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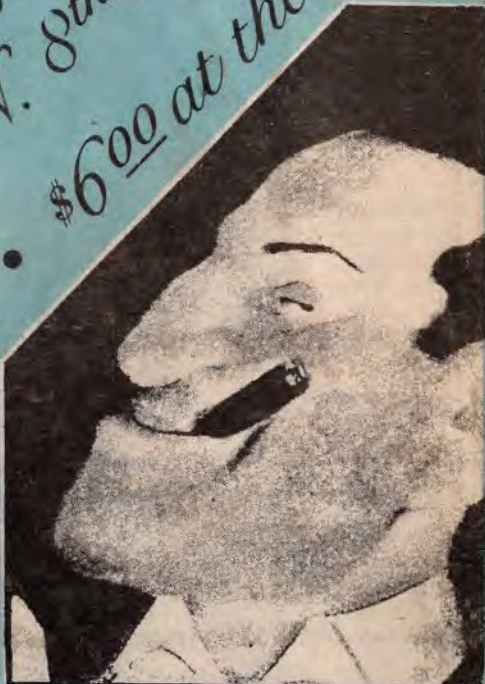
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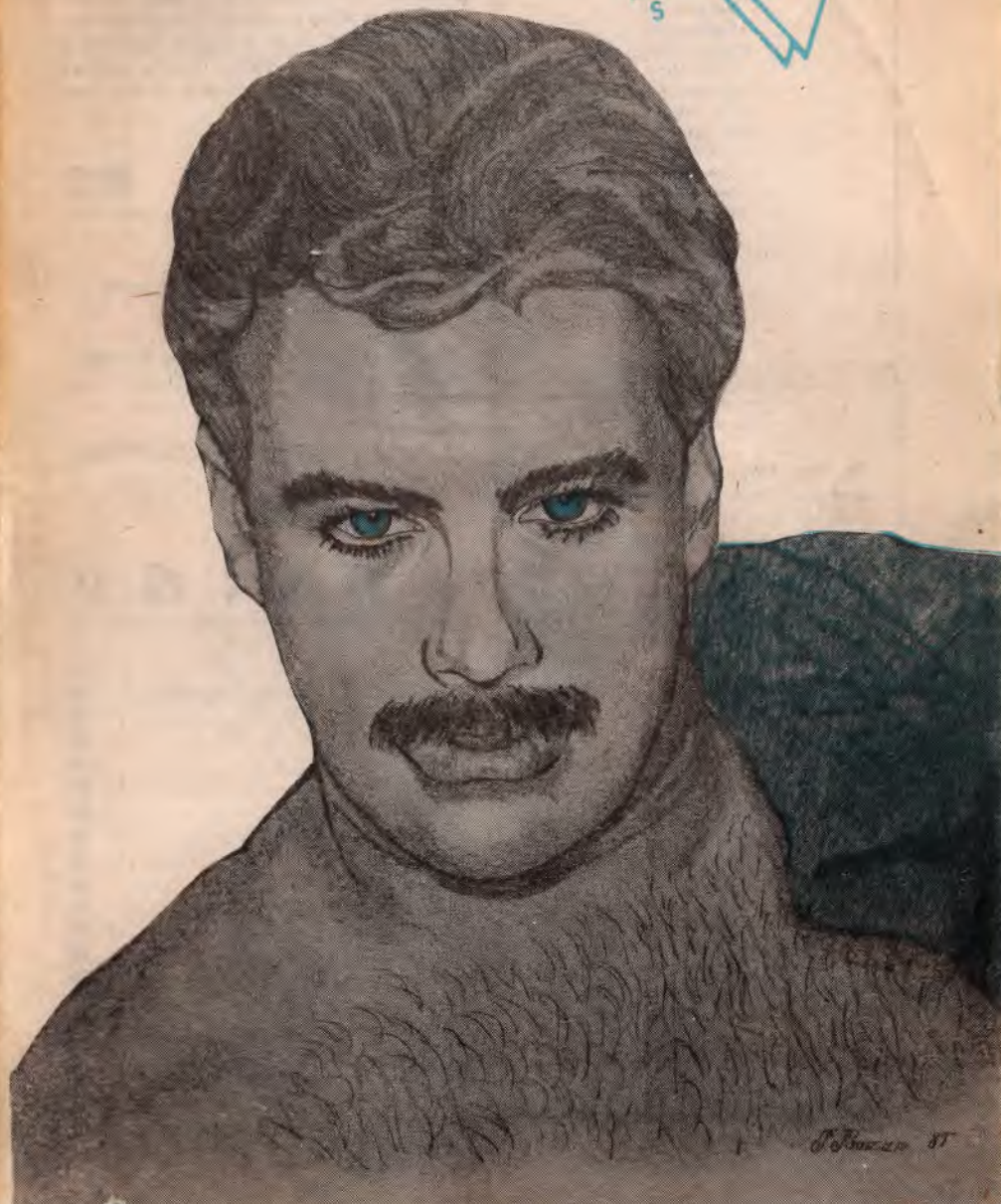
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C O V E R S T O R Y

Racine's Tom Pawzun provides us with this issue's cover, his third for In Step. Since Tom has had covers on In Step, his art career has taken a big leap. He did a poster for Our Place, is designing a logo and a mural for another Racine bar, as well as "tons of portraits of couples in the area bars."

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Issue 10, the June 23-July 6th Issue
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That issue will cover 4th of July activities, as well as Summerfest and Chicago's Gay Pride Parade.

Welcome to new cartoonist Robert Arnold.

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G/L Victory on U.S. Hate Crimes Bill

Washington, D.C. [HRCF]- In a 384-to-30 landslide vote that surprised even gay rights activists, the U.S. House of Representatives May 18th expressed strong support for including gay men and lesbians in a federal "Hate Crimes" bill.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act (H.R. 3193), introduced by Congressman John Conyers (D-Mich.), mandates the collection of data on hate crimes — crimes committed against people because of their race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity.

Representative George Gekas (R-Pa.) had submitted an earlier amendment to the bill striking out any reference to sexual orientation. However, Representative John Miller (R-Wash.) offered a substitute amendment that changed the bill's working from "sexual orientation" to "homosexuality or heterosexuality."

After the lopsided House vote in favor of Representative Miller's amendment, the House voted 383-29 to pass the overall Conyers' Hate Crimes bill.

"For the first time in history the U.S. House has demonstrated a concern for the oppression that gay men and women face every day," said Carlton Lee, lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF).

Miller's amendment also notes the bill does not create a right for an individual to bring action complaining of discrimination based on homosexuality. However, supporters still accepted the substitute amendment given the irrelevance of the discrimination clause to the original purpose of the bill.

