

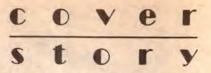
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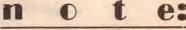
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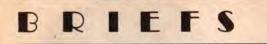
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State Senate Approves 'Anti-Gay Bashing'

The Wisconsin State Senate last week overwhelmingly approved a proposal to set high penalties for gay bashing and crimes motivated by bigotry.

The measure (A-599) would boost fines and jail sentences for crimes committed with the intent of intimidating members of a minority group.

Senators voted 27-3 to send the measure back to the Assembly (See article last issue of In Step) for action on an amendment added by Sen. Mordecai Lee (D-Milwaukee). Lee has proposed allowing victims of so-called hate crimes to pursue civil lawsuits against the accused.

Opponents of the measure said the bill was largely symbolic.

After another vote in the Assembly, if they approve the bill with the amendment, AB599 will be sent onto the Governor for his signature.

GayCanadianLawmaker: "This Is Enough"

Toronto [Windy City Times]- "We do not choose to be gay or lesbian and are not seeking special rights, merely the right to live openly, in dignity, without losing our jobs or homes or being subjected to violence," said Svend Robinson, 36, the first member of the Canadian Parliament to announce he is gay.

Following his announcement, Robinson's office in Burnaby, British Columbia was vandalized. In addition, Premier Grant Devine of Saskatchewan expressed fear that Robinson's statement would encourage young people to "try homosexuality." Devine said his compassion for gays equaled that for bank robbers.

Nevertheless, the Minneapolis-born Robinson described his annoucement as a liberating experience. "It was a difficult



decision in both personal and political terms," stated Robinson. "I didn't want to be perceived as a single-issue candidate or a gay member of Parliament, but rather as a member of Parliament who happens to be gay."

Robinson also acknowledged the twoyear delay in the Canadian government's pledge to outlaw discrimination against gays and lesbians, a trend of growing violence against gays and attempts to link AIDS with homosexuality "by the Jimmy Swaggarts of the world," as contributing to his decision.

"Rather than allowing the extreme rightwing fundamentalist homophobia to become stronger," said Robinson, "It's important that we stand up and say, "This is enough."

Grassroots Mobilization Strengthened by Merger

Washington, D.C. [HRCF]- The Fairness Fund, a two-year old gay/lesbian grassroots mobilization group, has merged into the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a political action committee working to secure full human rights for gay men and lesbains and responsible federal policies to fight AIDS.

"By joining forces with the extraordinarily successful Campaign Fund, we give added visibility, clout and resources to our important grassroots initiative," said the Rev. Troy Perry, Co-chair of the Fairness Fund's National Mailgram Campaign and founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Fairness Fund constituent mobilization, in the form of thousands of letters, mailgrams and calls, will dramatically enhance the Campaign Fund's lobbying on Capitol Hill and improve chances of making legislative gains on AIDS and fairness issues.

"We have smart, articulate lobbyists and generous donors who make our sizeable Continued on page 5

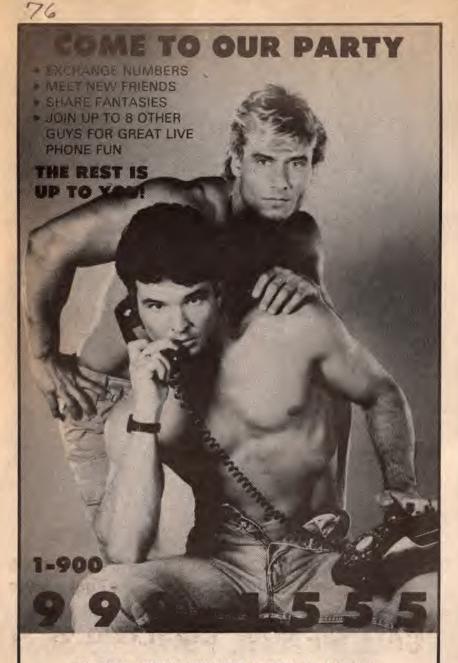
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political campaign contributions possible. But we need the strong grassroots mobilization initiative the Fairness Fund provides. Now we can maximize our program efforts,'' said Victor Basile, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

The Fairness Fund will retain its name, staff, current address and telephone numbers and will continue its present efforts, including:

• The National Mailgram Campaign, with is "proxy system" and two 800 telephone numbers. The "proxy system" allows preauthorized mailgrams to be sent in the names of its thousands of "subscribers" when legislative action calls for constituent pressure.

The 800 numbers facilitate convenient, inexpensive communication to Members of Congress by allowing callers across the country to select from already-prepared messages, for a small charge on their phone bill.

• The grassroots network of State Coordinators, congressional district Field Associates and local Organizing Committees. (Editor's Note: A Wisconsin Fairness Fund organizing meeting is scheduled for March 27th at the Foundation Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m.)

• The Congressional Action Alert system to inform key local leaders and organizations about fast-breaking legislative developments.

Appleton Teacher Receives Reprimand

Appleton, WI [Journal]- A high school teacher has been issued an oral and written reprimand for not following school policy in inviting a 'homosexual' to address his class about 'homosexual' rights, a group of about 50 disgruntled parents was told March 14th.

The announcement was made to parents who attended an Appleton School Board meeting to protest the appearance of the guest speaker in a senior classroom Feb. 18 at Appleton East High School.

The teacher, Ronald King, who conducts

a course in interpersonal relations, had violated two school board policies in arranging the address, and as a result all teachers will be required to review the policies annually, school officials said.

Acting Superintendent Jerome Boettcher said Tuesday that King failed to get approval for the guest from the principal or department supervisor and then failed to provide written notice to parents to give them a chance to have their children excused from the class that day.

Boettcher said the exchange that seemed to disturb the parents the most came in a question period near the end, when one of the speaker's responses was "quite graphic."

Florida Plans Quarantine

Tallahassee [Windy City Times]- An AIDS quarantine proposal has been submitted to the Florida Legislature by the state office of Health and Rehabilitation. As part of a state-wide AIDS policy, the department submitted a three-tier system to deal with people who carry or are suspected of carrying HIV antibodies and continue to "pose a public risk" by refusal to refrain from engaging in unsafe sex or the exchange of needles.

In the first tier of quarantine, individuals would be put under "home confinement," and be allowed only to go to work, school and/or counseling sessions. In the second phase, individuals would be placed in an AIDS hospice or living facility and be confined there 24 hours a day. The third phase would be confinement in a "sealed ward." According to the proposed guidelines, once an individual is placed in quarantine, his or her status would be reviewed by the courts every few months to see if the person's "attitude" had sufficiently changed to be downgraded on the three-tier system. However, anyone maliciously reporting persons for quarantine would face strong sanctions.

"It's inhumane, unfair, uneconomical and unconstitutional," said Allan Teri, an attorney for the National AIDS Task Force of the American Civil Liberties Union. The Florida Legislative session which opens in April is expected to be picketed by AIDS activist groups opposing the legislation.

In Step+March 24-April 13, 1988-Page 6 March to Rebuke Bigotry in Dubuque, IA

Dubuque, IA [NGLTF]- Lesbians, gay men, and supporters will return to the streets of Dubuque, Iowa on Saturday, April 30 for the second annual lesbian/gay pride march, following last year's event at which marchers were harassed and pelted with obscenities, epithets and eggs. Dubuque police officers took not action to intervene while anti-gay counterdemonstrators nearly turned the peaceful march into a riot.

"This year will be significantly different," said Ginny Lynns, a Dubuque organizer of the march. "We're inviting people from the Upper Midwest region to stand with us and show the Dubuque police and city administration that lesbians and gay men are here to stay. We call it the 'Forsythe County' march of the lesbian and gay rights movement because after racist attacks on black people in Georgia county, thousands and thousands of people turned out for a peaceful, but powerful and empowering march."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) enthusiastically endorses the second annual Dubuque Lesbian/Gay Pride March. Privacy Project director Sue Hyde will speak at the rally, scheduled for 1:00 p.m. in Washington Park. "We urge lesbians and gay men from the surrounding states of Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, as well as lesbian and gay citizens of Iowa to rebuke bigotry and prejudice and march for justice and freedom in Dubuque," said Hyde.

For more info, contact Sue Hyde at the NGLTF, (202) 332-6483.

Lesbian and Gay Education Conference

The Fund For Human Dignity, the national lesbian and gay education organization, announced plans for "The Lesbian and Gay Education Conference: Initiatives Toward a National Education Agenda For Our Culturally Diverse community." The Conference will be held on Sunday, July 24, 1988 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers in Boston, MA.

The Education Conference seeks to

develop a network of individuals, projects and organizations working to educate various communities on lesbian and gay issues. The Conference will focus on six areas: media education, educating the educators and our youth, educating the non-lesbain/gay communities, educating within the lesbian/gay community, education through the creative arts, and educating legislators.

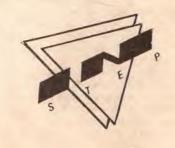
The Fund Education Conference will he held in conjunction with the Second International Lesbian and Gay health Conference and AIDS Forum. Proposals for workshops will be accepted until April 15. Registration information will be available after April 1. For more information, contact: The Lesbain and Gay Education Conference, Fund for Human Dignity, 666 Broadway, Suite 410, New York, NY 10012, (212) 529-1600.

Give Me a Break!

The sensational British press has gone out of its way to trash a gay nurse who died saving others at the King's Cross subway station fire last September, according to Gay Community News.

Lawrence Newcomb, a nurse, died of asphyxiation when he ran into the smokefilled station to assist victims of the fire. Duncan jay, his lover, said that Newcomb considered it his duty to save lives.

Newcomb had tested positive for HIV, the virus believe to cause AIDS, and one newspaper wrote that "he was already doomed by the AIDS virus." Another paper reported that firefighters were in grave danger of contracting the AIDS virus from contact with Lawrence.

