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**In Step** proudly introduces another new cover artist — Eddie Carver. Eddie's style leans towards Art Deco, and he studied for two years at the Milw. Institute of Art and Design. He prefers working with ink and this is his first pencil drawing since he attended Milw. Tech High School where he studied commercial art for four years.

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**In Step** would like to welcome another new column — "Dear Mona" to our pages.

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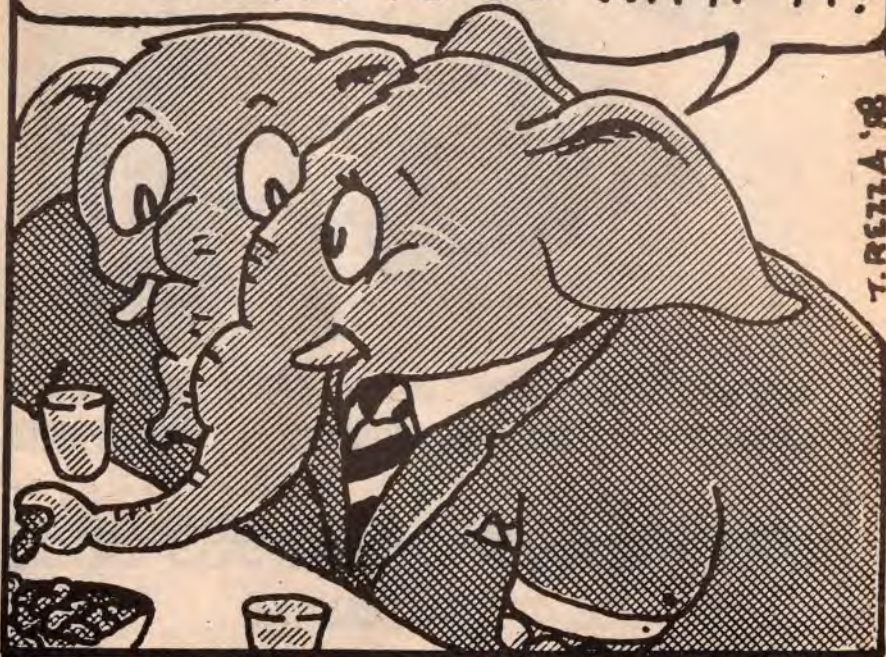
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## Senate AIDS Bill a Major Advance for Gays

[HRCF]- An AIDS bill passed by the Senate on April 28th represents a major step forward in the fight against AIDS, according to legislative staff at the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"The critical aspect of this bill is that it will dramatically expand and expedite the AIDS research effort," said Steve Smith, legislative counsel for the Campaign Fund. "That's going to save lives."

The bill, S.1220, the Federal AIDS Research, Information and Care Act, authorizes — for the first time in the AIDS crisis — federal programs in medical research, patient care, and public education with respect to AIDS. It is widely viewed throughout the gay and AIDS community as the most significant piece of AIDS legislation voted on to date.

Along with provisions to increase federal research staff, eliminate red tape bogging down the pace of research, and instituting "fast track" mechanisms to speed requests for funding and approval, the bill authorizes more than \$100 million to states to provide home and community-based care for people with AIDS, and nearly \$300 million for information and education programs at the federal and state level.

It was the education component of the bill that aroused the attention of Jesse Helms, who has made the prohibition of federal funding of AIDS education materials which "promote or encourage" gay sexual activity his *raison d'être* in the Senate lately.

Helms successfully passed an amendment April 28th which is identical to one enacted into law last year, and he will undoubtedly introduce whenever a relevant AIDS bill reaches the Senate.

This time, however, the gay community was able to muster enough support in the Senate to pass a second amendment which disarms the Helms language. This amendment, introduced by Senator Ted Kennedy, prohibits the government from interfering

with the dissemination of information necessary to assist people in protecting themselves from infection.

That amendment was adopted by a vote of 62-29, following a surprisingly eloquent plea by Republican Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, a co-author of S.1220 along with Kennedy. Hatch told Helms that Helms was "wrong" to seek the prohibition of AIDS education materials targeted to gays.

"While it's discouraging that someone like Jesse Helms is able to intimidate the Senate into voting for homophobic amendments, we are heartened that we're now able to counter him with amendments like Kennedy's," said Carlton Lee, the Campaign Funds congressional liaison.

"More important than that," he went on, "is the fact that we were tremendously successful in keeping a good many other hostile amendments from reaching the floor at all. These included proposals to criminalize the donation of blood infected with HIV, mandating federal registration of individuals who test positive for HIV infection, mandating the tracing of their sexual contacts, and requiring testing for marriage license applicants."

A Campaign Fund grassroots mobilization effort succeeded in generating nearly 20,000 mailgrams and letters from gay men and lesbians and our supporters in all fifty states. The program, combined with the intensive lobbying efforts of Campaign Fund staff and staff of other gay and AIDS organizations, was instrumental in getting S.1220 onto the floor and voted on favorably.

The next step for S.1220 is consideration by the House, which could come sometime this summer. It is possible that the language of the Helms' amendment could be weakened still further, either in the House, or in the eventual House-Senate conference action that marks a bill's final stop before becoming law.



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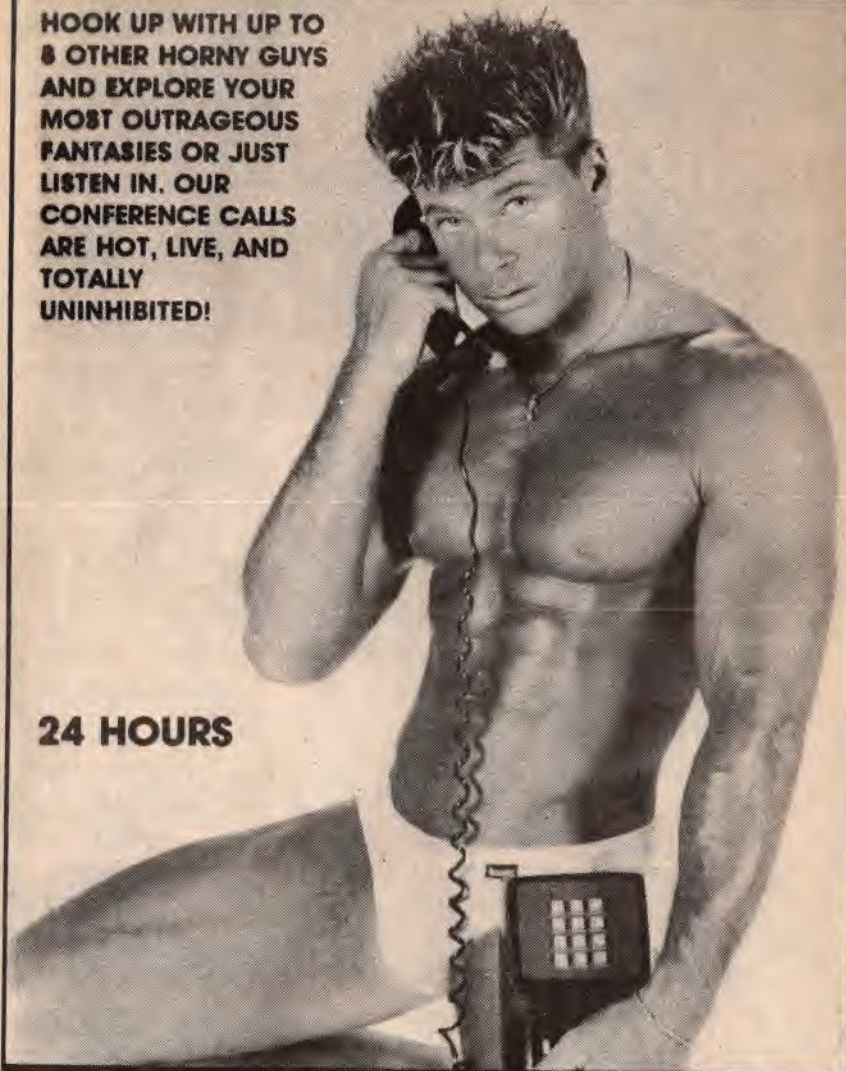
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### Hate Crimes Bill Update

Washington, DC [NGLTF]- On April 20, 1988, Representative George Gekas (R-PA) and four Republican members of Congress filed a minority report to the House Judiciary Committee's report on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (H.R. 3193) urging that sexual orientation be removed from the bill. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act would mandate the collection of statistics on crimes that are motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity. The House Judiciary Committee voted 21-13 to support the bill and report it to the House floor for action.