The Hate Crimes bill directs the Justice Department to compile and publish annual, confidential data on crimes of bias, including homicide, assault, robbery, burglary, theft, arson, vandalism, trespass, threat and other crimes.

Statistics gathered as a result of the bill

are needed to enable authorities to know the extent and frequency of hate crimes. A recent report sponsored by the National Institute of Justice indicated widespread violence against blacks, Hispanics, Southeast Asians, Jews and gay and lesbians. "Homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims," the report stated.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) reported almost 5,000 incidents of hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation in 1986, up from 2,000 in 1985.

"It's obvious the bill needed to include gays and lesbians," says Stephen Smith, Human Rights Campaign Fund lobbyist. "That was made clear by the support of a broad coalition of civil rights, religious and law enforcement organizations. With the exception of the Dirty Thirty who voted against the substitute amendment, all Representatives should be thanked for their support."

All Wisconsin representatives voted for the amendment calling for inclusion of gays and lesbians. Except for two southern democrats those voting against the bill were all Republicans.

The HRCF and other organizations, including NGLTF, the ACLU, the American Psychological Association and the National Organization for Women, lobbied undecided representatives and pushed for acceptance of the Miller substitute amendment.

The Campaign Fund's grassroots mobilization group, the Fairness Fund, generated more than 3,000 pro-gay mailgrams from congressional districts around the nation.

The Senate version of the bill, S.2000 by Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA), is currently pending in the Judiciary Committee.

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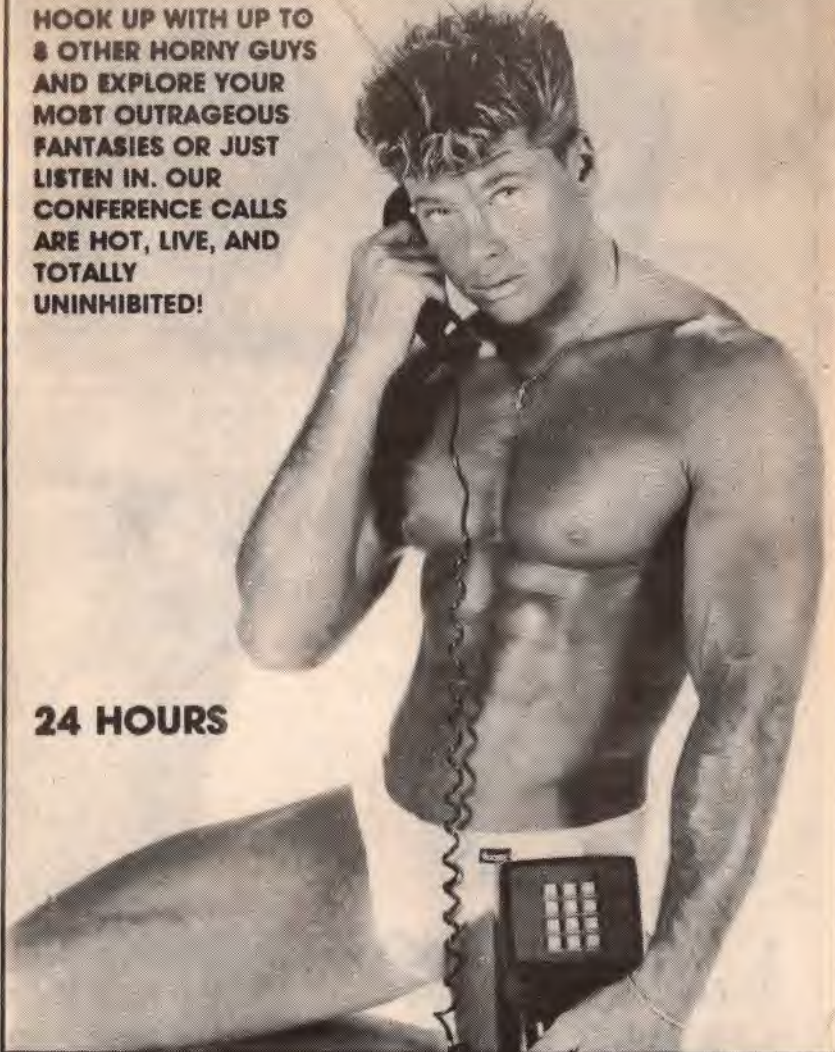
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Quilt Captures America's Heart

[In Step]- The Names Project Quilt is currently on a 20-city tour of the United States, although the quilt will not be here in Milwaukee I urge you to see this memorial to those who have died from AIDS.

The quilt is a handcrafted memorial, now more than 5,000 panels strong and was first displayed October 11, 1987 at the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. It will be there again Oct. 8-10, 1988 on its one year anniversary displaying all the panels that have been made to date.

The quilt will be displayed at Chicago's Navy Pier July 9-11. It will also be displayed July 5 in Detroit and in Minneapolis July 13. From reactions in other cities the quilt has stopped at, it is not something to be missed. Cities on the tour have taken the quilt very seriously and have organized quilting bees to make additional panels for the quilt. Marshall Field's in Chicago even gets in on the act by devoting some of its windows on State Street to quilt pieces that have been constructed in that city.

Cleve Jones, founder of the Names Project/National AIDS Quilt, was the keynote speaker at the Eighth Annual Gay and Lesbian Press Association Convention in Chicago May 27-30. Jones earned his political stripes as an activist for gay and lesbian rights in San Francisco under Harvey Milk. He then moved on to become a legislative aide, and a founder of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

According to Jones, when the quilt returns to Washington this October, it will be three times the size it was originally. "It will take over 5,000 volunteers just to unfold the quilt" which is expected to stretch from the U.S. Capitol to the Washington Monument, covering the entire Mall area.

It is not too late for Milwaukee to become involved in this project. If you are interested in making a quilt panel, please contact Cheryl at the MAP Office (273-2437) as soon as possible.

Candlelight Memorial Lights Up Milwaukee

By Tim Hensiak/In Step

The Milwaukee AIDS Project's 2nd Annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Memorial Day Monday was held at the Kenwood United Methodist Church which was almost full to capacity with people honoring those who have died and supporting the living.

The service began with musical selections sung by the Cream City Chorus and Fest City Singers, followed by readings and prayers by various religious leaders. For me the most moving part of the service were the three speakers talking on the topic, "Still Fighting for Our Lives." When the last speaker concluded, I don't think there was a dry eye in the church.

The candle ceremony followed with prayers and a message from Susan E. Dietz, Executive Director of M.A.P. who spoke of the topic "What Will Tomorrow Bring?" Finally the combined choruses led the congregation in the hymn "By Name I Have Called You". The service really put the meaning of Memorial Day into a new perspective.