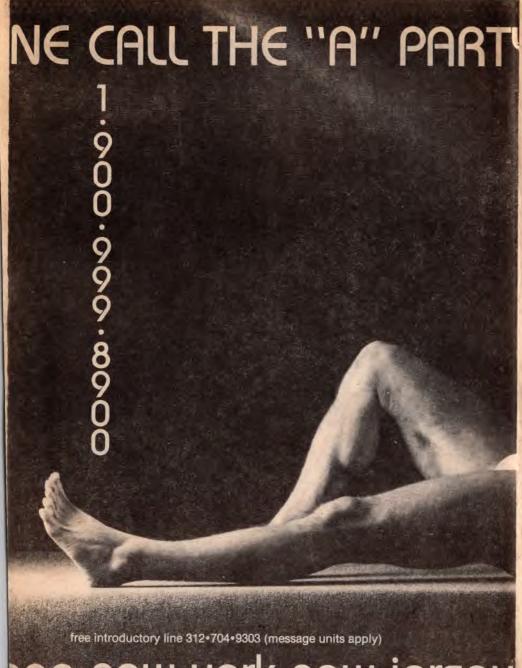


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UWM's 10% Society Announces Pride Week

The 10% Society at the University of Wis.-Milwaukee, will hold its annual Gay/Lesbian Celebration of Pride during the week of April 11-17. This year's pride week will be entitled "Beyond the Tenth...", meaning that although gays and lesbians make up only as estimated 10% of the population, we are an essential and significant part of society, encompassing all walks of life.

The line up includes: Lynn Lavner, cabaret singer, live in concert; A Lunch Box Rap; a Pride Forum with a guest speaker from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force – Sue Hyde; Comedianne Hilary Harris; A Dance for Pride; and a concert by performance artists Algebra Suicide.

For complete listings, see The Calendar elsewhere in this issue.

M.A.P. Dinner May 15th

The second annual Make A Promise Dinner, A Year of Hope will he held Sunday, May 15th, at the Wisconsin Club, 900 W. Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee.

Cost is \$40 per person, and tickets and tables are on sale now. Contact Pat Prudlow at the MAP offices (273-2437).

Watch In Step and Wisconsin Light for more details as the date approaches.

As of March 7th, the M.A.P. offices moved to 315 W. Court Street from their old 9th Street office. To get there, go north on Old World 3rd Street (Martin Luther King Drive) to Court (3 blocks north of Juneau) and turn left.

P-FLAG in Sheboygan

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays [P-FLAG]/Lakeshore is a group of parents and friends of gay persons. They are committed to helping other parents learn what they have learned, and to help change attitudes to create an environment of understanding so that their gay children can live with dignity and respect.

Parents are invited to share their knowledge, and to be free of fear, and to reach out, search and discover more about being human.

For more info, or for meeting times and locations, Write: P-FLAG/Lakeshore, P.O. Box 1396, Sheboygan, WI 53081. You may also call Bev., at Out Patient Services at (414) 459-3151.

Milw. Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration

[MLGPC]- Organization's are encouraged to participate in the MILWAUKEE LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION '88.

A number of organizations have already indicated that they will sponsor or cosponsor an event during the celebration. These include: Cream City Business Association, Wisconsin In Step, Black/White Men Together, Grapevine, Fest City Singers, Cream City Chorus, HIT, Dignity, and MCC to name a few.

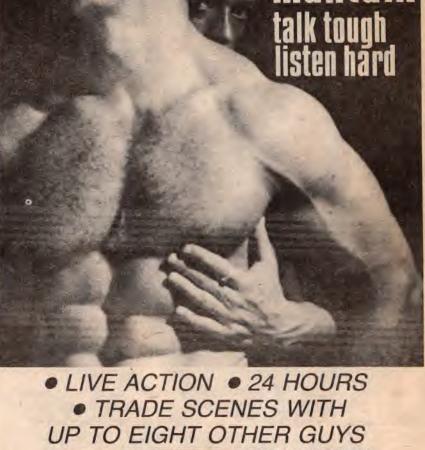
Any organization wishing to sponsor an event during the celebration may do so. Each sponsoring organization will make it's own programming decisions. The Pride Celebration Committee will publicize all events and provide assistance to any group which requests it.

The celebration will take place from September 10th through September 24th. It is wished that this celebration will encompass and embrace the various elements of our diverse community, and that it will offer a wide range of activities to serve the entire community.

Among the events already scheduled are: a Arts and Crafts exhibit; a Memorial Service; an Interdenominational Service; a Ball, a Bowling Tournament, and a Talent/Variety Show.

In order to facilitate early publicity and scheduling the committee would like to hear from all of the organizations wishing to sponsor an event by March 31st. They do not need details of the event by that date,

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only the type of event you would like to sponsor. Also, if organizations choose not to sponsor an event please let them know. After March 31st the committee will begin contracting Milwaukee businesses regarding their plans for events during the period. A representative of your group should contact 264-2740 between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Ask for Gary, the co-chairman.

MNDC Seeks New Name

[MNDC]- In the origination of Monday Night Dance Club nobody could have forseen its someday becoming so varied an organization. M.N.D.C. is a club serving the gays and lesbians and their friends in Central Wisconsin in the capacity of providing: places to dance, socialize, and party; extra-curricular-to-bar activities; seasonal parties: bringing in entertainment from outside the area; statewide exposure to what our Club is doing; contributions to worthy charities: a vehicle for S.T.D. clinics to access the area; a means of keeping Club members informed of what is happening

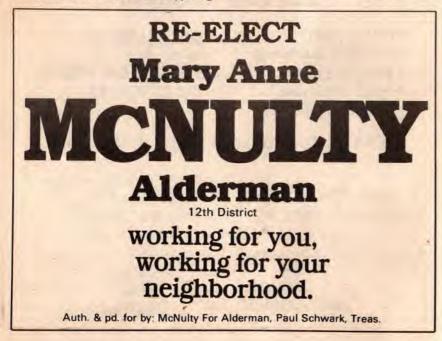
outside the area: and more on a non-profit basis and in a practical, discretionary fashion.

It is more than apparent M.N.D.C. is not just for Mondays anymore. - Hence, it's time to rename the club. Keep in mind how often our new name will be used written and orally (as has been "M.N.D.C."), and give us your opinion on what the new name should be. Cast your vote with our door checker in the suggestion box. The M.N.D.C. Committee will meet before the first Monday in April to choose 20 contenders for our new title. On our Anniversary Night, April 4, the Club members present (you) will help pick up our new name from those choices. ∇

Chicago G/L Parade

The theme for Chicago's 19th annual Gay & Lesbian Pride parade on Sunday, June 26, is "Rightfully Proud".

Events already planned by various community groups include the 7th annual Proud to Run race, the Annual Interfaith Service, the Annual Choral Concerts, and Continued on page 12 .



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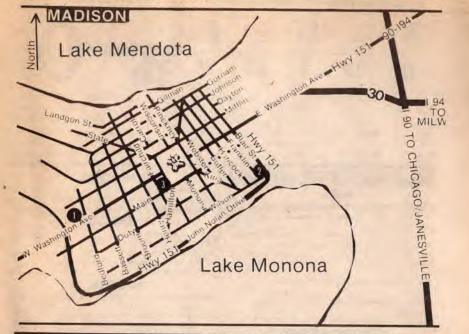
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the Parade and Rally. The Gay & Lesbian clearinghouse for notification of events during the week, asks that people with events for the Pride Calendar call the Committee at (312) 348-8243 with details.

The Pride Week Committee "obtains the necessary street and park permits, communicates parade guidelines as established by the permits and city ordinances, reserves sound equipment and stages, arranges volunteer marshals and police assistance, and makes sure the parade procession runs smoothly. However, the actual "body" of the parade is made up of dozens of organizations, businesses and individuals who determine how they want to present their concept of Gay and Lesbian Pride," the Committee states.

The parade assembly point is the same as last year, with line-up on Halsted (just south of Grace Street). The parade steps off at 2 p.m. proceeding south around the Halstead and Broadway corner down Broadway to the Clark & Diversey intersection where it will officially end.

The post-parade Rally & Music Fest site in Lincoln Park is in combined Groves #9 & #10 (2600 to 2750 N. Stockton Drive) just north of the North Pond near Diversey.

For more information and the parade entry forms contact Richard Pfeiffer, Committee Coordinator, at (312) 348-8243.

Couples, Inc. to Honor Gay & Lesbian Families

[Los Angeles]- In recognition of the love and commitment represented by lesbian and gay families, Couples, Inc. has designated May 8, 1988 at Parents Day. That Sunday, which is also traditional Mother's Day this year, will be marked by celebrations in several cities. According to Carey Junkin, Executive Director of Couples. Inc., "We plan to honor Gay Fathers and Lesbian Mothers for the love and care they give their children. Just as Couples, Inc. did with The Wedding at the National March on Washington, we plan to show the non-gay and gay communities that our families are based on love. Same-sex couples and gay families everywhere are

organizing for this celebration."

Many of the same-sex couples that participated in The Wedding had their children present. After The Wedding, Couples, Inc. broadened their emphasis to include all family issues. "Same-sex quiet segment of the lesbian and gay community. While many of these couples community. While many of these couples are raising children, there are also large numbers of lesbian and gay parents without partners. These families deserve the same rights and privileges as heterosexual families," noted Walter Wheeler, the President of Couples, Inc.

Couples. Inc. is inviting other organizations, gay and lesbian families, same-sex couples and individuals to organize family celebrations in their local communities. While the form of the celebrations will certainly vary, plans already call for large family breakfasts with honored guests and speakers on family issues. These events are also to be fund-raisers for Couples, Inc. and local organizations working for family rights.

Organizations that want to co-sponsor local events, and individuals and families that want to help organize or participate should contact Couples, Inc. as soon as possible. Couples, Inc. can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 13323, Los Angeles, CA 90013-0323. To save time call (213) 550-7549.





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"Boost AIDS Funding" Calls Commission

As expected, the President's AIDS Commission approved preliminary recommendations from Adm. James D. Watkins, the Commission's chair. Watkins' 60-page report, widely praised by AIDS activists for its focus on medical and economic concerns surrounding the disease, was adopted by the full Commission with only minor changes.

