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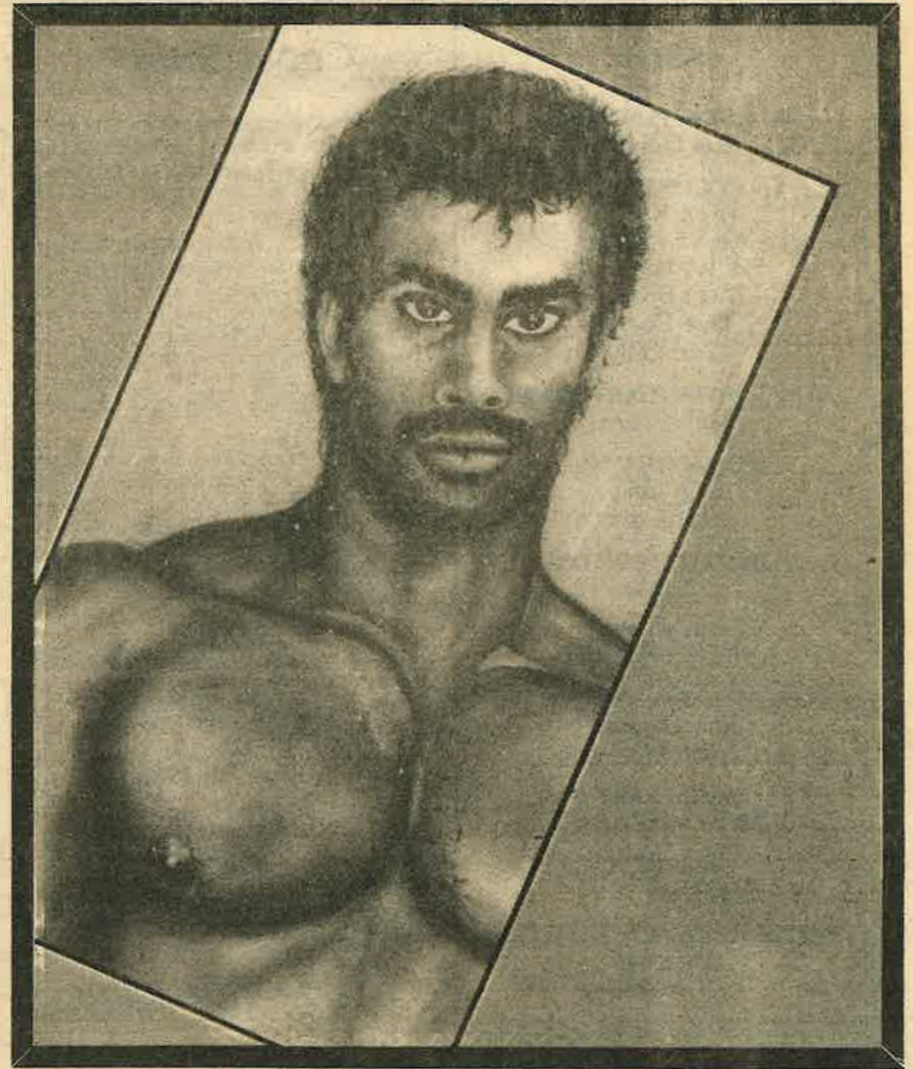
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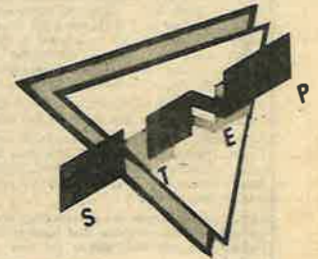
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Cover Story

A new artist appears on InStep's cover for the first time this issue - Holly Brown. Holly is perhaps best known around the region as a superb female impersonator, who sings live in most of her act.

Brown hails from Australia, where she has a commercial art business under the name of "Holly Art". Holly brought her sizzling cabaret act from Australia to the U.S. and has been based in Milwaukee for nearly two years. She has appeared in Hollywood, P. Town, Florida, San Francisco, and Denver, as well as Chicago and all over the state of Wisconsin.

Holly chose to stay in Milwaukee because of the very close friendships she has forged here over the years, including her roomie Ginger Spice. Holly enjoys Milwaukee for "its very creative environment". Holly's art is available for sale, and you can contact her at Club 219 for further info.

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PHOTOS FROM THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