Milwaukee's service was held in conjunction with dozens of others across the world. MAP's second service was part of a five year effort by the International Mobilization Against AIDS.

AIDS Center Names Acting Director

[MAP]- The Board of Directors of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. has named Ms. Lynn Syverson to the position of Acting Executive Director. Ms. Syverson assumed the position on Friday, June 3, 1988, for a term to extend until an Executive Director is hired to replace Ms. Susan Dietz who has accepted a position with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. is the State's largest AIDS education and care organization operating the Milwaukee AIDS Project and the new South-

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eastern Wisconsin AIDS Project which serves Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties.

Ms. Syverson has been a professional staff member of the Milwaukee AIDS Project for the past ten months assigned to the Community Health Education Department. Her primary responsibility has been to fulfill the terms of an ongoing service contract with Milwaukee County for AIDS education. Prior to her employment with the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Ms. Syverson served as the Wisconsin State Director for Quality Child Care, Inc., a national nonprofit human services agency. In addition, she has served in the capacity of Social Services Worker for Waukesha County Department of Human Services and as a Public School Educator.

ARCW President Marc Hauptert, speaking for the Board of Directors, stated, "We are extremely pleased to have on staff a person with the skills and training necessary to assume this demanding position. We have every confidence in Lynn and expect the transition to proceed smoothly as we conduct our search of a permanent Executive Director."

Hauptert indicated that the Board of Directors is conducting a nationwide search for an Executive Director and expects to announce its decision by late summer.

AIDS Counseling Act Passes First Big Test

Washington, D.C. [HRCF]- The AIDS Counseling and Testing Act (H.R. 3071) — key federal legislation that authorizes funding for confidential, voluntary AIDS counseling and testing — was passed by a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee May 26. The bill now goes to full committee consideration before being voted on by the House of Representatives.

Sponsored by Representative Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) with more than 70 cosponsors, the bill was passed by the Health and Environment subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The subcommittee approved the bill by voice vote after adopting several amendments.

The bill authorizes \$400 million per year for three years to provide AIDS testing and counseling, and provides federal confidentiality protections for counseling and testing information.

"We are pleased to see the House of Representatives finally move to pass positive AIDS legislation," said Steve Smith, lobbyist for the HRCF. The Campaign Fund extensively lobbied congressmen on the bill and amendments.

"This legislation was designed to give needed guidance and structure to the many AIDS testing programs now implemented," said Smith. "It also provides resources to make counseling and testing available to those who need it the most."

Several "killer" amendments offered by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) were rejected by the subcommittee, including amendments calling for mandatory testing of all prisoners, and "routine" testing of certain hospital patients and marriage license applicants in some states.

The subcommittee did agree to an amendment offered by ranking minority member Edward Madigan (R-Ill.). The Madigan amendment stipulates that counseling shall not "promote or encourage, directly homosexual or unsafe heterosexual sexual activity, or intravenous substance abuse," but that counseling shall "provide the most current scientific knowledge available to reduce the risk of transmission of (HIV), provided that any informational materials used are not obscene."

"Although on the whole we are pleased with the bill's progress, we are disappointed that the Madigan amendment restricts counseling in any way," said the Campaign Fund's Steve Smith. "It is unfortunate that Congress is unable to act on the critical need for AIDS prevention without adding symbolic statements of homophobia."

The result is similar to two amendments recently adopted by the Senate with respect to AIDS education. In passing S. 1220 — the AIDS Research, Care and Information Act — on April 28, the Senate approved a Helms amendment stating that AIDS education shall not "encourage or promote homosexual sexual activity," but

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the Senate also passed a Kennedy-Hatch amendment stating that the Helms amendment "shall not restrict the ability of information programs to provide accurate information on risk reduction."

The bill approved by the subcommittee does not include protection from discrimination against persons with AIDS and related conditions. While such protection was provided in the bill originally introduced by Rep. Waxman, controversy around that proposal prevented the bill from moving forward. Campaign Fund lobbyist Smith, while expressing disappointment at the lack of protection for people with AIDS, noted that protection in the federal sector was recently re-affirmed in the Civil Rights Restoration Act — enacted in March — and that many state and local laws forbidding handicap discrimination will follow this model. Furthermore, Smith explained, the Campaign Fund and other national AIDS organizations are lobbying for two other bill that provide full civil-rights protection for people with AIDS and related conditions — the Fair Housing Amendments Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Counseling and Testing Act now goes to the full House Energy and Commerce Committee, where action was scheduled for the week of June 6. The Senate counterpart bill, S.1575 is pending in the Labor and Human Resources Committee, where no action has been scheduled.

Ruling Sought on Job Licenses for PWA's

[Milw. Journal]- The State Department of Regulation and Licensing is seeking an attorney general's opinion on whether it can restrict or revoke occupational licenses of people who have AIDS or are infected with the AIDS virus.

The department wants to know whether it can legally "deny, limit, suspend or revoke the professional license of a person because the person has a communicable disease which proved to be a threat to the public health, safety and welfare."

Marlene A. Cummings, secretary of the department, said physicians, dentists,

barbers, nurses, cosmetologists and electrologists would be among those whose licenses could be subject to limitations or removal.

In a letter to the attorney general's office, Cummings said the opinion was sought out of "concern for AIDS victims and the need to protect the public and licensees from transmission of the AIDS virus."

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision also prompted the request for an opinion, Cummings said. In it, the court ruled that an individual with a contagious disease coupled with a physical impairment was handicapped as defined in the federal Rehabilitation Act. As a consequence, such people are protected from discrimination.

Also, in a recent case involving the Racine Unified School Board, a state administrative judge made a similar ruling under state anti-discrimination laws. That case involved a policy by the School Board restricting teachers or students infected with the AIDS virus or the disease itself. The administrative judge found that such people were handicapped under the definition of the state law and that restrictions against them were discriminatory.

L.A. Probe May Close Bathhouses

Los Angeles, CA [T.W.N.]- County health officials filed suit to shut down three gay bathhouses after police detectives reported observing unlawful and unsafe sex practices taking place at the facilities.

The superior court lawsuit asks for a preliminary injunction closing the three spas pending a trial, and contends that they endanger the public health by encouraging unsafe sex practices that may spread AIDS.

After a two month investigation, 12 undercover investigators signed affidavits detailing observations of multiple, anonymous sex acts by patrons in "orgy rooms," anal intercourse and oral copulation without the use of a condom.

The suit charged that the management of the spas encouraged, rather than discouraged, unsafe sex practices by routinely presenting pornographic videos on large

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television screens.