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) expects the bill to reach the House floor in late May. NGLTF and a coalition of 53 religious, feminist, professional and civil liberties groups have secured 109 co-sponsors in the House. A companion bill in the Senate (S. 2000) has 6 co-sponsors to date.

Rep. Gekas had led two previous attempts to remove sexual orientation from the legislation while it was in committee. Both attempts failed. The filing of the minority report assures that another attempt to delete the provision will be made during floor consideration of the bill.

The Gekas minority report asserts that "It is not a federal obligation to protect citizens in their sexual orientation."

Despite a recent Department of Justice study which found gay people to be the most frequent victims of hate violence today, the Gekas report disputes the prevalence of anti-gay violence. Despite documented evidence of hundreds of instances of organized hate group activity against gay men and lesbians, the minority report asserts that gay people are not the targets of organized hate group activity by groups like the Ku Klux Klan.

Letters of support for the bill and the sexual orientation provision continue to be needed. Readers are urged to write to their representatives today!

### Israel Legalizes Gay Sex

[Equal Times]- Israel's legislature, the Knesset, recently legalized homosexual acts between consenting adults as part of a

package of laws regarding sex and sex crimes.

The Washington Blade reports that a Jerusalem Post editorial stated, "despite the widespread execration of homosexuality by religious as well as non-religious people, Israel has stepped into a new era of enlightenment."

The laws were sponsored by Shulamit Aloni of the progressive Citizens Rights Movement. Aloni has worked for the past several years to get the laws passed.

Besides legalizing homosexuality, the laws make the penalties the same for heterosexual and homosexual rape. The maximum rape penalty has now been increased to 20 years. Names of rape victims cannot be released without the victim's permission. ▽

### Gay Man Elected Chair of Dane Co. Board

R. Richard Wagner, a Dane County Board Supervisor for District Six, who is openly gay, was elected as Chairperson of the Dane County Board by a 25-16 vote in a hotly contested election. Dane County, which includes the state capitol of Madison, has a large number of openly gay/lesbian elected officials. The County of 350,000 is governed by the 41 member board elected from districts and a separately elected County Executive.

Serving on the Dane County Board with Wagner, who was first elected in 1980, are Supervisor Kathleen Nichols of District Two (elected in 1982), Supervisor Tammy S.G. Baldwin, District Eight (elected in 1986) and the most recent member of the Board's 'Caucus of the Pink Rose', Supervisor D. Earl Bricker, District Nine (Elected in 1988). Wagner and Nichols served as Co-chairs of former Governor Anthony Earl's Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues. Bricker served as staff assistant to the council.

Madison's District Eight is also represented on the Madison City Council by openly gay Alderman James McFarland. This April election also saw the adjoining community of the Village of Shorewood Hills, also in Dane County, elect Mark Thomas, a gay man, as village trustee. The

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village is governed by a seven member board.

Wagner is also ending five years as co-chair of the New Harvest Foundation, a gay and lesbian philanthropic organization serving the Dane County area. The foundation has raised over \$50,000 for gay community projects and was responsible for bringing George Segal's "Gay Liberation" sculpture to Madison's Orton Park in Wagner's district.

## Census May Include Gay Couples in 1990

Washington, D.C. [Windy City Times]- While tracking the progression of heterosexual couples toward marriage is the demographic purpose, it is possible that gay couples may be included in a category called "unmarried partner" when census takers do their head-counting again in 1990.

The new category is included in the U.S. Census Bureau's proposed questionnaire which it has submitted to Congress for approval, according to the **Washington Blade**. Demographic researchers have asked that the new category be included because they wish to find out what steps heterosexual couples take from being unmarried partners to legally wed spouses. Census Bureau officials have indicated that their agency would probably include data listing both heterosexual and same-sex couples.

The question of how comfortable gay and lesbian couples might be in responding to

such a category was raised by Jeff Levi, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "It will tell us something," he observed, "but I predict there will be gross under-reporting." Levi did say he would encourage gay couples to identify themselves if they were comfortable with the designation.

## Methodists Reaffirm Ban on Gay Clergy

St. Louis, Mo. [Milw. Journal]- Delegates to the United Methodist General Conference last week overwhelmingly defeated attempts to soften the denomination's established bans on 'active homosexuals' within the clergy and of such activity in general.

Several conferences, including Wisconsin's, had called for a more lenient position toward homosexuals at the outset of the general conference here last week. Wisconsin called for changes in the sections of the Book of Discipline, which lists the laws governing the church, that mention homosexuality.

One section states that United Methodists do not condone the "practice of homosexuality" and consider the practice incompatible with Christian teaching. But 80% of the delegates Monday voted overwhelmingly in favor of retaining the phrase.

The Wisconsin Conference also had requested that a ban on homosexual ministers be lifted. Presently, no "self-avowed practicing" homosexual can be ordained as a minister or appointed to any form of ministry in the 9.6 million-member United Methodist Church.

## g r o u p n o t e s

### Milwaukee AIDS Project Update

#### Fundraising

MAP would like to thank the following groups for their fundraising efforts: two bowling leagues, the Monday Night Irregulars and the Wednesday Mixed Handicap through combined efforts raised almost \$1,000.00 for the organization.

Your Places 'Baby Bull' birthday party raised \$590.00 for MAP's Housing Initiative project. Money from this event will help MAP reach its goal of opening and operating their recently acquired house designed to serve its clients.

#### Dinner

This year's **Make a Promise Dinner** will be held Sunday May 15, at the Wisconsin Club. Tickets are \$40.00 each and can be

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- Cream City Business Association  
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- GAMMA (Sports Social) P.O. Box 1900, 53201
- Gay Hotline (Referral, Events Tape) . . . . . 562-7010
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purchased at the MAP Office only until May 13. Response has been tremendous so far.

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**AIDS Candlelight Memorial**

MAP will once again sponsor a local Candlelight Memorial Service on May 30, Memorial Day. The purpose of the service is to give support to people with AIDS and to remember those who have died from the disease. This is the fifth year that these services have been held here, and all over the world.

This year's service will be held Memorial Day, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Kenwood United Methodist Church/New Hope Metropolitan Community Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. in Milwaukee. The service is nondenominational and MAP hopes to see you there in support.

**Community Forum**

MAP is sponsoring a Community Forum to be held in June. David Winters of New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis will be the featured speaker. Winters will address the various issues of AIDS as they relate to the gay community.

GMHC provides information on AIDS including topics such as risk reduction, legal and insurance concerns, they also conduct seminars and workshops for health care professionals and people at risk.

The exact time and date for the forum have not yet been set, for more information contact MAP at 273-2437.

**Gay Youth Milwaukee Causes It!**

Dancing, partying and lip-synching the nite away, approximately 50 lesbian/gay youth and their friends 'caused it' on Saturday evening, April 23rd at the Foundation Community Center. Holding their first organized group effort, "The Nite to Cause It" was a gayla event indeed.

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Many were apprehensive at, most likely, their first time partying as gay/lesbian young adults. Only a few couples initially braved the dance floor as gay/lesbian couples before, and were understandably hesitant. But soon the crowd loosened up, thanks to the expertise of the young DJ.

Talent abounded in at least seven lip-synch renditions ranging from two contrasting Madonnas, Dead or Alive, Natalie Cole, Jody Watley, Janet Jackson and Vanity (Nasty Girls). Future Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin are gearing up already!

