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Civil Liberties Union will speak on the rights of single people, affirmative action, court decisions, and Income tax ramifications. At 2:35pm, Wisconsin State Rep. Marcia Coggs will speak on apartheid. At 3:30pm, Kathy Patrick from Wisconsin NOW will speak on the womans issue, and progress made.

At 4:30pm on Saturday, the public is invited to particiapte in a memorial service for victims of AIDS, and for Del Pascavis, former Milwaukee BWMI officer who was murdered recently. There is no charge for the service.

At 6:30 pm, a cocktail hour will be held to kick off the Anniversary Banquet and Dinner featuring awards, an address by Dr Bush, and entertainment. A Banquet Dance is scheduled after the dinner. To attend the dinner, you must have paid the full registration fee.

On Sunday, the action moves to the Mitchell Park Domes meeting room for a lunch and regional representatives meeting at llam. At 12:30 Tim Wilson will present an overview of what is happening in the National Assoc. of Black White Men Together. At 1:30pm, Mr Earl Bricker, the Governors Liason to the Lesbian And Gay Community of Wisconsin will speak about the Gov.'s council on Lesbian and Gay Issues.

For last minute registration, call 444-4779 or 332-1941.

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Green Bay's CENTER PROJECT and AIDS

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There is no charge for the HTLV-III Antibody test, which the state pays for, but donations are greatfully received to help defray other costs - rent, heat, phone, etc. The City and County are providing the nurses and other medical personnel to staff the Clinic, and if more medical staff can be found, the clinic will expand their hours.

Michael Belinski, president of CENTER PROJECT INC., has said response to the Center has been much better than expected, and appointments for the antibody test are quickly filling the hours the clinic is open.

Precautions have been taken

to quarantee the confidentiality of those interested in the blood screening. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 437-7400.

Madison Support Group

The Madison Lesbian/Gay Resource Center announced the formation of a support/discussion group to deal with the impact of AIDS on the lives of

Recent attention has focused on gay men and others who have Continued on page 14





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AIDS or AIDS-related symptoms and a number of groups and organizations have been formed, both nationwide and in Madison, to provide assistance and support

for these people.

However, little attention has been devoted to the concerns of gay men who do not have AIDS, but who face significant problems in adjusting to the impact that the fear of AIDS has had on the gay community, according to a spokesperson for the center.

The group being formed by the center is for gay men who have neither AIDS nor AIDSrelated symptoms. It will focus on the above issues including changes in lifestyle, maintaining a positive gay identity and safe sex.

The group will meet one night a week and is open to all son area. For more information about the group and meeting times and place, call (608) 257-

interested gay men in the Madi-

Gay Fathers Coalition Conference

The 7th Annual Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFCI) Conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois the weekend of June 6th through 8th. Hosted by the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Parents Group at the Mid-City Plaza, the conference is to be entitled "New Horizons . . . Together We Can Do Anything," and is expected to be the largest conference in the group's history. Nearly 600 men and women are expected to attend a day of workshops on Saturday, June 7th A large number of participants will discuss and vote on a referendum to change the by-laws of the group to better represent the increased participation of co-sexual groups which include gay men and lesbians who are either parents or "step-parents."

"minority Considered within a minority," gay fathers and lesbian mothers often face prejudice from within as well as outside the homosexual community, according to Harrelson, president of the 50 chapter, 700 member Washington, D.C. based GFCI. The majority of those members have at one time been involved in traditional heterosexual relationships, notes GFCI Vice President Julie Valloni.

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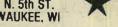
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with this disease," their mother said. "Richard had supported six people who had been kicked out of their homes and jobs, rejected by their families and lovers."

A11 eventually died. "He was the last of the

group," she said.

Richard was diagnosed as having AIDS-related conditions about 1 1/2 years before he actually developed AIDS last January.

In February, he was placed on experimental drugs in a New

York hospital.

"He knew they wouldn't help," his mother said, "but he did it so that they might be able to help somebody else."

Jack, who learned of his illness much later, was fired from his job as a hair stylist because he had AIDS.

"His boss said, 'Don't come in tomorrow. Pick up your things after working hours,"' Mitchell said.

The brothers knew each other had AIDS, but as Jack's condition worsened he insisted that his brother, already near death, not be told.

The secret was kept. In their final days, both men "lost the ability to commun-

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Richard wanted to return to Chesapeake, "and we were making the arrangements," his mother said. "I felt down deep ... that I would never get him here."

He died the day his parents were to have picked him up.