County health officials notified the management of the three spas, which include Mac's in Silverlake, The Hollywood Spa in Hollywood and the Leisure spa and Turkish Bath in Pomona, that they would have to close, but at least one of the spa owners will reportedly ignore the order and settle the issue in court.

A previous attempt to close the facilities was thrown out of court in 1986 when a judge ruled that the county provided insufficient evidence that the bathhouses posed a health threat. This time the County came prepared with affidavits from 17 AIDS experts who argue that unsafe sex practices contribute to the spread of AIDS by creating an especially high risk for transmission of the HIV virus.

Fundamentalists Try to Recall Gay Rights

By John Ward - The News

Fundamentalist Christians in Oregon are organizing a petition drive to recall the gay rights executive order issued last year by the state's Democratic governor, Neil Goldschmidt.

The fundamentalists — under the aegis of the leadership group the Salt Shakers — have until July 8 to collect the required 80,000 signatures out of the estimated 2 million people of voting age in the state. They held their first public meeting May 24.

"I think they will get the signatures but I think we will win the vote," John Baker, chairs of the state's gay PAC, Right to Privacy, said. "It will be close."

One point in favor of gay men and lesbians is that Secretary of State Barbara Roberts (D) penned a ballot title stating "Permits People to Discriminate on the Basis of Sexual Orientation." That should rub the wrong way with many Oregonians who may not support gay rights but who believe in fairness.

If the recall wins, Right to Privacy plans to challenge it on constitutional grounds.

Goldschmidt, who was elected in 1986 after defeating moderate Republican Norma Paulus by a 52-48 percent margin,

issued the executive order at the request of Right to Privacy which had been asking for such a measure since 1976.

Goldschmidt is expected to stand fast in the face of the recall. As Mayor of Portland in the mid '70s, fundamentalists tried to recall him because he issued a history-making gay pride day proclamation. They failed to get enough signatures.

Republicans Hear Gay Testimony

Kansas City, Mo. [HRCF]- In a history-making appearance, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) — the largest gay political action committee in the U.S. — testified for lesbian and gay civil rights and responsible AIDS policy at the Republican Party platform hearings here May 31st.

A national gay civil rights and AIDS organization has never before testified at a Republican platform hearing. John Thomas, HRCF board member and leading Republican gay activist from Dallas, Texas, represented the nation's approximately 20 million gay men and lesbians at the hearing.

At the testimony, Thomas called on the Republican party to:

- Support gay and lesbian anti-discrimination legislation and reject anti-gay bigotry;
- Keep AIDS at the forefront of campaign issues;
- Help eliminate anti-gay exclusionary policies in immigration and the armed services;
- Push for legal recognition of gay domestic partnerships.

"Our political agenda is not a partisan agenda, it is not a liberal agenda, it is not a conservative agenda," Thomas told the Republicans. "It is an agenda grounded in the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and in many of the laws and traditions of our democracy."

Thomas exhorted the party to support an effective national AIDS policy, including increased funding, confidential testing, education and AIDS prevention. He reminded the platform committee of Republican Senator Orrin Hatch's (Utah) leader-

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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/lesbian 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 Ct., 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; 1st 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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- 3 Boot Camp (M, L/L) 209 E. National 643-6900
- 4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D) 231 S. 2nd 291-9660
- 4 Club 219 (Mw, Dj, L/L) 219 S. 2nd 271-3732

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MASN News

Public Health Education, the Madison AIDS Support Network's (MASN) health education squad is burning paths in southern Wisconsin, leaving behind the "Joys of Outercourse" and some good condom sense. April was a record in terms of phone calls, presentations, and new contacts. Wisconsin schools continue to use MASN services heavily, but with the new "School-Based Integrated Health Curriculum," this demand should lessen. The "Frankly My Dear, I Do Give a Damn" workshop for bartenders, staff and owners has been a positive experience. It gave MASN an opportunity to meet with them first hand as a group and tell them what MASN does.

MASN is looking for people in the Madison area who are willing to be identified with MASN and are willing to go into the bars, answer questions and distribute brochures and condoms.

Bicycling Trip Planned

The Gay Biking Network will travel to Tommy Thompson's home in Elroy, WI for a weekend biking-camping trip along the Sparta-Elroy trail. Cost is \$10.00 plus food, tents, and transportation. Reservations due by 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 14. Call Bob at 963-9833 for information.

CCF Elects Officers

[CCF] At CCF's annual meeting May 23rd, Don Schwamb was re-elected President of the Cream City Foundation.

Elected as Vice President was Chuck Brotz. Also elected were Warren Breitlow as Secretary and Ronald Peierl as Treasurer.

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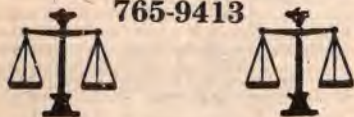





First Northwoods Faerie Gathering

The First Northwoods 'Faerie' Gathering will be held July 21-26, deep in the woods of northwestern Wisconsin, at the headwaters of the St. Croix. Faeries from North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio will be joined by Californians and Faerie co-founders Harry Hay and John Burnside. The gathering will provide time to circle in self-affirmation and make new friends.

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Chicago Pride Parade

[In Step]- There are only days remaining until Chicago Pride Week, June 17-26 and the wrap up Parade on June 26. As of press time only three Wisconsin groups have registered as participants. They are: Rods/New Bar from Madison, The Cream City Chorus, and In Step. Any groups interested in participating in this years parade should contact the Chicago Planning Committee at P.O. Box 14121, Chicago, IL 60614 or call them at (312) 348-8243.

The theme for this years parade is "Rightfully Proud" and gets under-way at 2 p.m. on June 26. Line-up is at Halsted and Grace.

C'est La Vie is sponsoring several buses to the parade. The cost is \$15 and includes round trip transportation, beverages and food on the bus as well as a T-shirt. Proceeds from the trip will be donated to the MAP House. The bus will leave at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th from 231 S. 2nd St. and return at 7 p.m. Tickets are limited and are available at the bar or the In Step office.

Couples Needed for National Survey

Seattle, Wa.- A national survey of lesbian and gay couples is being undertaken by **Partners: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples**. The research will help determine the nature and needs of this often invisible segment of the gay community. The last major survey of gay and lesbian couples was conducted almost ten years ago.

All gay men and lesbians in a relationship are asked to participate in the survey. The short, anonymous questionnaire requests general information on subjects such as discrimination, finances, children, relationship problems and sources of relationship support.

