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Cover Story

The first dramatic film about AIDS — "BUDDIES", by Arthur J. Bressan, Jr. makes it's Milwaukee premiere at the UWM Film Festivals final evenings, April 21 and 22nd. The film will be screened along with the classic 1961 British thriller, "Victim", one of the first commercial films to address gayness in positive terms. The program costs \$3.50 for the general public, and will be screened at 7pm at the UWM Union Cinema.

On April 30th, The Oriental Theatre also screens "Buddies" along with co-feature "A Very Natural Thing".

See the "Arts" section of this issue for more detailed information.

The picture on the cover is of the AIDS patient, from the film "Buddies".

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New York Gays Win Rights Bill On 8th Try

New York — The city where the nation's homosexual rights movement started 17 years ago in the "Stonewall" riots sparked by a police raid on a gay bar has passed anti-discrimination legislation after the failure of seven previous attempts.

The City Council voted 21-to-14 and Mayor Koch signed the measure banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment or public accommodations. A violation can result in a \$500 fine and a year in jail.

"It's OK to be gay and lesbian in New York!" Joyce Hunter, a leader of the Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Rights, told about 1,000 cheering people who turned out in Greenwich Village to celebrate.

New York's first gay rights bill was introduced 15 years ago, the nation's first such measure. It failed in committee five times and was defeated on the council floor a sixth, in 1974. Since 1971, gay rights laws have been enacted by Wisconsin, a dozen counties and more than 50 cities.

"Ultimately, democracy prevailed," Koch said. "That is what is so wonderful about democracy."

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York said in a statement it would try to determine what could be done to overturn the bill.

Hundreds of people gathered in Sheridan Square in the Village to celebrate the vote. People hugged, jumped up and down and applauded exuberant speakers.

Washington Gay Rights Measures Attacked By Bigots

Seattle (GLC Voice) — Less than two months after gaining a long-sought county ordinance in Seattle and an executive order from the governor to protect Gays in employment, Washington State Gays are gearing up for battle against referendum efforts which could overturn both of those measures.

On the statewide level, Republican State Rep. Glenn Dobbs is mounting an initiative drive to invalidate Gov. Booth Gardner's December executive order that prohibits discrimination against Gays in employment by state agencies. The initiative would make it "illegal to employ homosexuals or other sexual deviants" in areas where they could come into contact with children, people with disabilities, and the elderly.

Meanwhile, in Seattle, a conservative group has gathered over 41,000 signatures—15,000 more than necessary—to place "Referendum 7" on the county's ballot to overturn a December County Council ordinance which prohibits discrimination in county employment based on a number of categories, including sexual orientation.

\$1.75 Million Lawsuit Is Filed On Alleged Affair

Port Washington (Milw. Sentinel) — A former client of the Ozaukee County Counseling Center has filed a \$1.75 million lawsuit against the county in connection with an alleged lesbian affair with her counselor.

The lawsuit, filed in Federal Court, named as defendants the county, the counselor, the center and its medical director.

According to the lawsuit, the county and the center's medical director, psychiatrist Bruce E. Weffenstette, failed to properly administer the center and its employees.

The client, who now lives in Milwaukee, was being counseled in the center's alcohol assessment program. She was referred to the center for a court-ordered driver assessment and driver safety plan.

According to a notice of claim filed last October, the relationship allegedly occurred from March 1983 to April 1985. The claim has been denied by the County Board.

Morgan Butler III, the county's corporate counsel, said Tuesday that he knew "very little about the specifics of the alleged relationship between the two individuals."

"Now that the suit has been commenced, we are in a position to find out exactly what happened," Butler said.

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(Washington Blade) — The National Security Agency, the nation's most secret intelligence-gathering organization, has cancelled a 1983 "proposed action" to fire two male employees on grounds of homosexuality and has agreed to reinstate the men to their jobs with highly sensitive security clearances.

Kameny, who served as administrative counsel to the employees, said NSA officials ended two-and-a-half years of "stalling" last week when they agreed to restore clearances to a 29-year-old GS-12 computer systems analyst and a GS-14 engineer who is in his early 50s.

Both men were removed from their jobs in early 1983 after NSA officials learned through separate and unrelated investigations that the computer analyst was Gay and the engineer was bisexual, according to Kameny. NSA investigators then sent the men letters informing them NSA was taking steps to fire them on grounds that their homosexuality or bisexuality posed a risk to national security because it made the men susceptible to blackmail, Kameny said.

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Little Pat: Can't wait for our date with Kenny and Lee. You wear your Fannies Jacket—I won't!
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Larry and Rick: I'm happy for you! **Paul**
Bear: Just when I think I can't possibly love you more, I suddenly do. **Nanuck**

Bearded Lady: You're lucky Scott brought a camera. **Mother**

Nelvin: You've been like a Queen holding court these past two weeks. **Ron**

Buff: Happy Birthday to you, ya big lug! **Ron**

Carl: I told you... I wanted CLOSE UPS! CLOSE UPS! Especially of the beefcake. **Mother**

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Butler said the counselor had "since left the employ of the county." He said the reasons for her leaving were not related to the accusations filed by the client. Butler would not elaborate.