"I really wasn't surprised," she said. "I thanked the Lord that he was dead because he suffering wasn't anymore."

For Jack, the approach of death was marked by the loss of his talent.

"He knew what he wanted to put on the canvas," Mrs. Mitchell said. "But he lost the ability to move the image from his mind to his hand."

When AIDS patients "hang on, the mind goes, the eyes go, the hearing goes and they end up in a fetal position. This is a dehumanizing disease. To end up like that ... Well, it just breaks your heart to see it," she said.

The Mitchells have joined the Tidewater AIDS Crisis Task Force, an organization that is helping people with the disease. She is on the board of trustees. They are the only parents in the

They have been asked to be foster parents for homeless AIDS patients.

"As soon as we can get ourselves adjusted, we will begin to do this," she said.

Why both their sons were claimed, neither parent knows. "There has to be a purpose,"

Mrs. Mitchell said.

"Perhaps it's doing what we're doing right now," her husband suggested, "talking to people."

Letters

Dear Ron:

In response to all the fund raisers that took place of behalf of the Milwaukee AIDS Project this summer, I have found it necessary to try to make one or two large thank you attempts because of the numbers of people involved. I would like to take this time to request that you place in the letter to the editor section this thank you from all of us at MAP.

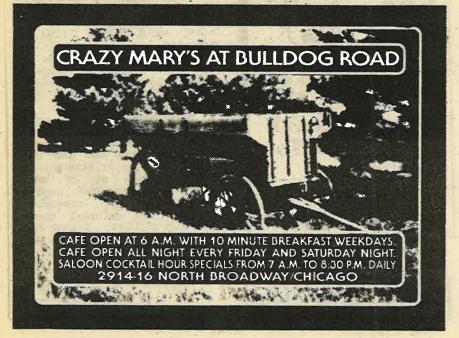
To All Those Who Helped In The Summer Fundraisers For The Milwaukee AIDS Project:

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Listed here are those people we know took part in the benefit shows at the M&M and La Cage. There are certainly more who contributed to these programs. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them also, even though they not named are

Thank you to Bob Schmidt and the staff at the MaM. To Jim King and the staff at the La Cage. To Sal, Ronnie Marx, Daniel Martin, and thank you to all the female illusionists:

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Sincerely,

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Again, my personal thanks and those of CCBA. I look forward to working with you on many matters in the future. Best of success in your business.

Sincerely, Marc Haupert President, CCBA • Continued from page 46

Ms. Miller also said because of this summer's attacks, her organization conducted a rape prevention program at a local bar.

This summer's assaults occurred in July and August. Two of the victims were black heterosexuals, while a third victim was a white gay. Ms. Miller and Widmer said the attacks included anti-gay and racist overtones.

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Parents Lose 2 Gay Sons; Join AIDS Support Group

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (GNIC) —
There was nothing Jack and Kay
Mitchell could do but offer love
and emotional support as their
only two sons died of AIDS this
summer. Now they're trying to
help other AIDS victims whose
families won't even offer that.

"It's hard to understand parents kicking their kids out if they are gay or have AIDS,"

Mrs. Mitchell said.

"All these patients -- I don't like speaking of them as victims; a victim is someone in a car accident -- need all the support and all the understanding that friends, family, doctors and nurses can give," Mrs. Mitchell said.

Richard Mitchell was 40 when he died July 7 at his home in New York City. Jack Allen Mitchell had just turned 38 when he died Sept. 10 in Alexandria.

"They were our only children," Mitchell said.
"That's what's so hard to take."

The Mitchells had known since their sons were students at Deep Creek High School that they were gay, their mother said.

"Gay life happens not because of what parents have done or not done," she said. "Apparently the reason cannot be pinpointed... The bottom line is that they were gay, and we cannot love them any less for it. They are only loaned to us by God."

When the brothers learned of their affliction, they became "quite active in helping others Continued on page 48



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He first gave them a woman's name, but then identified himself.

Smith, who has received six letters of commendation in his 14 years as a guard, told police he was "a woman trapped in a man's body."

The board upheld his dismissal. for conduct

"unbecoming an officer," by a 5-1 vote Tuesday.

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Smith was disappointed, but said he wasn't sure whether

he would appeal.

"I don't think it's fair.
I'm not sure there's anything I
can do about it. I think I could
have functioned effectively," he
said after the hearing.
But he was unable to

convince board members.

"There's no doubt here we

"There's no doubt here we have a good employee. There's no doubt this was a good employee



a bar for men in leather and levis

up until this incident. I just can't believe he could be an effective officer with this over his head," said Gene Sikes, a board member.