The Commission voted to recommend a boost to AIDS funding by increasing Watkins' yearly \$2 billion figure to close to \$2.1 billion per year for the next 10 years. The report will be forwarded to the president, whose recent AIDS budget request for fiscal year 1989 was criticized by Watkins as being insufficient to meet the needs assessed by the Commission.

Other additions made by the Commission to the retired admiral's 180 recommendations included a call for two new research centers to study retroviruses, federal scholarships to train 400 new doctors each year for AIDS-related work, higher pay for nurses, and expedited construction of a building to house federal research officials.

In further augmentation of Watkins report, the Commission voted to recommend a new, highly-paid category of federal scientists and new legislation to encourage the development of drugs for AIDS treatment.

Watkins' original recommendations prioritized basic medical research, health care and focused on IV drug abuse rehabilitation. His report was hailed by AIDS lobbyists as demonstrating an understanding of the medical, as opposed to the political, nature of the Commission's task.

Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Vic Basile told Windy City Times that regardless of the Commission's report, "the ultimate question will remain to what extent is the federal government willing to be aggressive and creative and



get beyond normal procedures in order to take the extraordinary steps that are required?"

The final report of the Commission, which is expected to included recommendations on education and prevention, is due on June 24.

-by J.H. Johnson/ Windy City Times

Health Care Sourcebook

[NLGHF]- Since the earliest days of the gay liberation struggles, experience has shown that one of the most necessary and valuable tools for progress is the sharing and compiling of information about available resources. The National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation is again making a contribution to the gay and lesbian community with the second edition of its Soucebook on Lesbian/Gay Health Care, to be published in the spring of 1988.

"Many people — both within and outside the lesbian and gay community have erroneously come to view AIDS as the only health care issue that touches the lives of gay people," explained Ellen Ratner, President of the Foundation. "This book will clearly illustrate that there is a broad range of health care issues of vital concern to our community."

The Sourcebook will include information on the 1988 National Lesbian/Gay Health Foundation Conference, a bibliographical section on health care issues for lesbians and gay men, as well as the fifth edition of the National Resource Directory of Lesbian/ Gay Health Care Providers. The editors are William Scott and Michael Shernoff, social workers with a longstanding commitment to the lesbian/gay health care movement.

Several articles will be written by some of the most prominent individuals in the Continued on page 17

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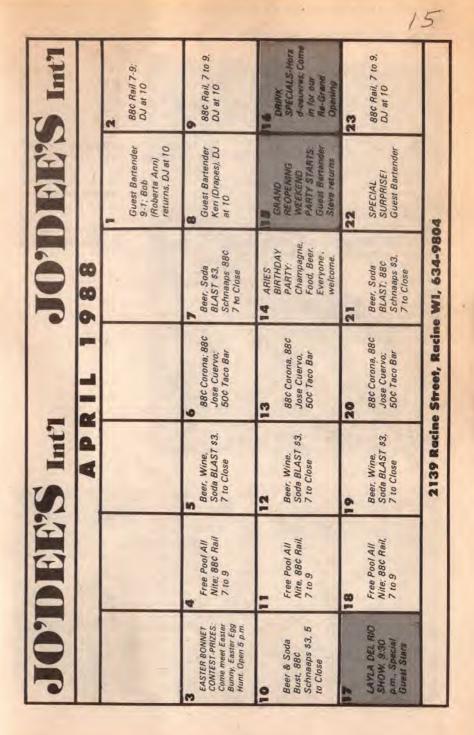
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Jim J.J.: Thanks for the wonderful weekend. Could it be that I might be The Traveler? Looking for love, Jeff.



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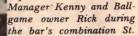
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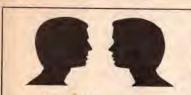




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Are you tired of the bars, one night stands and mind games? GWM, 26, 5'10'', 155 lbs., br./br. interested in relationship with GBM. I am sincere, caring & lonely person with a lot of love to give the right guy. My interests are music, movies, TV, computers, quiet eves. at home, dinners, biking, swimming, etc. If you seriously want to build & enjoy an affectionate, fulfilling, intimate, lasting & loving relationship with me please write: Boxholder, P.O. Box 15984, Milwaukee, WI 53215-0984. (Photo appreciated but not necessary for reply). No Whites, fats, fems, heavy drug/drink, phonies, S&M, bar flies or one-nighters.

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AN ALTERNATIVE: The Metro Milwaukee Friendship Group is a newly formed social group which offers everyone a chance to meet people and make friends outside the traditional gay meeting places. We do this in a variety of relaxed social gatherings in a non-pressure environment. We'd welcome the opportunity to tell you more. Please write us with phone number for details at: P.O. Box 71012, Shorewood, WI 53211-7112.

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fields of medicine, psychology, social work, substance abuse, AIDS, sexuality and nursing. It will be "the most comprehensive volume published to date in the area of health care needs of lesbians and gay men," stated editors Scott and Shernoff. "Given the variety and scope of issues it addresses, the **Sourcebook** will be valuable to graduate students and professionals, and to members of the community who also are consumers of health care services," remarked Scott.

"By publishing the Sourcebook this spring, we hope to generate interest in the next Lesbian/Gay Health Conference and AIDS forum, which will be held July 20-26, 1988 in Boston," added Ellen Ratner. The Sourcebook will be available from the National Lesbian/Gay Health Foundation, P.O. Box 65472, Washington, DC 20035. For information on the Conference, contact Greg Thomas at 202/994-4285.

AIDS: 'Promising' Drug

Los Angeles [USA Today]- The experimental drug Ampligen can help fight off fatal infection in victims of AIDS Related Complex, new research suggests.

Preliminary findings with 39 ARC patients – suffering from pre-AIDS symptoms – who took Ampligen for 3-16 months:

• Three-fourths showed significantly improved immune function.

• The same number report improvement in typical symptoms such as fatigue, night sweats and diarrhea.

Other anti-AIDS drugs fight the virus – like AZT – or help boost the immune system. Ampligen, if its effectiveness is confirmed in larger studies, will emerge as the first to do both, says Mitchell Speer of the American Foundation for AIDS Research in New York.

"It's a small study, but the results are promising," he says.

The drug may be available in 1989.



letters

Friends:

As you know, this year America selects a President to lead our country into the 1990's and beyond.

Out of all the candidates, only ONE has the courage to speak out against the discrimination that confronts Lesbians and Gays. Only ONE has the courage to denounce the Reagan administration's AIDS policy. Only one has directly appealed to our gay and lesbian community for help.

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From Washington, D.C., where he spoke to over 500,000 Gay and Lesbian marchers to Houston, Texas, where he publicly embraced a person with AIDS, Jackson has proved himself worthy of our support.

Only with support from people like YOU will Jesse Jackson be able to get across his message of drastically increasing federal funds to fight against AIDS, and to support federal legislation aimed at ending discrimination against Lesbians and Gays.

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Dear Editor:

As president of the Madison AIDS Support Network Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and contributions to Sweet Sunday Afternoon. The Valentine's Day benefit for the Madison AIDS Support Network raised over \$5,500. These funds will be used to support and expand out Life Care Services Programs which provide care and support for people directly affected by

AIDS.

I would especially like to thank Nancy Christy and the staff of the Wilson Street Grill; entertainers Chris Wagner, Two for the Road and the Ark Improvisational Theatre; the generous businesses and individuals who provided sweets; and IN STEP.

The success of this event once again expresses the depth of human concern that is a tradition in our community.

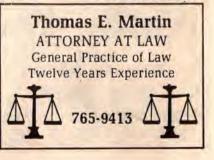
> Robert Enghagen President Madison AIDS Support Network

Dear Editor:

I am writing you this letter in hopes that it will be printed in an upcoming issue.

On February 14th my roommate and I drove to Appleton (a two hour drive) to attend the Mr. and Miss Pivot Contest, and I must say that no expense was spared to make the night an evening to remember. With the hundreds of balloons, the trophies and roses, and the staff that made it all possible and made it run soomthly.

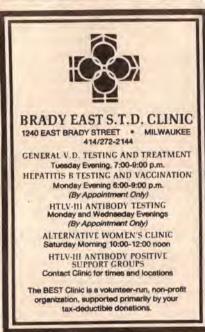
The contest itself ran very smoothly and the contestants did a great job. Being a male I focused more on the Mr. Pivot part of the show and this is where I got a bit upset. The first contestant did a ballet, it was very original, beautifully performed and this contestant needed no words to relay his message. Consequently receiving a standing ovation. Another contestant sang live with a voice that would melt a *Conjunced on page 19*



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BULLETIN BOARD

Effective with this Issue — The 'Guide' has been revamped.

We will continue to list ALL bars and organizations. However, retail services listing will include only current advertisers.

Dancers: A new dance troupe of Male Exotic Dancers is now being formed. Must be available to travel. Auditions held April 2nd. Call for appointment 933-1572, SUPER-MEN.

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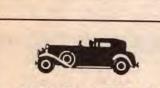
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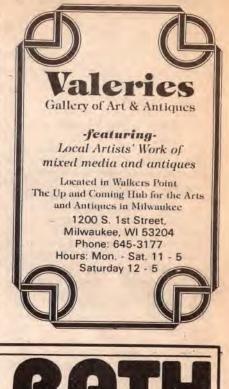
young man's heart and leave him with a fantasy in his mind. But the contestant who won this contest lip synced a song and seemed to have trouble getting up off of his knees.

In conclusion to this letter I feel in my eyes (which I realize are not the judges eyes) I feel that the two first above mentioned contestants should have received the highest marks in all three stages of the judging and one of these should have been elected Mr. Pivot.

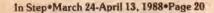
I feel we drove this two hours to see a Mr. Popularity Contest, not a contest based on; originality, performance, talent, and appearance.

-A former contestant

[Editor's Note: As a judge at the above mentioned contest I feel qualified to respond. Judging was based on more than just the talent segment. And the talent' segment itself was broken down into different judging categories. None of the judges conferred when we voted. We didn't know the results until they were announced. That's just the way votes fell.]







the arts

by Kevin Michael

Fest City Singers

Just a reminder – the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus [CGMC] is bringing its complete Spring Concert to Milwaukee this Saturday, the 26th, as guests of Milwaukee's original Fest City Singers [FCS]. The Chicago chorus will present concert versions of "The Wizard of Oz," 'The Music Man,' 'The Sound of Music,' and 'South Pacific,' complete with Dorothy and Friends, Bloody Mary, and 76 Trombones.

