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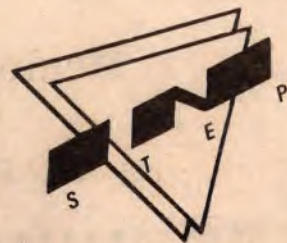
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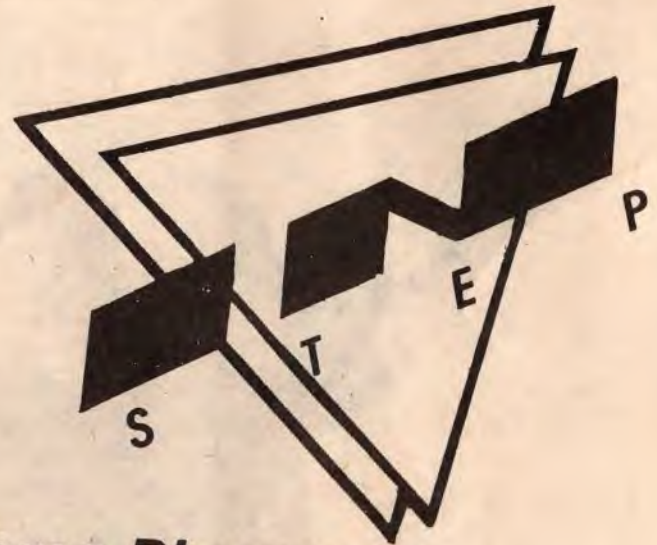




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**Increase In Anti-Gay/
Lesbian Violence**

[NGLTF]— Reports of violence and harassment against lesbians and gay men more than doubled in 1986 from the level reported in 1985, according to a report released recently by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). A total of 4,946 incidents were reported to NGLTF in 1986, as compared with 2,042 incidents documented the year before. Directed against persons because they are gay or lesbian or perceived to be so, these incidents included verbal harassment, intimidation, assault, police abuse, vandalism, arson, bomb threats and murder. The reported violence was perpetrated by one individual, gangs, and organized hate groups — including the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi organizations. Victimization occurred in a variety of settings — on the street, in school, on campus, in jail and prison, and even in the home.

Documented by NGLTF, the National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline and 41 organizations representing communities in 27 states, these episodes account for only a very small fraction of the actual number of that which occurred during the past year.

Most of the groups reporting to NGLTF indicated that fear and hatred associated with AIDS had exacerbated the violence. References to AIDs were made by perpetrators in 681 or 14% of the incidents documented in 1986. The NGLTF report was highly critical of the official response to anti-gay violence on the national, state and local level.

Founded in 1982, the NGLTF Anti-Violence Project is America's only national program to research, document and combat violence against the gay and lesbian community. The Anti-Violence Project publishes this audit of anti-gay/lesbian violence annually. Local groups are urged to compile statistics on anti-gay/lesbian incidents and to report them to NGLTF. To obtain incident report forms, or other information on organizing against violence, contact the NGLTF Anti-Violence Project,

1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

NGLTF urges all victims of anti-gay/lesbian harassment and violence to contact local anti-violence projects where they exist. Those without local resources can make a report to the National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline at 800/221-7044 (212/807-6016 in NY State) 3-9 p.m. Eastern time.

**Sentencing Set in Eau
Claire Gay Murder**

[Equal Times]— A 19-year-old man who pleaded guilty in the November murder of a gay man from Eau Claire faces sentencing at In Step deadline.

Steven Anthony Hansen entered a second-degree murder guilty plea at an April 9 hearing. He is being held in Eau Claire. Cash bail set at \$50,000 was not posted.

Hansen, who had been living in Superior, Wis., was arrested in February and charged with the murder of Dale Edward Staupé of Eau Claire.

Staupé, 28, was found dead on the floor of his apartment on Nov. 14 and had died several days earlier from choking and blows to his head.

**Guards Seek AIDS
Testing of Inmates**

Waupun, Wis. [Journal]— Guards at Waupun Correctional Institution began a campaign last week to require AIDS tests for all inmates and segregated living quarters for all prisoners found to have the AIDS virus or other contagious diseases.

A segregation unit, they say, should be created in one of the state's two newest prisons, at Oshkosh or Portage, or be part of a proposed new prison.

The guards also demanded a change in Wisconsin's confidentiality laws to allow people who must handle inmates to be informed about those who are infected.

The campaign is described as an effort

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by the entire prison staff rather than one organized by the guards' union.

Thomas Dunn, former union president who is a leader of the campaign, said state laws and policies were geared to protect the rights of prisoners with deadly diseases. Prison crowding and staff shortages made the spread of diseases much easier, he said.

Dunn said AIDS could be transmitted rapidly within the cramped prison system through homosexual conduct. He said guards were worried about contact with infected inmates and assaultive prisoners who might use contagious diseases as a weapon.

Dunn also called for an education program for staff and inmates.

"There is no training whatsoever of... staff on contagious diseases," he said.

Connecticut Congressman Dies of AIDS

Washington, D.C. [Sentinel]-- Rep. Stewart B. McKinney (R-Conn.) died last week from a bacterial infection brought on by AIDS, his office said.

The office issued a statement quoting McKinney's personal physician, Cesar Caceres, as saying the 56-year-old congressman probably contracted the disease from the many blood transfusions that he received while undergoing heart-bypass surgery in 1979.

But knowledgeable sources on Capitol Hill and in the gay community said McKinney has had homosexual relationships. Homosexual men are at greatest risk for AIDS.

The statement said: "Steward McKinney died of pneumocystis pneumonia, a bacterial infection brought on by acquired immune deficiency syndrome."

McKinney was a father of five and had been married to his wife, Lucie, 37 years.

Caceres said McKinney had tested positive for HTLV-III, the virus that produces AIDS, 18 months ago. However, he was not diagnosed as having developed

the disease until after he entered Washington Hospital Center on April 22.

McKinney told Caceres that he "wanted the cause of his death known after he passed away, in hopes that this information might help others to deal with what is becoming a national crisis," according to the doctor.

Gay Rights Bill for Vermont

Montpelier, VT [Equal Times]-- For the first time, a gay rights bill has been introduced in the Vermont state legislature.