GYM wishes to thank all those who helped make "The Nite to Cause It" a success, especially John Clayton and the C'est La Vie staff, the CCF governing board for the Foundation Community Center, and the chaperones.

GYM plans to hold other events in the near future and hopes to broaden its members and friends through more social gayla affairs.

Gay Youth Milwaukee is a rap support group for young people 18 years of age and under. We meet every 1st and 3rd Saturday at the Milwaukee Downtown Library in the First Floor Meeting Room from 1-3 p.m. For information please call Michael Lisowski at 265-8500, or write: GYM, P.O. Box 09441, Milwaukee, WI 53209.

## Central Wisconsin Has "Support"

Wausau, WI.- At its organizational meeting in Wausau May 1, the Central Wisconsin AIDS Support Group [CWASG] (formerly known as "Support") selected its leadership committee and developed its continuing organizational agenda.

The leadership committee will consist of three co-chairpersons, representing Portage, Marathon and Wood counties, a secretary and treasurer. Members selected at Sunday's meeting include: F.M. Fitzpatrick, Portage County co-chair; Susan Balliet, Marathon County co-chair; Jerry Koeller, secretary; and Pam Hinz, treasurer.

The committee received word that funding will be made available for emotional

support volunteer training through the recently-formed, state-sponsored Central Wisconsin AIDS Support Network (CWAN). The committee also acknowledged the donation of \$150 for start-up costs from MNDC-Plus of Stevens Point.

The committee's working agenda includes the development of by-laws, application for non-profit organizational status with the state of Wisconsin, and continuing the solicitation of applicants to serve as emotional support volunteers. The committee plans to complete by-law and non-profit status work by June 15, 1988. CWASG hopes to have its emotional support program active within 60 days of its organizational work completion.

The next meeting of CWASG will be held on Friday, May 13 at 9:00 AM at the Stewart Avenue (Highway 52) Big Boy restaurant in Wausau at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome.

Presently CWASG is looking for interested men and women to serve as emotional support volunteers and a Wood County resident to serve as co-chairperson on the leadership committee. Interested parties may contact F. M. Fitzpatrick at (715) 344-1841 during regular business hours or write CWASG, P.O. Box 2071, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-2071.

Central Wisconsin AIDS Support Group is a volunteer, non-profit organization providing emotional and practical support for persons with AIDS and HIV-positive persons, their families, friends and significant others.

## Milw. Pride Committee

After a shakey start Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee [ML/GPC] has established an outline of how the group will be governed. On April 9 the Steering Committee recommended guidelines covering policy statements, general meeting protocol, including rules of order, voting privileges, and organizational activities. The committee met April 18 to finalize its recommendations and compile comments and suggestion.

The next regular planning meeting of the ML/GPC will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday,

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Shafer Design has designed the logo that will be used for the Pride celebration. The logo will be used on T-shirts, banners and other material associated with the celebration. Shafer Design is a Milwaukee based graphic studio which has been serving the Lesbian/Gay community since 1985.

### March on Washington Calls for Grant Proposals

The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights is calling for grant proposals to disburse about \$70,000 in surplus funds in the national office accounts. Grants will be awarded by the seven member Executive Committee based on criteria approved by the 65 member national Steering Committee.

"We were shocked to find that we had any surplus funds given our struggle to raise money before the October 11th march," reported Kay Ostberg, national co-chair in Washington, D.C., "however, the amount of money we raised during the week of events was evidence of the overwhelming success of the March."

In order to be awarded a grant, a project must be lesbian, gay and/or AIDS related and have national or state-wide significance. Proposals for amounts up to \$5,000 will be considered. At least one half of the recipients will be lesbian and at least one

quarter of the recipients will be people of color. Preference will be given to grass-roots projects, projects born of March organizing and projects working toward one or more of the March demands.

Those interested in applying for a grant should get a copy of the request for proposals. Write the March on Washington at P.O. Box 7781, Washington, D.C. 20044 or call members of the Steering or Executive committees. Hurry, Grant proposals must be received by June 1, 1988 to be considered.

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Men Nurturing Men/Chicago is pleased to announce that they will host their first annual spring retreat for "changing men" June 10-12, 1988 at Haimowoods Center near Kenosha, Wisconsin. Cost of the weekend event will be \$50.

While this is our first gathering at Haimowoods Center, it is the eleventh annual for members of the Mens Network of Chicago which officially disbanded last year. Men Nurturing Men is carrying on the tradition established over a decade ago to keep the men's movement alive in the Chicago area.

Men Nurturing Men provides rap groups for men of all ages, races, lifestyles and sexual orientation. They meet in safe, supportive environments where individuals are encouraged to open up and share their feelings, thoughts and ideas as they relate to men. New groups are opening about every 8-10 weeks and will soon be opening chapters in other cities.

If you'd like information about Men Nurturing Men (MNM), joining a group, starting a group in your area or more importantly coming to our annual spring retreat give them a call at (312) 281-1180 or drop them a line... MNM, P.O. Box 2547, Chicago, IL 60690.

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By a voice vote and with little discussion, the policy-making body concurred that the prevailing policy should instead be the one recommended by its Task Force on AIDS. In a report last year, the Task Force said, essentially, that the decision to do AIDS testing should be left up to individual physicians or hospitals.

Cyril M. Hetsko, who headed the AIDS Task Force and is a delegate from Dane County, said decisions on testing for exposure to the virus should be a local option, determined by local conditions and circumstances.

But Clifton E. Peterson, a delegate from Kenosha County who favored the resolution, said physicians should have all medical information concerning a patient made available to them.

The original resolution, sponsored by an orthopedic surgeon from Manitowoc County, not only called for routine AIDS virus testing of surgical patients. It also said that test results should play a part in determining subsequent treatment or "appropriateness of an operation."

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## Free 'ADS Action' Book Offered

Boston [Windy City Times]- In an unprecedented cooperative effort, publishing houses large and small have joined together to make a free book on AIDS available to consumers, this June.

The book, entitled **You Can Do Something About AIDS**, contains 45 short chapters, each outlining specific ways individuals can help in the fight against this disease.

Each chapter has been contributed by a different individual; the writers range from local AIDS activists to nationally known personalities.

Sasha Alyson, head of Alyson Publications, has donated much of his time over the past nine months to coordinate this project. "The book industry has never before contributed money and services to provide a free book to the public," said Alyson. "To be honest, there were some at first who thought the idea was crazy. But once it started catching on, the support became phenomenal."

The book will have a massive first printing of 325,000 and a second printing is scheduled. The project has received financial support from most major publishers including Harper and Row, the Bantam/Doubleday/Dell group, and Random House. Paper stock, printing, distribution, and publicity all have been donated. The Book-of-the-Month Club will offer the volume free to its members this summer, and it will be available free in many bookstores nationwide in June.

## Milwaukee HIV Positive Support Group

A new Milwaukee support group is in the process of being formed for those people who test positive to the HIV Antibody Test for AIDS. The group will be non-therapeutic, emphasizing information and support for members. It will work in co-operation with MAP & BEST, which also offers a support group.

The group will hold confidential meetings, in which it will explore the aspects and effects of living with the HIV virus.

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**Watertown Boy:** Happy Birthday kiddo: I miss you- wanna "have some pie?"  
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**Zoni:** Now that school is out how about a Hyatt Brunch?  
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**Milwaukee:** Goose Butter anytime, but forget the paste! **Brown Under the Crown**

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**Fat Sow**

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**Jaw**

**Officer Phillip:** The desk of The U.S.S. Missouri is out for the wedding. 16 inch guns are a violation of the Geneva Convention.  
**Commander Pete**

**Miss Read:** Do you dream of being a Proctoscope?  
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**Marque:** Are you "pickled" again? **Missy A**

**David [East Moine]:** "Chill Out Rico" **Babs**

**Your Majesty:** Oysters anyone? **Love Babs**

**Rodney:** Thanks alot for the great time 8 you're super!  
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**DoDo:** We didn't think Atlanta had any burning beds since the Civil War. **Love your sisters, Evelyn & Yvone DeMille**

**Mark:** Slut!  
**Your Roommate**

# Letter

Dear In Step:

I want to write about some things that upset me. First, about an incident reported in the 4/28-5/11 issue of **In Step** in which a guy who got drunk was put naked in a hotel elevator in Eau Claire. The police put him in detox for 48 hrs. I hope the people who did that to him have the same thing done to them! Aren't we supposed to care about each other? What if he would've lost a job because he was held for 48 hrs.? Also, I bet the police knew it was a gay party. It doesn't seem good for community relations. What if the police had treated him worse because he was gay? Why put him in that



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embarrassing situation?