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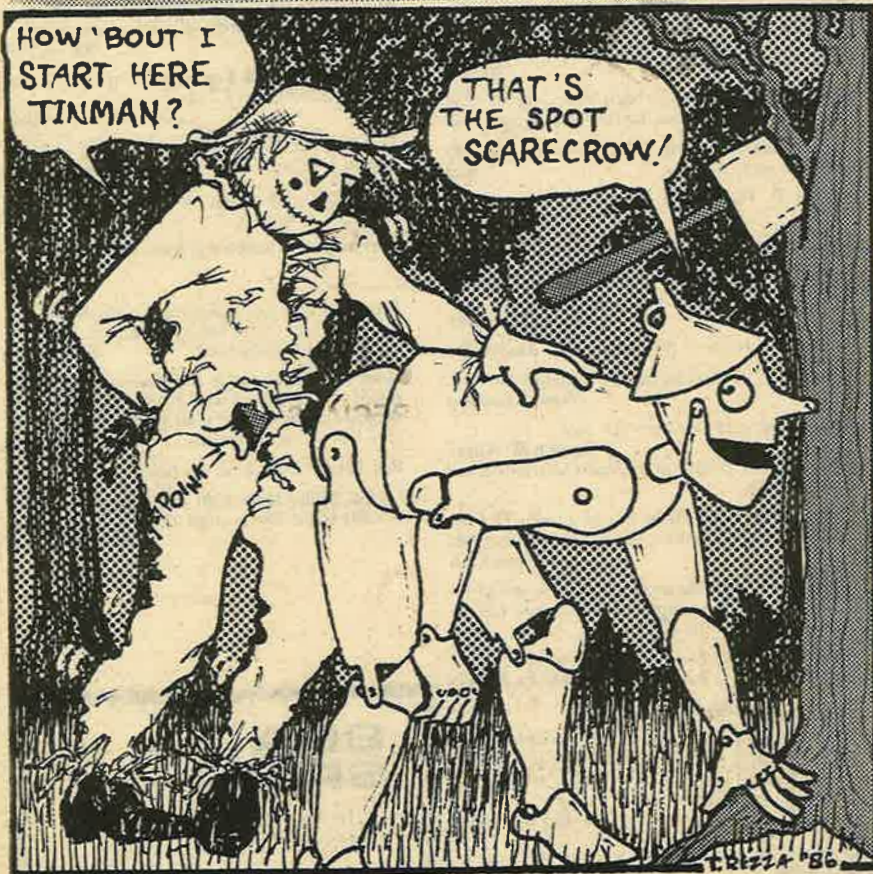
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Briefs

Idaho Copies Oklahoma's Homophobic Law

Boise, ID (GCN) — The Idaho House of Representatives voted 54 to 26 in favor of legislation to bar public school teachers from advocating or condoning homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

Following the February vote, the measure received harsh criticism from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Idaho Education Association, several newspapers and gay and lesbian organizations. Activists are hopeful the Senate will reject the bill.

The Idaho Bill resembles a broader Oklahoma statute that was struck down by a federal court on First Amendment grounds. This decision was later upheld by the Supreme Court.

ACLU lawyers said, "The proposed law is vague and would force teachers to curtail discussions on important topics such as AIDS or on sexuality in general," according to *off our backs*.

NGLTF Board Consolidates Organization In Washington

Washington, D.C. (NGLTF) — The Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), meeting in New York April 19-20th, voted to consolidate all NGLTF operations in Washington, D.C. by July 1, 1986. This decision completes the transition of Task Force headquarters to the nation's capital, and reflects the greater emphasis the Task Force is giving to civil rights advocacy and lobbying of the federal government.

The Board also voted to restructure the organization's staff management by recreating the position of Executive Director. This position had been abolished by the Board in March, 1985, in a move to create a dual management structure for the organization. While "an innovative experiment," accord-

ing to Board Co-Chair Peter Fowler of San Francisco, "the structural flaw placed unanticipated burdens on the staff to reconcile disagreements between themselves regarding their respective areas of responsibility." Other Board members conceded that the "team management approach" had been worthwhile but ultimately an unsatisfactory experiment for the organization.

Upon reconstituting the position of Executive Director, the Board named Jeff Levi to the position. Levi brings to the position of Executive Director an outstanding record over the last three years as NGLTF's representative in Washington, most recently as Director of Governmental and Political Affairs. As a highly visible representative and articulate spokesperson for the lesbian and gay community, Levi has been instrumental in establishing the credibility of NGLTF as an organization with which the federal government and national media must deal.

In other action, the Board reduced expenditures and cut back staff positions in a determined effort to eliminate an outstanding debt which has been a financial drain on the organization's efforts to expand.

3 Cities Pass Gay Ordinances

(GLC Voice) — In the wake of New York City's gay rights bill comes news that three other municipalities across the nation also enacted similar ordinances: Sacramento and Davis, California and Atlanta, Georgia.

The Atlanta law, passed by a 14-4 vote with little debate or opposition from the city's conservative element, amends the city charter to protect homosexual city employees from discrimination.

Despite its reputation as a conservative stronghold in California, the Sacramento City council approved a gay rights bill by a vote of 7-2. When the vote was announced—coming after two hours of public hearings—most of the 500 people crowding the council chamber stood up and applauded.

Graffiti

K.A.: More Input! More Input! **Fluff**

Mooma: And just where do you stick YOUR fingers? **K.A.**

Mike (Danceteria): Wanna shake for a shot? **Fluff**

Jules: Don't call us - and we won't call you.
33rd St. Gang of Three

Keri (Kenosha): Anytime on a Monday. **Tom, 219**

Buff: Hey laser lips, your mamma was a snow-blower! **Fluff**

Jackson: Mikey may be "squishy" but at least he won't bruise your face. **Mother**

Ruby: Thanks for the calls. **Nel**

Cassie: Take the job. **Ex-F.**

Cheri: Thanks for a very interesting evening. **InStep**

Cassie: Glad to see you back from Caracus looking so well - when does the book come out? **R.J.**

Snowhead Jeff (Club 94): I cummed to see you and you were sleeping. **Kim**

Steve B. (Kenosha): Lotsa love and positive hope. **Tommy (219)**

Donn (Club 94): Forget doing your hair and I love "razor burn". **Ka, DJ (Danceteria)**

Donn: Just another "Manic Monday". **InStep Crawlers**

Lois (219): Keep up the Great Work. **Dad(B.B.)**

Donn: You come cheap at \$5 a night (per person). **Milw. Crawlers**

Donn: The east side likes you too!
Scotch & Water
(Editor's note: Scotch and Water was truly a mess that night)

To the West End Girls: For \$5 a piece, I'll even deliver to the bookstore. (Unless I'm doing time!) **Future Con**

Jim (Club Cag.): Nice to have met you at Club 94... next time you're coming to Milwaukee, call me ahead of time at the office. **Ron**

Buff: When our jeans wear out - do you want them for a new coat? **West End Girls**

Wanda & Ruby: Let's try again! **R.J.**

Wimpy/Wimpy: Let's meet and go out for cocktails sometime. There is something you should know... and there is no time or place around 27th Street - if you get my drift... call me. **The Big Bad Wolf**

Trass: I think you better get your wipers fixed on the Cadillac. **Love, Bob**

Scott SS: Rumor has it that you never planned on attending the show, and I think that sucks... and not well either.