Rep. Micque Ciltman, one of 12 legislators sponsoring the bill, told a news conference, "We are starting on the final leg of civil rights legislation."

To demonstrate the need for the bill, several gay activists at the press conference presented the results of an informal survey of lesbians and gays in the state which indicate that harassment and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is widespread.

Demonstrators Block NYC Streets AS Police Arrest 17 In Sit-In

New York City [Works]-- New York's gay and lesbian community, furious that only AZT, of several promising drugs for AIDS, has been approved by the FDA, vented that fury at a loud and effective sit-in in front of historic Trinity Church facing Wall Street on March 24th.

The original idea was to disrupt the Stock Exchange itself, but that proved impossible. As playwright Larry Kramer ("The Normal Heart") stated, "What we want is the media," not to alienate the Stock Exchange.

Several hundred gays and lesbians joined the protest, shouting "Ronald Reagan your son is gay," "AIDS is not just a gay disease," "Why \$10,000 to treat a single person for a year?" and to the assembled onlookers, "We're fighting for you, too!"

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Finally a contingent of the protestors dashed into Broadway, sat down in the middle of the street, and stopped traffic. New York's finest moved in quickly and arrested seventeen people without violence.

NGLTF "Increase AIDS Funding"

[NGLTF]-- In testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies on April 30th, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) urged federal funding of nearly \$1 billion dollars for AIDS-related efforts in Fiscal 1988. NGLTF Executive Director Jeff Levi focused his comments on the importance of federal funding for the cost of experimental treatments. The Task Force was to present testimony to the Senate Committee on Appropriations on May 6th.

"Until a cure and vaccine are developed, our only intervention for halting the spread

of AIDS is education. In this area, the federal response has been particularly appalling. In the current fiscal year, less than \$80 million is allotted to this goal. It rises to \$120 million in the President's budget request. A sum triple that size would come closer to the need," testified Levi.

"AIDS prevention requires mass education -- about a frightening disease that requires millions of Americans to make dramatic changes in their lifestyles. And yet, we are spending less on this effort than companies spend to change consumer buying habits -- or politicians spend on changing the vote of a small portion of the electorate," Levi continued.

NGLTF also faulted the federal response in the area of counseling those seeking the test, and pointed out the problems in the accessibility to the test at voluntary test sites.

Levi argued at length for the appropriation of special funds in the current fiscal year to pay for the cost of AZT treatments.

"For many who were receiving AZT free of charge before it was licensed, a treatment

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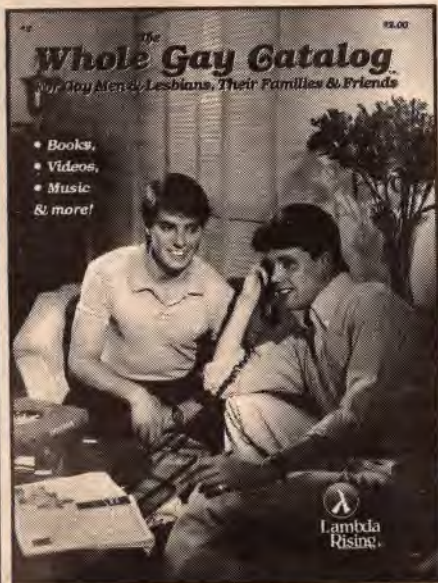
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NGLTF also urged Congress to press the National Institute of Health to move with greater speed in expanding the trials of drugs now underway, and to increase dramatically the number of people participating in them.

Dignity Responds to Catholic Church

[Dignity]-- Dignity/USA, the organization of gay and lesbian Roman Catholics and their friends, has taken its case directly to the American public in response to recent attacks from the Catholic Church. The organization placed a full page ad in the April 27 issue of Newsweek, the national news magazine, asking all fair-minded individuals to join them in fighting for equal rights for lesbian women and gay men in the Roman Catholic Church.

Dignity chapters across the country are in a state of siege. Under Vatican orders, the bishops of seven American dioceses and one Canadian diocese have expelled eight of the organization's chapters from using church facilities where they worship and hold meetings. The organization has 108 chapters in the United States and British Columbia, Canada.

In an October, 1986 document, the Vatican refused to admit lesbians and gays can be practicing and committed Catholics and goes as far as prohibiting gay/lesbian groups such as Dignity from practicing their faith.

Dignity called on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to speak out against the expulsion of its chapters and to dialogue with us on the pastoral care of lesbian and gay Catholics.

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**Contra-Gay Link
Revealed?**

Washington (Windy City Times)-- A National Public Radio (NPR) news broadcast recently revealed the key organization raising money domestically to aid the Nicaraguan contras is run "primarily by gays," reports the April 19 *Gay Community News*. The National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty (NEPL), a public charity which has reportedly raised \$10 million for the contra cause, was founded in

1984 by Carl R. "Spitz" Channell. NPR reporter Frank Browning's story claimed that Channell was out as a gay man within the organization and that his sexual identity was known to several Washington reporters and political figures. It was also reported that NEPL's Executive Director, Daniel Conrad, is gay, as well as "at least four subordinates" in the organization. The broadcast included information about the financial records of NEPL, indicating Channell and others misused funds by paying their lovers unjustified consulting fees. The host of *All Things Considered*, the program which aired Browning's report, asked Browning on the air why the sexual identities of the men were important to the story, since sexuality is a "private matter." Browning said that it was clearly out of the ordinary that a group run by gays would be approved by the White House as the principle domestic funding operation to aid the Nicaraguan contras, thereby having access to sensitive and detailed knowledge of top secret policy initiatives.

Special to In Step--The *Washington Post* reports that large contributors to NEPL

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GROUP NOTES ▽

CCF's Casino Night Comes Up a Winner

The first annual casino night, **Casino '87**, sponsored by Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation was held, April 26, in the beautiful and elegant Grain Exchange Room. It was a fitting setting for the glittering affair.

With the slogan, "Come Up a Winner", the event more than lived up to its name. Nearly 200 people paid \$25.00 apiece to have fun and aid The Foundation in its philanthropic endeavors which do much to benefit the Wisconsin gay/lesbian community.