The 100-voice CGMC, noted for its professional sound, is equally noted for its solo and specialty numbers, often delivered with "flash, dash and a bit of trash." Saturday's show will feature such novelties as "You Must Meet My Wife," "I Can't Say No," and "Don't Tell Momma." The chorus is directed by Kip Snyder and the specialty acts are choreographed by Wayne Worley.

The combined concert entitled, "Singin' a Song, Side by Side," will offer the Fest City Singers under musical director Bim Florek in a rousing opening medley choreographed by Brian Vernon, costumes by Carlotte Vance. The evening's entertainment will conclude with over one hundred voices raised in song as the Fest City Singers and Chicago Gay Men's Chorus combine to sing "Out Here on My Own," "Not a Day Goes By," and "We Are Family."

The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus has presented concerts in New York, Fort Lauderdale, Detroit, New Orleans, and Los Angeles, but according to Ken Neumann, president of the CGMC, 'Most of us know and love Milwaukee, and we're looking forward to our weekend here.'' And the Milwaukee coummunity has responded with its well known hospitality — Theatre Tesseract and The Wreck Room are acting as ushers. The Chicagoans will be housed at the Park EastHotel and in the homes of Fest City Singers. Your Place, the M&M, Lavender Unicorn, Station 2, and Beer Garden are acting as ticket outlets. Tickets have been priced at \$7 when purchased in advance or \$8 at the door. A special rate of \$6 in advance is being extended to groups of ten or more. Phone 263-SING for further information.

Ample free parking is provided south of the Lincoln Center for the Arts, 820 East Knapp Street. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

review

"The Tale of Lear"

By Kevin Michael

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater in a joint production with the Berkeley Repertory Theater of California, StageWest of Springfield, Mass., and the Arena Stage Theater in Washington, D.C., premiered a thought provoking piece, Tadashi Suzuki's "The Tale of Lear."

This dramatic construction is an adaptation of Shakespeare's "King Lear". In it, an elderly gentleman having been lately rejected by his own children and reeling from the impact of his own emotional upheaval, asks his nurse to read him Shakespeare's story. It is within the context of his own imagination that this play unfolds with pieces of Shakespeare's plot and characters both interwoven in the mix.

Definitely this play is a challenge for an audience. It last approximately one hundred minutes and is performed without an intermission. Also, an audience must bring to the piece some even brief acquaintance with Shakespeare's "Lear" in order for the work to make sense. Thus, this play demands the audience's full participation

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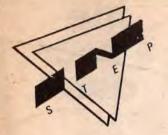
EMPLOYMENT

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Rufus and his Singing Machine, with guest vocalists, entertained at Club 219.

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and thoughtful involvement for the experience to be fully satisfying.

The Rep has taken seriously a challenge to the Milwaukee community to upgrade theatrical experience beyond an evening of entertainment solely. Live theater should be different than an evening spent at home in front of the television. This production convincingly demands more of an audience and some are clearly not up to the challenge. I applaud the Rep for its decisive leadership in this vein to more fully educate and develop Milwaukee's theater goers.

The actors are all male including a nurse in drag as well as Lear's three daughters.

Suzuki's definite body movement is clearly in evidence among the actors. They represent all four theater companies jointly working on the project.

The set is simplistic and the lighting clearly focused. Even the traditional Japanese costuming with the exception of the modern nurse's garb, is understated to keep the play — simply and directly at the center of the audience's focus.

All the actors have been thoroughly

trained in Suzuki's methodology and are capable and forceful. Tom Hewitt, as the old man is truly exceptional. It is worthy of note that such a marvelous acting talent who is a graduate of the Professional Theater Training Program at UW-M appears here and is testimony to its benefit as it leaves Wisconsin. Hewitt is among the best to appear in the Rep's new performing space. His theatrical magic should not be missed.

at UWM

"Shifting Gears' is an invitational exhibition comprised of work by men studying art at the UW-Milwaukee. The exhibition will be open and available for viewing April 10-May 13, in the UWM Union Kenwood Inn (third floor).

A reception (free and open to the public) will be held Sunday, April 10, from 4-7 in the Inn.

This exhibition is held in conjunction with the 'Deconstruction: Alternatives for the Present' exhibition housed in the Union

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BOWLING LEAGUE

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NAGAAA Meets in Dallas

[NAGAAA]- The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance [NAGAAA] recently held its Annual Spring Meeting in Dallas, host of World Series XII. Officers and council members gathered together to discuss matters of importance, which included finalizing the 1988 budget, election of officers and plans for the 1988 World Series.

Elected to two-year terms each in the Open Division were Fred Bastida as Asistant Commissioner and Paul Caruso as Secretary. Council members of the Women's Division elected Linda Adams as Assistant Commissioner, Judy Thompson to the post of Secretary and Karen Jensen as Treasurer. As in the Open Division, each of these women will serve two-year terms.

In recognition of the large number of recreational teams that are members of NAGAAA, the World Series is being expanded to include a Recreational Tournament. While NAGAAA is establishing the guidelines under which the tournament will be played, this year's tournament will be directed by the Oaklawn Softball Association of Dallas. Nineteen recreational teams are expected to participate this year.

In an effort to promote awareness and growth of NAGAAA's Women's Division, a consolation tournament will be held in conjunction with the World Series. In addition to those teams eliminated from regular World Series play, two additional Texas teams currently unaffiliated with NAGAAA are being invited to participate.

NAGAAA's rapid growth over the past several years has increased the financial responsibility of hosting the World Series.



In response, NAGAAA's Open Division has elected to alleviate a portion of this by assuming the cost of umpires, scorekeepers, softballs and field permits, effective 1990.

For additional information regarding NAGAAA and membership, please contact NAGAAA Publicity Chair, Nancy Pribich, 606 N. Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Milwaukee's **Saturday Softball Beer League [SSBL]** is a member of NAGAAA. You may contact the SSBL by writing: SSBL, P.O. Box 92605, Milw. 53202. In Step • March 24-April 13, 1988 • Page 58 A mourner for Divine

La Cage's "Hairspray" rolonse party.



Hair do's and lots of hairspray

Give-away winners

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Art Gallery comprised of work by men who take a settical look at historical stereo-types and offer alternatives for the present. A reception for this showing will be held April 8th, from 7:30-10 in the Gallery.

Also held in conjunction with the above two programs will be 'The Anniversary' a performance exploring contemporary issues related to the politics of American Sexuality. The performance (free and open to the public) is scheduled for Friday, April 22 and Sat., April 23 at 8pm in the Union Art Gallery.

Milw. Chamber Theatre

The MILWAUKEE CHAMBER THEATRE will present its Sixth Annual Shaw Festival featuring "Major Barbara" and "Widowers' Houses" by Shaw, and "Memoir" by John Murrell, in repretory, May 20 - June 19, 1988.

All performances are at the Stiemke Theatre of the new complex at 108 East Wells Street - Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. Continued on page 24



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Ticket prices are \$10.50 and \$12.00 Senior and student discounter are available. For performance times and ticket information, call the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre Box Office at 224-9490. Coming In Fall...

The best in theatre is what audiences will seeing, when the MCT presents the work of three Nobel prize winners in a new theatre, in an expanded season of six plays.

The company's annual Shaw Festival, along with plays by Samuel Beckett and T.S. Eliot, making a roster of three Nobel Prize winners, will be presented in the Stiemke Theatre.

 "We're looking forward to a very exciting 1988/89 season," said MCT Artistic Director Montgomery Davis. "The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre is presenting the best in classic and contemporary theatre."

"Waiting for Godot," by Beckett, will open the 1988/89 season, October 14-30. The famous absurdist comedy focuses on two tramps waiting for something."

It will be followed by T.S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral," November 4-20, celebrating the American poet's 100th birthday. This play, presented at St. Paul's Church, 914 E. Knapp Street, is the awesome drama of Thomas a Becket, caught up in pastoral conflict between integrity and political expediency.

According to Davis, "This play is more topical than today's Senate Hearing."

From February 10-26, a more recent play, the "Immigrant" will be presented. Written by Mark Harelik, it is about his grandfather, a Russian Jew, who sold bananas on the dusty roads of East Texas, then became a drygoods dealer. It explores his experience with the sometimes understanding, sometimes bigoted reactions of his neighbors.

This charming comedy-drama is written in Yiddish and English.

The MCT's 7th Annual Shaw Festival will be presented May 12 to June 11 in 1989, at the Stiemke Theatre. Using an Irish theme, it will explore George Bernard Shaw's love-hate relationship with his native land.

jock shorts

The first thing I would like to mention is the Mil-MA-IDS tournament that is being held in Madison this year. I have been informed that space is still available to those of you that are still interested. Also, Rod of Rod's is trying to obtain discount rates for certain hotels for those that plan on staying the night and that information will be sent to applicants. If you are interested in bowling in Mil-MA-IDS, you can contact Bob Gliniecki at 278-8686 or Chris Klein at 483-9516.

The Saturday Softball Beer League is now organizing for it's 11th year. It looks like this will be the biggest year for the league as they have 14 teams, which includes women, that have expressed an interest. Returning teams from last year are The Ball Game, Beer Garden Hot Shots, Club 219, Station 2, La Cage, M&M, Raiders, Wreck Room Spurs, and Your Place Flamingos. The new teams may include Fannies, who will be replacing Hot Legs, Cream CityFoundation, Galano Club, MAP, and Your Place Flamingoettes. The \$300 sponsor fees are due to the league by March 31st. If there are any other sponsors that are interested in joining the league, you can contact Commissioner Tom Salzsider at 273-3594 or write to the SSBL, P.O. Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI 53202, prior to March 31, 1988. Any player that is interested in joining a team can contact any of the sponsors listed above. Player fees are \$20.00 for the season, and is payable prior to the first game.