Your Socially Acceptable Singer Friend

KA: Thanks for the great tunes, and as the artist sings... "let the music play..." **Ned**

Steve (Raiders): There will not be any further attempts to contact the kid, it's gotten tense, and I for one wish you would change your approach. **BS**

Cal: Thanks for the pix, It'll be a nice addition to the library. **F.C.S.**

Anyone who has a voice: Wanna Sing? Fest City Singers are at UWM Wednesdays for 7-10pm, Fine Arts Bldg., Rm 280. All Summer long.

Your Friendly Recruiter

Russ (Florida): I miss you, can't wait to be with you, just 30 days from now.

Love You, Steve (WI)

Aunty Lynn: I hope you have learned your lesson by praying to the Great White Porcelain God.

Love, Bob

J&M, aka Mom & Dad: You've been very good Clams. Good Good Clams.

Love, The Baby Clam

Toddles: You better be a good big brother or else I'll return to my shell. **HaHa, Love, Bob**

Rick: Do you really have ruby slippers? Bring them to Mary's sometime. **Bob**

Terry: Love to watch you dance, you're the best. **Bob**

Pumpkin: Are you going to stay with the one you think you love or are you coming back to the one who REALLY loves you? **Sex Kitten**

Concerned Queen: Up and Down, Up and Down, might be the issue. I wouldn't worry about other people's problems but your own. After all, what little time alone is precious. **Jackson**

Pee Wee: I love ya, all my heart! **Moby**

Myles (Miller Boi): I left my calling card by the bedside stand. Did you get it? If not, I'll call again. **Thunder Freak**

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**Police In
Washington, D.C.
Suburb Arrest Gay
Male Escort**

(GLC Voice) — Undercover detectives with the Arlington County Police Department arrested a 32-year-old man in his apartment April 1 on a prostitution charge after one of the detectives obtained the man's telephone number from a classified advertisement in the *Washington Blade* for a gay male "escort."

The arrested man denied that he engaged in prostitution and said he simply removed his clothes at the request of Detective Michael Rudy, who posed as a private citizen answering the man's escort ad.

The arrested man said Rudy came to his apartment alone but was joined by two other detectives immediately after the man took off his clothes.

The man said Rudy ordered him to pose in the nude while one of the other detectives photographed him from the front and from behind.

The man said he was taken to the police station, booked, and forced to spend the night in jail because he could not arrange for the \$500 bail until the next day.

Karinshak said Rudy would not have made the arrest unless the man acted in violation of the county's prostitution law. Karinshak said vice detectives routinely photograph persons arrested on prostitution charges.

The arrested man said he planned to plead not guilty to the charge at a court hearing scheduled for later this month.

**Task Force Calls For
Expanded AIDS Effort**

Washington D.C. (NGTF) — National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Jeffrey Levi called on House and Senate committees to provide "comprehensive and compassionate care" for all persons with AIDS, AIDS-related conditions and HTLV-III infection in testimony at two hearings last month. Both committees were urged to support an expand AIDS effort that included:

- Additional education programs to teach individuals in high-risks groups how to prevent transmission of the HTLV-III virus that has been associated with AIDS and to train health care professionals how to treat and counsel those affected by the disease.

- Expand clinical trials of therapeutic drugs to assure that the entire range and combination of drugs are fully explored now and to assure greater access to these trials for persons with AIDS.

- Research into the epidemiology and natural history of ARC (AIDS-related condition), which is essential to gain a better understanding of the cause of HTLV-III infection.

Levi told the Hatch committee that "the reponse of the gay community to this crisis has been a model of volunteerism and private sector initiative . . . To this day, (the gay community) provides the foundation for and majority of education efforts and non-hospital care for persons at risk to AIDS and with AIDS."

Levi warned, however, of the beginning of a "two-class system for persons with AIDS: the latest in treatments, access to clinical trials, and compassionate care and services are available primarily in high-incidence communities . . . The federal government must step in to assure that the person with AIDS in Phoenix or Des Moines has the same chance for receiving the best available treatment and care as the person with AIDS in San Francisco or New York."

**Last Homosexual To Die
By Year 1997**

Washington, D.C. (GCN) — Nearly fifty percent of the articles in the March 10 issue of the *New England Spy*, a supplement to the Lyndon LaRouche mouthpiece, *New Solidarity*, contain virulent attacks against lesbians, gay men and people with AIDS. In an article entitled "Last Homosexual to Die by Year 1997," the *Spy* reports Professor Lupan Raubritt's "findings" that the "virus which causes homosexuality in males," which he calls Type YY, has shown an "accelerating rate of mutation in the infected subjects," resulting in the deterioration of the central nervous system. Type YY, insists Raubritt, is transmitted to males by infected, asymptomatic mothers.