With croupiers provided by a professional casino company, players enjoyed trying their hands at poker, blackjack, craps and other games of chance.

In addition, there were hourly raffles held for records, T-shirts, bar tabs, year-long memberships at Video Adventures and cases of liquor, among other prizes.

According to Don Schwamb, President of CFF, the support The Foundation received from the gay/lesbian community was "very good." Among the biggest sponsors were Miller Brewing Company, Breitlow Studios, The M & M Club, This Is It and Your Place each contributing money, raffle prizes or both.

The money raised by the event goes primarily to six recipients. These are: **The Saturday Softball Beer League**, **The Milwaukee AIDS Project**, **The Green Bay Center Project**, **the Gay and Lesbian Community at UWM**, and **the Anti-Discrimination Project of the Legal Aid Society**.

The sixth recipient was the **Madison AIDS Support Network**. Schwamb presented a check to Doug Fletsch who represented the Madison group. The money will be used for direct support of those with AIDS and for educational purposes.

Schwamb told *In Step* that these monies are "direct grants" and that the groups receiving them are "only some" of the

organizations that benefit from Foundation activity.

Bob Melig, a member of CCF's Board of Directors noted that he hoped that Casino '87, beside raising money for these worthy causes, would serve to publicize the good work being done by the Foundation.

"Of Casino '87 itself," Melig said, "We've learned a lot" and was pleased with the way the evening went. "Everyone is having a lot of fun."

CCF Vice President, Chuck Brotz, agreed and added, "This is great! We'll be building on this year after year."

Duluth Campus Gays Organize Group

Duluth/Superior [Equal Times]-- The University Gay and Lesbian Association was organized three months ago at the Duluth campus of the University of Minnesota.

Mark Voight, one of the organizers, said he and others felt a need for a comfortable setting for gay and lesbian students, though the campus is fairly homophobic. The group's purpose is recreational, social and support.

Voight said they are looking for new members and would like to eventually organize a Gay and Lesbian Awareness Day.

The group, which is recognized as an official student organization, meets weekly at 4 p.m. Wednesday in room 202, Cina Hall. More information is available from the Kirby Student Activities Board at 218-726-7169.

Black Tie Ball MAP Benefit

[MAP]-- The Society Club of Milwaukee will be hosting an exciting black tie ball and fashion and talent show on July 11th, 6:30 pm. at the Hotel Wisconsin's C'Club. This elegant evening is a fundraising event for M.A.P. Tickets are \$22 per person or \$40

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[MAP]-- On Memorial Day, Monday May 25, 1987 the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will again sponsor Milwaukee's Candlelight Memorial Service. It is a part of the coordinated efforts of Mobilization Against AIDS. We, in Milwaukee, along with 80 cities across the nation, will join in the celebration and remembrance of the many men, women, and children who have died of AIDS and those now living with AIDS.

This second annual event will be held at Plymouth United Church of Christ, 2717 East Hampshire at 7:30 p.m.

MAP invites you to join us in Milwaukee's expression of support and love as we continue to deal with AIDS in our community.

Reagan Plans Panel On AIDS

Washington, D.C. [Milw. Journal]-- The White House plans to form a blue-ribbon commission to study the issues surrounding the AIDS epidemic, ranging from economic cost of national defense, Reagan administration officials said last week.

The Public Health Service last June urged establishment of an AIDS commission to study the expected burden on the health care system.

The panel would make recommendations on policy changes and funding to cope with the epidemic.

The decision comes as AIDS promises to become an increasingly important issue politically, both in the coming presidential campaign and as a focus during the president's final months in office.

Advisors have been briefing the presi-

dent on AIDS for weeks during Monday lunches, and Reagan, after receiving criticism for his long silence on the issue, eased into the AIDS debate this month with a Philadelphia speech that endorsed AIDS sex education as long as it remained under local control and emphasized sexual abstinence and fidelity.

Conservative supporters have strongly influenced White House acceptance of the commission idea, according to administration officials.

Jeff Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said any commission appointed by the Reagan administration would be "a rubber stamp for what's going on now — an inadequate commitment to resources and programs that are needed."

FCC Jams Signal of Gay Radio

[Windy City Times]-- The Federal Communications Commission April 16 asked the U.S. Justice Department to consider prosecution of Pacifica Foundation, Inc. for presenting "indecent" programming on its Los Angeles station, KPFK. The "indecent" programming the FCC is complaining about was a talk show discussion on a gay radio program that broadcast excerpts from a new play, *Jerker* by Robert Chesley, that deals with sex in the age of AIDS.

At the same time, the FCC slapped the wrists of two other radio stations for playing rock music with risqué lyrics and presenting a controversial talk show that featured explicit language. However, the action taken against Pacifica for airing the gay radio program "I am. Are You?" on KPFK is far more serious and could result in the revocation of the station's license. Already it has sent a shock wave through gay radio programming across the nation.

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THE ARTS ▽

Unfinished Business: The AIDS Show

By Kevin Michael

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The AIDS Show is a collection of sketches, songs, and soliloquies dealing with the emotional issues and human tragedy of the AIDS epidemic. The show originally opened in 1984 at Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco and later was documented in a PBS special. This revue which spotlights a variety of people who have been touched in some manner by AIDS began a six week run at the Ballwick Repertory in Chicago to benefit the A.I.D.S. Foundation of Chicago.

The play opens and closes rather effectively in song. The number entitled "Not a Day Goes By" by Stephen Sondheim from his musical play *Merrily We Roll Along*, was donated and the rights to and use of his song are performed royalty free.

The remainder of the show has been co-authored by thirteen others and at times is highly uneven. Also, the production was directed by two persons who tended to not find a suitable blend for such a diverse piece to start with. Lastly, add to that a cast of some very well meaning actors and actresses of varying degrees of competence and you find as a result a theatrically cumbersome piece further muddled in direction and performance.

However, that is not to say that some well defined performances were not contained within. Michael Irpino's delivery of the "Spice Queen" section was quite good. Sara Minton's focus on the plight of a mother losing a son to AIDS in "Mama's Boy" was brilliantly done.