I have been informed that the next Managers meeting is set for Sunday, April 10th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cream City Foundation Community Center on 225 South 2nd Street. The league schedule for the year will be adopted at this meeting. Of course, anyone who is interested is more than welcome to attend the meeting.

The Wreck Room Spurs Softball team is sponsoring an auction for their team on Saturday, April 9th at 8:30 p.m. at the Wreck Room. The items to be auctioned off include dinners, cocktail parties, furniture, glasswear, Brewer tickets (including 2 for

by Timm Short

Opening Day), 1988 Gay Softball World Series T-Shirts from Dallas, and much more. Anyone wishing to donate any salable items may drop them off at the Wreck Room prior to the auction, or contact any Spur player.

Big-plans are already underway for the Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament, which will be help May 27th through 29th. Verbal commitments have been received from teams from Boston, New York, Chicago, the Twin Cities, and Toronto. This looks like it will be another exciting tournament.

Again, for those of you who may have information that you want to give me, you can contact me at 562-3444 or leave information for me at the In Step office.



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MEMORIAM

Divine Dies of 'Enlarged Heart'

Los Angeles [In Step]- Divine, disco diva and movie actor, who recently entertained a packed house at Milwaukee's Club 219, died in his Los Angeles hotel room on March 7th of an enlarged heart, according to autopsy reports.

The 375 lb, 42 year old character actor, whose given name was Harris Glenn Milstadt, was in L.A. to appear in the T.V. show "Married... With Children". He had been touring the country non-stop promoting his recently released hit film "Hairspray", and doing concert dates to promote his soon-to-be-released dance music album.

Many of his films, beginning with "Pink Flamingoes" (where as the 'filthiest person alive' he ate doggie doo-doo); to "Female Troubles" (where he gave birth to a baby and bit off its umbilical cord); to the more

SAFER SEX

- Masturbation (jacking off)
- Body-to-body rubbing
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- Social kissing (dry)
- Watching, fantasizing
- Hugging, holding, cuddling
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- Fellatio (oral sex) if you stop before climax or use a condom
- Cunnilingus (oral-vaginal sex)
- French kissing (wet)
- Watersports (urinating) on skin without sores or cuts

UNSAFE

- Intercourse (vaginal or anal) without a condom
- Fellatio (oral sex) to climax

CONDOM when engaging in intercourse!

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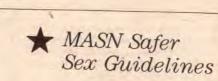
- Sharing dildoes and other sex toys
- Manual-anal intercourse (fisting), which can cause bleeding
- Oral-anal contact (rimming), exposure to feces
- Semen or urine in mouth, anus or on broken skin
- Sharing needles or any activity involving blood exchange

mainstream "Polyester" and "Lust in the Dust", have become cult & video rental favorites.

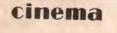
His most recent release, "Hairspray" was the actor's first PG rated film, and appears headed to be the biggest box office hit yet. Divine worked with high school friend, John Waters, who went on to become the actor's director in most of his films. Divine performed most of his roles in drag, but in some recent films, including "Hairspray" also appeared in male roles.

According to the autopsy report, no drugs or alcohol were found in his body. In recent interviews, Divine had said he gave up smoking pot, on a daily basis, about 7 months ago. He seldom drank alcohol, preferring mineral water.

Divine, on the verge of mainstream 'stardom', was already a star in many of our minds. At this stage of his life, with a television role in the future, Divine died at the peak of his success... but who will ever know what the future could have held?



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Gay/Lesbian Film Festival Opens April 15

"Reel/Unreel Images", this year's edition of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film Festival opens at 7:00 p.m. April 5th for its three week run. UWM's Lavender Commitment is pleased to present this 6th annual program, this year co-sponsored with In Step Magazine and UWM Union Programming.

April 5th- An AIDS Program dedicated to the memory of gay filmmaker Arthur Bressan who died of AIDS this past year, starts the festival. This program is to include Bressan's Buddies which was given its Milwaukee premiere in 1985 plus a new film,; AIDS: No Sad Songs. Admission to this 8:45 very special program is free.

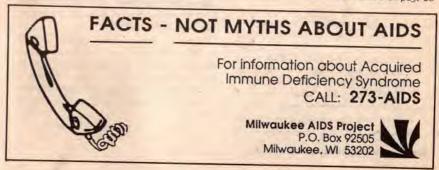
April 6 & 7- Completing the first week is a presentation of lesbian focused films: Firewords and Maedchen in Uniform. Firewords being given its Milwaukee premiere focuses on controversial lesbian and feminist Canadian writers dramatic excerpts from their works. Included is Pol



"Prick Up Your Ears" is being screened during the Milw. G/L Film Festival.

Pelletier's riveting performance of Jovette Marchessault's "Night Cows", one of the stories collected in Lesbian Trypitch. Firewords will be screened at 7:00 p.m. while the classic German expressionist Maedchen in Uniform is at 8:45 p.m.

The Lavender Commitment, in its continued goal of presenting the works of lesbian filmmakers presents a tribute to the film distributor, Women Make Movies, the primary source of lesbian films in the country, on April 12th. In addition to the Continued on page 26



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previously announced screening of Michelle Citron's What You Take for Granted (7 & 8:45) along with the futurist feminist videos The Minders (7 & 9:15) and Just Passing Through, the Lavender Commitment adds a surprise. Storme: The Lady of the Jewel Box, the hit of this year's San Francisco Gay/Lesbian Film Festival is a late addition to the program. Please check calender for schedules of times for this program. All films and videos on this program are Milwaukee premieres and will be of interest to the entire community.

Rounding out the second week at the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film Festival, April 13 & 14 is a perspective on gay British playwright, Joe Orton. The popular Prick Up Your Ears, starring Gary Oldman and Alfred Molina will be screened at 7:00 p.m. Accompanying this film biography will be Entertaining Mr. Sloane, the film version of Orton's black comedy at 9:00 p.m. Entertaining Mr. Sloane is also noted for its casting of Beryl Reid, who later played the title role in the lesbian classic, The Killing of Sister George, as one of the leads. April 19 & 20- The third and final week of the festival will feature the Milwaukee premiere of the controversial french film, The Wounded Man, a documentary of filmmaker John Waters entitled "Divine Waters" (9 p.m.) plus a surprise John Waters short.

This year's festival will again take place at the UWM Union Cinema located at 2200 East Kenwood Blvd. Tickets (except for April 5th) will be \$3.00, \$2.00 for UWM students. For further information please contact the Lavender Commitment at Union Box 25, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

[Editors Note: Please refer to the CALENDER elsewhere in this issue for a day by day listing of film screenings. In Step is proud to co-sponsor this year's festival and urges you to attend these reflections of our community's diverse culture.]

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New Bar manager Mark [Left], Rodney [center front] and Rod's manager Craig posed with "The Victums of Desire" male dance troop after their show at the bar.

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a perfect gentleman. He never considered putting the princess's virtue on the line. All he expected was a few coins of GOLD. (It might of been cheaper for the princess to compromise her virtue.)

The next day the birds chirped gaily. (What did you expect the birds to do, chirp straightly?) Robbin Hood brought the princess excellent news. She wouldn't have to pawn her jewelry, mortgage her castle, or trade her virtue. However, she was told that she couldn't write off her baby schnauzer even if she did get him a social security number. The clouds began to part and shards of sun beamed down to the earth. Everything was perfect for Penny. Her singing and dancing was all that could be heard in the castle.

As I have offered only a few of my 1987 tax experiences, I trust that yours will not be as complicated. If your tax return is more complicated, and you endure the pain, suffering, and gnashing of teeth, I will show the church a modern day candidate for sainthood.



Tues.-Imported Bottle Beer \$1.25 Wed.-Schnaaps Shots 75¢ Thurs.-Beer & Soda Bust, \$3, 6-10 2nd Shift Bust, 11:30 to Close

suburbanite

"Where are the simple joys of maidenhood?" The royal court has put out a call for all its citizens to square up with Uncle Sam. I would imagine that there are a few who have dredged up the courage of a knight and attacked their tax forms, with a sheer vengeance. Your obvious joy is seeing the postman bring your refund. For those of you who haven't filed yet the dragon of taxes has started to singe the hair on the back of your neck. Ye maidens do as I have done and engage a strong, brave, loyal servant to slay your beast.

I have a wonderful accountant, a wizard that can add them deductions cipher them percentages, scope out them laws, and file that return within a blink of a newt's eye. He is enchanted too. I have a deep suspicion that the quiver and bow he carries to and from work has more to do with his true identity than he admits. For the name Robin Hood has crossed by mind. May I recount our romp through the tax forest?

Once upon a time there was a princess, named Penny, that knew she owed extra taxes to the evil, wicked king. She was one nervous sister. Especially since she really didn't look all that keen in black and white stripes. She had filled out her 1040. Schedule A, Schedule B, Forms 5329, 2210, and 8598. She had even read all the instructions for the forms too. Why believe it or not she read Publications 575 and 505 for good measure and savvy. Her head reeled from the dizzying effects. This wasn't a surprise to her girlfriends. They each had seaid they had thought she was born dizzy. Who was to blame that Penny was born with gorgeous blonde hair and a svelte figure, not to mentioned tanned. But, her life was miserable.

The tax problem was beginning to take its toll on her social life.

She pondered incessantly about her situation and her 1987 tax bill. She would run the facts over and over again in her



mind. The book said I must report income sources that are and I quote, "Embezzled or other illegal income." Now, just how stupid does the IRS think the American public to be? If I had had some of this type of income I wouldn't report it to my own mother! She noticed the cover of the 1040 book with the IRS insignia on it out of the corner of her eye. She grimaced at the slogan that read: Internal Revenue Service, 125 years, Service to America. I'm proud to see my tax dollars hard at work creating fancy logos to flaunt the fact that the IRS has been "servicing" the citizens for more than a century. I would say goosed is more appropriate. Oh, and thank you Mr. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. It was comforting to note that your goal is to MAKE TAXES LESS TAXING. I guess he didn't realize that for the first time in 10 years I will have to pay someone else to figure out my taxes.