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The theme of this year's parade, and one that is used in many cities nationwide, is "Forward Together". Floats, vehicle, marching groups, bands and individuals are invited to participate in this years parade.

To register your organization or business as a parade participant, and to obtain a list of rules and guidelines, write or call: Pride Week Planning Committee, PO Box 14131, Chicago, Ill 60614. (312) 348-8243.

Last year, Milwaukee and Madison along with a few other cities had the strongest participation ever. This year let's do even more! Milwaukee's BWMT is sponsoring a bus trip down and back for those interested individuals who are interested. Other groups that we are aware of going are The Fest City Singers, Rod's and The New Bar in Madison, and InStep Magazine. Individuals are invited to join in with local groups to help increase their numbers. Official registrants must fill out a Parade Entry Form, and pay the fee (\$50 for businesses, \$30 for non-profit groups. There is no fee for individual marchers.

Line-up time is 1pm at the corner of Halstead and Addison. Step-off is 2pm. Judging will take place and prizes awarded for: Best All Around, Best Commercial, Best Non-profit, and Best Entry using the theme. There will be a Rally and Music Festival after the parade in Lincoln Park. In case of heavy rain, parade date is Sunday July 13th.

Entrants are invited to register the day of the parade, but those that do so will not be listed in the Pride Week Booklet.

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AIDS Update

US Cases reported to the CDC as of May 5, 1986	Adult	20,024
	Child	281
	Total	20,305

During the period April 22 - May 5, 525 people died of AIDS in America.

Questions & Answers

Question: What about alcohol, drugs and AIDS?

Answer: There is growing evidence of a significant connection between AIDS and alcohol and drug abuse. Substance abuse is an issue we can no longer afford to ignore.

Drugs and alcohol don't cause AIDS. AIDS is caused by a virus. But there are at least three ways in which alcohol and drugs can increase your chances of getting AIDS.

First, alcohol and drugs depress the

immune system and make you more susceptible to disease. Alcohol, marijuana, speed, cocaine, poppers, and other recreational chemicals lower your resistance to disease. In some research studies, poppers have been implicated in increasing the risk of KS. Drugs and alcohol weaken your health. They *increase* stress rather than relieve it and help the AIDS virus overcome your body's defenses.

Second, alcohol and drugs reduce your ability to stick to judgments about what's safe and what isn't. A huge majority of gay men in San Francisco have given up Unsafe

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Sex. For the relatively few who haven't yet, studies demonstrate a strong correlation between alcohol and drug use and Unsafe Sex.

Third, sharing IV drug needles transmits the AIDS virus directly from the bloodstream of one infected person to the bloodstream of another. If you do take the risk of using IV drugs, don't share needles! It's a direct route for the transmission of AIDS. There are thousands of IV drug users in America with AIDS, and probably other thousands who are still incubating the virus and who are contagious. Don't share needles!

According to experts who treat substance abuse among gay men, we have had a major epidemic of substance abuse in our community for years—so much so that most of us have accepted substance abuse as a routine part of gay life. What was part of gay life. What was once routine, however, is now deadly.

Remember:

- Sharing needles is dangerous. Don't share needles.
- Alcohol and drugs depress the immune

system. Protect your health.

- Getting high can lead to Unsafe Sex and exposure (or re-exposure) to the AIDS virus.

Now is the perfect time to take a fresh look at your own use of alcohol and drugs—and to get some help (often free) to find out if you have a drinking or drug problem that may increase your chances of getting AIDS.

Answer courtesy of SF AIDS Foundation. ♦

Two Patients Have Antibodies But Not AIDS

(Milw. Sentinel) — Two patients who received blood contaminated with AIDS virus during open-heart operations at two Milwaukee hospitals have AIDS antibodies in their blood, but do not have the disease, officials said recently.

Published accounts had said the two patients got AIDS by receiving contaminated blood drawn before an antibody screening began 14 months ago.

"I don't have AIDS," said one of the patients, Wendell J. Glessner of Dixon, Ill.,

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Team trophies and individual medals were presented as the managers introduced their players for third place Cubs, second place Redoubt, and finally 1986 Milwaukee Classic Champions—Cloud 9 Americans.

Thanks again to all the players, fans, sponsors, and everyone who worked so hard to make the tournament a success and showed the country once again what a great place Milwaukee is to live and visit.

MILWAUKEE CLASSIC RESULTS

Winners Bracket

- Bulldog Road - Chi. 10, Your Place - Mil. 3
- M&M - Mil. 9, Buddies - N.Y. 7
- Armory - Atl. 35, La Cage - Mil. 0
- Redoubt - Chi. 17, Brassrail - T.C. 7
- Little Jim's - Chi. 15, Club 219 - Mil. 12
- Saloon - T.C. 19, Bulldog Road - Chi. 14
- Cubs - T.C. 18, M&M - Mil. 3
- 27th St - Mil. 19, Colby's - Tor. 5
- Wreck Room Spurs - Mil. 13, Texas Drillers - Atl. 5
- Cloud 9 - T.C. 13, Armory - Atl. 9
- Redoubt - Chi. 11, Fantasy - Bos. 10
- Harrod's - Chi. 7, Wreck Room Wings - Mil. 4
- Saloon - T.C. 16, Little Jim's - Chi. 11

- Cubs - T.C. 12, 27th St. - Mil. 8
- Cloud 9 - T.C. 23, Wreck Room Dpurs - Mil. 3
- Redoubt - Chi. 15, Harrod's - Chi. 6
- Cubs - T.C. 15, Saloon - T.C. 3
- Redoubt - Chi, Cloud 9 - T.C. 10
- Redoubt - Chi. 16, Cubs - T.C. 1
- Cloud 9 - T.C. 9, Redoubt - Chi. 4
- Cloud 9 - T.C. 11, Redoubt - Chi. 9 (Champions)