Only board member Edward Acosta thought Smith should have been reinstated.

Smith should have been given a chance to prove he could do the job even though it was common knowledge he wants a sex-change operation, Acosta said.

Smith, who told officials he isn't gay, was fired July 19.

Three Men Raped In Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (GNIC) -One of three Iowa City men who
were raped by other men within a
four-week period this summer was
again sexually assaulted last
month, said Karla Miller, Rape
Victim Advocacy Program coordinator.

Ms. Miller said no other reports of men being raped have been reported to her agency since the attacks this summer. None of the attacks have ever been reported to Iowa City Police.

The reluctance of victims to report the crimes has hampered police investigation of the attacks, police have said.

Ms. Miller said the man who called her said he was attacked in September by the same assailants who raped him this summer. As in the earlier attack, the assailants broke into his home and threatened the man's life.

The victim has since moved to a different residence, Ms. Miller said. She said she encouraged the man to report the attack to police, but Detective Tom Widmer said the man has not contacted authorities.

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The Arts

'P.S. Your Cat Is Dead' - in Madison

Madison's Gay Theatre Project (MGTP) is presenting James (A Chorus Line) Kirkwood's "P.S. Your Cat Is Dead" October 18-19-24-25-and 26th at 8pm at Neighborhood House, 29 South Mills Street, in Madison. Cost is \$4 at the door, and for information you may call (608) 251-6489 or 836-6793.

The play is about one of those kind of days we all have at one time or another. But few of us have seen the kind of day as does Jimmy Zoole one New Year's Eve, where he finds himself questioning literally everything about his life during one hysterical evening in this adult comedy about a struggling New York actor and "the man who done him wrong." With the show

opening on the quiet apartment through which we see the quiet New York snow, the action soon takes a slapstick momentum of it's own, reminiscent of the Keystone Cops. Come join the fun...bottled oxygen will be available for those who need it.

Some help is still needed with this show, with some positions open on the tech crew, box office staff and ushers. If you're interested in any of these duties call one of the numbers listed above.





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Museum Presents Lecture On 'Private Images'

The second presentation in the Milwaukee Art Museum's Artists' Forum Series will be at 7:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 10 and will feature three Wisconsin artists who will discuss their work, their influences, imagery, style and what it takes to receive national recognition. Their talk is entitled, "Private Images."

Dennis Nechvatal, Mary Bero and Mark Mulhern have each achieved some amount of national recognition for their work. Nechvatal was recently included in an exhibition at the Carcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. and he has had a number of one-person exhibitions around the country. His work incorporates primitive imagery on a colorful, lively surface.

Mary Bero has also gained ecognition for her fiber pieces

in which she explores new imagery with intricate stitchery. Mark Mulhern's large, neo-expressionist canvases have earned a great deal of attention in the last several years. He is represented in Chicago as well as New York galleries and has been included in several important exhibitions.

The Artists' Forum lecture will be presented in the Art Museum's Vogel/Helfaer Galleries (formerly East Entrance). Admission is \$3 at the door. The series started in September with a lecture by Jerry Harrison of the Talking Heads. The series is sponsored by Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors and the Cudahy Gallery of Wisconsin Art at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Call 271-9508 for additional information.



Wreck Room Manager Jimmy



The Wreck Room's Mr Contest was held recently and Jeff Becker was crowned winner.

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The foundation was created by the merger of the AIDS Medical Foundation of New York and the National AIDS Research Foundation in Los Angeles. It will be based in Los Angeles with an office in New York, and will collect money and distribute it to AIDS researchers nationwide.

Co-chairmen of the foundation's board will be Dr. Michael Gottlieb and Dr. Mathilde Krim. Gottlieb is a Uni-California-Los versity of Angeles scientist who is credited with first recognizing AIDS as a disease in 1981. He served as a consultant in Hudson's case before the actor was discharged from the UCLA Medical Center. Krim is a pioneer in research on the use of the drug interferon against viral diseases. Gottlieb was the head of the National AIDS Research Foundation, while Krim founded its New York counterpart.

Jail Guard Fired For Cross Dressing

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (GNIC)

-- he firing of a Jacksonville
Correctional Institution lieutenent who says he is a woman
trapped in a man's body has been
upheld by the Civil Service
Board.

Sheriff Dale Carson dismissed Lt. William H. Smith not long after police found him wearing heavy makeup, false breasts and a French-cut women's swimsuit.