She did have one small consolation. She recalled the FUN she had calling the IRS **special** Toll-Free number. It said it was for your answers to Federal Tax questions. She was put on hold. Surprise. She had to quote from the book to the IRS agent the tax law, and then she was transferred to another agent "more familiar" with her particular situation. The agent concluded that she should hire someone who keeps current on the tax laws. Interesting.

The next day was a fine sunny day. A gallant hero Robin Hood rode into her courtyard. He had heard of the plight of our poor Penny. Robbin Hood promised her wealth and riches and mesmerized her with stories of how he'd saved other fair young maidens from similar circumstances. The princess's mind was put to rest. Now she could hit the malls in search of shoe sales. The hero rode off into the sunset to fulfill his promise. For he would return another day with her completed forms.

The reader should note that our hero was

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It's been a fast moving three weeks since I last wrote this column -1 think it's just the prospect of Spring in the air that livens things up.

Foremost in my mind are the Wisconsin Elections to be held on Tuesday, April 5th. This is our community's year to have a definite impact on local elections especially here in Milwaukee. I strongly urge everyone to Vote! In Step doesn't make endorsements (we'll leave that up to our 'sister' publication Wisconsin Light) – but I do have some strong suggestions.

For President – Jesse Jackson – the only Presidential candidate to be openly supportive of us, although all the Democratic candidates have promised to support Federal Gay Rights Legislation.

Milw. County Executive - Dave Schultz is the only answer. The incumbent Wm. O'Donnel wouldn't even meet with representatives of our community.

Mayor of Milwaukee – I urge you to vote for John Norquist. Norquist is far more educated on gay issues than Martin Schreiber could ever hope to be.

Those are my recommendations & those of our community's leaders. But if you don't agree – vote for whom you wish, but at least VOTE.

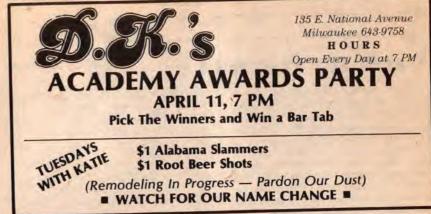
What have you missed on the social scene? Let's review, starting with Feb. 27th-

Hillary Harris, stand up comic, packed the house at her show at the M&M. She was such a booming success, that UW-Milwaukee's 10% Society is bringing her Communed on page 30



Wreck Room manager Marty, Pianist Harriet King and W.R. owner Bill during the kick-off of "Tuesdays are your Key" piano music entertainment at the bar.

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• During intercourse, if you are having difficulty with penetration, dust his butt with flour and aim for the wet spot.

• To avoid bruising the ego of your date, be sure to act quite impressed after he disrobes, regardless of his size.

 As a rule of thumb, any man who considers a food processor as a piece of heavy machinery is not as butch as he may first appear.

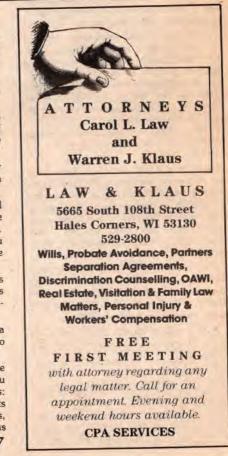
 Dramamine is an excellent remedy for motion sickness caused by frenzied sex in a waterbed.

 There is little chance a relationship will develop if your date informs you that he doesn't really enjoy having sex with men.
 There is absolutely no chance if he tells you that he'd rather be a lesbian so he can have sex with women.

 As a rule of thumb, any man who has an industrial size jar of Vaseline next to his bed is not a good prospect for a relationship.

 A Glad Kitchen Garbage Bag makes a dandy emergency condom for those who are well-endowed.

• As a rule of thumb, if you spend the night at his place and he serves you breakfast in bed with a menu that includes: freshly squeezed orange juice, croissants and a choice of homemade preserves, chances are he's ready to make a serious commitment to a relationship.



by W.W.Wells III

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"Rules of Thumb For Gay Dating"

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Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from W. W. Wells III's latest book, "Rules of Thumb For Gay Dating". Wells is the best selling author of "How To Put" On A Condom With A Sledge Hammer" and "The Complete List of Gay Men Who Enjoy Wearing Polyester Underpants".

How many times have you wished for an easy to remember formula that would tell you whether this date was going to be the Mr. Right you've been searching for? How often have you wanted a simple guide on how to conduct yourself during a date? Have you ever wondered how to react to those subtle little hints that seem to run rampant during a date? Well, as a public service, I present: Rules Of Thumb For Gay Dating.

• As a rule of thumb, if your date wears the same clothing size as you, the chances are good a relationship will develop since you will instantly double your available wardrobe.

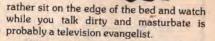
• Expect to gain ten to twenty pounds if you are planning to date a man who has won the Miss Congeniality Award while competing in the Pillsbury Bake-Off.

• If your date's medicine chest is filled with more moisturizing creams, blue eyeshadow and mascara pencils than you'd expect to find in Tammy Faye Bakker's purse, chances are he's a drag queen.

• As a rule of thumb, check the credit rating of any man who wears vinyl to a leather bar.

• The degree of nelliness your date will exhibit is directly proportional to the number of framed photographs of dead female movie stars he has handing on his apartment walls.

• As a rule of thumb, a man who does not like to actively participate in sex, but would



• While performing vigorous oral sex underneath a heavy down-filled quilt, calculate a seven minute supply of breathable air before dizziness and black-outs *Continued on page 53*

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back for an April 13th show as part of their Pride Week Celebration. (See elsewhere in this issue for more info on this & other Pride Week Events.)

That night, I travelled to Chicago's Christopher Street for a "Meet the Press" party. The party was a fundraiser for the Gay & Lesbian Press Association [GLPA] annual conference to be held in Chicago over the Memorial Day Weekend. I met staffers from Gay Chicago Magazine, Windy City Times, Chicago Outlines & Metra. Very interesting.

I was a victum of "The Victums of Desire", an Ohio male dance group that appeared Feb. 29th at The New Bar in Madison. Those boys were hot. Other male dance groups have appeared in the area but they're straight-oriented, appearing in gay clubs on occasion, to fill out their schedules. However, The Victums are a gay-owned and staffed group & it's obvious these guys enjoy their work. Now that they've made their 'virgin' appearance in Wisconsin - maybe other bars will book them for their next trip thru the area. They definately know how to 'work-up' the audience. (p.s. - They'll be back on April 25th with an all new troupe at the New Bar!)

Uncle Al's birthday party at Your Place was a big blast — too bad Uncle Al doesn't remember much about it.

The Wreck Room's new piano night, Tuesday's, is bringing in new clientele to the remodeled bar. The 'new attitude' at the WR has worked well enough that they are bringing in pianist Dawn Karenne (us old-timers should remember her) for Sunday shows from 6 to 9.

La Cage's 'Hairspray' release party, celebrating the release of the late Divine's new film was poor timing, unfortunately. The legendary Divine died of an enlarged heart the day before the bar's party. Her death cast a cloud over the evenings festivities. One of those people in attendance was enshrouded in black netting material in memorium of the late actor.

Who's Pool party was a big splash - I understand people got just wild, and many got drunk enough to swallow live minnows

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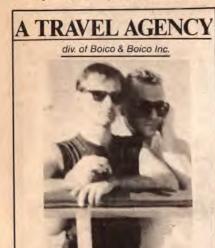


The gay dance troupe, "The Victums of Desire", thoroughly entertained a packed house at Madison's New Bar.



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(yuck.) I also heard the bar's showgirls had an obscene bake sale recently.

Miss Ginger Spice made a triumphant return to **Club 219's** stage on March 13th. The audience was stunned at her surprise re-appearance & shook the house with their approval.

That brings us up to deadline day, which

is also St. Patrick's day. I've got to finish up here so I can go the **The Ballgame**, where they are in the midst of celebrating St. Pat's in conjunction with their 14th Anniversary.

Highlights for the next 3 weeks include UW Milwaukee's 10% Society Pride Week Celebration & their host of activities from April 11-17th. Also, the UW-Milw's Lavender Commitment present's it's annual Gay/Lesbian Film Festival, which begins April 5th, and runs through April 20th. Events associated with both of their programs are detailed elsewhere in this issue.

How many times have I heard "What else is there besides the bars?" These two groups are offering a wide variety of G/L cultural activities... Indulge Yourself.

Male Models Sought

An all male talent and modeling agency in opening in the Milwaukee area this spring. The agency will only represent male clients as most modeling agencies deal mostly in representing men as a side-line, or out of necessity.

"I do not feel the male clients of these agencies receive the representation they deserve," says Rob Ambelang, Executive Director of Super-MEN, a Modeling and Talent Agency. "They are not promoted, sold and marketed as their female counterparts. Men are treated as add-on business, much the same as a tube of lipstick at some agencies. Men are only booked when there is a Bridal Show and someone realizes they need a groom."

An all-

male dance troupe is being formed to travel the mid-west starting this spring. For information, call (414) 933-1572.



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One of the most startling findings of the survey was that 37 percent reported having been beaten or physicall abused.

Over half had been verbally abused, and 8 percent physically abused for being lesbian. 13 percent had lost their job at some time because of their sexual preference.

Survey coordinator Ryan noted that even when looking for keypunchers to correlate her data, a local company's workers walked off the job for fear that they would contract AIDS.

Leaping Lesbians Spook British House of Lords

"Equal Times" reports that Britain's House of Lords was recently reduced to chaos when three lesbians, shouting "shame on you," hoisted themselves from a balcony on ropes and slid to the floor of the chamber to protest passage of an anti-gay bill.

One of the lesbians was tackled by an usher when she dropped to the floor. About 20 gay activists cheered from the public

gallery.

Meanwhile, the other two lesbians remained suspended from the ropes while ushers from the balcony and the floor of the chamber below debated whether to pull them up or lower them. The women were eventually lifted to the balcony and escorted to a holding area.

The protest followed the House's approval by a vote of 202 to 122 of Clause 28, which prohibits local government from funding any organization or program that "promotes homosexuality."

Many private social service organizations are funded by local government agencies under Britian's socialist government.

The "London Times and Independent" quoted government officials as saying they had never seen anything like the lesbian protest.