And then there's a Letter to the Editor in the 4/8-5/12 issue of **Wisconsin Light** by Doreen Riley. I agree with most of what she said. Some Gay men are disgusting in their attitudes toward women and some other people. Although I wasn't at the meeting for the Pride Committee, I'm glad I wasn't, considering the tone of the proceedings. And although I see nothing wrong with a Drag Show or Slave Auction as long as a person doesn't have to do something they don't want to do, the Rules of Order sounded like the meetings weren't democratic. I've heard White Male Supremacy attitudes among Gays, myself, in bars. What would the person who said "I can be

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# the arts

## review

### "West Side Story"

By Kevin Michael

Under the able hand of Colin Cabot at the Skylight Comic Opera Ltd., a superb string of successes in presenting Broadway musicals continued with a grand production of "West Side Story."

A newcomer at the Skylight, Graf Mouen, as Director, has taken the Bernstein-Sondheim classic and refashioned it in quite a satisfying fashion. His concept based closely on the limitations of the theater's space was to bring the gang conflict to the fore. The violence and hate between the groups became the major focus and the love-story became more the sub-plot or the outcome of the initial conflict. He explained his view in his Director's notes quite profoundly and succeed he did.

Casting overall was vocally strong and true to character. The character of Tony who had a marvelous singing voice and experiential background seemed to me not the right "fit" for the role. His singing though pleasant seemed unfocused much of the time and his characterization scattered as well.

Another newcomer was Marcy De Gonge as Maria. She was strong and clearly grounded in her presentation and this ability clearly overshadowed that of Ian Jon Bourg, as Tony.

Also noticeable in the cast was Michelle Sarkesian's, Anita. She too was formidable in bringing to us the fiery character. Her experience prior has been with the Lyric Opera of Chicago and it was evident.

For me, "West Side Story" gained new strength and vitality from the re-interpretation of the Director. It had a fresh new look and was almost an old story presented in a

new way which gave it a totally new feel. This particular appeal coupled with a strong vocal cast in total made it work. Too often the show is presented with an uneven cast. Cabot did his homework here. It showed.

The set was very simply constructed and extended even into the theater lobby so as to set a mood even upon arrival at the theater. The lighting was extremely effective and in several select places the set and lighting combined for some magic.

Overall, a most satisfying production. ▽

### Chicago's Lionheart Gay Theatre Visits Wisconsin

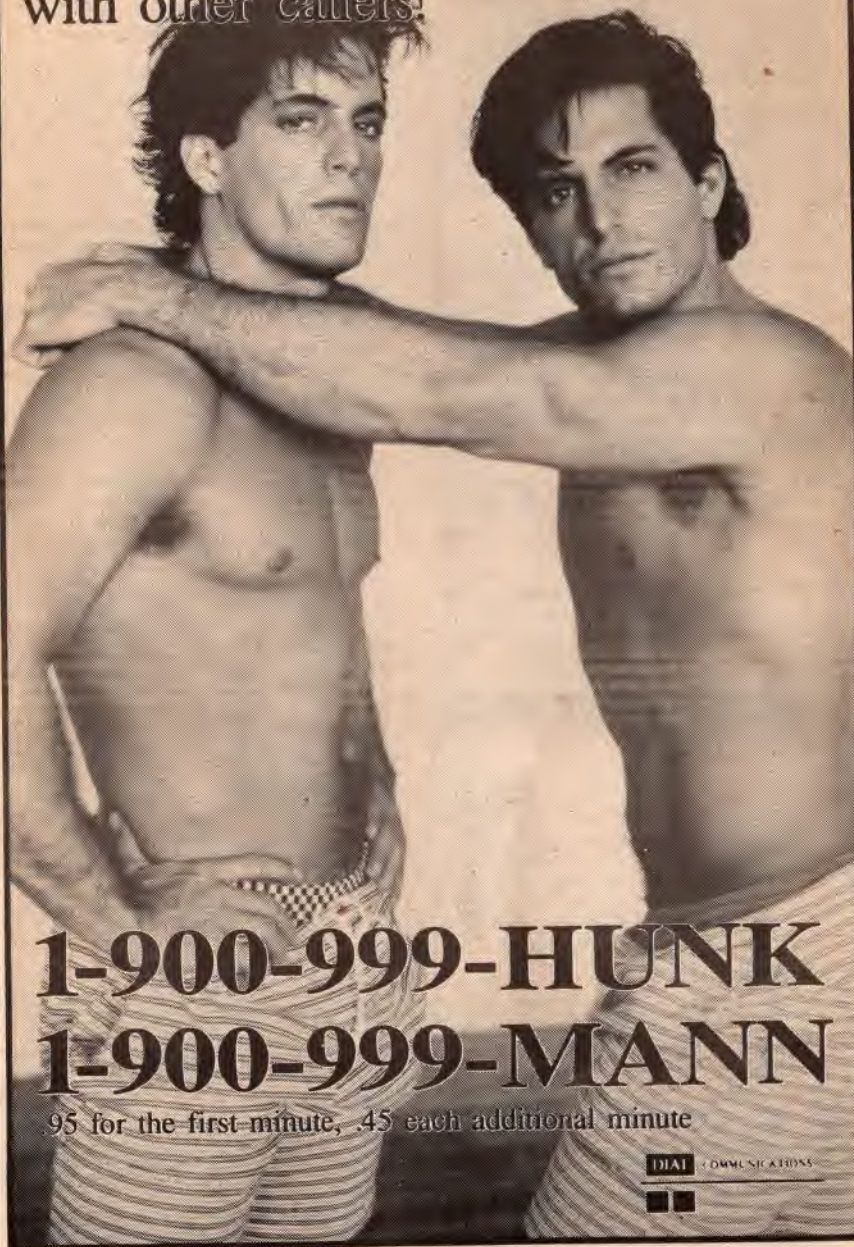
Unlike many theatrical producers, Rick Paul can remember the exact time and place when his company was formed. **Lionheart Theatre** was born on an AmTrak "Freedom Train" enroute to the Washington, D.C. Gay Rights March — not the most recent one, but the first one! It was at precisely 2:15 E.S.T., Oct. 28, 1979, and just outside Muncie, Indiana (the "fruit jar" capitol of America, Rick enjoys pointing out) that he and playwright/critic Lawrence Bommer hammered out the idea of a gay theatre company which would promote and produce gay scripts by gay Chicago playwrights. Even with this somewhat narrow focus there were scores of deserving works just waiting to for such an opportunity. Lionheart was conceived as "a shelter for ideas and visions unwelcome in commercial or conventional theatres."

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**GWM, 22, 6', 175 lbs, dark brown hair, blue eyes, muscular build.** Moving to Eastside this summer. Interested in roommate/friendship/possible relationship. I enjoy many different events- dinner, movies, horseback riding, biking, boating, quiet nites at the lake, and good times with friends. Romantic and sincere. Seeking same type of person, 21-35. Serious enquires only. Write: Alan, 6818 W. State Suite 105, Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

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**Friends Wanted:** New to area, desire to get to know others for talks, movies, dining out, hiking, etc. No sex unless meaningful. I'm GWM 5'2", 120#, blond/green, 35yrs, honest, sincere and very deep. If you are interested in a real friendship, Write: Greg, 8286 N. 50th, Milwaukee 53233. Not into bars, drug/drink, one-nighters, etc.