That was on July 8, when his car had a flat in north Jacksonville and two officers stopped to help change the tire.

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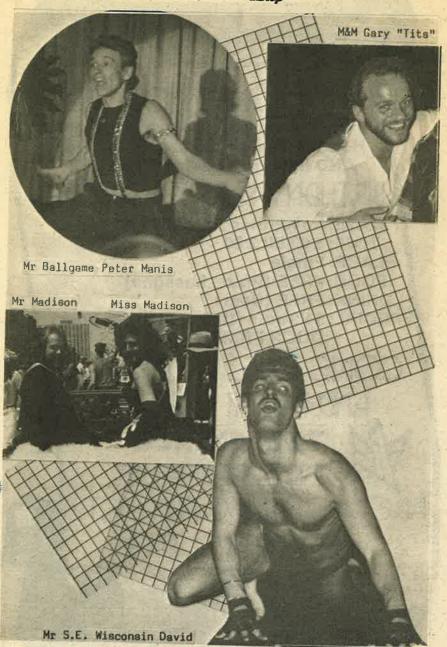
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Review

by Kevin Michael

'Kiss of the Spider Woman'

Truly one of the best, moving, and most unique films that I'v encountered as of late was David Weisman's "Kiss of the Spider Woman." On leaving the theatre, I didn't know whether I liked it or not. It was not an easy film to digest and one that made me work with what I was given. I liked it. I recommend it. In fact, I challenge you to see it.

Much allegory and thematic development run through it but to fully appreciate the dramatic effect, you have to let the film work through you. I felt that I was so totally drawn into what I had experienced filmatically that I had to separate myself from the actual experience to fully appreciate the beauty and value therein.

The performances of William Hurt and Raul Julia, both Broadway talents of rare quality, are without a doubt exceptional! It is not at all surprising to see that Hurt won the Best Actor Award at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival.

It is a piece not unlike
"Torch Song Trilogy." Though
there are definite gay elements
to its composition, it is not a
gay film . . . it is a human
film. It is a remarkably
riveting experience of the male
human condition.

In a strange way, the work reminded me of "Agnes of God" which poses two women, diametrically opposed, yet very much the same, up against the ultimate question of belief in human existence and what that calls us to be as persons. Instead, this peice relates the developing and deepening relationship of two

men drawn together in a Latin American prison who fall in love. Mind you, not in lust but in love.

On the way, they confront themselves with who they are and what they believe. What is real? What is escape? How can I? How deeply can I commit myself to another? What do I believe in? How much do I trust? Can I afford to? Can I not afford to? Once I've been touched by love, is there an escape? Can I ever escape again?

If you let the film speak to you and enter the recesses of your thoughts and feelings, it can be a truly beautiful experience. Yet, at the same time, the film pulls no punches and faces you with your own set of fantasy and reality. For some, reality shock may be too great. Harsh reality can be frightening.

The entire question cannot help but remind me of Don Quixote of "Man of La Mancha" who says: "Perhaps to much sanity is maddness . . . and maddest of all to see life not as it is but as it should be."

This to me is our challenge as gay people. No, rather as human persons who happen to be gay. Let us be mad enough to be real and real enough to allow no escapes until life is as it should. Then, and only then, can we too be kissed by the Spider Woman.





Jock Shorts

First Entries Received For Gay Games II

SAN FRANCISCO (GNIC) -- The first entries have been received for Gay Games II to be held next year in San Francisco, August 9-17, 1986. Entries were opened in June to athletes around the world. Gay Games II is sponsored by San Francisco Arts & Athletics, a non-profit organization.

A total of 18 sports will be represented with both individual entries, as in Cycling, and team events, as in Volleyball. Organizers expect over 5,000 athletes from four continents will compete in the week-long Games.

Marilyn Therese Christopher, age 26, is the first woman to enter the Games and will compete in Physique. A San Francisco resident, Marilyn moved to the



Bay Area from Chicago. At Gay Games I in 1982, she was a spectator but thought often of competing sometime in the future.

Ms. Christopher has a strong belief in human rights. "Gay competition is exciting," she states unequivocally. "Women get judged in Physique with better criteria than straight competition. It is not just a beauty contest."

By entering early, Marilyn has set a goal for herself to be in top condition by August of 1986. This will be her first serious competition in Physique. "I look forward to the Games as a chance to be myself, to take part in the event with other women who have worked equally hard to achieve their goals."