The notice of claim alleged that the client "suffered injuries as a result of the intentional or negligent seduction and infliction of emotional harm" by the counselor.

It further alleged that events included taking vacations together, spending nights together at the client's house and "otherwise maintaining a lesbian relationship."

The suit seeks \$250,000 from the county, \$250,000 from the center, \$500,000 from Weffenstette and \$750,000 from the counselor.

Blood Test Ordered For Gay Father

Chicago (Windy City Times) — A gay father has been ordered to take the HTLV-III antibody test in order to visit his children. However, the father has refused to comply with the order.

The ruling in *John Doe v Susan Doe* has been appealed by the National Gay Rights Advocates. Because the father has refused to be tested, the judge has agreed to reconsider his decision and hear further evidence from both sides.

"The judge's original decision was clearly wrong," said Benjamin Schatz, director of NGR's AIDS Civil Rights Project. "The HTLV-III antibody test does not tell us whether a person has or will develop AIDS. Moreover, even if the father did have AIDS—which he does not—there would be no reason to keep him from visiting his children. AIDS cannot be casually transmitted, and it is time for the courts to recognize this fact."

Schatz emphasized that the antibody test was licensed for use in screening the nation's blood supply, not to screen people.

The dispute originated when the father, now living in San Francisco, filed a motion for expanded visitation privileges. This motion was opposed by his former wife, who feared the children would "catch AIDS" from him simply because he is gay. Although the father is healthy, the judge ordered him to take the test, ignoring medical evidence which was presented.

The two parents have been in litigation several times, according to Schatz. Originally, the father had liberal visitation rights. But his former wife complained because he lived with a male lover. A court then ruled the father could only visit the children at their mother's home.

After the father moved to San Francisco, he petitioned the court for expanded visitation. He was no longer living with a male lover and therefore his visitation should be expanded, according to his appeal. After this move by the father, late last year, his former wife made the claim about AIDS.

Volunteers Will Treat AIDS Cases In Waukesha

(Waukesha Freeman) — County Unified Services employees will not be forced to work with any clients who have Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or are suspected of having the disease.

However, the department will continue to serve such clients, according to guidelines presented to the Unified Services Board.

Those services will be provided by county workers who volunteer to work with those patients.

Peter Safir, Unified Services director, told the board that the guidelines for dealing with clients who have the deadly disease were drawn up because some department social workers have said they do not want to work with AIDS victims or those suspected of carrying the AIDS virus.

"A couple of our staff people are uncomfortable doing interviews or consulting" with suspected AIDS clients, Safir said last week. There have been no confirmed AIDS victims in Waukesha County.

Oregon Rules For Gay Teacher

Salem, OR (Gay Comm. News) — The Oregon Supreme Court has reversed the firing of a Springfield, Ore. teacher, who police said was involved in homosexual activities in a Eugene adult bookstore in 1979, and has returned the case to the Oregon Fair Dismissal Appeals Board for further proceedings. This is the second decision by the Oregon Supreme Court in this case.

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Frank Ross, a tenured teacher and librarian with 19 years of service in the Springfield School District, was fired following parental reaction to alleged homosexual activities in an adult bookstore. According to the *amicus curiae* brief filed by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the University of Oregon and the Eugene chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, Ross was observed in the movie arcade of a bookstore having sex with another man.

The brief goes on to say, "Ross was later subpoenaed, but never actually called, to testify about the bookstore. He requested the necessary time off from his principal, and when asked, honestly stated that it was in the bookstore case. The principal spread the word. A group of parents mounted a campaign to get Ross fired and they succeeded." While acknowledging that Ross' activity was not illegal, the school district cited a state law which allows the firing of a teacher on the grounds of "immorality," "inefficiency," and "gross unfitness."

NGRA To Represent Gays On Insurance Commission

San Francisco (Equal Times) — Benjamin Schatz, Director of National Gay Rights Advocates' AIDS Civil Rights Project, has been appointed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) to serve on a select panel of experts working to formulate national policy on AIDS and insurance.

This panel will play a vital role in determining whether gay men will be able to obtain health and life insurance across the country.

NGRA was selected to serve on the panel because of its leadership in the battle to defeat AIDS-related discrimination. As part of this work, NGRA recently filed two complaints with the California Department of Insurance.

"We plan to press our position strongly and clearly," declared Mr. Schatz. "The insurance industry must not be permitted to exclude gay men from coverage through life

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situations such as the one in Kokomo, Ind., where a boy with AIDS was barred from school by administrators after parents protested.