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*"The Layman's  
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to  
*Safe Sex"*

by Jeff Hagedorn

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196 S. 2nd St.



*"Dykes*

*Who*

*Date"*

by Susan Lersch

**Friday, May 20  
10 PM \$4**

FREE RAIL DRINK WITH ADMISSION

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE BEST CLINIC

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where capacity crowds required extra performances.

This month Lionheart is making a brief Wisconsin tour. On Friday, May 20th, the troupe will bring an evening of hilarious one-act plays to The Ballgame, 196 S. 2nd St. in Milwaukee for a 10 PM performance, then head to Madison on Saturday with an 8 PM show at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St.

Heading up the evening will be **The Layman's Guide to Safe Sex** by Jeff Hagedorn. A former Milwaukeean, Jeff is a founding participant with Lionheart and has had numerous productions of his plays from coast to coast. The local 1985 performance of his aids monologue **ONE** was cited by the **Milwaukee Sentinel** as one of the best shows of that season. **Layman's Guide** is a fast-paced romp through the labyrinth of safe sex information. Following the farcical couplings of the six-member cast through all the possible combinations, we somehow manage to absorb the essential data between belly laughs - getting a valuable education in a painless fashion. The mixed male and female cast

will feature the author as well as several members of the recent successful Chicago run, including Steve Burri, who performed here in the aforementioned presentation of **ONE**.

If you've ever been tempted to try one of those video dating services as a painless way of meeting your ideal partner, you'll probably think twice after seeing **Dykes Who Date** by Susan Lersch. Bonnie Freeman will portray a mature lesbian woman who, out of frustration with "the scene", decides to grapple with the new technology. Armed only with a saccharinely written instruction pamphlet, she tries to be her most alluring in front of the camera. Instead she loses it. Exploding in a cathartic flood of anger and righteous indignation over all the social game playing we are forced into, she finds herself telling it like it is and rediscovering her strength and personal worth in the process. This is probably the most hilarious life crisis we can ever expect to see.

Rounding out the bill will be the premiere of **Nobel Intentions**, a brief satire by Paul and Bommer which questions the

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Grant Dixon's dancers "Victims of Desire" made victims of the audience at Madison's New Bar.



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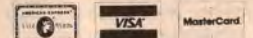
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# steppin' OUT

by Ron Geiman



We're having a heat wave- at least we were at deadline (May 5th)- Lord knows if winter snuck back into town since then! It's so nice to sit in the office & look out at the boys struttin' down 2nd street in their shorts!

Before I start having hot flashes, I'd better get back to business...

The **Cream City Foundation's** 2nd annual fundraising Casino Night in the beautifully restored Grain Exchange Room was a big success. A wide cross section of our community was in attendance to help the Foundation raise money that they, in turn, disburse to worthy community causes.

The **Y.P.'s** 2nd annual "Fear Foursome" Baby Bull birthday party certainly was an extravaganza. Birthday gettings to BJ, Jeff, Su & Dean. I'm just amazed BJ was still sober enough to do the show at 219 later that night. The party, a MAP benefit, raised over \$500.

I fell victim to them again - Yes, the encore engagement of Grant Dixon's 'Victims of Desire' male dance revue at **The New Bar** was enough to lure me out to the Mad City. They appeared with a few new members this time, & strutted their stuff before a very appreciative audience. From all the VIP's in the crowd, you'd think the victims were doing an audition for a state-wide tour. I'm sure we'll be seeing more of these boys around the state.

**Our Place's** first variety show - 'Out of The Closet' was such a hit, they've scheduled an encore performance for the 14th.

The **Saturday Softball Beer League** (SSBL) opening day on April 30th was a sure sign of Spring. The softball action occurs every Saturday afternoon at Mitchell Park Softball diamonds (behind the Domes). Stop by and cheer on your favorite team. Of course, the annual **Milwaukee Classic** tournament, the granddaddy of gay softball tournaments is coming up Memorial Day Weekend. Be sure to check out the next issue of **In Step** for all the latest on that

event.

Along with softball season comes team & league fundraisers. Please support these benefits - they (1) enable Milwaukee to host the Classic every year, (2) Help these teams represent Milwaukee in out-of-town tournaments, and (3) Help cover the cost of sending Milwaukee's representative to the gay world series in September.

The **Wreck Room's** swimsuit contest packed the bar - it looked like Bradford Beach on a hot Sunday afternoon. Fourteen men competed, with Joseph Stier winning the \$100 cash 1st prize. Turns out it would have been more appropriate to have the swimsuit contest on May 5th instead of April 30th. Why? The bar's water pipes broke, creating a lake 2 feet deep in the basement, flooding all their compressors & forcing them to close for the night.

**La Cage's** Sunday night shows with Holly Brown & Company keep getting better every week. They've worked up quite an ensemble, and their efforts are obvious.

That's a quick overview of the past two weeks, bringing us up to deadline time. Highlights for the next two weeks include: **MAP's** Make A Promise dinner on the 15th; **La Cage's** finals for 'Claim to Fame' on the 18th; Mr. & Miss Gay Fox Valley Pageant at the **Pivot Club** on the 22nd; and The Miss 219 Contest at **Club 219** on the 26th. There's plenty more happening, so be sure to check The Calendar for full listings of events.

## Fox Valley Pageant

King Productions, hosts of the annual Mr and Miss Southeastern Gay Wisconsin Pageant, have announced the first in their series of contests to be held throughout the state. The **Mr and Miss Gay Fox Valley Pageant** will be held Sunday, May 22nd at The Pivot Club in Appleton.

Contestants are welcome from anywhere in the state. Mr. contestants will compete in Interview, Talent and Swim Suit categories, with Miss contestants competing in Interview, Talent and Evening Gown.



# classies

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**GWM to share** my Germantown Condo on a small lake. Own bedroom, many extras such as parking, fishing, clubhouse, indoor and outdoor pools. 25 min from downtown Milw. all expressway driving. \$225.00 per mo + 1/2 phone. Call anytime 255-5814 ask for Rick.

## HOUSING

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**GM Roommte** To share 2,600 sq. ft. apartment/condo near UWM. Large private bedroom and bath; four completely furnished shared rooms; laundry. Utilities included at \$350/month. Prefer non-smoker. Call Bob, evenings at 963-9833.

**2 Bedroom Upper,** Southside apartment for rent. \$375 per month, includes heat (negotiable over summer noths). Call 483-6667 for more information. Available immediately.

**Responsible Adults Wanted:** 1 and 2-Br heated apts. Available for responsible adults in revitalizing westside neighborhood (5 mins. from downtown). Gay professional neighbors. Heat and appliances. \$260 to \$320 plus security deposit with lease. Off-street parking and laundry. On major downtown bus route. Call Don: 933-6931.

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## SSBL Schedule

[Games at Mitchell Park]

<b>May 14</b>	<b>Lower Field</b>
12:15	Raiders vs Beer Garden
1:30	Wreck Room vs. M & M's
2:45	Club 219 vs. LaCage
4:00	Cream City vs Club 219
	<b>Upper Field</b>
12:15	Flaming-o's vs Fannies
1:30	Flaming-o's vs. Raiders
2:45	Wreck Room vs Cream City
4:00	LaCage vs Ballgame
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Lower Field</b>
11:00	Station II vs Cream City
12:15	M&M's vs Station II
1:30	Ballgame vs Wreck Room
2:45	Ballgame vs Raiders
4:00	Raiders vs Your Place
	<b>Upper Field</b>
11:00	Fannies vs M&M's
12:15	Wreck Room vs Beer Garden
1:30	LaCage vs Fannies
2:45	Your Place vs Club 219
4:00	Club 219 vs Flaming-o's



The Saturday Softball Beer League [SSBL] started seasonal play on April 30th. Catch your favorite teams every Sat. afternoon on the diamonds behind The Domes.