Dave Studach, age 36, is the first men's entry to be received. He plans to compete in the Marathon event. Dave began running over 4 years ago and has run in the San Francisco Marathon. Originally from Oregon, Dave has lived in San Francisco for the past 10 years.

Like Marilyn, Dave was inspired by the courage of athletes who competed in the 1982 Games. "I am looking forward to the thrill of participation with my brothers and sisters," Dave remarked. "In 1982 I asked myself if I could do it, compete in the Games. Now I have set my sights on that achievement."

Entry forms for Gay Games II can be obtained by writing to San Francisco Arts & Athletics, 526 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 861-8282. Entries will be acepted until June 1. 1986.

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

October's rolling to a close (already-can you live?) and that means its getting close to the gayest holiday of the year-Halloween. Halloween also means Pageant Time, and as of press time the Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant Committee informs me they have nearly filled their limit on contestants. decided to limit entries to 15 "girls" & 15 guys to allow everyone to compete in talent this year. Talent will be the biggest deciding factor in this years choosing holders.

Talent, but in a different form-will also count in most bar Halloween contests. Most bars judge costumes on creativity & the amount of effort that you put into your costume. Don't go out to a costume shop & rent a

costume & expect to win-most likely you won't.

Society always thinks gays are "more creative" then most people-and Halloween is our time

to prove them right. Most years the same 2 or 3 people show up at as many contests as they can in Milwaukee & sweep the awards. Let's see some new winners this year.

Now-for a source of major embarrassment...Photos-or rather the lack of them. We missed photographing Myrna's opening in Fond du lac, Recording artist Pamala Stanley's exciting performance at Club 219, the selection of Miss Ballgame, & the contest for Mr. Wreck Room. We

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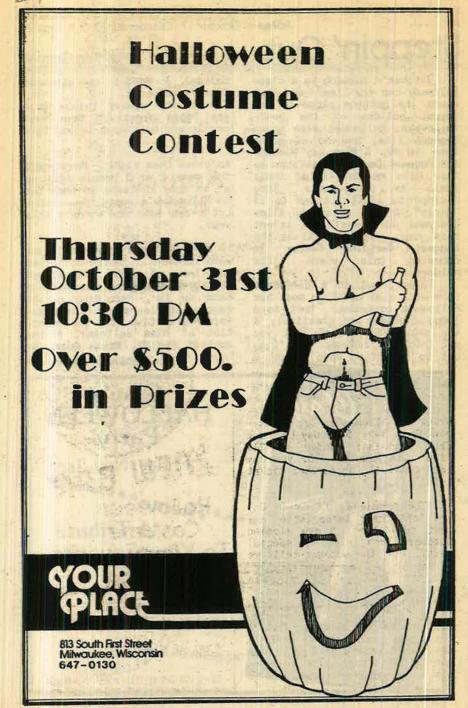
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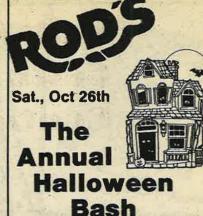
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have been having some definite problems lately-assignments are given to photographers & I depend on them to appear and they don't. Or, appearances are made-but we end up with no photos because of film or camera problems. We heartily apologize for these unforseen problems that have been going on the past Both Carl & I have bought new cameras, & Carl has quit another part-time job he held to concentrate on photographing for InStep, plus we've hired a women-Judy, to also help fill in. Hopefully, that will clear up our problems. Apologies to all those connected with the events we missed.

Tickets for the Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant are now on sale at the following locations from pageant committee members at the time specified: Monday-Wreck Room 10pm-12pm; Tuesday-Your Place from 5-8pm, Ballgame-from 9pm-Midnite; Wednesday-La Cage from 10pm-12; Thursday-Wreck Room from 10pm-12; Friday-Mam from 5-9; Saturday-La Cage from 11pm-lam; Sunday at 219 from 9 to Midnite. Or you may call 645-1011 for further ticket info.

The Napalese, in Green Bay has lost their lease (after all that remodeling) & are closing October 30th with a special party. Tim, the manager-tells me he may try & find a new location for the bar- & he's not sure what will happen at the present location.

Up in Wausau-The Pendulum will close on October 28th & they are celebrating with a party that starts at 7 pm. Then owners Jim & Greg pull up roots & move across the street, and on Continued on page 27*



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the Stock Yard and Villa Romano are just so-so, while the elegant Julian's cuisine is not comparable to it's prices, menu,

or prissy staff. There is lots to see in Nashville whether you have been here once or a dozen times. The Parthenon in Centennial Park is the only full scale replica of the Greek marvel in America or elsewhere. The State Capital is another good example of Greek architecture, and burial place of President James Knox Polk. A "must." for country fans are Opryland, the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, and Country Wax Museum. points of interest include Vanderbilt University, Fort Nashborough, Belle Meade, Tennessee State Museum Belmont Mansion, the Botanical Gardens at Cheekwood, and boat trips on the scenic Cumberland River.