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Love Tim & Steve

Dear Vera: Miss Innocent (Hah!). You could be listed in the Yellow pages under "pick up and deliver".
Love, Lois

Dear Evelyn: Girl, thanks for a great B-day. We natural blondes must stick together.
Love, Your sister, Lois DeMille

Dear Yvonne: You helped make my B-day fantastic. You're the best sister a girl ever had.
Love, Lois DeMille

Frank: Get well soon. We'll miss you. **Your Wreck Room Spurs Teammates**

Milwaukee Gay Community- Thanks for making Milwaukee Classic 9 a great success.
The Committee

Rob: We really shouldn't scam as much as we do, "but we do Blanche, we do". Look out Tennessee.
Patrick

Dear Nancy & Todd: B-day bash was a topper because of you two. Can't wait to look through Nancy's wardrobe. **Love, Joel.**

Dynasty: Now you know why I didn't enter. Don't worry I won't hold it against you (maybe).
Nadine

Ken & Emily: We just have to hold a benefit show for "homeless Mike." Well, with the weather like this, we can wait till Nov.- right!?
Miss Gay Sub Club & Manager

Tiffany Thomas: You are just too sweet! Just talking to you, we get cavities! You'll always be Miss 219 to us!
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Brian: Just because there's no scotch, doesn't mean the parties gotta stop, anything alcoholic will do (you should know!)
West End Girl.

Scott: Some things are better left un-said. But, do you wanna ride in my Mercedes, boy?
Watching & Jealous

Farrah Floss It: Read the bathroom walls - sorry girl! Guess Milw. does talk about you, "Burn" those "beds!"
Ryan Ho-Neal.

Paige: Fall down any stairs lately? (Sorry, I couldn't resist!)
Nadine N.

Nadine: Let's go to Walkers Point for another cup of coffee! Oh and, pass the mustard, please- Right! **Love, Ken & Emily**

Emily: The Original "DIVA"!

Mike: Your supersonic. **Love, Liz The Lez**
Bruce: Your supereminent. **Love, Liz**
Jose: You're superduper. **Love, Liz**

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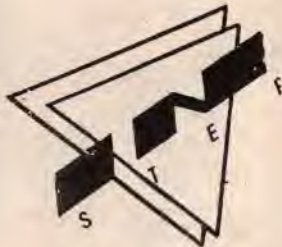
Dawn: You're superficial. **All my Love, Liz**

Margy [aka "Frankie"]: You're superior!
Love, Liz

Mary Richards and Joe: Congratulations on winning the Mr. & Miss Gay Fox Valley Pageant. Welcome to the King family.
Jimmy King

Pivot Club Staff: Thanks a lot for all of your hard work on behalf of my pageant. You folks are truly professionals. Your hospitality will not be forgotten.
Jimmy King

J.J.: I had a "Peach" of a time at the Fox Valley Pageant. Thanks for everthing. **J.K.**



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To request survey forms, write **Partners**, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109, and include a self-addressed, stamped business envelope. Groups or organizations are encouraged to request and distribute multiple copies. The **Partners** mailing list is confidential; never loaned or sold.

According to publisher Demian, "This information promises to be of immense interest, and it will arm social service providers and civil rights organizations with information they need."

Partners is an eight-page monthly containing interviews, news, and features of interest to lesbian and gay couples.

Quakers & AIDS

In an effort to address major policy issues in relation to the AIDS epidemic, the **American Friends Service Committee** in the Great Lakes Region has sent out a national policy statement (The AIDS Crisis: Education and Policy Issues) together with the life-threatening disease provisions from AFSC's personnel code to state legislators and to major AIDS groups in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

The AFSC policy emerges not only from careful study and awareness of AIDS related issues, but also from the practical operations and considerations of managing over 400 personnel across the United States.

AFSC subscribers to equal opportunity employment, which includes gay and lesbian citizens.

Holding fast to the Quaker testimonies of love, integrity, compassion, and simplicity, the AFSC seeks to affirm the dignity and promise of every individual.

It is the hope of the American Friends Service Committee that this policy statement and personnel-code information will help policy makers to form practical and compassionate decision related to the AIDS crisis.

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HEALTH



Wisconsin AIDS Update

Madison- Total deaths from AIDS IN THE State of Wisconsin reached 180 May 31st, with three more deaths during the month of May, according to the State Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Also in May there were eighteen new cases of AIDS reported, bringing the total since 1982 to 309. One year ago, Wisconsin had 175 confirmed AIDS cases, and 107 AIDS deaths.

Scientists Convene For World AIDS Conference

Stockholm, Sweden [T.W.N.]- More than 6,000 researchers and scientists from around the globe are expected to convene in Stockholm for the fourth and largest-ever international conference on AIDS, next week.

The conference will run from June 12-16 and will include some 50 speciality workshops on nine subject lines with emphasis on problems in the developing world. Organizers plan to present 360 of the most significant papers orally in general meetings held in the 4,000 seat hall. Others can follow the talks on closed-circuit television.

Of nearly 4,000 papers offered by scientists and researchers for accreditation, 3,100 have been accepted for presentation at the conference.

"After reviewing the presentations, my overall impression is a feeling of optimism," said conference Chairman Lars Olof Kallings. "It is now justified to say there is a global mobilization of biomedical and social sciences to fight against HIV infections."

Kallings said that the most gratifying results are being achieved in the area of molecular biology.

For the first time, there will be computerized international exchanges on the abstracts of the conference, which is aimed at speeding up the fight against AIDS.

New York Native publisher Charles Ortleb, longtimeskeptic of HIV theories that have purported the much-touted virus as the cause of AIDS, noted in a recent editorial that at this conference Dr. Robert Gallo, co-discoverer of HIV will finally get to share data with Dr. Shyh-Ching Lo. Ortleb notes that according to the Armed Forces Institute on Pathology, Lo has been working on a DNA virus which, **unlike** HIV, has been able to create AIDS-like illnesses in monkeys infected with the virus. Ortleb charges that once Lo and Gallo are able to compare data, the standing beliefs about HIV being the causal agent of AIDS may be shaken, leading to world-wide publicity of HIV-skepticism.

MAP Gay Community Advisory Group

[MAP]- The first meeting (5-26-88) of the Milw. AIDS Project Gay Comm. Advisory Group was very productive. We reviewed current and future MAP AIDS prevention education activities for Milwaukee's gay community. Most of the meeting was spent planning the upcoming AIDS Forum scheduled for June 24, 1988 at the War Memorial. The featured speaker will be from New York City's Gay Men's Health Center, one of the nation's first AIDS projects.

In order to be ready for the Forum, we have scheduled our next meeting for: Monday, June 13, 1988, 6 pm, at the MAP offices, 315 W. Court Street.