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## DANCE STEPS TOP 20

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|---|-------|---------------|
| 1. Blue Monday/Touched By the Hand of God | ..... | New Order     |
| 2. Prove Your Love [Ultimix]              | ..... | Taylor Dayne  |
| 3. Trouble                                | ..... | Nia Peeples   |
| 4. Pink Cadillac [ultimix]                | ..... | Natalie Cole  |
| 5. Like a Child                           | ..... | Noel          |
| 6. Nighttime [Ultimix]                    | ..... | Pretty Poison |
| 7. Bedrock [YaBBa Dabba Doo Mix]          | ..... | Georgio       |
| 8. Breakaway                              | ..... | Big Pig       |
| 9. Love In The First Degree               | ..... | Bananarama    |
| 10. Together Forever                      | ..... | Rick Astley   |
| 11. I'm Over You                          | ..... | Sequal        |
| 12. Mercedes Boy                          | ..... | Pebbles       |
| 12. Strange But True                      | ..... | Times Two     |
| 14. I Should Be So Lucky                  | ..... | Kyle Minogue  |
| 15. Jack The Lad                          | ..... | 3 Man Island  |
| 16. My Arms Keep Missing You              | ..... | Rick Astley   |
| 17. Adventure                             | ..... | Eleanor       |
| 18. A Little Love [What's Going On]       | ..... | Ceejay        |
| 19. Who Do You Love                       | ..... | Rochelle      |
| 20. Don't Make A Fool of Yourself         | ..... | Stacey Q      |

## HOT PICKS

- |                              |       |                |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1. Heart                     | ..... | Pet Shops Boys |
| 2. Extraordinary Love        | ..... | Regina         |
| 3. See Want Must Have        | ..... | Blue Mercedes  |
| 4. Love Changes [Everything] | ..... | Climie Fisher  |
| 5. Dreaming                  | ..... | O.M.D.         |

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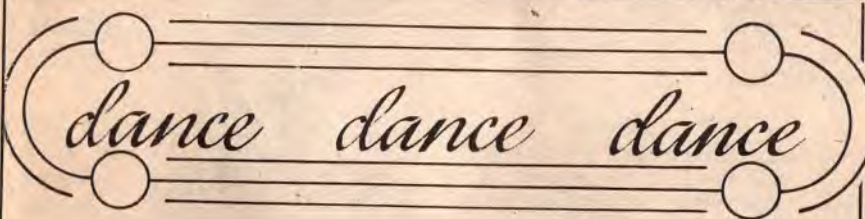
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# calendar



## THURSDAY, MAY 12

Who's [Green Bay]- Lip Sync II Premiere with Kevin.

## FRIDAY, MAY 13

Who's [Green Bay]- Brad's Birthday "Horror" Show, 10:30, starring Swish.

## SATURDAY, MAY 14

Oberons Club Night- At Club 219/Shaft from 10:30p.m.-on. Door prizes, etc.

Carol's Speakeasy [Chicago]- 'A Night In Black Leather,' drawing for leather vests at Midnight & 2am.

Our Place [Raiuce]- Back by popular demand- "Out of The Closet & Into Our Place", showtime 10pm, no cover.

M&M- Scott Sowles finally graduates, celebration from 5 to 8, Beer, food, fun.

## SUNDAY, MAY 15

MAP Dinner- 2nd Annual "Make A Promise" Dinner at the Wisconsin Club (900 W. Wisc. Ave.) cocktails at 5pm with Piano music, Prime Rib Dinner at 6:30, Show at 8 featuring Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin, Laffey & O'Hara, Cream City Chorus, Fest City Singers. For ticket info call the MAP office at 273-2437. Tickets \$40 each.

Trollop Horseback Riding- Hayride & food call Station 2 for details.

Ballgame- Softball Team Fundraiser for SSBL, Food, Prizes, Fun, from 2 to 8pm., raffle drawing at 8pm for Rd. trip ticket to Dallas or Cash.

Station 2- 7p.m. Movie, 'Victor/Victoria,' and 'La Cage Pt. 2.'

## MONDAY, MAY 16

The Flame [Stevens Point]- Outrageous Party. 8pm-close. Drink specials from 8pm-midnite, 'Worst Lip Sync' contest at 10pm. 'Tackiest Drag Queen' contest at Midnite, both contests open to men & women- Cash prizes.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

La Cage- Finals for "Claim to Fame"

11pm, All 2 time winners compete for \$500 cash, hostess- Holly Brown.

## THURSDAY, MAY 19

La Cage- Blueboy's Softball Team Benefit & Show- Mini & Cash raffles, 10pm-on.

Our Place [Racine]- T.N.T. Male Revue, 10pm, no cover.

Who's [Green Bay]- Lip Sync I Finals with guest Ginger Spice.

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racist if I want to" say to a straight who said "I can hate Gays if I want," and deny Gays certain freedoms and respect?

—"Gay White Male"  
[Name Withheld By Request]

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motivations of AIDS researchers worldwide. Are they primarily rushing to cure a lethal disease or to gain a place in scientific history?

Over the years virtually all of Lionheart's productions have been staged as benefits, with expenses kept low and all personnel volunteer. Continuing this tradition, the Milwaukee performance will benefit the Brady East STD Clinic and proceeds from the Madison show will go to The United gay social service agency. Tickets will be available at the door and in advance at The Ballgame in Milwaukee (\$4) and in Madison at The United, 1127 University Ave. (\$5). Further information about the Lionheart Gay Theatre performances can be had by calling in Milwaukee: 265-8224 and in Madison: 255-8285.

—Bob Fish

The North End  
of Chicago's  
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The number on my Touch Tone phone is beep-meep-moop boop-meep-moop-moop. Please call me right away, I'll be waiting.

**Juan Moore Tyme**  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear W.W.-

Can love change the stars? I certainly hope so. You see, there is this really cute

guy who works at the new clothing store in the mall and every time I walk by, I get all woozy and gooshy inside. He's 6 feet tall with blue eyes and he wears the most stylish clothes you ever saw. I go by his store every day just to see him and he's never worn the same outfit twice. I never know what to expect. I guess that's why I love him so, although I've never told him. You see, I'm a Libra and Jerry (that's not his real name, of course, it's really Mason Knight) is gay and he says it will never work out between us. Do you think he's right? (I once dated a guy who was a Cancer and we got along just fine until he said he wasn't a Cancer he just had cancer, and he wasn't too much fun after a few months.)

What's a girl to do?

**Emmy Nemms**  
New Orleans, LA

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**Little Jim's**

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OF THE HALSTED STRIP!**

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CHICAGO

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whether it can bear to admit this or not. How does a profound lack of respect for human, female lives get born?

How does a sexist society get started on its deviant career?

## In Memorium...

**DAVID LUTHER CALLENTINE**

David Luther Callentine, pastor of Milwaukee's New Hope Metropolitan Community Church which serves the gay and lesbian community died at 2 p.m. on April 30, 1988 of complications due to AIDS. A Memorial Service was held at Kenwood United Methodist Church on May 7th, after the *In Step* deadline. Following Callentine's wishes, his body was cremated and no funeral service will be held.

New Hope services at Kenwood United Methodist Church will continue, and the church will be calling a new pastor to serve it.



3rd runner up

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2nd runner up



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### FRIDAY, MAY 20

**Lionheart Gay/Lesbian Theatre of Chicago-**  
In An Evening of outrageous gay/lesbian  
comedy. Benefit for Brady East STD Clinic.  
Presentation of "The Laymen's Guide to  
Safe Sex" by Jeff Magedorn & "Dykes  
Who Date" by Susan Leash. Co-sponsored  
by The Ballgame, In Step Magazine &  
Synygy. Showtime 10pm, at The Ballgame,  
\$4 cover includes free rail drink.