Good-time, foot-stompin', quitar-playin', "Music City

U.S.A." is the home of Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty, Barbara Mandrell, Hank Snow and dozens of other stars, but it is also much, much more. It is rich in history, and the Summer Lights Festival held annually in June will interest many visitors. Believe me, the bars are fun and the people are friendly. I hope you'll enjoy Nashville as much as I do.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '86--America's foremost travel guide--available at most better bars, baths and book stores throughout America. Or send \$14.00 for your copy (which includes postage and handling) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., P.O. BOX 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114. Also available is the SPARTACUS, International Gay Guide at \$25.00).

Nashville

by Bob Damron

Everyone knows that Nashville is the "Country Music Capitol of the World." It is the second largest music recording center in America and home of the Grand Ole Opry. What you may not know is that Nashville is also the largest banking, printing, and insurance center in Dixie. With Vanderbilt and a dozen other colleges and universities, it is known as the "Athens of the South." Last, but not least, Nashville, with a population of nearly half a million, is the capital of the great state of Tennessee.

With 700 churches, Nashville is sort of a "Bible Belt Vatican." Founded in 1779, the city and surrounding countryside played a major role during the Civil War. Although Tennessee joined the Confederacy, many men chose to fight on the side of the Union, thus gaining the nickname of the "Volunteer State, "or "Vols". Jackson lived and loved his stately mansion The Hermitage, eleven miles northeast of here, and died there in 1845.

Along with New Orleans and Atlanta, Nashville is one of the best bar towns in the South. Of the two super discos the Cabaret is located near Vanderbilt University at 1711 Hayes, one block north of West End Avenue. The other is the Warehouse 28, at 2529 Franklin Road, which is an extension of 8th Avenue South. Both get a preppie unisex crowd. but there may be a few more women at the Cabaret. Sharing the same parking lot with the Warehouse 28 is the Chute, at Franklin Road, the "hottest" country and western, Levi and leather bar for

hundreds of miles in any direction.

B. Palola's at 1812 Hayes, just a block from the Cabaret is the best gay dinner house in Nashville and the lounge and front porch are packed with attractive yuppies. All four of the above serve mixed drinks, but some have only beer and wine. The Crazy Cowboy and Bob's Cowboy East are friendly neighborhood beer bars next to each other in the 2300 block of Franklin Road South. Juanita's, the oldest bar in Nashville, has moved to 1700 10th Avenue South and attracts something for everyone. The Jungle Lounge and Victor Victoria's get some hustlers and raunchy types. while Ralph's is favored by women.

Cruisy book stores include the Purple Onion(days) at Thompson Lane and Nollensville, the Classic Arts and the Carousel. Other popular cruisy areas are Cedar Hill Park-near the tennis courts- and Edwin Warner Park. As I invariably stress, these public places are strictly at your own risk. Nashville bars are open daily until 3:00 a.m., but are spread out, so a car is a necessity.

Among the best hotels in Nashville are the Hyatt Regency. Hermitage, Raddison Plaza, and Opryland, but I usually stay at the conveniently situated Holiday Inn-Vanderbilt. For fun. trendy eateries try T.G.I. Fridays, Gold Rush, Elliston Place Soda Shop, Maude's Courtyard and Tony Roma's. For good straight dining I reccommend Arhtur's Broadway Bistro, Brass Rail Stables, Crown Court and Mario's. Personally, I think Continued on page 39 •

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October 31st, they're opening their new bar, calling it Camp. Camp will be much larger & will include a lower level fireplace lounge, with a main level offering a restaurent & dance bar. The restaurant at first will serve just luncheons featuring Greek entrees & a "build your own sandwich" menu. Good luck to all of you!

Some of you have probably noticed in last issue & in this one-that our columns & articles are no longer typeset-just computer printed. It is not a permanent change. Formerly, we used a typography studio that charged us a specific fee per inch of type. All of a sudden, they added another, separate fee that doubled our cost of typesetting. So, we opted to use the computer printer to bring our costs back in line until we can find another typography studio whose fees are within our budget. I know it makes InStep look tacky & less professional but economic realities have forced us to do it this way temporarily.