The character who tied the entire piece together was an actor, Larry Dyekman, who kept New Year's Day conversation year to year with his friend, Murray. Though the New Year's theme through the years seemed a bit too contrived; Dyekman was uneven in an uneven piece. Perhaps an actor of more depth or experience might

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have handled so important a connective role with greater ability. He did not seem up to the task at hand.

Some additional festive fun came with musical numbers such as: "Rimmin' at the Baths", and "Vaccine Day" — good campy fun here! The "To Tell the Truth" sketch was amusing and very thought provoking.

The company mounting this production are clearly to be saluted for their valiant efforts on the part of the A.I.D.S. Foundation of Chicago. All production, administrative, and cast members of the company have donated their time and talents to this most worthwhile cause.

I was also quite impressed with the inclusion of an AIDS Facts For Life card, an extremely well done brochure on AIDS compiled by the Charlottesville AIDS Resource Network on SAFE SEX, and a condom provided to each theatregoer with his/her program. It clearly shows the commitment by this company to their song included within the show, "Safe Livin' In Dangerous Times."

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The production plays Thursdays through Sundays at the Bailiwick Repertory, 3212 N. Broadway, in the Jane Adams Hull House. Tickets, which are tax deductible to the extent of the law, may be purchased for \$12 from the box office at (312) 883-1090. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. The show runs through Sunday, May 31.

Milw. Players Present: The Great Sebastians

[Milw. Players]-- *The Great Sebastians*, written by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, will be performed by the Milwaukee Players at the Pabst Theater, June 4 through June 7, 1987. This timely melodrama combines comedy, adventure and drama in the exciting story of two actors behind the iron curtain caught up in a flurry of political intrigue.

Essie and Rudi Sebastian, a phony mind-reading husband and wife team who are performing in Prague after the war,

become involved in a communist clamp down. The play begins with an actual mind-reading act with audience participation which is an integral part of the play. The plot thickens as General Zandek, a communist military officer, tries to use the Sebastians mind-reading power to uncover government traitors. Tension mounts as Rudi and Essie are summoned to his house where they must use all of their wit, theatrical talents and "mind-reading ability" to escape imprisonment and death.

Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontaine, one of the most celebrated acting teams in the history of English and American theater, first performed this play in 1956. Since *The Great Sebastians* was a collaboration between the Lunts and the playwrights, many of the character traits of the Lunts were built into the play as it was being written. After touring with the play, the Lunts concluded with a CBS performance of the play which was their television debut as a theatrical team.

The Great Sebastians will be performed, Thursday, June 4, Friday, June 5 and

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Jo'Dees [Racine]- Softball Game at 3pm, meet at bar. Old-fashioned cookout after game. Bar opens 5pm.

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Gay St. Station- Open 11am, 50 cent Tap Beer from 11 to 7 pm.

Club 219- "Kiss The Weekend & The Boys Goodbye," Cookout, 5pm, on the Patio.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Back East [Madison]- Jock Strap Contest, \$75 cash prize, 11 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Gay St. Station- Live music by Mari Hang 7 to 10 pm.

Club 219- 219 Girl's 6th Anniversary Show, showtime 11:30 pm, \$2 cover, special guest to be announced.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

M.N.D.C./S.E.G.W. [Stevens Point]- "2nd Edition Going Western" dress in western wear, Platwood Club.

Back East [Madison]- Wet T-shirt Contest for the women, \$75 cash prize, start 11pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Back East [Madison]- Memorial Day Party, bar opens at 3, free brats, hot dogs & free beer from 3 to 5.

M&M Club- Live entertainment by Diana Laffey & Kathy O'Hara.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Fannies- Live entertainment by Diana Laffey & Kathy O'Hara, 5 to 9, No cover.

Gay St. Station- Live music by Kristi Kay & Jeff Stoll, 7 to 11.

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Odessa Brown, the world's largest female impersonator, (also known as the Nubian Queen) recently hit the region doing shows in Chicago (Carol's), Milwaukee (Club 219) and Appleton (1101 West). Odessa sings live, and her voice is almost as big as she is.



While at Milwaukee's Club 219 Odessa (center) posed with Holly Brown (left) and B.J. Daniels.

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Saturday, June 6th at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Ticket prices are \$5.50 and \$6.50 on Thursday and \$6.50 and \$7.50 for other performances. Students and senior citizens with identification get \$1.00 off the price of a ticket on Thursday and Sunday nights and Sunday afternoon. Tickets may be purchased at the Pabst Theater Box Office, 271-3773.

Antler Wins Poetry Prize

Milwaukee poet Antler has won the \$1500 Witter Bynner Prize for Poetry awarded annually to an "outstanding younger poet" by the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

The Academy and Institute, located in New York City, maintains a membership of 250 of the most eminent American artists, writers and composers. Past members have included Mark Twain, William Faulkner, Igor Stravinsky and Frank Lloyd Wright. Honorary foreign members have included Pablo Neruda, Aldous Huxley, Albert Schweitzer and Dimitri Shostakovich. Present members includes James Baldwin, Kurt Vonnegut, Aaron Copland and Lukas Foss.

Judges for this year's Witter Bynner award were James Dickey, Allen Ginsberg and Galway Kinnell.

In 1985 Antler won the Whitman Prize of the Walt Whitman Association of Camden, New Jersey, which is awarded to the author "Whose contribution best reveals the continuing presence of Walt Whitman in American poetry." His widely acclaimed epic *Factory*, about working in a cam factory along the Milwaukee River and originally published by City Lights, is one of the five sections comprising his *Last Words* book. Many of his poems are of a homo-erotic nature and several have appeared in *In Step* and in *Heart Pieces* Wisconsin poets for AIDS anthology.

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A WOMAN'S VIEW by Linda Hendersen

The Prophecy

They said it would never last.

They sat at the bar and mumbled and grumbled and complained about her new girlfriend. They all agreed that her new girlfriend was not her type — was too aggressive, too opinionated, too adrogynous — not her type at all.

She was butch they said — just hadn't found herself yet. She needed some pretty young thing on her arm, not this lesbian woman who talked about abortion, feminism, and equality.

No, they said, it will never last.

The relationship progressed, to their dismay, from like to lust to love.