Quote Brings \$1.5 Million Libel Suit

Los Angeles (Equal Times) — Movie director William Friedkin, who directed *The Boys In The Band*, *The Exorcist* and *The French Connection*, has filed a \$1.5 million libel suit against the *Los Angeles Times* for publishing an interview with an actor who said the filmmaker "really grooves on" homosexual violence.

Friedkin named the newspaper and freelance writer Clarke Taylor in a Superior Court lawsuit last week over an interview with actor Willem Dafoe, who starred in Friedkin's last movie *To Live And Die in L.A.* Dafoe played a counterfeiter trying to evade the law in the film.

"The violence per se doesn't bother me—it's a violent world. But what does bother me is the kind of latent homosexual violence

that Billy Friedkin really grooves on," Dafoe said. *Los Angeles Times* lawyer Jeffrey Klein said the newspaper decided not to print a retraction, as Friedkin requested, because the article was correct and the statements were in context.

French Court Denies Benefits To Lesbian Couple

Rennes, France (Gay Comm. News) — An appeals court here has ruled that lesbian and gay couples do not engage in "marital life," and that they are therefore not entitled to the same government benefits as straight couples. According to French law, unmarried straight couples engage in "marital life" when they have "the complete appearance of marriage in the eyes of a third party."

The *Body Politic* reports that the ruling upheld an earlier decision by a social security tribunal in Nantes. The tribunal ruled that Nadia Lakjda, a lesbian, could not extend her health insurance benefits to her lover, Annie Dupas, because they did not have a "marital relationship."

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AIDS Pupils No Threat, Group Says

Madison (Milw. Journal) — Students with AIDS would pose no risk to other pupils and should be allowed to stay in school as long as possible.

The State Department of Health and Social Services has begun distributing guidelines for administrators and health specialists in Wisconsin public, private and parochial schools.

To date, no cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome among people under 18 have been reported in Wisconsin, said Linda Reivitz, secretary of the department.

The guidelines, developed and approved by the state AIDS task force, suggest that students with the disease remain in their regular school setting.

However, youngsters who carry the AIDS virus and lack toilet training, have open sores or bite their teachers or classmates might pose a greater risk of transmitting the disease, and may be removed from regular classes, the department's 16-member Public Health Task Force on AIDS said.

"Based on current evidence, casual person-to-person contact, as would occur among schoolchildren, appears to pose no risk," the guidelines said. "The best evidence supporting this statement is that no cases of AIDS have occurred among non-sexual household contacts of the over 16,000 reported cases (nationwide) of AIDS."

The task force said that through early January, 250 of the 16,138 AIDS cases nationwide were among people under 18. Most of them got the virus from their mothers or from transfusions with infected blood.

Several localities and school districts, including Milwaukee Public Schools, have been working on AIDS guidelines. School officials said their concern was prompted by

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screening" or misuse of the HTLV-III antibody test."

The appointment of NGRA represents a historic step for the NAIC, which has never before worked with members of the gay and lesbian community.

Conscientious Objector

Rome, Italy (Wash. Blade) — A 25-year-old chemical worker is asking Italian authorities to excuse him from mandatory military service because he's gay, reports L'Espresso, the national Italian newsmagazine.

Fabio Saini, a resident of Perugia, has requested that he be granted conscientious objector status and be allowed to serve alternative civilian service with a national gay rights group called l'Arci, according to L'Espresso.

The magazine says Saini is the first Italian ever to seek a waiver from military service on grounds of homosexuality.

Saini told the magazine he's opposed to violence as an "instrument to solve conflict" and that this conviction "derives from my experience as a homosexual."

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On April 19 a series of Workshops will be held on the third floor of the UW Memorial Union: 11am-Racism in the Gay/Lesbian Community; and Social Change through Political Action. At 1:30 two other workshops: Gays and Lesbians: Separatism vs Working Together; and Gays and Lesbians in the University Setting.

Also on the 19th, from 8 until 12:45am, there will be a dance in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union.

On the 22nd Out and About presents the film "Before Stonewall" an American portrait of the gay experience in the US prior to the 60's. The film will be screened at 7pm in the State Historical Society Auditorium.

On April 23rd the program continues with "Night, Stone, and Light", with readings by local writers Credo Enriquez and Victoria Ford and Robert Philipson at 8pm, Frederic March Play Circle, Memorial Union.

"Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality" is the topic for the 25th. John Boswell, PhD, Professor of History, Yale University and writer/lecturer on topics of history, religion, and economics in Western Culture, at 8pm, Room 145, Birge

Hall (next to Bascom Hall).

Karla Jay, PhD, Asst. Professor of English at Pace University, N.Y. presents a "Lesbian Walking Tour of Literary Paris From 1905", on April 26th at 7:30pm in Room 145, Birge Hall. Karla is co-author and co-editor of "The Gay Report" "Lavender Culture" and author of several articles, and a frequent campus speaker.

The Out and About series wraps up with a Cabaret, with entertainment by local groups at 8pm, in the Lakefront Cafeteria in the Memorial Union, on April 27.