AIDS Confidentiality

[AIDS Update] The National Gay Rights Advocates [NGRA] sued a Florida doctor, Hermino Orizondo, for breach of medical confidentiality, earlier this year. Orizondo is charged with informing Jim Kautz' employer that Jim had tested positive for HIV antibodies. As a result, Jim was fired from his job. Jim had specifically asked his

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Mr. Geiman: Yes the truth does hurt when in fact, it's the truth that's written, which it wasn't. I guess that's why Milwaukee ranks as one of the rudest Gay community's in the state, never did like competitiveness.
Donald D. Lyons

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Kevin

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Paige

Chris: Did you feel the heat?
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Kevin: What do you get when two sticks rub together? Hopefully a long fire! **Kevin**

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Lois: Glad your jet's in the hanger, now maybe you can keep up with your popular sisters.
Evelyn & Yvone

Vera: Girl! You certainly know how to double your pleasure! **The DeMille Sisters**

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doctor not to tell his employer.

NGRA has also filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services against Jim's former employer, Humana Hospital Lucerne, which as the same parent corporation as Medical City in Dallas.

In Southern California, pressure from NGRA has led a dental insurance plan to abandon its policy of sending notices informing dentists when their patients are known to test positive for HIV antibodies. The notice, sent by Safeguard Health Plans, had indicated that plan members were "exposed to an infectious communicable disease, namely AIDS." NGRA was concerned that the notice would lead to a denial of health coverage for these members. After NGRA criticized the policy as illegal and unsound, Safeguard attorney Carol Locklear agreed to stop distribution of the memorandum.

Minorities Targeted for AIDS Grants

The United States Conference of Mayors released June 1st a Request for Proposals for funding of community based AIDS risk reduction education programs targeting racial and ethnic minorities. Approximately 15 grants will be awarded for projects up to 12 months in amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$42,000.

Between January 1981 and June 1988, over 62,000 persons have been diagnosed with AIDS: a disproportionate number of these persons are in black and Hispanic communities. The primary goal of the project is to provide education on AIDS and HIV infection to racial and ethnic minorities through funding community based, community service organizations with an emphasis on those organizations with established ties to racial and ethnic populations.

Funding for these grants was made available to the Conference of Mayors by the Federal Centers for Disease Control. Over \$1 million in grants has been given to fund over 50 projects in the five previous rounds of funding.

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Drug May Block AIDS Spread by Sex

[USA Today]- The AIDS drug AZT has the potential to block sexual spread of the AIDS virus, preliminary evidence suggests.

Semen from men taking the drug contains enough AZT to inhibit growth of the virus in a test tube, a study shows. Not known: if AZT also inhibits viral growth in semen and, if so, whether AZT users are less infectious to sexual partners.

The study "shows that the drug gets into the semen," says Dr. Henry H. Balfour Jr. of the University of Minnesota. "But it doesn't show that it has an effect on the semen."

In test reported in last week's **Journal of the American Medical Association**, the researchers found signs of the virus in the semen of 4 of 10 infected men not taking

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By Kevin Michael

Milwaukee's offerings for the summer are many and varied. As in the past, **In Step** should like to provide you with a listing of a variety of summer offerings for your information and planning.

A fine way to begin summer is with the famous Lakefront Festival of the Arts held at the Milwaukee Art Museum from June 17-19. The following weekend comes the City of Festivals Parade on June 25th.

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festival which is described as the largest in the world will be held from June 30-July 10. Among the main stage offerings at the Marcus Amphitheater are: June 30-Stevie Wonder, July 3-John Cougar Mellencamp, July 4-Berb Alpert and the Milwaukee Symphony, July 5-Billy Ocean, July 7-Freddie Jackson, and July 10-Sting.

The ever enjoyable French festival held in Eastowne, La Kermesse De La Bastille, or Bastille Days, will be held from July 14-17. In conjunction with this celebration, the Skylight Comic Opera will present Leslie Fitzwater as Edith Piaf Onstage.

Uihlein Hall of the PAC will be transformed at a cost of \$360,000 into a large informal cabaret for the Summer Pops concerts of the Milwaukee Symphony. Their offerings will be of a wide variety but among them will be featured composer and pianist, Marvin Hamlisch, on July 16 and 17. Hamlisch is known for many composi-

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Chicago's Lionheart Gay Theatre and Syzgy performed great gay theatre in benefit shows in Milwaukee at The Ballgame, and in Madison.

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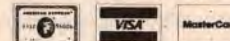
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tions most noticeably among them, the score from "A Chorus Line."

The ethnic festivals at the Summerfest grounds are as follows: Festa Italiana (July 21-July 24), German Fest (July 29-31), Afro Fest (Aug. 5-7), Polish Fest (Aug. 12-14), Irish Fest (Aug. 29-31), Fiesta Mexicana (Aug. 26-28), and the Native American celebration, Indian Summer (Sept. 9-11).

Most noteworthy among all these offerings will be the famous ballet star, Mikhail Baryshnikov at the Marcus Amphitheater on Friday July 29th. Also at the Amphitheater, in addition to the Summerfest shows will be James Taylor on August 5th.

At the Riverside Theater will be Julio Iglesias on June 29 & 30, Smokey Robinson on August 10, and George Benson on September 10th.

Rainbow Summer offerings will continue to be presented at the Peck Pavillion at the PAC throughout the summer from June 3 through August 26th from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. on weekdays. Among some of the performers are: Leroy Airmaster on June 7, Wisconsin Connection with Jessie Hauck on June 22, Penny Goodwin with the Pennies from Heaven at June 24, John Frick-cabaret entertainer on June 27, and the Ko-Thi Dance Company on June 16.

The Hamburg Ballet will open Milwaukee ballet's new performance space, the Dance Factory from June 24-26. From June 29-July 3, the Hamburg moves to Uihlein

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Hall at the PAC. The PM Ballet will offer four world premieres at the Dance Factory from July 14-17.

Alpine Valley will host the following: Bob Dylan on June 18, Rick Springfield on July 17 & 18, the Moody Blues on August 14, Manhattan Transfer on August 28, Barry Manilow on September 5, and George Michael on September 9.

As part of Music Under the Stars, "Camelot" will be presented at Washington Park on July 15 and 16.

Also, The Goodman Theatre of Chicago will present Rodgers and Hart's seldom produced classic, "Pal Joey" from June 15-July 17.

Enjoy!