Losers Bracket

- Texas Drillers - Atl. 25, La Cage - Mil. 8
- Wreck Room Wings - Mil. 10, Brass Rail - T.C. 4
- Your Place - Mil. 10, Club 219 - Mil. 9
- Buddies - N.Y. 11, Colby's - Tor. 9
- Bulldog Road - Chi. 16, Texas Drillers, Atl. 1'
- Wreck Room Wings - Mil. 16, M&M - Mil. 1
- Armory - Atl. 15, Your Place - Mil. 9
- Fantasy - Bos. 27, Buddies - N.Y. 5
- Bulldog Road - Chi. 11, Harrod's - Chi. 7
- Wreck Room Wings 13, Wreck Room Spurs 6
- Armory - Atl. 15, 27th St. - Mil. 5
- Fantasy - Bos. 6, Little Jim's - Chi. 5
- Wreck Room Wings - Mil. 15, Bulldog Road - Chi. 3
- Armory - Atl., Fantasy - Bos.
- Wreck Room Wings - Mil. 23, Saloon - T.C. 1
- Cloud 9 - T.C. 18, Armory - Atl. 1
- Cloud 9 - T.C. 13, Wreck Room Wings - Mil. 4
- Cloud 9 - T.C. 16, Cubs - T.C. 4

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Milwaukee once again became the focus of national attention for gays when it hosted the EXPOSURE Workshop for gay media professionals on May 17. The previous night was the fifth anniversary of CCBA, marked by a gala black tie affair at the magnificent Grain Exchange Ballroom. Proclamations from the Mayor and Governor, songs from the Fest City Singers, national media awards and a special award for the Milwaukee Sentinel's AIDS reporting made the birthday party special. Ron McCrea of the Governor's office was MC, and served the following day as host of the media workshop, which was hailed as a milestone event for gay organizational cooperation.

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in a telephone interview.

He said his blood was found to contain antibodies to the virus.

His blood was tested after his physician received a registered letter from Milwaukee County Medical Complex in Wauwatosa, saying he might have been exposed to the virus in a blood transfusion, he said.

Glessner said he had "to call and straighten out" an Illinois radio station that was reporting he had AIDS.

AIDS develops in about one-fourth of the people who have AIDS antibodies in their blood. The presence of antibodies means a person has been infected by the virus, but does not mean the person still has the virus or will develop AIDS.

Glessner filed a \$2.5 million claim against the Milwaukee County hospital this week, saying he had received blood contaminated by the AIDS virus.

In the second case, a woman who had heart surgery in March 1985 was found to have antibodies to the AIDS virus in her blood this March. The woman does not have AIDS.

A St. Luke's Hospital spokesman said the woman was one of three St. Luke's patients whose physicians were told their parents had been exposed to the virus in blood transfusions.

Two of the patients had cancer and have since died, but not from AIDS.

So far, the woman has not taken any legal action against St. Luke's, the spokesman said.

Jay Menitove, medical director for the blood center, said 23 blood component donations at the center, linked to seven donors, may be suspect for AIDS virus contamination.

The seven donors, found to have AIDS antibodies after testing began, all gave blood before testing began. Menitove said it was

not known if the donors had AIDS antibodies at the time of the earlier donations.

He said 9 of the 23 people who received the possible contaminated components had died for reasons other than AIDS.

No AIDS antibodies have been found in the other 12 cases.

Sundays

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All But 1 Case Of AIDS Found In '82-'84 Die

Madison (Milw. Sentinel) — Thirty-three of 34 reported AIDS cases in Wisconsin diagnosed in 1982-'84 have ended in death, according to data released by the State Division of Health.

As of May 12, there had been 82 confirmed cases of AIDS among residents and non-residents who received medical care in Wisconsin, the statistics showed. Forty-eight (59%) of the 82 people have died.

Wisconsin's statistics on AIDS deaths appeared to mirror national figures that show that the odds are against long-term survival once the viral disease, which compromises the body's immune system, is diagnosed.

State Epidemiologist Jeffrey Davis said nationally the odds of survival three years after an AIDS diagnosis are 10% or less. Wisconsin's experience "is not much different," he said.

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Jock Shorts

by Ken Kurtz

Cloud 9 American's of Twin Cities captures the 7th annual Milwaukee Classic over Memorial Day weekend. The American's avenged an earlier 11-10 loss to Redoubt Reds of Chicago to defeat the Red 9-4 and 11-9 and take their 1st Milwaukee tournament. After finishing 2nd in the Milwaukee Classic for several years, the win was especially gratifying for Cloud 9. The Cubs of Twin Cities took 3rd place.

20 teams from throughout the U.S. and Canada participated—Armory Falcons and Texas Drillers of Atlanta, Fantasy of Boston, Bulldog Road, Harrod's, Little Jim's, and Redoubt of Chicago, Bad Land Buddies of New York, Colby's of Toronto, Brass Rail, Cloud 9 American, Cubs and Saloon Colts of Twin Cities, and 7 Milwaukee teams, Club 219, La Cage, M&M, 27th St. Raiders, Wreck Room Spurs, Wreck Room Wings, and Your Place.

The tournament, formerly known as the Wreck Room Classic, was sponsored by the Saturday Softball Beer League this year. The games were played under ideal weather conditions at Mitchell Park and West Milwaukee Park. No kitty litter was needed this year.