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James W. Curran, head of the AIDS branch of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, raised these concerns at a recent conference in Tarrytown, N.Y.

"What is going to happen in 1990 is that somebody is going to say, 'Why didn't you tell us about this problem?'" Curran said. "We are talking about a massive problem, one with national and international implications."

Cases of AIDS among drug addicts, their sex partners and children have so far occurred mainly in New York City and northern New Jersey. But cases among intravenous drug users have now been reported in 44 states, and the incidence of AIDS among drug addicts in Europe has risen sharply.

In another important development, new studies in Zaire, which has refused to allow medical reporting about the disease, affirm that heterosexual vaginal intercourse is the dominant route of transmission of the disease in central Africa.

AIDS Vaccine?

(Excerpted from *Time Magazine*) — News came from the laboratory of Dr. Myron Essex at the Harvard School of Public Health. Essex announced that he, together with colleagues in Senegal and Tours, France, had isolated a new virus that is "closely related" to the AIDS virus but has several significant distinguishing traits. The virus, which was isolated from blood samples taken from Senegalese prostitutes, is structurally similar to the AIDS virus but even more closely connected to a virus that infects certain African monkeys. Says Essex: "We believe it is a missing link" between the two.

The most exciting feature of the new virus

is that it appears to be harmless. In the lab, says Essex, it behaves much like the AIDS virus, infecting the same immunological cells (helper T cells) but without the "dramatic killing action" of its lethal cousin. None of more than 50 people infected with the virus have developed any symptoms of AIDS. Thirty have been followed for more than a year and have remained healthy, but, says one virologist, "we must wait for more time to pass to be certain." It is hoped that the new virus could serve as a natural vaccine, protecting those it infects against the more harmful AIDS virus, much as people infected with cowpox virus are protected against smallpox. Studies of old blood samples indicate that the virus has been present in Senegal for at least ten years. No cases of AIDS have been reported in the country, though the disease is rampant in central Africa.

The news of an apparently harmless relative of the AIDS virus was greeted with enthusiasm by other scientists. "The best thing about Max's virus," says Robert Gallo, is that we can learn why one is pathogenic and the other isn't." By identifying which component of the AIDS virus is responsible for its deadly effects, researchers may be able to develop new drugs that specifically inhibit it. They may also be able to alter the virus genetically to remove its harmful traits, leaving a benign version that could serve as a vaccine.

There are many obstacles to a truly workable vaccine. Safety is one: even a genetically altered virus could conceivably cause disease. A successful vaccine would have to trigger the production of antibodies that protect the individual against AIDS. In light of the changeability of the AIDS virus, the vaccine would have to offer immunity against an almost infinite array of variant strains.

To Your Health by M.A.P. Volunteers

Upcoming Events

On April 30th at 7:25pm, MAP and the Oriental Theater are sponsoring the showing of "Buddies" and "A Very Natural Thing". "Buddies" is a feature film dealing with the issues of AIDS. Tickets for both movies are available in advance for \$5. Advance tickets must be purchased by April 26th. Portions of advance ticket sales go to MAP. Advance tickets are available at the MAP office, 1010 N. 9th St., and other locations (call 273-AIDS for other ticket locations). Tickets will be available at the Oriental box office, but will not benefit MAP. Buy your tickets in advance!

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Thanks to Detroit's Cruise for the idea.

Q & A

Q: How do I deal with my family about AIDS?

A: In the current hysteria surrounding AIDS, gay men and lesbians may have to face increasing concerns from their families about their lifestyles. Even if you have not "come out" to your family, chances are they either know or suspect and may question you about AIDS. You should give them as much accurate information as possible.

No matter how your family asks, their main concern is for both your health as well as their own. They are very likely feeling different degrees of anxiety and it will help you to be aware of this as you answer their questions.

There are generally three ways families will react to your sexual orientation, hostility, tolerance, and acceptance.

If your family is openly hostile they may use AIDS as another argument against your lifestyle. You should try to get your family to deal with the AIDS issue separately from your sexuality. You should stay calm and not be defensive. Deal with their arguments rationally, or if that isn't possible, just drop it and leave for the time being.

If your family continues to include you but doesn't want to deal with any issues concerning your lifestyle; questions may not be forthcoming. Be aware that their concerns and fears are still operating and you might want to let them know, in a subtle way, that you are doing all you can to safeguard your health.

If your family is accepting of your lifestyle it is important to know that their concerns about AIDS, again, are for your health and should be answered with accurate information and assurances that you are doing all you can to protect yourself.

You alone know how open your relationship with your family is and how well they deal with your lifestyle. This will guide you in the best way to handle their questions and fears.

It is, obviously, very important that you know the correct facts yourself, not only to dispel any myths and misconceptions your

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family may have but to protect yourself as well.

AIDS, unfortunately, is here! Also unfortunate is the hysteria following it. You can, at least, help your own family overcome their fears by keeping them as informed as possible about AIDS and the precautions you are taking to safeguard yourself. Be informed, help overcome hysteria and fear, and PRACTICE SAFE SEX! It is your life and it is invaluable.