This is crazy, they said as they ordered another drink. It's not right. She's changing to much — being influenced too much by this new girlfriend of hers.

Every succient word her girlfriend uttered, every pointed question she asked, every strongly held opinion she voiced was

interpreted as proof.

Proof that it will never last.

They lamented the changes she was going through. She was too serious — no fun anymore. When she came out to play with them she didn't talk to them like she used to. She didn't make them laugh as much, get as drunk, act as outrageous.

She got a promotion, her girlfriend got a well-paying job — they bought a house. The two of them weren't rich — remodeled the house themselves — tore 'down paneling, hung drywall, planted a garden — worked late into each night — eating cereal for dinner because they were too tired to cook.

They whined that they never saw her anymore. She was too taken with her girlfriend — her girlfriend had taken her away from them.

But it will never last, they said.

When the house was liveable, she and her girlfriend invited them over to party.

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- Sat., May 23—Games At Both Parks, 10 a.m.—on OPENING CEREMONIES, 2 p.m. Mitchell Park
- Sun., May 24 — All Games at Mitchell, from 10 a.m. Championship Games at 1:30 & 3 p.m. Banquet & Awards Ceremony 5:30 Cocktails 7 p.m. Dinner & Awards. At Crystal Palace (1925 W. National) (Banquet Tickets \$10 for Non-Players)



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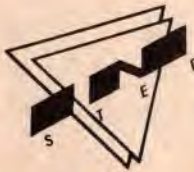
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MAY 16

Lower Diamond
 10:30 Le Cage Blueboys v WR Wings
 11:45 Beer Garden I v Wings
 1:00 WR Spurs v 219 Neon Knights
 2:15 Neon Knights v. Gay St/CCBA
 3:30 Raiders v YP Flamingos
 4:45 Ballgame v Raiders
 6:00 Flamingos v Ballgame

Upper Diamond
 10:30 Nighthawks v Beer Garden I
 11:45 Blueboys v. Nighthawks
 1:00 Gay St/CCBA v Beer Garden II
 2:15 Beer Garden II v WR Spurs

Welcome
Players
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They went, out of curiosity, suspiciously.

They made eye-to-eye contact with each other — rolled their eyes upward as she talked about her career, the future, the house, the garden, feminism, the ERA, love, honesty, and pride.

They talked to her about what they had in common with her — all the good times they missed. They reminded her of their partying every night till the bars closed. They laughed together remembering the times she was so drunk and her signature so sloppy that the bank wouldn't honor those checks she wrote to pay for their drinks.

They teased her about her past. How she had been brought out "femme," how outrageous she had looked with long hair, dressed in a mini-skirt and go-go boots and how, after that relationship was over, she began to be mistaken for a good-looking young man.

It will never last, they sneered.

There were still some good times although she played less often and less intensely. They resigned themselves to their loss, accepted what time she gave them, laughed together about the past. They never accepted her girlfriend, only tolerated her.

They toasted to "It will never last."

She quit drinking, went to AA. They were shocked and angry. She didn't drink too much — her girlfriend was manipulative, didn't want her to have any fun. It was her girlfriend's fault she had changed.

They were uncomfortable when she talked about mistakes she had made at work because she was always hung over. They didn't want to hear her talk about the night she was standing in front of the refrigerator, reached for one more beer and found herself inexplicably on the floor. She talked about being sober and strong.

They listened, bored, and thought — it will never last.

She did better at work, her girlfriend got several promotions. They could afford to have the house rehabbed by professionals, buy new furniture. Their garden became the showpiece of the neighborhood.

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Welcome Milwaukee Classic Players



JOCK SHORTS ▽

Milw. Classic Softball Tourney

By Tom Salzieder (Classic Committee):

It's Milwaukee Classic time again. Memorial Day weekend, 1987. The Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) will play host to about 12 softball teams throughout the United States and Canada from May 22 thru the 24th.

Started as the Wreck Room Classic in 1978, the Milwaukee tournament continues to be one of the most popular in the country. For the first time this year, there will be separate tournaments for recreational teams and competitive teams. Commitments have been received from teams from Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Toronto, the Twin Cities, as well as Milwaukee.

Teams will arrive in Milwaukee on Thursday May 21, and will register at the Howard Johnson Hotel at Sixth and Wisconsin. Games will start on Friday morning at Mitchell Park, behind the Domes, and West Milwaukee Park, 52nd and Burnham. Games will continue at the 2 parks on Saturday, with opening ceremonies scheduled at 2:00 at Mitchell Park. The tournament will conclude on Sunday at Mitchell Park, with the recreational tournament championship game at 1:30 and competitive championship game at 3:00.

The award banquet and ceremonies will be held at The Crystal Palace, 19th and National Avenue. Cocktails will be at 5:30, with dinner at 7:00. Tickets are available to non-players for \$10. (Available at the Fields or from Classic Committee members).

The Saturday Softball Beer League and Milwaukee's gay community welcome our out of town guests, and we hope we can make your visit here during the Milwaukee Classic a memorable one.

Good luck to all participating teams. (See The Calendar in this issue of In Step for pertinent information.)

CORRECTION: In the last issue, columnist Ken Kurtz listed only 10 teams in the SSBL. We apologize... there are 12 teams in this year's league, including the following teams: M&M Peanuts, Beer Garden II, and the Wreck Room Spurs. Apologies to all teams and their sponsors... It certainly wasn't intentional. Also since the last issue, The Nighthawks, an independent team, have dropped out. --Ron Geiman

La Cage Milwaukee's Best Kept Secret
"JOHNNY MILLER"
Sat., May 23, 10 p.m.