The tournament started on Friday with 12 games played. At 2:00 on Saturday, all the participating teams marched onto the field at Mitchell Park in the traditional opening ceremonies. The Fest City Singers sang the Canadian and American national anthems and then SSBL commissioner Ron Burbey paid a special tribute to the founder of the Milwaukee tournament Wayne Bernhagen. The games resumed after the ceremonies as the Cubs defeated Saloon and Redoubt edged Cloud 9. Redoubt then gained the advantage and became the only undefeated

team in the tournament by routing the Cubs. At the close of the day, 5 teams with one loss each, Saloon, Cloud 9, Armory, Cubs, and Wreck Room Wings, joined Redoubt for the finals.

On Saturday, the Wings defeated Saloon and Cloud 9 eliminated Armory. The American's rallied to knock out the Wings and went on to defeat the Cubs. This set up a rematch between Cloud 9 and Redoubt. The Reds jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the 2nd inning, and it looked like the trophy might be headed south to Chicago. But Cloud 9 scored six runs in the 4th and added 5 in the 7th to take the game, 9-4. In the final game, Cloud 9 scored 5 runs in the top of the first, but Redoubt came roaring back with 4 runs in their half of the inning. The American's scored 1 in the third, 2 in the fifth, and 3 in the seventh, while holding Redoubt to 1 in the sixth. Trailing 11-5 in the bottom of the 7th, the Reds refused to give up, and rallied for 4 runs and had the tying runs on base. But the rally fell short and the American's held on for an 11-9 victory. The traveling Wreck Room Classic trophy was presented to the champion Cloud 9 team on the field.

The awards dinner was held at the War Memorial building, following a delicious buffet dinner, the Fest City Singers again sang the Canadian and American national anthems. Participating plaques were presented to the 20 teams. The chorus presented an entertainment interlude, and then Brother Ben Johnson spoke briefly, mentioning the national candle lighting ceremony on Memorial Day for AIDS. All 400 persons attending the awards ceremony then lit candles as the chorus sang "You'll Never Walk Alone".

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

"Astrological Forecast For May 30 Through June 13"

Gemini (May 21 - June 30) Something you threw away several years ago will come back to haunt you. A fortune will slip through your fingers, but you won't find out about it for several years. Something that happened to you last week will happen again this week, only it won't come as such a surprise. Also, you'll discover the cause of that embarrassing itch.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) If you are the Cancer who went out with a certain Scorpio on Friday night and went to a certain dimly lit bar and was observed by a certain Leo who happens to know the Taurus who is your lover, you can expect a problem in the very near future.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) You will be embarrassed by something that will happen when you least expect it. Although you will not be seriously injured, you will spend several uncomfortable hours at a hospital with a male nurse trying to explain how you accidentally sat on a dry flower arrangement.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) You will look very good and sound very positive about yourself. You will be getting better and better. However, your close friends will say that they liked you better when you were real sick and couldn't remember anything.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) Prepare for a trip this week. You will be taken aboard a space ship, where you will be given a complete medical examination and a prescription for Valium. Also, nothing can harm you as you enter a "lunar protection" phase. A good time to see just how fast your Toyota will go.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Indecisiveness could lead to your own undoing. When getting ready for that "Come Dressed As Your Mother" party you were invited to, don't spend all day trying to decide what to wear. Just wear the same outfit she wore last time you saw her, you know, those lime green spandex pants, polyester blouse with that funny floral pattern and those tacky little light blue tennis shoes. Also, you'll realize that this "gay thing" is just a phase you're going through.

Sagittarius (Nov. 24 - Dec. 21) Hasn't your lover looked strange lately? There is something about him or her that just doesn't seem right? New hair style? New glasses? Sex change operation? It would be a good time to dig into their past. If you know someone at the bank, check on their bank balance. Ask lots of questions. Talk to his or her doctor. Children can be helpful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) It is a good time to meet someone new and start a close personal relationship. Seek this person in Juneau Park, the bookstore or a street corner.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19) Beware of a severely disturbed geography teacher who has shot six people who did not know the capitol of Scotland. Remember, the capitol of Scotland is Edinburgh. Also, don't go out to the bars and try to have someone else's good time.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20) Be honest with yourself this week. Realize that if your bathtub has stretch marks, it's time to go on a diet. If you are going to buy a gift for a friend, a scratch 'n sniff glow in the dark, inflatable sex doll might be a good idea.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Try to figure out the meaning of life this week. Decide why you were put on this earth. I mean, what are you good for? Why shouldn't you be squished like some bug? And remember, if you take your age and divide it in half, you're dreaming. Beware of a libra carrying a loaded gun.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You could be in for a surprise this week. This could be the week your life begins to fall apart. Don't be surprised if you catch your lover with that slut from across the hall. Beware of any doctor with ice cold hands who wants to check you for a hernia.

The 40-member Fest City Singers premiere concert, under the direction of Bernard Sans. To the left are the 'singers', Bill and Ruth.




Flippin' Tuesdays
7-11pm

The Arts

by Kevin Michael

Fest City Singers Unify And Bring Harmony

The basic goal of the Fest City Singers is to unify and bring harmony and perfect tone to the Gay community throughout the midwest.

In just under a year, an initial group of fifteen people formed from the dream and vision of a core group for four: Ron Thate, Dan Gnietczynski, Bernie Sans, and Joey Appleman have worked to create such a community based organization. Kudos to them and the other members of the Fest City Singers.