How many of you noticed that the day Rock Hudson died-that night on "Dynasty" it showed 'Sammy Jo' packing up Hudson's character 'Daniel Reese's' personal effects. Pretty poignent moment.

That's about it for nowcheck our extensive calender listings & be sure to "Get those outfits ready!"

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Juicy Bits

'More Bullshit'

by W.W. Wells III

My psychologist says that I'm not really gay, I'm just sexually dyslexic.

I predict that the latest trend over-priced fashion accessories will be the designer sex towel.

My dad has two wooden legs, one day the house caught on fire. We managed to save the house but, my father burned to the ground.

Sometimes I worry about the mental state of my hairdresser, Binky. Like the other day, we were walking down the street when we pass this well-stacked attractive woman and he says to me, "Boy, it's times like this I wish I were a lesbian." Kinda makes you stop and wonder, doesn't it?

A good way to tell if someone sleeps around a lot is if they keep a 50-gallon drum of vaseline next to their bed.

When I was growing up, my parents put a quicksand box in the backyard. I was an only child, eventually.

My three favorite sayings printed on buttons:

- 1. I do chicken right.
- 2. I'm not easy but, I can be tricked.
- 3. So many men, so little time.

It took me five times to pass my driver's test, I couldn't get used to the front seat.

When I was a child my parents used to take me on a lot of family outings, like nice long rides in the country. But the walk back was terrible.

People I can do without:

- 1. People who shake your hand everytime you meet them.
- Anyone who smells like they bathed in their cologne.
- People who ask you to quess their age.
- Anyone who tells you how much weight they've lost.
- Obscene phone callers who just hang on the line and expect you to do everything.

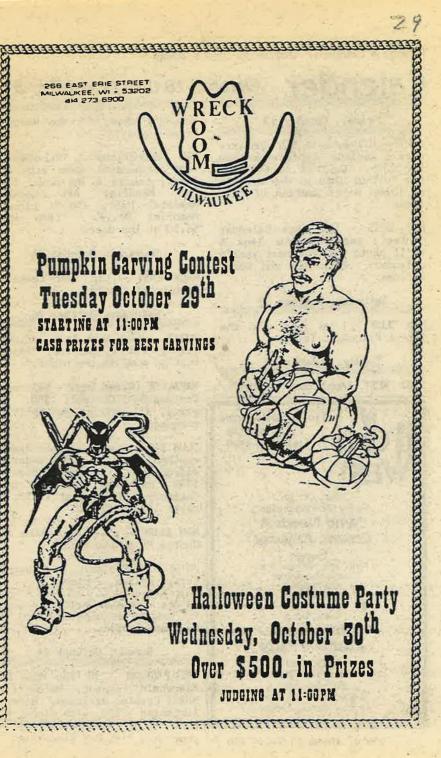
I have perfected a method of predicting the future by reading Nancy Reagen's stretch marks.

Are you suffering from the "You never know I might get lucky," syndrome? If you're not sure, here are some of the symptoms. They usually occur on a Friday or Saturday before going out to cruise the bars:

- Frantically cleaning, dusting and scrubbing your apartment, just in case.
- 2. Brushing your teeth 3 times in an hour and buying 2 packs of chewing gum and a roll of breath mints, just to be sure.
- Checking your underwear for skid marks just before you
- 4. Making sure your sex towel is clean.

Remember, all those wishing to enter the 1985-86 Mr. Juicy Bits contest, entry forms are due by October 30, 1985.





Calender October 18 thru November 3

Friday, October 18

BWHT - Milwaukee's 5th Anniversary & Regional Conference thru the 20th. Call DA at 444-4779 for furthur info or see article in Group Notes section of this issue.

HOT LEGS - Hot Legs Calendar Contest, show us your legs & we'll photo 'em for next year's calendar. Both men and women welcome.

Saturday, October 19

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P&L Productions - "Milwaukee's Best" lip sync show with BJ, Cindi, Laurie & The Boys. 5pm, War Memorial Art Center, Memorial Hall, 750 N Lincoln Memorial Drive. Cash Bar. \$6.50 at the door.

Thursday, October 24

BACK EAST - Lip Sync Contest. Sign up at the bar.

Saturday, October 26

ROD'S - Halloween Bash, drinks, games, SPECIAL Suprise, "Things that go bump in the night."

NAPALESE (Green Bay) - Halloween Costume Ball Contest. \$50. 1st prize, all entries get split of champagne.