"It was a pure Tarzan act," said one Lords member. "They flung ropes over the gallery and strated shinning down them. One chap almost lost his trousers in the melee."

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Sunday, April 10th ALICE STOWELL'S 30th BIRTHDAY PARTY (Starts 8 PM, DJ - Lite Show)

Wednesday, April 20th MADISON BAR CRAWL (Leaves Racine at 7 PM, Beer & Munchies - Call for Details)

Sunday, April 24th BENEFIT SHOW FOR RACINE'S GAY/LESBIAN UNION

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SUNDAYS

Galano- Afternoon card tournament at the Clubroom. 1428 N. Farwell

Lutherans Concerned- Services 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Village Church, 130 E. Juneau

New Hope MCC- Worship Service, 6:30 pm. Kenwood Methodist Church (2319 E. Kenwood)

BEST- HIV (formerly HTLV-III) Support Group meeting. 7 pm. Confidential location- call for info.

Galano- Ice Cream social- 3rd Sun. Only- 7:30 pm. at Clubroom

TRI-CABLE Tonight- Monthly gay/ leshian cable show: last Sunday only: 6:00 pm, MATA Channel 14

Bisexual Women's Group [Madison]-7.30 to 9:00 p.m. at Ada James, 710 University Ave., Rm 202.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Madison)-, Meets the second Sunday of each month. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts CL. fmi Jane at 271-0270 or the United at 255-8582.

MONDAYS

BEST- HIV testing and Hepatitis screening, 6-9 pm, by apptmt only. BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St.

Gay/Lesbian Cable Network- 4th Mondays only- 7pm. 1046 N. 12th St.

Lesbian Drop-In Support Group [Madison]- 7 p.m., 1127 University Ave., B103, fmi 255-8582

TUESDAYS

Community Forum- 7:00 pm. 2nd Tuesday only: discussion of current Issues, topics of concern, community calendaring; Foundation Community Center, 225 S. 2nd St.

TRI-CABLE Tonight- Monthly gay/ lesbian cable show: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays only: 7:00 pm. MATA Channel 14.

Christian Gay OK- Support Group gathering. 7:30 pm. All Saints Guild Hall, 818 E. Juneau Ave. (west entrance).

BEST- STD testing, 7-9 pm, walk-in, BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St MAP-Support Group for family, friends of Persons with AIDS (PWA's); St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Ist and 3rd Tues only.

HIV-Positive Supprt Group [Madison]-7-9 p.m., call 255-1711 for time and location.

Gay Men's Chorale (Madison)- Rehearsal in Memorial Union, see TITU for room 6-9 p.m. Evangelicals Concerned [Madison]-Bible study at 7:30 p.m., fmi Duane at 244-5010

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For people with AIDS or ARC. fmi 255-1711.

Trollop Club- Meetings every other Tuesday at Station 2. 7 p.m. Call for more info

WEDNESDAYS

BEST- HIV testing, 6-9 pm. by appointment only, BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St.

Cream City Chorus- weekly rehearsal, men and women singers and accompanists welcome: 7-10 pm. New Hope United Church of Christ, 1424 W. Greenfield.

Fest City Singers- weekly rehearsal, 7-10 pm, War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr, men and women singers and instrumentalists welcome.

GLC at UWM- weekly meetings. 5'30 pm. during school year- call for info and location.

New Hope MCC- Prayer Service, 7:30 pm. Call for location.

Galano- DePaul Lifestyle Support Group- Last Wed. only- 4:30 pm. De Paul Rehab. Hospital. Room 2123

The Ten Percent Society [Madison]-Meets during the semester at 8 p.m. in Memorial Union. check TITU for room

Nothing to Hide [Madison]- 9:30 p.m. on cable channel 4.

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For HIV-positive individuals and friends. lovers and family of persons with AIDS. fmi 255-1711.

Men's Coming Out Support Group (Madison)- Meets. fmi 255-8582.

THURSDAYS

GAMMA- Volleyball, 8-10 pm. Englemann Gym at UWM.

Gay Fathers- meeting- 1st Thurs. only. pot luck- 3rd Thurs. only. call 871-2362 for location.

Grapevine- Lesbian Social Group, 7:30 pm. Women's Coalition, 2211 E. Kenwood- 3rd Thursday of each month; with potluck, starting at 7:00 pm.

Support Group for Family, Friends [Madison]- Of people with AIDS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. call 255-1711 for time and place.

Men's "Phase II" [Madison]- (Post Coming Out) support group, meets 8 p.m., 1127 University Ave., B103, fmi David at 241-2500.

FRIDAYS

Trollop Club- 1st Fri.- Club Meeting. open to members and non-members, at Station 2. 9:30 p.m. 3rd Friday-Birthday night for members birthdays that month-Station 2.8 p.m.

SATURDAYS

BEST- Women's STD testing, 10 am- 12 noon, walk-in, BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St.

GAMMA- Saturday Volleyball League. 6th Season: games from 3:00-6:00 pm most Saturdays: UWM Englemann Hall.

Galano- Movie night; 9 pm, 1428 N. Farwell.

Christian Gay OK- Oasis Coffee House (board games, social) 4-9 pm, left end of All Saints Guild Hall, 818 E. Juneau Ave (west entrance).

BWMT- Meeting 3rd Sat. only 7:30 pm; call for location.

Gay Youth Group- Discussion group- 1st & 3rd Sat. only- 1-3 pm, Main Public Library (9th & Wis.), 1st floor meeting room.

Teen Support [Madison]- Group meets in Memorial Union check TITU for room under "Youth" from 1-3 p.m., fmi Doug 255-8582 or Jane at 271-0270



ORGANIZATIONS: Send us the info and we'll include you in the above schedule. If there are errors in the above - Please send corrections.



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to speak the word. But now, we must speak with our lives.

Just as, in this age of AIDS, we must protect against transmission of disease, so we must live nurturingly and affirmingly and protect against alienation within ourselves, self estrangement, and apathy. These can, in the long run, kill us in a different way.

If you are one of those of us who are still made uneasy by the phrase "Gay Pride", who still think that in some way it threatens to separate you from the world that you belong to - think of it as **restoration**. A restoring of that joy and sense of goodness, of **found**-ness, with which you began, but from which people in society are trying to separate you. Think of it as a restoring of the unity of **all** of your voices, to the world that you do, indeed, fully belong to.

We wouldn't need Gay Pride if they weren't teaching us gay shame.

Lesbian Survey Findings Released

[Equal Times]- The Journal of the American Medical Association has published primary results of a nationwide lesbian survey conducted by Caitlin Ryan.

The survey questioned 2,000 lesbians and reported that:

• 88 percent earn less than \$30,000 a year.

64 percent earn less than \$20,000.

• 50 percent of the respondents lived with a partner at the time of the survey, compared to the 62 percent of women in the general population who are married.

 60 percent reported being in a primary relationship, while about 17 percent described themselves as single but somewhat involved with a woman.

• 19 percent said they were single and uninvolved.

Nearly 100 percent of the respondents reported wanting help for some psychological problems, a finding which Ryan says "demonstrates a high capacity to reach out for help and a high level of coping." 21 percent of respondents reported having had thoughts of suicide and 18 percent had attempted suicide at some point.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24

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La Cage- Broadcast of 'Tri Cable Tonite' at 9:30, every Tues. & Thurs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

UW Milw. 10% Society- "Thank God its's Spring" party, 9pm. BYO or \$2 beer & soda bust. Call 229-6555 for off-campus location.

Who's [Green Bay]- Mr. Fox Valley Show, 10:30 p.m.

Dignity- Lent Series, 7:00 p.m., home of Joe Z. (809 E. Cass St.; above Strong's Store).

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Trollop Club- Ladies Chicago Bar Crawl, via bus. Call 383-5755 or stop at Station 2 for more info. Limited to 45 people.

Fest City Singers- Combined concert with Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, called "Singin A Song, Side by Side". Lincoln Center for the Arts, 820 E. Knapp, 8pm. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. For more info. Call 263-SING.

Jet's Place- Stoney (Female Elvis Impersonator) & "The Panamystics" 50's & 60's Rock & Roll Show, 9:30-11:30, \$2 cover at the door, advance tickets at the bar.

Beer Garden- 2 day benefit for 'The Task Force on Battered Women,' \$5.00 Spaghetti Dinner from 5-10 p.m. Call 446-1660 for info. Tickets at BG & Fannies.

AIDS Memorial Service [Madison]- 3pm State Capitol Rotunda- "In Honor and Hope", Co-sponsored by by: MAP, CPI, MASN, LaCrosse Program. A memorial service in rememberance of those who have died of AIDS.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Fairness Fund- 2:00-4:00 pm., at the Foundation Community Center. The national organization "The Fairness Fund" will have 2 representatives on hand todiscuss this organization's efforts to have an impact on national and state legislation. They are utilizing a unique method of ensuring rapid and well-timed constituent pressure on key legislators. Join us for a discussion and thoughts on starting a local organizing effort – A Wisconsin Fairness Fund.

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Beer Garden- 2 day benefit for 'The Task Force on Battered Women' Tea Dance from 4-8, Top 40 music by Dawn. \$3 cover, celebrity bartenders, 25 cent beer, 25 cent soda, 25 cents off all rail drinks. Mini raffle drawings at 5, 6, 7, grand prize drawing at 8pm.

Wreck Room- Premiere of Piano music by Dawn Karenne from 6 to 9 every Sunday. Club 219- 'Up Where We Belong' A special

show featuring Ginger Spice & The 219 Girls, 11:30 p.m.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]- Mr. Fox Valley, Glen Stewart's Birthday Celebration, 10p.m., no cover.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

La Cage/Dance, Dance, Dance- Tropical Spring Fling, 9pm-on, Sand, water, palm trees, tropical bar/Buffet, beach balls, tropical music. Win a \$500 travel voucher. \$2 cover (\$1 w/card)-Beach attire, no cover. Also showing 'Tri Cable Tonite' at 9:30 every Tues. & Thurs.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Pivot Club [Appleton]- Lip Sync Finals, with hostess Cassie Carter, 10:30 showtime.