MAY 9 S.S.B.L. RESULTS

Hot Legs 12 / La Cage 9
Wreck Room Spurs 29 / Beer Garden Hotshots 4
Wreck Room Spurs 16 / La Cage 8
Hot Legs 15 / Beer Garden Hot Shots 6
M&M 13 / Club 219 9
CCBA/Gay St. Station 13 / Beer Garden II 12
Club 219 23 / CCBA/Gay St. Station 1
M&M 23 / Beer Garden II 6
YP 3 / Raiders 2
Raiders 14 / Ballgame 7
YP 15 / Ballgame 4

SSBL STANDINGS — MAY 9

Division 1	Wins	Losses
Your Place	4	0
Ballgame	2	2
Raiders	2	2
Wreck Room Wings	1	1

Division 2	Wins	Losses
M&M	4	0
Wreck Room Spurs	3	0
Hot Legs	2	1
CCBA/Gay St. Station	2	2
Club 219	2	2
La Cage	1	3
Beer Garden Hot Shots	0	4
Beer Garden II	0	4

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Over the next several years, her friends drifted away. They said her parties were too boring and she didn't come out to play anymore. They still talked about her and her girlfriend. They shared what they knew about her present, laughed over stories from her past.

They knew that it wouldn't last into the future.

It's been nine years. Last week she left her girlfriend, moved out of the house, and into an apartment. She's started coming out to play again. She teases, she laughs, she parties hard.

I guess they were right.

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met President Reagan in private meetings and were assured by him of the credibility of the effort. In a related matter, Terry Dolan the head of the National Conservative Political Action Caucus and a close friend of NEPL founder Carl Channell, recently died of AIDS.

BBC Cancels Gay Teen Love Story

London (Equal Times)-- The Times of London reports that the Thatcher government was responsible for the sudden cancellation of *Mates*, a two-part BBC drama about teenage homosexuality.

Leslie Stewart, the author of the screenplay for *Mates*, professed to be shocked at the cancellation, explaining that the purpose "wasn't to make life awkward for teachers, but to get people in a school environment to face up to the fact that homosexuality does exist among teenagers, does cause a lot of grief, and can lead

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directly to suicide and massive unhappiness."

Mates is the story of two 17-year-old boys who run away from home and school to pursue a relationship together.

It was to have aired as part of the BBC's School TV educational series. "The idea," says Stewart, "was to make teachers and teenagers who are gay not feel so desperate about it."

Gays Lead S.F. Voter Turnout

San Francisco (Windy City Times)-- Gay precincts led the city voter turnout for the first time in history in the April 7 special election for Congress in which Democratic fundraiser Nancy Pelosi defeated Supervisor Harry Britt by a small margin. Pollster David Binder calculates that 70-80 percent of registered lesbian and gay voters cast ballots, and that 80 percent of these votes went to the openly gay Britt, according to the Bay Area Reporter.

STEPPIN' OUT ▽

by Ron Geiman

Enjoying the weather? Glad you are — I'm sitting here in my office on the 7th, & I have to write this column, when I'd rather be playing. I keep seeing the males of our species outside wearing next to nothing, making it difficult for me to concentrate.

As you should be aware by the cover art — softball season is upon us, and that means the annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament. Teams from across the country join Milwaukee softballers from May 22-24 for the "grand-daddy" of gay softball tournaments. Hope all you out-of-towners enjoy yourselves in the "Cream City" (known that way because of the cream-colored bricks on many of our fine old buildings). And to all you Milwaukeeans — get out to the ballfields in mass — it's always more fun to have a big crowd at the games.

Check the "Jock Shorts" column & "The Calendar" in this issue for all pertinent Classic info.

And now a word of caution — Warm weather brings out the "crazies" every spring & this year is no different. I've heard of assault & robberies in Juneau Park & other cruise areas, as well as threats & "gay-baiting", around our bars. If you're approached — Play it cool — give them what they want. Stay on well lit &



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well traveled streets if walking. Report any incidents to the Police Department (they're there to protect us, too!) & also to the GPU Hotline (562-7010), so they can keep a log of incidents. I didn't mean to frighten anyone — Milwaukee's a pretty safe city — but just be aware & cautious. The gay-bashers and homophobes are out there & we must be aware of them. (Why are people in the parks late anyway? I certainly hope that people aren't still having anonymous sex in the bushes. Wake up, this is 1987 & the new gay reality, people!)

Let's flashback to some highlights of activities on our social scene....

La Cage & Wausau's Camp treated us to the zany comedy antics and impressions of Jerry Halliday & his "Glamour Girls" — It was a slick & sassy Vegas-style nightclub act that could crack the faces of the most jaded in the audience. Halliday was the voice & the hand behind his character puppets, and he did his job so well that after a few minutes he slid into the backdrop & the characters seemed alive. I loved it & so did the crowds.

The Cream City Foundation's "Casino Nite" was a fair success its first year. The cocktail party/casino gambling & raffles extravaganza was a benefit for a number of community concerns. You can read the full story in the "Group Notes" section this issue for all the details. If you missed it this

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“Gay Drive” Name Changed

West Seneca, N.Y. [Milw. Sentinel]— Several residents of what was Gay Dr. expressed anger last week that the name of their street was changed, but it was the prospect of extensive paper work, not offending homosexuals, that upset them.

Leaders of West Seneca's gay community said the change, approved by the Town Board, was insulting.

“That's horrible. What a bunch of bigots. That's a sign of homophobia,” said Robert Scharf, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Western New York's Homosexuality Task Force.

“I think those people ought to realize that 1 out of 10 of their kids is going to grow up to be a gay or lesbian person,” Scharf said.

The original name was affixed 20 years ago by a developer who named the road after his daughter, Gay.

Pauline Fehan, who has lived on the street for 15 years, said she liked the idea of changing the name, although it will be “a mess” to make the change.

“It (the name) just made us uncomfortable, although we never really had any problems,” she said.

Some longtime residents blamed the impetus for the change on newer residents in the subdivision.

“They're nuts,” Helene Spahn said.

“Think about all the work involved. Also, the ones that wanted it changed knew what it was when they moved in. Now we just have a lot of work.”

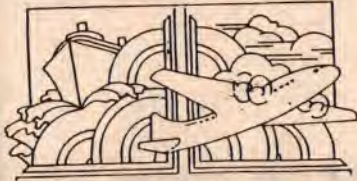
State Forbids Local Gay Rights Ordinances

[Windy City Times]— The Virginia General Assembly last month passed legislation barring local jurisdictions from passing their own gay rights ordinances, according to the April 17 issue of the *Washington Blade*. The legislation gives any city, town, or county the right to enact a human rights ordinance as long as it is “not inconsistent with nor more stringent than” the state's own anti-discrimination laws. Also approved was a statewide Human Rights Act which does not prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians. According to State Sen. Richard Saslaw, who helped draft the act, the Virginia legislature “would never have passed it” had it included protections based on sexual orientation.