**Who's [Green Bay]-** Katrina K's 'Send Off'  
Show with guest Miss Madison.

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

**Castaways M.C.-** Beer & Chili party, on the  
M&M Club's patio, 4 to 7 pm. \$5 donation,  
everyone invited.

**Carol's Speakeasy [Chicago]-** The Weather  
Girls, live in concert at 1am. Members \$3,  
non-members \$5.

**GAMMA Lake Park Party-** 1pm-on, Road  
Rally, games, bring your shorts.

**Lionheart Gay/Lesbian Theatre of Chicago-**  
Travels to Madison for a show at the  
Madison Senior Center (330 W. Mifflin St)  
as a benefit for The United. Tickets are \$5,  
available in advance at The United, call  
(608-255-8582) for more info.

**Your Place Flaming-o's-** Softball team/  
SSBL Fundraiser from 4 to 8 at Y.P. Free  
tap beer, raffles, 6pm-festive auction with  
Charlotte Lorraine as auctioneer.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

**Pivot Club [Appleton]**- Host's King Production's Mr. & Miss Gay Fox Valley Pageant. Entry fee \$10, applications available at The Pivot, Napalese Lounge & D.K.'s.

**ML/GPC Planning Committee Meeting**- 2pm at Foundation Community Center.

**Back East [Madison]**- Leather & Lace Party.

**Gay Bicycling Network**- Southern Jaunt leaving from Grant Park Golf Pavillion at 1:00p.m. Thirty miles round trip; easy terrain. Call Bob 963-9833 between 10:30 am and 12:15 pm on May 22 if weather questions. Bring your friends.

**Our Place [Racine]**- Gay Gala dinner at Valentine's party afterwards at our place. Call bar for details & reservation.

**Station 2**- Brewer Tailgate Party, Depart bar at 10:30 a.m., Call for details. 7pm Movie "The Big Chill."

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

**Back East [Madison]**- Jock Strap Contest.

**La Cage**- New season of "Claim To Fame" begins tonite.

**THURSDAY, MAY 26**

**Back East**- Ladies Wet T-Shirt contest, cash prizes.

**Who's [Green Bay]**- Lip Sync II with Plenty Galore 'the 2 ton whore.'

**Club 219**- Miss 219 Contest, \$2 door, showtime 10:30 p.m., contestants see Ginger to register.

**FRIDAY, MAY 27**

**GAMMA Dining Out**- At La Casita, 7pm-Call Mark at 962-9482 for info/details /reservations.

**Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament**  
**Int'l Mr. Leather Contest [Chicago]**

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

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— sit on the sand and stare and think. And look into the horizon.

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may occupy the whole house of her feelings. She feels Total. What a full, rich moment, that first knowing! How does she get started on this glorious career?

She may be forced to walk the tightrope of a forbidden love, stopped by someone's fear or self-loathing, some harsh edict. She steps in loss, feeling the violation of love shorn, and knows the terrifying power of the Taboo, and of society's punishing of trespassing women.

How does she get started on this risk-taking career?

How, indeed, do we get started? How in the world do we come to reclaim our whole selves, how do we dare to love that which society disdains as being "only women"? How do we shake off the hobbles imposed on ourselves, so pervasively ranging from manner (accommodating) to clothes (revealing) to heels (restricting) to make-up (pretending) to earrings, to etiquette? How, in the face of society's fear/anger of our good potential do we get so miraculously free?

Can it be that we are the only ones who perceive that the Emperor of How It Is Supposed To Be For All Women really has no clothes on his back? And how do we dare to do something so easy yet so dazzlingly, so breathtakingly taboo — shattering as breaking the silence to proclaim what we truly see? For we do, sisters.

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How do we hold to our lonely yet beautiful vision, until by our sweat and struggle we make it visible? How do we make real, and celebrate, our own beauty, our own strength, our own unique smell and taste? How do we, as Lesbian women, and part of a Gay people, share in and contribute to our community? How do we uphold our eternal, fundamental, and universally harmonious ability to love?

How do we embark on our terrifying, splendid careers?

The question is usually asked by that entity which is watching, and trying to understand, the stigmatized population. But, perhaps in this case, the wrong question is being asked, of the wrong people.

A better question might possibly be asked, of a watching, wondering society — a society whose own sexual expression is at best problematic, ranging from ownership and abuse to rape; a society who prizes commodity (Cabbage Patch Dolls) over its humanity; and who strips the volition from its women, and the emotion from its men: a society which includes us, and needs us,

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# views

## Horizon Lines

By David L. Doty

In an article published in the L.A. Weekly, Dr. Ronald Guiley, a West Hollywood optometrist says, "Human eyes were built to scan the horizon, not stare at something 16 to 20 inches away..." I like that, the idea that we humans are supposed to be looking towards the horizon, not staring at little close-up things all day long. I like it because I think gay men and women have that kind of distant vision. We look to the horizon for things that can happen out there: deep, luscious sunsets, the end of the blue, blue sea, the possibility of infinity and many other wonderful fantasies. I suppose it's that optimistic quality in us that many straights love to parody; our happy-go-lucky-Pollyanna-view of the world.

I once had an earth moving "horizon experience" on the island of Maui. Fortune had dictated that I had to wear a thick bandage wrapped around my right foot, protecting a severe burn I got from walking barefoot on the asphalt of Honolulu. But rather than cancel my weekend hop to the Garden Island, I just packed crutches, bandages and plastic bags, along with my tourist floral shirts and shorts. My traveling companions were always a few paces ahead of me, but I managed to hobble around that paradise and soak in the beauty and grandeur. My foot was injured but my nose absorbed every smell that wafted around the island. One late afternoon I left the others and wandered down to the beach front and plunked myself on the sand. My foot hurt from the pressure of the bandage and my mind was just a little ticked off that it had happened at all. So I just sat and stared at the breaking water, lapping quietly at my feet. I'm not sure when I first became aware that the sun was setting, but I suddenly looked far out at the horizon and everything around me had turned burnt orange. My breath drew quickly and my heart clamed. Orange gave way to deep yellow, dissolving to soft red before slipping below the horizon. For several

long, glorious moments everything around me was bathed in soft hues and ominously silent. I didn't move for long minutes — I couldn't move. What I had just witnessed left me bereft of words and experience. I sat and stared. Being a pragmatist I wanted to know what was beyond my vision. But I already knew; I just wasn't ready to admit it yet. The big question loomed in my mind even then.

The past few years we gay people, have had a rough time scanning the horizon. The long-haul picture is difficult to see. The sunsets aren't as frequent as they used to be. The barrage of medical facts becomes overwhelming. Too many friends die, too many fears paralyze the sensibilities, too much paranoia grasps our thinking. We know the horizon is there, we just get discouraged looking for it. And when that happens we tend to keep things in close focus — not more than 16-20 inches away. Things close are more comfortable.

It's important to keep the horizon line in view. Every once in awhile I wander off alone, either literally or figuratively, and recreate that night in Maui. It helps to sit and stare at the horizon and wonder about things like where the sun sleeps at night or if Leprechauns have grandparents or silly stuff like that. It helps create a balance to a paradoxical world that wants to love me but often doesn't know what to do with me. I seek solace in my spiritual identity for that reason. Surrounding myself with people and places that help me focus on my deeper self is a good way to soften the "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune." It's comforting to find friends who like to sit and talk and was philosophical. Tapping into my inner core where God has dwelt this long time is comforting. It has helped to find the answer to the question posed on the beach in Maui long years ago. My unique "who-ness" is a gift in these times — "the best of times, the worst of times" — as Dickens reminds us. But I suppose scanning the horizon is a wonderful escape and sometimes that's just what I want to do

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# a woman's

## V I E W by Amanda Shields

### "Deviant Careers"

In the field of Sociology there is a school of thought called Symbolic Interactionism. This theoretical school focuses on the manner in which a group of people is studied by the sociological researcher. In this school, the researcher tries to look at the people being studied, from their point of view, rather than her/his. S/He does not distance her/himself, as in the traditional research model, but may choose a method such as participant/observation, getting close to her/his subjects, in order to become familiar with the meanings which they assign to their own perceptions, and to understand how these meanings cause them to make the choices that they do. The school enjoyed a particular vogue in the 1960's, when it was found to be useful for studying controversial, socially stigmatized groups, such as prostitutes, drug addicts,

and — yes, you guessed it — Homosexual people. (The Humphries study on tea room trade belongs to this school.) In all this, the question of relevant interest to the researcher was "how, in the face of negative sanctions of society, does the individual get started on the deviant career?"