This answer was provided by Mike Pazdan, ACSW, CDC. Mike is a volunteer with MAP.

**Health News
AIDS Probe Opposed
By Council**

Madison (Milw. Sentinel) — Gov. Earl's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues said it strongly opposes a tentative State AIDS Task Force recommendation to begin tracing sexual partners of people exposed to the AIDS virus.

The goal of "Contact tracing" is to reduce the spread of disease by identifying people who are unaware they have been infected.

Contact tracing is a technique used routinely by public health agencies to locate and inform people who have been exposed to syphilis, gonorrhea and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The council, in a vote taken March 22, said there was potential for abuse of the list of names that would result from tracing investigations.

In a written statement issued to the press, the council said it also feared contact tracing might result in a "significant drop in the numbers of people being tested" for exposure to the AIDS virus.

Earl Bricker, staff adviser to the council, said: "The majority of the people tested for exposure to the AIDS virus are gay men."

If large numbers of homosexuals who do not have AIDS but test positive for the antibody are asked to recount their sexual partners in the last five years, a huge list of names will be developed, he said.

There is concern such a list would become public, he said.

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where he says it will be close to the backyard, as well as still on the patio. In other changes, the wrought iron coffee table was permanently anchored to flagstones by his really butch lover, Terry Yokkie to prevent an unfortunate tip-over, such as occurred last summer with snacks at a patio gathering.

A fast-moving deer collided with an auto driven by Oliver D'World last Saturday night. The automobile and Oliver were unharmed. Damage to the deer was estimated at \$250.

Homer O'Sexual called police last week to report continuing threats, abuse and obscene language from an anonymous phone-caller calling him at 555-6449, has had his phone number removed from listing and changed to 555-6338.

As you can see it wasn't an exceptional week for gossip. I will however keep you posted for any new developments.

Checking Up On Your Lover

Stories about a lover who was using his partner's home as a Motel Six has focused attention on an ever-present concern for relationship members. So, long as you trust your home and possessions to someone, you should be watchful of any nonsense or improper use of your home. Here are a few simple things you can do to "check-up" on your lover.

1. A hair strung across each drawer in a dresser will tell you at a glance if your partner is a drawer snoop.
 2. One evening, announce that your going to visit a sick friend and you won't be home until very late. Wait an hour, park your car around the block and sneak back to your house. A peek in the window will be very revealing.
 3. Mark your lubricant containers discretely. If he's playing "Post Office" with his friends, you'll know.
- But be careful! Once you've cleared your lover, don't go to sleep—lovers often undergo rapid personality changes.

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

"WARNING: This column contains gossip which may be dangerous to your health and may complicate pregnancy."

It seems that some people are living under the false impression that "Juicy Bits" is some sort of gossip column. And that I am (gasp!) some sort of rumor monger. When I set out to clarify the true nature of my column and calmly explain that I choose not to indulge in such frivolity, the most common reaction is one of disappointment. People will often comment with a statement like, "oh, that's too bad, I was hoping to get some real dirt on someone." Thus, in attempt to reach a wider readership and give people what they really want, I present my "Gossip This Week" column. And I won't be afraid to name names.

Rumors Of The Week

The Milwaukee County Parks and Recreations Department is planning to build a condom and lubricant stand for Juneau Park with special extended late-night hours for the really desperate.

Milwaukee gay bar owners are planning to

erect a fabulous sky-walk system to connect all the bars, making winter bar-hopping a more comfortable experience.

Milwaukee, the city of festivals and Mayor Maier will allow GayFest to be held on the Summer Fest grounds, and promise no police harrasment.

The State of Wisconsin will raise the legal drinking age to 42 and all of the chicken queens will be real frustrated.

Gossip About People

Marshall Artz spent the night with **Rich Lather** while **Rich's** lover was out of town at his parents funeral. **Warren Peace** took movies of the whole sordid affair and threaten **Rich** with them. **Rich** gave him \$10,000. **Warren** bought a new car with the money and accidently ran over **Marshall Artz**. **Rich** wants his money back.

Neal Synephine has rearranged his patio for the second time in as many weeks (despite the cold snap!) A firm believer in an up-to-date patio, **Neal Synephine** moved the lounge chair to the extreme left corner.
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Linda Reivitz, secretary of the State Department of Health and Social Services, said the task force she set up to advise the state on AIDS issues would not take final action on the contact tracing plan until May.

Reivitz said she supports the technique as a "chief means of making sure the disease is contained as much as possible within the population."

"Reivitz said contact tracing information is considered confidential and that she did not know of any cases where confidentiality had been breached.

James Vergeront, an epidemiologist with the State Division of Health who attends task force meetings, said although contact tracing was a controversial issue, the tentative recommendation was likely to receive final endorsement.