CLUB 219 - Beauty and the Beast, costume contest. Two separate categories (Beauty, Beast), \$200: cash 1st prize in each category. Judging at 12:30, no cover if in costume.

M&M CLUB - Live jazz with the George Pritchett Trio.

JO'DEES (Racine) - Costume Party, prizes, 7-close.

FINALE - Costume party starts at 9, judging at midnite, \$100. in cash and prizes.

Sunday, October 27

THE PAGEANT - Mr and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant, Marc Plaza Hotel Crystal Ballroom. General Admission - \$20. with dinner \$30 Continued on page 34



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Monday, October 28

PENDULUM (Wausau) - Closing and moving party, starts at 7pm, (See Oct 31st listing for Camp).

Tuesday, October 29

WRECK ROOM - Pumpkin Carving Contest. Cash prizes for best carvings. Starts at 11pm.

Wednesday, October 30

NAPALESE (Green Bay) - Final night of business, lost their lease, special closing party.

BALLGAME - Halloween costume contest, 9pm judging, cash prizes. Halloween Horror Show at 10:30pm.

WRECK ROOM - Halloween Costume Contest, over \$500. in Prizes, judging at 11pm.

GRAND AVE. PUB - Halloween Costume Party, 7pm, on. Cash prizes for best costumes, raffle, hors decuvres.

Thursday, October 31

ALL HALLOWS EVE



BOOT CAMP - Halloween fetish party, \$100 worth of prizes.

YOUR PLACE - Costume Contest, 10:30pm, Over \$500 in prizes.

LA CAGE - Costume Contest, judging after midnite, \$100 lst prize.

GAMMA - Halloween Rollerskating party, 8:30-10:30pm, at Rollearo Skate Center, 5200 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Cudahy. \$4 (\$3.50 if in Costume).

HOT LEGS - Costume Halloween contest, judging at 11, 1st prize \$25 in cash \$25 in bar tab.

THE NEW BAR (Madison) - Halloween Costume Party, \$380 in Cash and prizes.

BACK EAST (Madison) - Costume contest, prizes, drink specials all nite long.

M&M CLUB - Come see OUR costumes, free drink to anyone in costume.

CLUB 94 (Kenosha) - Halloween Costume Party, \$100 cash 1st prize, free beer from 6-9pm with cover.

1101 WEST (Appleton) - Halloween Costume Party, \$50 cash 1st prize, \$1 cover without costume.

CAMP (Wausau) - Opening party, new dance bar, lounge, restaurant.

Friday, November 1st

MYRNA's (Fond du Lac) - Trick or Trick, haunted house, games, prizes, \$50 Cash 1st place costume contest.

CLAY'S - "A Tribute To Your Favorite Star" halloween theme contest, 10pm - on.

FANNIE'S - Halloween costume party, judgning at 11pm, 1st place is worth \$25 cash \$25 Bar Tab.



Wed., Oct 30th 7pm till ??





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PRESENTS THE FALL PROGRAM





MONDAYS - RIVER QUEEN ALUMNAE NIGHT

Over 30? Show your I.D. and your 1st Drink is on Us!

TUESDAYS - CIRCUS ALUMNAE NIGHT

Over 25? Show your I.D. and your 1st Drink is on Us!

Good or Bad, we all look on the 'Old Days' fondly & with nostalgia. Well, on Mondays and Tuesdays forget the bad and enjoy the good things from those days -

The FRIENDS we made, the MUSIC and the PRICES!
HELP US REMEMBER THOSE DAYS WITH
.50 Beers and .75 Rail Drinks Some of the old
music & we'll take your requests.

WEDNESDAYS - 'STRUT-YOUR STUFF'

Mc d by PATTY KAKES
The Hortest Snow In Town

THURSDAYS - TACOS OR NACHOS

Your Choice with Drink purchase \$1.50 Margaritas STUDENTS! Show Your Student I.D. and get .50Taps & Slammers

FRII. & SAT. - HOT VIDEO DISCO

8-10pm Warm-up Period 50 Taps, Double Rail Drinks, \$1 Shots *No Cover*

SUNDAY - BEER, WINE & SHOT BUST

(ÓPTIONAL) \$3 Gets you all the Tap Beer, Wine Wine Capiers or Rail Shots you can handle.

WE ARE THE ONLY BAR WITH A DJ SEVEN NIGHTS A WEEK!

Open Mon Hri Spm Sati Sun A Holidays — Foo 601 South 2nd St (2nd and National) Milwauker 565- 8130