Chinese Lesbian Jailed

Tientsin, China [Windy City Times]— A 40-year-old lesbian has been imprisoned for having a sexual relationship with another woman. She is now in a “re-education camp,” according to GCN. While gay sex is not explicitly illegal in China, laws against “immorality” and “indecentcy” can be used to prosecute gays and lesbians for their sexual orientation.

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Gay Street Station did a day long party for the opening of the SSBL Softball Season. It's less than 8 blocks from Mitchell Park, & the players & fans were treated to specials & food in the afternoon. That evening they offered a smorgasboard of live entertainment to wrap up the night, as a benefit for MAP, and raised over \$400.00.

School may be winding down in Madison, but **Back East** has been partying their ta-ta's off. I've got to get out to one of their jock strap contests to check out the Madison meat. Not to leave the women out — they're going to have a Wet T-shirt contest for you. Check out their ad.

Things have been happening over at **Rod's & The New Bar**, too, of course! The New Bar brings **Ered Matthews** back to Wisconsin at an up-coming date. Ered will also be doing a concert at 1101 West in Appleton. Ered appeared a few months ago at both **La Cage & The Factory**, to very appreciative audiences. He's very talented & entertaining, as well as being a past Mr. Gay America.

King Production's 1st contest in their South Eastern Pageant series will be the Mr. & Miss Gay Fox Valley at **The Pivot Club** on the 24th. Jimmy informs me entry forms are available at **La Cage, Pivot Club & Who's**. Contestants will compete in interview, talent & swimsuit, (Mr.) & Evening Gown (Miss). Entry fee is \$10 & winners each receive \$100 cash, trophy & \$100 Booking contract.



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"Dynasty" may have lost some of it's power in the last few seasons — but I must salute them for Steven & Blake's little chat about AIDS, Safer Sex & condoms on their season finale. That's the first I've heard Safer Sex & condoms mentioned on prime time.

Earl Bricher, former Gov. Earl's liaison to our community, would like me to remind you that he is no longer in the Gov.'s office & the Gay/Lesbian Task Force isn't around anymore, either. Seems he's still getting mail at the Gov.'s office from various gay & lesbian groups & individuals. The man who has been forwarding mail to Earl is retiring soon & his replacement probably won't be as accomodating.

We're back on a 2 week publication schedule, so we'll be back on May 28th. Until then... play safe!

"CATS" Company In Cabaret Benefit

[MAP]-- The national touring company of the Broadway musical "CATS" will be presenting "An Evening With The Company Of CATS" as a fundraising benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, June 22nd in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee.

Members of the CATS cast and orchestra will be presenting a cabaret-style show, featuring a medley and Broadway show tunes to a Trocadero-type ballet spoof. Milwaukee and Dallas will be the only two cities in the country where the touring company will present the show.

Cocktails will be available beginning at 7 pm with the performance starting at 8 pm. A party will follow the show with all ticket holders invited to meet the cast. Tickets, at \$40 for table seating and \$30 for general seating, are available at all Ticketron outlets. Seating is limited to 800 people. Program advertising will also be sold. All proceeds go to benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

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For further information, contact Tom Boll at MAP offices, 273-AIDS.

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use him away. Kept to his task and having Hierocles support, Elagabalus proved to be an effective ruler — at least as effective as Rome had any right to expect given his inexperience.

But Rome did not notice this or if they noticed, it was quickly ignored, obscured by tales of the emperor's latest gown or rumors that he had asked the physicians for a vagina. Then, of course, there was the sun cult. Even though Elagabalus had given up personal participation in it, Roman revulsion over its chief rite flamed high.

When the revolt came, it involved all of Rome and was led by the emperor's personal troops, the Praetorian Guard who had vowed that their swords would mix the blood of the emperor and his lover together before the night was out.

There are several versions of what happened, each from reliable sources. One says that both Elagabalus and Hierocles were captured and killed and their bodies flung into the Tiber. While I admit that that's more than likely, there is another I prefer.

According to this version, at the first sign of trouble, Hierocles and his spouse dressed themselves in the poorest of clothes and slipped away from the palace. Under cover of night, they made their way down the Palatine Hill and managed, with their disguises, to work their way across the revolt-torn city. They headed north and disappeared into the countryside never to be heard from again although there were persistent rumors that they made it to Athens.

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Gay St. Station- Live Music by Mari Hang
from 7 to 10.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Boot Camp/Beer Town Badgers- Club
night, prizes & drawings all night long,
drink specials, grand prize, 10 pm-close.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Back East [Madison]- Pool Tournament,
Cash prizes, \$5 entry fee, bar opens at 3,
games at 4.

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SUNDAY, MAY 17

Pivot Club [Appleton]- Rhonda Moore
presents, "...And, May Flowers, bring cool
breezes & warm friends", a show! Also
Melinda's annual 25th Birthday party.

Ballgame- Art show, 1 pm, Landscapes in
oil by Greg Olszewski.

Jo'Dees [Racine]- "Crazy from The Heat"
show starring Cindy, Soz, Sue, Art, &
guest Miss Frankie.

M & M Club- Live entertainment by Tommi
& Annette.

Jet's Place- Pull Tabs from 2 to 6 pm.

New Bar [Madison]- The live talents of
Ered Matthews, \$2 cover includes a free
drink. Showtime 9 p.m.

MONSDY, MAY 18

Milw. Gay/Lesbian Cable Network- Tele-
cast of CCBA's "State of The Gay &
Lesbian Union - 1987", panel discussion.
75 minute program airs at 9pm on Milw.
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THURSDAY, MAY 21

Milw. Classic- Welcome reception for
players to pick up packets, etc. Howard
Johnson's Hotel, 6th & Wisc., 5pm-11pm.
At 11pm- team managers meeting at hotel.

Gay St. Station- Live music by Mari Hang,
7 to 10.