Drug-linked AIDS Cases Spreading

New York (Milw. Journal) — A top federal official responsible for battling the AIDS epidemic has warned that cases linked to intravenous drug use, once concentrated in two states, are rapidly spreading through the nation.

He said swift action must be taken to stem further spread, and that intravenous drug use was now viewed as a far greater factor in the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome than previously realized.

Directly or indirectly, contaminated needles are the prime source of the fatal disease among heterosexual men and women and newborn. The concern about intravenous drug use has greatly increased for two other reasons as well.

First, new statistics show that AIDS has become the leading cause of death in New York prisons—principally because of intravenous drugs that were taken before incarceration—and there are indications similar conditions are developing in prisons elsewhere.

Second, recent research indicates that homosexual men have substantially decreased promiscuity since AIDS was discovered in 1981. Yet, reported cases continue unabated among men in this group, and a suspected key factor is the use by some of intravenous drugs.

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The Arts

by Kevin Michael Guy Little— Still The Top

For seven years, Milwaukee was home to Guy Little. He served both as Producer and General Manager of Milwaukee's Melody Top. He has recently resigned these positions and returned to his native Sullivan, Illinois. He is and shall be missed.

Guy was not only a leader and strong force in the cultural life of Milwaukee on the arts scene but he made many contributions to gay life as well. He performed for HIT fundraisers and generously agreed to lend not only his voice but beautiful costumes to the HIT Awards Banquet Show. Never a person to say, "No!", he also sponsored and hosted a benefit in his handsome apartment for the Cream City Association Foundation with Rip Taylor as a surprise guest no less!

As Guy pointed out in our 1984 interview with him,

"I love Milwaukee and have enjoyed the Melody Top but nothing is forever. I never want to become stale. I love theatre, art, and music. I love life. What will be ahead of me, time will tell."

Guy is also a dear friend, much has happened in the last two years. We have lost a number of very special people some previously mentioned in this column—George Bunt, Bob Baker, Larry Shue. Their lives touched us deeply and their spirits live on.

Though Guy is spatially gone from the Milwaukee scene, his giftedness and generous nature will hopefully effect our city and our gay community for many years to come. I believe that Guy is representative of a wonderful group of talented and giving persons who respond graciously when asked to lend a hand.

And so, Guy Little, we say thank you but not goodbye. Keep that wonderful spirit alive wherever you are and continue to be that special person who truly does make a difference.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful tribute to each one of us if our leaving Milwaukee's gay community made a significant difference? Why not then live presently with such an impact? This would most certainly be a much richer community if we all lived in this fashion not only by word but deed. Wouldn't it be worth a try?

Fest City Singers Spring Concert

On May 10th, The Fest City Singers will present their premiere concert, "Fest City Singers In Concert". The program primarily consists of Broadway showstoppers including selections from "Carousel", "Stop The World", "Anything Goes" and "Oliver". In addition to the chorus proper there will be featured soloists and a Fest City Ensemble. The concert begins at 8:00pm, preceded by a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvre buffet. Duffle bags, t-shirts, coffee mugs and other Fest City Singer souvenirs will be available will be available that evening. The chorus has been preparing for this concert for the past six months. May 10th promises to be a very entertaining evening... be there!



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The **M&M** Peanuts Softball team kicks off their fundraising season with a Cowboys & Indians Party, May 3rd from 8 to Midnight. There are prizes for best costumes, so get out the old Singer. That same night, **Club-94** has a 50's & 60's Party, also with prizes for costumes. Once again, it's Singer time.

The **Wreck Room's** throwing a "pre-season" Beach Party from 7-10pm on April 26th, complete with Sand, Beach, Sun & hundreds of Beachballs. I'd go but I'm afraid they'd think I was a beached whale & have the Coast Guard tow me offshore.

Attention Madison Pinball Wizards—**Back East** gives you a chance to show off your skills from 1pm-on, April 26th.

Rummagers—you can buy it, or sell it at the **Castaways South** (formerly Clay's), Sun. April 27th from Noon-7pm. There is no charge for tables to display your goods.

The Women have some special events coming up, too, at **Fannies** on April 26, there is a Ribbon Party. Show your true colors with ribbons (see their ad, this issue for list). **Fannies** also has a 50's, 60's, 70's party coming up in May.

Hot Legs has instituted Spring & Summer specials for 5 nights a week (once again, see their ad), and they have 2 special events coming up. On Sunday, April 20, at 6pm. they present male & female "Fancy Dancers". On Wed., April 30th, at 9pm there is a Comedy Show with no cover.

Finally—an after-hours spot to eat that's gay-owned & operated. Miss M & Michael & staff took over the Ski Glow and after a week of hasty redecorating reopened as **Walker's Point Cafe**. Nice variety on the menu, the food is good, and the place looks great! They're open 7 days a week (closed between the hours of 5pm and 10pm), it's located at 1106 S. 1st St.