From a very recent column, I strongly suggested that we, the members of the gay community give not only lip service, but presence and support to this most worthwhile event. I was not disappointed. The six friends who joined my lover and I felt much the same way and I was grateful for them

coming together with us. I also was touched by the number of straight folks I knew who also were present to lend their support.

It is not my intent here to review this concert though the music was good and well performed. Rather, I seek to mention what I consider to be the strong value of this truly worthwhile musical presentation.

Much good has been accomplished by the Fest City Singers in their initial year. They came about to provide the sole entertainment for the Gay World Series held in Milwaukee in 1985. In addition, they have performed in numerous benefits for Mandella, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), and the B.E.S.T. Clinic.

Bernie Sans, Musical Director, says it best in his welcome:

*"The Fest City Singers want so much to be a beacon for our community: a symbol of unity and peace, a gold star of freedom, and most of all, a group formed to hold up the cultural values of the arts which are so much a part of our civilization. We want all
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Special guest Deanna, owner of the Seahorse Lounge in Indiana.



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Mr and Miss 1101 West 85/86 good-bye show, featured a variety of performers.

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Friday, June 13 (Watchout - Evil Day)

1101 W (Appleton) — Grand Reopening weekend, Buck Night for bar rail, can beer, wine.

Jo 'Dees (Racine) — MASH Week, Dance Hall Night, 75¢ schnapps.

Saturday, June 14

1101 W (Appleton) — Grand Reopening Weekend, "Beat the clock" prices on Rail, Can Beer and Wine, 50¢ from 8-9pm, 75¢ 9-10pm, \$1. 10-11pm.

Rod's (Madison) — "Daddies Weekend", hot tub on patio.

Jo'Dees (Racine) — MASH Week, Klinger look-alike contest, prizes.

Sunday, June 15

Who's (Green Bay) — Mr and Miss Who's 86/87 contest, showtime 9pm.

Rod's (Madison) — Daddies Weekend, presentation of "Snow White and the 7 Tiny Inches" play on the patio.

Jo 'Dees (Racine) — Mess Hall Night, bring a dish and get a free split of champagne.

1101 W (Appleton) — A benefit show for Center Project Inc. with Miss Gay Wi.— Nichole as special guest.

Madison's Big Brothers Ends Gay Ban

Madison (Milw. Journal) — Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Dane County has ended a controversial policy of barring gay, lesbian and bisexual volunteers, the group's board of directors announced May 23.

The non-profit organization, which is affiliated with Big Brothers & Big Sisters of America, matches adult companions with children ages 6 to 14 from single-parent homes.

Dan Gribbon, executive director of the Dane County chapter, said the adult volunteers "not only do things like taking kids to the zoo, they provide them with role models. The best way of describing it is something like an aunt or an uncle."

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of you to be a part of that vision . . . Most importantly, we need your fine support of love and acceptance and just a kind word."

And, as your singers so eloquently said it, "You're a good man, Bernie Sana, you're the kind of reminder we need." They weren't kidding on that score.

You have accomplished that which you set out to do, Fest City Singers! We salute you for witnessing and living out that vision Bernie challenges us all to be! We're proud of your accomplishments! Felicitations and good wishes!

Wisconsin Poets For AIDS

Namron Press and Norman Richards are proud to announce the release of their first book this month: HEART PIECES/WISCONSIN POETS FOR AIDS. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be going to The Milwaukee AIDS Project.

The book will be on sale in area book stores and in Madison, Chicago, New York and San Francisco.

Copies can be ordered directly from Namron Press at: P.O. Box 93822, Milw., Wisc. 53203-0822 for \$4.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling.

A publication party is being planned for sometime in July at a Milwaukee location.

Tuesdays

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Nichole Saunders

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Well, for the 7th time, we've made it through another combinat on **Memorial Day Weekend & Milw. Classic Softball Tourney**. Oh my—all those men, thank God it's still safe to just look at them. (And even though the rest of my body has 'given up', my eyes work just fine!)

Announcement time . . . Ginger Spice has purchased the franchise rights from Miss M (Michael Roberts—owner **Walkers Point Cafe**) for the **Miss Gay Continental Wisconsin Pageant**. Ginger has scheduled the Pageant for August 5th, at **Club 219**. For further details, contact Ginger at 219, & keep your eye on *InStep*. The winner will compete in Chicago's Miss Continental Pageant sponsored by Felicia (Jim Flint).

Jimmy King has announced the next in his series of Pageants—**Mr. & Miss Gay Kenosha** will be held June 21st at **Club 94**. \$10 entry fee for contestants & applications are available at **La Cage & Club 94**. Contestants are welcome from the entire state.

Pizza, Pizza, everywhere—on Thursdays, anyways. The **Wreck Room** has had Pizza for years on Thursdays, **Ces't La Vie** (not quite as long), & now **La Cage** has switched from Tacos—to guess what? . . . *Pizza!*

If you haven't been to Madison for awhile, mark the Daddies weekend, June 14-15, on your calendar. **Rod's** hosts it's annual Daddies Day event with a Hot Tub on Saturday & then Rod's Miracle Thespian Company presents "*Snow White & the 7 Tiny Inches*". *Should be outrageous!* And upstairs at **The New Bar**—there's always the best in video & dance.

You can always trek over to **Back East**

where Cheri & her staff will get you ripped or, one of their huge selection of exotic Schnapps & you can dance to their DJ-Doug.

The **Shamrock Bar & Grille** which recently switched to a **gay format** & offers friendly staff & customers, food & lots of space as well as a location a block from the Capital. Finally, Madison has a cocktail lounge.