1101 West- The musical talents of Ered
Matthews, Showtime 10pm. \$2 cover.

FRIDAY, May 22

Back East- Milw. Bar Crawl, depart Back
East at 7pm, return at 4am, free beer on
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Milw. Classic- Games begin at 10am at
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Jo'Dees [Racine]- Win T-shirts & booze
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La Cage- Male Dancers all nite.

Pivot Club [Appleton]- Free Tap Beer 7 to ?

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Milw. Classic- Games begin at 10am at
both Mitchell Park & West Milw. Park.
Opening ceremonies at Mitchell Park at
2pm. Don't miss this colorful event!

Jo'Dees [Racine]- Sock Hop & Dance
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M&M Club- Live music with Faron Evans.

La Cage- "Les Girls" & introducing
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Pivot Club [Appleton]- Cookout & Wapatuli
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clothed and then, naked, so that the congregation could see the sensuous, undulating curves of his smooth, young body as he offered it in dance to the light of the god.

After having excited the on-lookers to a heated frenzy, he would lead them to a high circular platform surrounding and overlooking the stone. At a signal, they would all begin to masturbate until they came, shooting out onto the rock beneath.

Elagabalus was happy. Why not? He was accepted. But grandma Julia had ideas for his future that went beyond leading men to masturbate on a rock. As Caracalla had no heirs, she began circulating rumors that Elagabalus was his illegitimate son by her daughter, Julia Jr. who saw a future for herself in all this, admitted that it might be so. How could she know?

The word spread and found ready acceptance among the local troops. Homosexuality was, as historians admit, usually with regret, tolerated in the legions of the empire and many of the troops were worshipers of the sun and had seen the

beautiful boy. Beside that, grandma had a lot of money to spread around.

As luck would have it, Caracalla was assassinated while relieving himself in some bushes. After a brief flare-up from a rival, Elagabalus at 15 was hailed as emperor and began his journey to Rome.

For a 15 year old, being an emperor was no fun. In fact, it was a lot of hard work and he escaped as often as he could to attend the chariot races in the Circus Maximus. There one day, a year after he had come to the throne, he spotted a young Greek driver who made his heart leap. He was tall, very well-built with masses of black curls and deep, dark brown eyes. The youth's name the emperor quickly learned, was Hierocles.

Elagabalus ordered him brought to the palace to be bathed and perfumed. As the emperor waited impatiently, slaves brought him word that Hierocles was large where it mattered and very well hung.

History is silent but the imagination can conjure up plenty about that first night — and subsequent nights. It was soon obvious that the emperor was in love. Hierocles, so far as is known, never raced again. Instead, he became his lover's friend, companion, advisor and eventually, his spouse.

There was a public wedding ceremony to which all aristocratic Rome was invited. No one dared to stay away but there was much covert grumbling and more contempt as Elagabalus appeared in the wedding dress of a Roman bride. Had the emperor acted according to Rome's idea of masculinity, nothing much would have been said. He certainly wasn't the first occupant of the imperial throne to have been gay. Not by far.

After the ceremony, Elagabalus insisted on everyone speaking of him as Hierocles' wife. When one unknowing soul greeted him in the usual manner with "Hail Lord Emperor," he replied angrily, "Don't call me that. I'm a lady!" Within hours the story was all over town.

The haughty Romans snickered and sneered but Hierocles was good for his spouse. He encouraged him in the work of ruling the empire, giving him advice as he could while trying to keep those who would

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Milw. Classic- Games begin at 10am, only at Mitchell Park. Championship game for recreational division is at 1:30, & for competitive division final game is at 3pm. Banquet begins at 5:30 with cocktails at Crystal Palace, 1925 W. National, with the Banquet & Awards following at 7pm. Tickets for non-players are \$10 per person, and available at the games or from a Classic committee member.

Jo'Dess [Racine]- Corona Beer \$1.25, \$1 Margaritas & Pina Coladas, Open 5pm.

La Cage- Live music by Chicago's "O'Hara & Laffey," 10-11:30pm, \$2 cover.

Fannie's- Beer Blast \$3 all Beer & Soda you can drink, \$1 Rail 6 to 10, open 6.

M&M Club- Live Music by Tommi & Annette.

Jet's Place- Pull Tabs from 2 to 6.

Gay St. Station- Live music by Kristi Kay & Jeff Stoll, 7 to 11.

**MONDAY, MAY 25
MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY**

Fannie's- Women's Arm Wrestling Competition- Over \$300 in prizes, competition begins at 4pm. Cookout, open 3pm, Brats, Hot Dogs, Games, Beer.

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OUR STORY ▽

by Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

It was 232 A.D. Elagabalus, the 18 year old Emperor of Rome stood at a window of his palace looking out over his capital.

By day, the imperial city presented a magnificent sight that bedazzled all who saw it. But it was night and all he could see were hundreds of lights from torches being carried through the Forum far below, their flames licking the air as people raged in rebellion against him.

Watching all this, he might have been forgiven if, shaking his head in sad perplexity, he had thought to himself, "What have I done?"

He was an open homosexual but that wouldn't have been the answer. The Romans had no particular antipathy toward that. But he was a feminine acting gay man. In that lay the answer to his questions. The Romans despised men who did not conduct themselves according to the standard definition of masculinity.

He was born in the Roman province of Syria in 214 A.D. His grandmother Julia and his mother, also named Julia, were of the royal line, aunt and cousin respectively to the reigning emperor, Caracalla. Who the boy's father was, we don't know. Julia Jr. was rather promiscuous and any one of a number could have been qualified.

By all accounts, as he came to his youth, he was beautiful with a full head of thick, golden curls, the face of a sulky angel and a lithe, firm, bronzed body that was a joy to look on — or to have in your arms as was the good fortune of a few favored men.

One of the cults in the area was one devoted to the sun whose services involved a rather curious ceremony. The primary object of worship was a conical black stone that had fallen from the sky and was believed to be the sun's penis. (Don't ask me how supposedly thinking human beings accept such things.) Anyway, Elagabalus, due to his family's position, was a priest of this religion. As such, he would dance before the worshipers — all male — in robes radiant with the sun's rays; first

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