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"Buddies" & "Victim" Wrap-Up Film Festival

The Lavender Commitment is pleased to close the Fourth Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film Festival with a special two night screening of the Milwaukee premiere of Arthur Bressan's controversial AIDS feature film, BUDDIES.

Beginning with a seemingly endless computer print-out of the names of men who have died of AIDS, Bressan's BUDDIES is determined to not only educate but also to strike at the emotions of the spectator. Bressan has taken the small, individual story of last days of Robert, a 34-year-old former gardener who is now hospitalized in New York City. David is the young volunteer "buddy" to Robert. At first extremely naive of the name of AIDS, David first visits Robert in a paper gown and mask. In fact after the first visit both men are leary of the arrangement. David finds Robert arrogant and questions his own motives in becoming a 'buddy'. Yet through the course of the film, the relationship between Robert and David grows into a powerful and complex love.

Although filled with occasional lapses of

Bressan's didactic messages, in particular Robert's bitter, if infact truthful, rantings against the federal government's indifference to the AIDS crisis, BUDDIES remains an intensely personal story. The spectator must view the film's narrative through the two main characters, not through safe and invariably heterosexual characters that has been the rule NBC's AN EARLY FROST or ABC's ST. ELSEWHERE.

Likewise, the issue of gay male sexuality is important to Bressan, who views sexuality as crucial to survival of the individual and also the gay community. In an especially powerful and unsettling moment of BUDDIES, David has brought Robert an old porn video tape to entertain him. As the two men watch the film, they are at first uneasy and embarrassed by the situation. As a sign of their growing intimacy, Robert masturbates as David holds and nartures him.

The power of BUDDIES is the bringing to focus the AIDS crisis in terms that are personal and real to countless gay men in America. As the naive David begins to grow with an awareness and a political consciousness, it becomes clear that this has been Bressan's purpose.

Accompanying BUDDIES on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22 is the classic 1961 British thriller, VICTIM. Starring Dirk Bogarde, VICTIM was one of the first to address the subject of homosexuality in positive terms.

Tickets are \$3.50, \$2.50 for UWM students. The program begins at 7:00pm in the UWM Student Union Cinema.

Buddies Also At Oriental Theatre

The film "Buddies" is also scheduled at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre for Wednesday, April 30 at 7:25pm, only. The co-feature that evening is Christopher Larkin's "A Very Natural Thing", one of the first sincere gay feature films. It's a sensitive story of a former priest who is torn between his dreams of domestic bliss and the temptations of the exciting New York gay subculture. This second feature is screened at 5:50pm and 9:10pm.

In co-operation with the Milw. AIDS Project and The Oriental Theatre, MAP has advance tickets for sale for this evening. A portion of all tickets bought in advance through MAP will be donated back to MAP.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Thanks to the thirty-four people who joined us on *InStep's* "Crawl for AIDS" Chicago bar crawl. We had hoped to fill two buses, but cancelled one the day before the Crawl. Nonetheless, we raised \$219.37 for the **Milw. AIDS Project (MAP)**, and, we had a wonderful time.

Cest' la Vie decided, at the last minute, to contribute all the money spent at their bar by crawlers before we loaded, to M.A.P. Also **Club 219** donated three cases of beer for us to drink on the bus.

Our first stop was **JoDees** in Racine. Judy & her staff got us all off to a rousing start before we departed for **Club 94** in Kenosha. There, the Bob's & their staff wine & dined us. The hors d'oeuvres came just in time.

Our first Chicago stop was **Showcase One** where a "boy lesque" contest was going on. We heard the introduction of Brandy Alexander & thought it was Milwaukee's own—but she couldn't compare. Then it was across the street to **Berlin**. The theme was red & free slammers flowed. The place was packed once we got there & the doorman was former Milwaukeean "Chris the Greek".

Next on the agenda was **Inner Circle** where the dancers stripped & many of us autographed the chalkboard. I've never tipped a sweater dancer in my life—that man worked it! **Take One** got us dancing & video viewing cocktailing at special prices. Thank you's to Michael & William, the owners, who greeted us at the front door.

The third Chicago stop started with **Windy City** & their wonderful sandwiches. By this time, the food was exactly what we needed & we chowed down. None of us could figure out what made them so good, but I'll gladly print the recipe if Jim sends it to us. At **Trianon**, well-known Chicago personalities Michael K. & Cesar Vera poured us \$1 shots & Fred Mands got us dancing.

The final stop was where I could finally stop playing "Mother Hen" & do some serious partying myself. Ken, Rudy & the staff at **North End** helped kick-in our second wind with 75¢ shots (just what we all needed). Next was **L.A. Connection** (Chicago's newest) & wrapped things up at **The Loading Dock**. Didn't see Dr. Steve (I don't

think so, anyway) but manager Bart had met us earlier & given us all free drink tickets (thank God—the money was running out) & we finished up our trip by dancing the night away.