"Trilogy" Filming

Los Angeles [The News]- Gay actor-writer Harvey Fierstein's acclaimed Tony Award-winning play "Torch Song Trilogy" has been adapted for the screen by the author and began production May 17. It is being filmed in New York, New Jersey and Los Angeles locations throughout the summer for release by New Line Cinema, and will open at a Los Angeles theatre in December, 1988 to qualify for Academy Award consideration. General release is projected for mid-1989 after participation in the Cannes Film Festival.

Fierstein recreates the role of Arnold, which he played in the Broadway production. Anne Bancroft, will be seen as his mother, Matthew Broderick as his current lover and Brian Kerwin as his former lover, a bisexual man. Both Broderick and Kerwin have appeared in earlier stage versions of the play. Paul Bogart ("Summer of '42") is directing the \$7 million film.

Bauer Ballet Presents World Premier

[Milw.]- The Bauer Contemporary Ballet will conclude its fourteenth season with a world premiere of its newest work, *rita*, June 10-12 at the Performing Arts Center. The Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m.; the Sunday matinee show is at 3 p.m.

Rita (from *ri*, "to move") originally was the Hindu concept of "the order of nature" or "the course of all things." It anticipated the idea of karma which was developed later to express the dynamic interplay of all things and events. *Shiva*, portrayed as the Cosmic Dancer of the many arms in Hindu art, is thought to be the most perfect personification of the dynamic universe.

Choreographer Susie Bauer and composer James Pease make no reference to the meaning of the word in *rita* except in its global context. Reference is made, however, to another *Rita* (a certain lovely meter maid) through digital sampling in the sound score.

Two revised dances, one from 1973 and the other created in 1985, share the program with the premiere work. The older work, *Myopia*, was originally choreographed by Bauer as a duet. She has restaged it as a quartet or, more accurately, a double duet.

Bauer's solo *Last Entry* rounds out the concert. In progress at the time of an injury to Bauer which laid her up for fourteen months, the work was premiered as it was at the time of the injury; the final movement was literally the position Bauer landed in when injured. She has added a second adagio section in the main body of the dance and "completed" the ending.

Admission to all performances is \$10 general, \$7 students and senior citizens. Group rates are available. Tickets are available at the PAC Box Office, 273-7206.

Playwright Gets Grant

[Milw. Journal]- John Schneider, associate artistic direction of Milwaukee's Theater X, has been granted a \$12,000 Playwright Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

He is one of only eight playwrights in the nation to receive the fellowship.

Schneider has written 23 plays. His "My Werewolf" has been translated into German and Swedish. His plays have been produced in 22 states, England, Wales, Sweden, Germany and The Netherlands.

His latest play, "A History of Sexuality," completed its recent run last week at the company's new home, 158 N. Broadway, before being taken to San Francisco.

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baseball players in here to entertain us is sick and disgusting," he wrote.

Palacios said the show did not involve sexual overtones. "It's just a comedy show," he said. "None of them are gay."

Orlando Prostitute with AIDS Released from Jail

Orlando, Fla. [T.W.N.]- An Orlando prostitute with AIDS, arrested give months ago on charges of attempted manslaughter for having sex with two men, was released on bond in mid-May because of ill health.

Circuit Judge Michael Cymnick reduced the bail for the 24 year old woman, from \$14,000 to \$1,000 because of a doctor's prognosis that she had less than three years to live. Her attorney argued that there was no way that she could return to the streets again and could therefore pose no danger to the public health.

Her doctor reported that in the past month she had contracted severe AIDS-related infections in most of her vital organs, suffered a seizure, required surgery, and almost died twice of heart failure.

Last December she was arrested on attempted murder charges for having sex with two area men, even though the men stated they were wearing condoms during their sexual liaisons with her.

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AZT, but in none of seven men on the drug.

And two men whose semen tested positive for the virus became negative once on AZT.

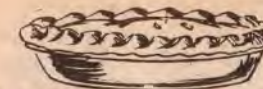
Dr. Keith Henry, also of Minnesota, says even if AZT reduces viral growth in semen, "Safe sex should be practiced by all concerned parties."

AZT, which is approved only for people with full-blown AIDS, works by blocking replication of the virus.

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with the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium.

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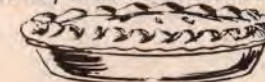
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and novelist was known for his honest depiction of love and sexual relationships between men. He was best known for his "Peter and Charlie Trilogy" — the first volume, *The Lord Won't Mind* appeared on the *New York Times* best seller list for sixteen weeks when it was published in 1970. Merrick is survived by his partner of 32 years, novelist Charles Hulse.

Clothes Make Lesbian?

U.S.S.R. [Dare]- Ugly clothes and too many rules are to blame for women prisoners in a Soviet penal colony turning to lesbianism and drugs, according to a Soviet newspaper.

"The regime of the colony gives rise to a destructive process in a woman," a prisoner told the newspaper *Sovietskaya Rossiya*. The report was an unprecedented article about prison conditions, made possible by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of openness — glasnot.

"Marching in formation, ugly clothes, banging of iron, commands, meatless diet — this makes one insipid, dull, leads one to search for emotional relief at any price," the prisoner was quoted as saying. She is a former college lecturer whose doctoral dissertation was about the family.

Prisoners could fight off a "breakdown" for five years at the most, the woman said, but "then the organism catastrophically weakens" and prisoners seek solice in smoking, lesbianism and narcotics.

National Coming Out Day Oct. 11

Washington, D.C. [Resource]- On October 11, 1988, exactly one year after the March on Washington, lesbians and gay men will celebrate National Coming Out Day.

"Everyone can participate," said spokesperson Jean O'Leary of National Gay Rights Advocates. "One lesbian might find the courage to come out to her son's PTA; a gay man might choose to engage in civil disobedience for the first time; a teenager might finally be able to admit to herself she's gay."

The Coming Out Project is the result of a

consensus made at the recent war conference of lesbian and gay leaders. In part, the statement reads, "We recognize that coming out is a process, not a single event. On the coming-out event, we can encourage everyone in our community to take the next step — it may be coming out to a friend, to a sister or a brother, to parents, to co-workers, or even to the media."

For information on Wisconsin's efforts for "Coming Out Day," contact Bob at Madison's 10% Society by calling (608) 262-7365.

Prison Softball 'in drag' forbidden

[Milw. Sentinel]- Prison officials said June 1st they will cancel a softball game at the Waupun Correctional Institution unless The California Cuties, a comedy team slated to play inmates June 15th, agree to wear men's clothing.

"They're not going to be performing in drag," said Stephen E. Bablitch, administrator of the State Division of Corrections. "If they can't do it in men's clothing, in regular clothing, then we should cancel it."

Jess Palacios, part-owner of the Cuties, said last week in a telephone interview from California that the team would pay in men's clothing but said the game would not be as funny as when his players wear women's garb.