How does the Lesbian get started on her deviant career?

How, indeed, does she get started?

Well, she is born...

She is born into a world which is and traditionally has been ready to stigmatize her for being what she is now and will become: a Lesbian woman. As a child, she has her needs met, but she feels alone; or, it may be that she experiences early the harshness of patriarchy in the form of abuse. Whether broken or not, she is by no means whole. All through her adolescence,

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she makes her lonely way in the world, seeking images of her inner self for comfort and validity, but to no avail; she is all alone in the universe, she is locked into a cultural silence, as devoid of reverberation as if she had been swathed in cotton. She does not exist. And so she moves through her days alone, taking little or no pleasure in the forms around her. They are alien; not her.

How does she get started on her lonely career?

At what point does it begin to dawn on her that her lonely life need not be what society has tried so hard to make it? If she is lucky, chances are that she is growing up in an enlightened time and place, with the luxury, unknown by her earlier sisters, of language and listening ears with which to probe her hidden mystery. If she is not so lucky, her mystery remains hidden, possibly lacking even a word to call it forth and give it being. If she is really unfortunate, the verbal and physical brickbats of the patriarchy sail around her and sometimes cling to her like so many shards of the shell of an extremely rotten egg. The odor of self-disrespect may sink into her soul and she will, as you know, sisters, be a long time trying to wash it off.

How does she get started on this puzzling career?

Can you vision her first visit to a Lesbian bar — imagine, all those women! All shapes, all sizes, all colors! All that women can be! For the first time, seeing women dominating a social scene, yes, absolutely predominating, dressed as they please, in clothes of freedom and self definition, adopting postures of self ownership instead of accomodation! Perhaps it is not a bar, but a women's support group that she experiences for the first time. She feels the undreamed-of warmth of women like herself, tastes the quickening of new possibilities. Imagine the energy! She is home.

She meets someone. Falls in love. Permits herself to feel, for the first time, that wondrous, golden cascade of light flooding her soul. For the first time, the rooms of her heart are no longer locked against her with no key, they are open, and she may wander into their lightedness, she

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**Dear Mona,**

My boyfriend loves to go out but hates to dance but whenever I hear music I just have to move to the beat. This makes him mad because he says that I'm a tramp and am trying to arouse everyone with my "wild gyrations". What can I do?

-Slave to the Rhythm

**Dear Slave,**

Wear earmuffs.

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**Dear Mona,**

I want to have sex but whenever I go into a store or near a condom machine I get so embarrassed that my throat tightens up and I can't even talk. I also blush uncontrollably and get all sweaty. Should I rely on my partner to have a condom or just not use one? What do you advise?

-In a Bind

**Dear Bind,**

Better red than dead.

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**Dear Mona,**

My boyfriend is very self-conscious about the size of his penis and will not undress or get into bed unless the lights are out and we are in total darkness. My problem is that I can't see a thing and have to grope my way around for fear of stumbling over something. What should I do?

-Lost in the Dark

**Dear Lost,**

As a good friend of mine once said, "It's better to feel good than to look good." If you know what I mean.

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**Dear Mona,**

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**Dear Ralph,**

Sounds like he's not the gorilla of your dreams. Personally, I dislike hairy backs also. Ask him to shave and see if he has any pet peeves about you that you could change. If that doesn't work and he refuses to shave I'd find someone new.

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**Dear Mona,**

I just realized last week after days of torment that I had crabs. I've been faithful to my boyfriend since we met a year ago and I had thought the same of him until this happened. Should I be suspicious or are there other ways to catch crabs other than physical contact?

**-Bugged**

**Dear Bugged,**

Don't be a louse, I doubt if he got them from borrowing someone's comb. Smarten up and drop the bum.

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**Dear Mona,**

I've been wrestling with the probability that I've been gay for quite some time and have just recently "come out". Do you have any advice for someone in my situation?

**-Just Beginning**

**Dear Deginner,**

- I only have three things to pass on to you:
- 1) Spit don't swallow
  - 2) Always wear a rubber
  - 3) Don't forget to brush after every meal.

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**Dear Mona,**

I'm 23 years old and I have a serious problem. Over the past few years I've had

quite a few sexual encounters with both males and females. My problem is that I have no preference in sexes and I have strong attractions to both. What should I do?

**-By the bi**

**Dear Bi,**

Since you seem to be in and out of the closet quite a bit I would suggest that you get a revolving door for it. And as my grandfather used to say, if you're going to have a leg on each side of the fence be careful when you sit down, especially if it's a picket fence.

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**Dear Mona,**

I hope you can help me because I don't know who else to turn to. I'm the mother of two children and recently I arrived home unexpectedly and caught my teen-age son trying on some of my clothes. Being rather obese I was a little surprised that he chose my clothes instead of his younger sisters' but maybe he tried and they were too small. Anyway, when I asked what he was doing he wouldn't answer me and I haven't been able to bring up the subject since. Do you have any answers for me?

**-A distraught mother**

**Dear Distraught,**

I'm sure it's nothing to be alarmed about. Possibly it's just a phase that your son is going through and he may grow out of it before he grows into your clothes.

Another answer, which may be embarrassing for you, is something that my sister and I used to do. Our mother was, like you, quite obese and we used to get the neighborhood kids together and see how many people we could stuff into our mother's pants and dresses. Sort of like the clowns stuffing themselves into a car at the circus. Either way I advise you to talk about this with your son and you can even relate my amusing anecdote to him.

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Dear W. W.-

I feel it is the duty of every patriotic gay American to do their part in reducing the racial tension which exists in our country today. I do my part by having sex with a black man at least once a month, and let me tell you, it releases a lot more than just racial tension, if you know what I mean. Anyway, if every American would do their part, soon everyone, regardless of color, would be walking around this great country of ours with a big smile on their face.

Larry Numbnuts  
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Dear Mr. Wells,

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Harry P. Ness  
Vice President  
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Miami, Florida

P.S. I am a 29 year-old business executive, clean-cut, with 8' seeking the biggest and thickest in the U.S. Will travel to meet the biggest. Christian non-smoker preferred.

Dear W.W.-

I have a dream. And by the look of the stain in my underpants, it's a wet one.

Jesse Jackson  
Quoting Others on the Campaign Trail

Dear W.W.-

As impossible as it may sound, I have devised a fool-proof method of predicting the future by reading Nancy Reagan's stretch marks. And with-out giving away any national secrets, I can tell you that Ronnie will send Florence Henderson to the Persian Gulf in an attempt to put a halt to the hostilities in that region. Although she will be unsuccessful in this attempt, she will put on several dazzling shows with some really nifty musical numbers.

George Bush  
Washington, AC-DC

Dear W.W.-

Once in the bathtub, five times on the couch, three times under the bed, twice in the sink, four times on the dining room table, and that was just last week. Please close your drapes.

Jerry  
The guy who lives next door

Dear W.W.-

I caught my son reading that good for nothing column you write under the covers last night. Well, let me tell you, this is one mother who isn't going to put up with it. Besides, the flashlight keeps me up all night.

Patty O. Furniture  
Denver, Colorado

Dear W.W.-

Maybe I'm the only person in America who hasn't seen Dirty Dancing, but it just seems to me that people should take a bath before they go out dancing.

Wally Weenie  
Cudahy, Wisconsin

Dear W.W.-

I'm the guy you met on that Dail-A-Boner phone line last Wednesday around 9:30, remember? My name is Gus and you said I sounded simply dreamy and you couldn't wait to lube my tube. Anyway, I lost the slip of paper I wrote your number on, I'm blind and I can't find it any where.

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