Thanks to everyone in Chicago—the signs, special announcements & your Windy City hospitality where much appreciated. In the fall, we'll do it again & hit some of the fine establishments we missed this time. (p.s.—Scott: Thank goodness, you had your camera along.)

UWM's Gay/Lesbian Awareness Days comes to a close April 21 & 22 when the film festival "Shattered Images" presents the Milw. premier of "Buddies" & "The Victim". The films will be screened at 7pm both nights at the UWM Union Cinema.

Have you marked your calendar for the **Fest City Singers** Spring Concert at the main Library's Centennial Hall? It's on May 10th & I urge all of you to show your support—Milwaukee needs a gay/lesbian chorus!

Here's a quick run down of some specials you might need to refresh your memory: **M&M** offers "Beat the Clock" dining every Mon. & Tues. from 6-8pm. **Club 219's** Tuesday nights are for slow dancing with a cocktail show & hors d'oeuvres. **110 West** has specials 6 nights a week, you should be able to find something to make you happy. The same goes for **Back East** in Madison, only they have specials 7 nights a week. The **Wreck Room** let's you try to open it; Treasure Chest, Mon-Fri during cocktail hour. The **Ballgame** give-away Cocktail hour is now giving away major prizes every Friday at 8pm, with the last Friday of the month's grand prize of a 19" Color Television.

The Danceteria kicks-off its "Stars for A Night" Couples Dance Contest Wed. nite April 23, try-outs, Sunday night contests & Monthly Semi Finals the last Sunday of the month. On Thursdays they play host to "Today's Stars" a live sing-along to taped instrumentals, from 8 to Midnight. If you sing in the shower—it might be your big break! On the 20th Jacki presents a Spring Show, the bar opens early at 4 with a showtime of 5pm.

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Calender

Friday, April 18

Boot Camp — Beer Town Badgers M.C. club night, 10-close, prizes all night.

Saturday, April 19

MIL-M-AIDS — Milwaukee and Madison against AIDS, Madison's Bette Davis Bowling League 9-pin, no tap tournament, 2pm, Bowl-e-ward Lanes; 2909 East Washington, Madison.

Rod's/The New Bar (Madison): Welcomes the MIL-M-AIDS bowlers.

UW Madison Out and About — Workshops, see Group Notes for topic, times.

Sunday, April 20

Hot Legs — "Fancy Dancers", both men and women, 6pm showtime.

Danceteria — Jackie presents a "Spring Show", showtime 5pm, bar opens at 4. Show is dedicated to Sandy Wesolowski. \$3 door includes free shot of schnapps or tap beer.

Monday, April 21

Milw. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival — Presents the Milwaukee premiere of "Buddies" and "The Victim", 7pm, UWM Union Cinema, \$3.50 general public.

Tuesday, April 22

Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film Festival — see last night schedule, same films.

UW Madison's Out and About — Presents the film "Before Stonewall", 7pm State Historical Society Auditorium.

Wednesday, April 23

Danceteria — Premiere of weekly "Stars for A Night Couples Dance Contest", qualifying try-outs tonite and every Wednesday, 10pm.

UW Madison's Out and About Series — see Group Notes section for details of local writers readings.

Friday, April 25

Ballgame — Monthly Drawing for 19" color TV, 8pm. Drawing is from cocktail hour coupons throughout the month.

UW Madison's Out and About Series — lecture, see Group Notes section.

Saturday, April 26

Back East (Madison) — Pinball Tournament, starts at 1pm.

Wreck Room — Beach Party, 7-10pm, Sand, Beach and Sun, special kool aid drinks, hot dogs and lots of beach balls.

UW Madison's Out and About Series — Special Speaker, see Group Notes section for details.

Sunday, April 27

Castaways South — Rummage sale, Noon-7pm, buy or sell, free tables for sellers.

Danceteria — Premiere of Sunday night weekly semi-finals for "Stars for a Night Couples Dance Contest", 10pm, \$50 cash prize.

La Cage: Blue Boy Softball Team Benefit show with guest Tiffany Thomas, and Milwaukee's old time favorites, showtime 10:30pm.

Monday, April 28

NBC-TV — Rebroadcast of "An Early Frost", TV's first movie about AIDS.

Wednesday, April 30

Club 219: Star Light lip sync contest finals. \$250 Cash 1st place, only contestants with two previous wins are eligible.

Oriental Theatre — presentation of two gay films "Buddies" and "A Very Natural Thing". "Buddies" screens at 7:25pm, "Natural" screens at 5:50pm and 9:10pm.

Hot Legs — Comedy Show, showtime 9pm, no cover.

Saturday, May 3

Club 94 — 50's, 60's, 70's Party. Prizes for best male and best female 50's outfit, show at 10pm with "Stony and the Panamystics" (female Elvis impersonator).

M&M Peanuts Softball Team — benefit Cowboy and Indians party, 8pm-12am. Raffles, Games, Entertainment featuring Miss Gay Iowa. Prizes for best dressed cowboy and indian.

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