Internationally-reknewed artist **Robert A. Uyvari** has been 'cleaning out the closet' & found copies of some of his signed & numbered limited edition prints, that he wants to sell to help defray living & medical costs. Contact Bob Schmidt at **M&M Club**, Tony at 219 or Scott at the **Boot Camp** if you're interested in purchasing any of the works they have on display. Some of the prints include: "Tony" previously featured on the cover of *InStep* (Vol. 2 issue 20, Oct 3, 1985), Marcus, Clasic 6, World Series, 1985, plus others. Prices are low—and Robert needs the money. Besides wouldn't you really love to own a Uyvar?

Congrats to the **Fest City Singers** on their premiere concert at Centennial Hall. Over 500 people purchased tickets, & were treated to an extremely well done show. *Cheers!* The selections were varied & featured soloists, quartets, ensemble work, as well as the full chorus. The pre-concert hors d'oeuvres buffet put on by the Glass Merag-erie was stupendous.

1101 West's Grand Re-opening was cancelled, but the bar is back in business with lots of big changes in decor including major remodeling. The "Grand Reopening Weekend" has been rescheduled for the June

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Wednesday, June 4

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay) — "Gays of Wine and Roses" with live music by Bob Davis, every Wed. in June. 8:30 to midnight, wine specials.

Saturday, June 7

Douglas Dunes (Douglas, MI) — Tropical Weekend with recording artist Evelyn Thomas.

Sunday, June 8

1101 West (Appleton) — Mr. and Miss 1101 W (86/87) contest with guest star Melissa McClain.

Your Place — "Orient Expressed" Garden Party, 4-9pm. Drawings for kites on display.

Monday, June 9

Jo Dees (Racine) — MASH Week, Radar Night, 50¢ soda and shots of schnapps.

Tuesday, June 10

Jo Dees (Racine) — MASH Week, Hot Lips night, Beer, Wine & Pepsi bust.

Wednesday, June 11

Jo Dees (Racine) — MASH Week, Col. Potter night, anyone in Army uniform—75¢ tappers and Schnapps.

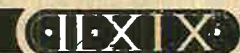
Thursday, June 12

Jo Dees (Racine) — MASH Week, Doctor Doctor night, 75¢ martinis.

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13-15 weekend. The Mr. & Miss 1101 W. 86/87 contest is June 8th.

Remeber The **Wreck Room** is "Gold" on Wednesdays when live music (by Gold) bounces off the barn wood. It's up to crowd response if the band continues weekly.

Your Place brings "Dames at Sea" to their garden stage this weekend (May 30 & 31st). The show won raves at the **Wreck Room** & the crowd demanded encores. Sunday, June 8th, they present their "Orient Expressed Garden Party" from 4-9.

Cleaning house? Let your closet make money at a new concept shop in Milw. called **Creative Exchange**. C.C. Conrad of jewelry fame has opened this shop at 324 W. Wisconsin (2nd floor) where she buys, sells & consigns everything from mens & womens designer clothing, original artwork, antiques, collectables, fine furniture, etc. Surley, one of the Shirleys on staff can help you turn you closet into cash. They have some great antiques, glassware and "gen-tally worn clothes, with lots of wedding apparel.

The **Napalese Lounge** in Green Bay is having "The Gays of Wine & Roses" with

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Tuesday - Hot Lips Night

Beer, Wine & Pepsi Bust

Wednesday - Col. Potter Night

Anyone in Army uniform
75¢ Tappers & Schnapps

Thursday - Dr. Dr. Night

75¢ Martinis

Friday - Dance Hall Night

75¢ Schnapps

Saturday - Klinger Look Alike Contest

Prizes

Sunday - Mess Hall Night

Bring a dish, get a free split of champagne

Bob Davis in concert every Wednesday in June from 8:30 to midnight. The nostalgic music comes along with wine specials.

Ces't La Vie offers a way to get by cheap on Fridays with 25¢ Rail mixed drinks from 9pm to 1am. **Ces't La Vie** has lots of specials, but this one outdoes them all!

La Cage has kicked off summer early with new daily specials, and a chance to win monthly drawings for a Motor-Scooter on Sundays.

The **New Bar** (Rod's other bar) in the Hotel Washington complex in Madison also has a new daily cocktail hour and during the month of June silver and gold card holders get a half price sale from 4-8pm. Don't forget Rod's "Daddies Weekend," the hot tub on the patio, and their plays are always outrageous.

Jo Dees in Racine is having "MASH" 4077th Week from June 9-15th. Something different happening every night from Monday thru Sunday. Check out their ad for details.

Well that's it . . . and I'm outta here! •



Miss Gay Wisconsin
Nichole Saunders



Baby Jane Hudson



Sage La Rue



Tiffany Thomas



Jamie Curtis



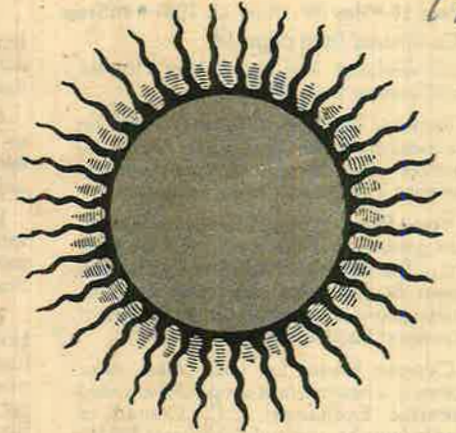
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