Back East [Madison]- Jock Strap Contest

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Who's [Green Bay]- Lip sync guest M.C., Reba. Also chair of Brown Co. Democratic party will be speaking.

GAMMA- Movie Night returns with the Acadmey Award winning "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk", 7:30 p.m., call Jon (964-4897) for info. GAMMA event- Membership encouraged.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Our Place [Racine]- Opening of Racine's newest G/L bar. DJ, Light show. See ad for address/directions. Continued on page 37

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by Amanda Shields

[Editors Note: In Step welcomes our new womyn's issues columnist Amanda Shields. This is her first column as a replacement for Linda Henderson – Let us know what you think of her work. You may write her in care of In Step.]

"Who Are These People And Why Do They Need To Be Proud"

Who are we?

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In the wake of the most recent effort to disable Wisconsin's Fair Employment law, we need to ask this question. That effort was supported by a virtual avalanche of letters and phone calls from people who angrily consider us wrong, perverted, disgusting, sinful, unworthy to exist, an outrage. Who do we think we are, anyway?

Who, indeed? That effort was met by surprisingly few letters and phone calls from us. We were busy; we didn't realize that the bill was being voted on — or we were sure that "it would work out"; we were tired; we were busy blending into the maintstream, proving that we can be just like everyone else, and such an effort would spot us out, it would embarrass us. Being political isn't "who we are."

Who are we? Who do we really think we are - and can we - dare we - back it up?

Each of us has known that sad, lonely moment when we first realized, for whatever reason we assigned to it at the time, that we were, somehow, "different". For many, this realization was followed by years of trying desperately to "fit in", to somehow not be different. These years of trying often culminated in dispair or in anger and defiance, or in a sort of noncombative "I-know-what-I-am-and-now-I'll-just-keep-quiet-about-it" in the soul, an acquiescence to the idea that we don't really exist, except as individual occurrences of human deviance. We after all, have no commonality except being "different" - wanted 'same sex' sex.

Who we are begins inside us. It begins with our realization that what we have been

given is not a deficiency, but an ability the ability to claim areas of nurturance that society has disdained. It begins with the understanding that this gift need not limit, but in fact can contribute, and has contributed, must that is creative in a nonbiologically procreative way, which is desperately needed by a culture that is estranged from its own ability to feel. It begins, therefore, with the knowledge that we need not, must not, be estranged, allow ourselves to acquiesce in estranging 'same sex' sex from our ability to love, and nurture, and be positive, creative, giving forces in the universe. And this truth must begin, clear and firm, deeply within ourselves.

We are not held together by the same skin color, or working condition, or visible gender (although it may yet be shown that we possess a genetic bond). We do not even respond in the same degree to the awareness which we do have in common. Our membership cuts across all these lines. But we do have in common the ability to be emotionally nurturant beings. We share a common fate, in order to live our uncommon lives. And as we live those lives, as we refuse to be alienated or estranged from parts of ourselves, insisting on affirming all that we are, joyously and visibly, we create our own existence, our own legitimacy. And why must we be visible? So that the rest of the world, finally and fully, may know who we are.

Now, visibility as Individuals is risky, many of us will say. Of course it is. But visibility as a people is necessary. For too long, invisibility has been a kind of death, a bane on our existence. We have come a long way from that sort of invisibility which was once exercised even in our language, i.e., "the love that dared not speak its name". Now, our name is even being spoken on religious television stations! Those of us who have suffered – and who has not? – from the absence of words to define our suffering can attest to the significance of having words, of being able Continued on page 46 In Step+March 24-April 13, 1988-Page 37 Communed from page 36

Club Milwaukee Bath- Membership special starts today- \$15 membership, receive free room pass.

Station 2- April Fool's party, 8pm-on, featuring: Friday night Spotlight Dancers. Between 8&10- Buy 1 drink, get 1 free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Club 94 [Kenosha]- "B&M Baked Queens" starring BJ Daniels, Miss M & special guests, 9:30p.m. showtime, \$3 cover.

Oberon's Club Nite- At 219/Shaft, 10:30 p.m.-on, prizes, etc.

Station 2- Easter Egg Hunt, drink specials, snacks, fun.

Fannie's- 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 9pm-? Drink specials, find our \$50 egg.



SUNDAY APRIL 3 EASTER DAY

Jo'Dee's [Racine]- Easter Bonnet Contest, prizes, meet the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt, open at 5.

Pivot Club [Appleton]- "Living Dreams', a show with Mr. & Miss Pivot & special guests, 10pm showtime.

New Bar [Madison]- Easter Bonnet Parade & Contest, Easter Egg & Treasure Hunt.

Rod's [Madison]- Easter Egg Hunt (filled with prizes), beer bust & buffet, and an Easter Basket contest (show us your big basket).

Ballgame- Easter Sunday afternoon, hors d'oeuvres.

La Cage- Easter Bonnet Contest, during the show.

Back East [Madison]- Deadline at bar time tonite for "Gay Fantasies" letters. Also Easter Treasure Hunt, prizes & specials.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

M.N.D.C. [Stevens Point]- 4th Anniversary party for the club. Help pick out the club's new name at tonite's party.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

UW Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film Festival-UWM Union Cinema (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.). Special AIDS Programming: "Buddies" by Arthur Bressan at 7, "AIDS: No Sad Songs" at 8:45. Free Admission.

WISCONSIN ELECTION DAY-GET OUT AND VOTE!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

UW Milw. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival-UWM Union Cinema (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd). Lesbian Film Presentation: "Firewords", Milw. premiere at 7: "Maedchen In Uniform" at 8:45. Tickets \$3 (\$2 UWM Students).

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

UW Milw. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival-UWM Union Cinema (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.) Lesbian Film Presentation: "Firewords", Milw. premiere at 7: "Maedchen In Uniform" at 8:45. Tickets \$3 (\$2 UWM Students).

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Who's [Green Bay]- Ms. Who's Show, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Wreck Room- Benefit Auction for Spurs Softball Team, 8:30 pm-on.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Our Place [Racine]- Alice Stowell's 30th Birthday Party, starts 8 pm. D.J. & Light show.

The New Bar [Madison]- 50's Dance Night -Wear Saddle Shoes - get a free drink.

SSBL Team Managers Meeting- At Foundation Community Center, 2:30 p.m.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]+ Comedy by 'Electric Moon', 10pm, \$2 cover.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

Ballgame- Academy Awards Party, cash prizes, door prizes, hors d'eouvres.

DK's- Academy Awards Party, 7pm, pick the winners and win a bar tab.

UW Milw. 'Pride Week' 88'- Sponsored by 10% Society at UWM, 'Beyond The Tenth.' Lynn Lavner, Cabaret Singer Live in Concert, 8pm in the UWM Union Fireside Lounge. \$7 (\$6 UWM Students).

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Wednesdays, March 30 & April 27 JOCK STRAP CONTEST

Easter Sunday, April 3 'GAY FANTASIES' DEADLINE

Gay Fantasies — A letter on your most exotic fantasy (100 words or more), to be judged by Cheri and staff. All letters to be in by April 3rd bartime. Grand Prize: An evening at 'The Gobbler,' including dinner and champagne in your room.

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April 20 BACK EAST WELCOMES THE BAR CRAWL FROM RACINE'S 'OUR PLACE'

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12

UW Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film Festival-UWM Union Cinema (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.) A Tribute to ''Women Make Movies'': ''What You Take for Granted'', at 7&8:45, plus video program: ''The Minders'' at 7&9:15, ''Just Passing Through'' at 7:55, and ''Storme: The Lady of Jewelbox'' at 8:45. Tickets \$3 (\$2 Students).

UW-Milw. Pride Week '88- Sponsored by 10% Society at UWM, "Beyond The Tenth". Lunch Box Rap, 1:30-3:30 pm in UWM Union Room E-309. Soda proivided, bring your own lunch.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

UW Milw. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival-UWM Union Cinema (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.) Focus on Joe Orton: "Prick Up Your Ears" at 7pm, "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" at 9. Tickets \$3 (\$2 Students).

UW-Milw. Pride Week '88- Sponsored by 10% Society at UWM, 'Beyond The Tenth.' Pride Forum- with guest speaker Sue Hyde of The National Gay/Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), 12pm-2pm in the UWM Union Fireside Lounge. Free admission. Then at 8pm, Hillary Harris the stand-up comedienne for the 2nd Wave. Live in the Fireside Lounge, \$6 tickets (\$5 UWM students).

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Jo'Dee's [Racine]- Aries Birthday Party, Champagne, food, beer, everyone welcome.

UW Milw. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival-UWM Union Cinema (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.) Focus on Joe Orton: "Prick Up Your Ears" at 7pm, "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" at 9. Tickets \$3, (\$2 UWM Students).

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Jo'Dee's [Racine]- Grand Re-opening Weekend party starts, Steve guest bartender.

UW Milw. Pride Week '88- Sponsored by 10% Society at UWM* 'Beyond The Tenth': 'A Dance For Pride'', 8:30 pm. in the UWM Union Ballroom. Tickets \$3 (\$2 UWM Students). Jet's Place- An encene performance for the benefit of MAP, starring Evelynn Williams & Jungle Red, with special guests. No cover, all donations to MAP. 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Boot Camp- Midnight registration deadline for tomorrow's Mr. Boot Camp Contest. Jo'Dee's [Racine]- Grand Re-opening Weekend, Drink Specials, Hors'deourves.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

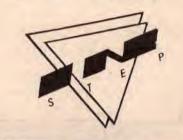
Boot Camp- Mr. Boot Camp Contest, 10pm.

Jo'Dee's [Racine]- Layla del Rio Show, 9:30 p.m., Special guest stars.

UW Milw. Pride Week '88- Sponsored by 10% Society at UWM, "Beyond The Tenth" Algebra Suicide concert (performance art), 7:30 p.m. in the UWM Union Art Gallery. Tickets \$4 (\$3 UWM Students).

Trollop Club- Game & Movie Night at Station 2 featuring "Desert Hearts."

The New Bar [Madison]- 60's Dance Night, Wear bell bottoms, get a free drink.





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