"The comdey part is that they dress up in women's clothes," Palacios said. "(But) everyone has their rules. They'll play in men's clothes."

Bablitch said he was concerned whether such an activity would be "encouraging some deviate behavior" within the prison. "I've got no problems with bringing in a softball team to entertain," he said. "I just question whether we should be doing this."

"This may be very entertaining in a heterosexual environment where the norm is male-female relationships," inmate Harlan C. Richards wrote in a letter to Phil Kingston, director of the Correction Division's Bureau of Adult Institutions.

"But this prison is rife with homosexuality and to pay \$600 to bring transvestite

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Letter

Dear Wisconsin Bartenders:

As bartenders you meet a lot of people in the Gay Community. You share many things with these customers and the customers share much with you. Sometimes bartenders are asked questions and, today, many of those questions are about AIDS.

The last several years have been tough on the Gay Community. AIDS has been a burden and concern for you and your customers. They want to know more about AIDS. They ask you questions about AIDS and the Milwaukee AIDS Project — and they want your answers. Sometimes, You are their only source of information, but sometimes you may not know the answers.

We want to help.

Bartenders need to have more information about AIDS and MAP. How can you get this information? The Milwaukee AIDS Project will be hosting an informational meeting for bartenders on Saturday, June 11th at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is free of charge for bartenders. There will be a video followed by a short talk on AIDS, but most importantly, we want to hear your opinions, questions and learn how we can assist you. The meeting will be held in the classroom at MAP's new offices — 315 West Court Street across from the former Schlitz Brewery and Golda Meir School off of 3rd Street.

We request you RSVP by calling MAP (273-2437) between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and leave a message for Lynn so we can plan refreshments and materials.

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by Ron Geiman



Hope you all survived Memorial Day Weekend! It was the first **Milwaukee Classic** I ever missed — but duty called me to attend the **Gay & Lesbian Press Assoc. [G.L.P.A.]** annual convention in Chicago. You can read about The Classic in "Jock Shorts", plus a 'Social view' of The Classic immediately following this column. For an overview of the G.L.P.A. Convention & **International Mr. Leather** see "Views".

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Supermen's T.N.T. Male Dancers are beginning to make a name for themselves. They've danced at **Club 219, Back East, & Bistro Too** in Chicago, and on May 19th — appeared at **Our Place** in Racine. They travel to Wausau's **R-Bar** for a show on June 18th.

Green Bay's 'Big Bar' — **Who's Lip Sync**

I Finals on May 19th were hosted by 219's Ginger Spice. I saw Miss Spice packing up her car & I still don't know how she fit all those outfits in it. Congratulations to the winners — The ensemble effort of "Little Shop of Horrors."

Chicago's **Lionheart Theatre** presented a wonderful evening of entertainment before a S.R.O. crowd at **The Ballgame** May 20th. The two one-act plays & the short vignette they performed were superbly written & performed. "The Laymen's Guide to Safe Sex", written by former Milwaukee Jeff Hegedorn, starred Hegedorn & the entire ensemble. "Dykes Who Date" was a solo effort by Susan Lersh. The Ballgame performance was a benefit for the **B.E.S.T. Clinic**. The following evening, Madison hosted the show for a benefit for **The**

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Sculptor **Jef Raasch** recently showed his ceramic sculpture at **Club 219**. Jef works out of **The Potters Wheel** in Fish Creek, WI. Much of the work he showed at 219 was inspired by **Ginger** and the **Club** itself. The three dimensional work was displayed last weekend, and the piece depicted will remain in the **Club**.

Adoption in Colorado

[**Equal Times**]- The Boulder County Department of Social Services has approved an adoption application filed by a lesbian.

Unlike other states, Colorado has no laws prohibiting gays and lesbians from adopting children. A department spokesperson said each applicant is considered on an individual basis on their ability to be a parent, stability and motivation to adopt — "sexual orientation is not a factor, we look at the qualification of the applicant and consider the needs of the children." The woman is currently waiting to be matched with a child and that process could take up to two years.

Three Confess to Murder

By **Harold Fairbanks - The News**

Dominican Republic police revealed that three local men had confessed to the murder of two-time Tony Award winner **George Rose**, the acclaimed Broadway actor who died May 4 under mysterious circumstances. A fourth man is being sought.

Those charged were Rose's 18-year-old adopted son, **Domingo Antonio Rafle**; Rafle's natural father, **Juan Antonio Vasquez** and his uncle, **Maximo Padilla Vasquez**. Their alleged accomplice, **Luis Manuel Boribio**, is still at large.

Rose had returned to his Caribbean home for a brief vacation during the interruption of his tour in the nation company of the play "Drood." He learned that Rafle, whom he had adopted at age 12, and who had later become his lover, had been dating **Jeanine Mercurio**, 24, the daughter of a Dominican nightclub owner. Rose responded by taking a homeless 13-year-old boy into the villa they shared. Rafle became jealous, demanding a "loan"

of \$10,000 which the actor refused to give him.

The confessed killers said they kidnaped Rose and drove him to a field outside **Sosua**, where they tortured and beat him demanding money over an eight hour period and then clubbed him to death. They placed his mangled body in this sports car and pushed it into a ditch to look like an accident.

It was a wild drinking binge the next day when the three men spoke openly about the murder that eventually lead to their arrest.

When local police tried to cover up the crimes, the U.S. Consulate intervened and a state investigation was launched. One top Dominican police inspector has already been fired.

Meanwhile, **Mercurio** has fled to Canada to evade questioning by authorities. **Boribio**, who was paid \$200 to execute Rose, has disappeared.

If convicted, the actor's killers face a 30 year jail sentence. However, there is concern that judges will hand down a lighter sentence because of their scorn for homosexuals.

A memorial service for Rose was to be held June 8 at the **Shubert Theatre** in New York City.

Author Gordon Merrick Dies

[**Equal Times**]- **Gordon Merrick** died of lung cancer in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He was 71 years old. Merrick, a journalist, actor

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ship role in co-sponsoring Federal AIDS Information, Education and Treatment Act, recently passed by the U.S. Senate.

In previous platform language, drafted for its 1984 convention, the Republican Party condemned and disassociated itself from "the promotion of any form of bigotry, racism, anti-semitism or religious intolerance." Thomas, a delegate to the 1988 Texas State Republican Convention, reminded the Republicans of their commitment to civil rights.

"I am here to ask you to recognize us as part of the pluralistic society we, as Republicans, champion," said Thomas.

NGLTF Seeks to End Sodomy Laws

Atlanta [Etcetera]- While in Atlanta recently, Sue Hyde, director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Privacy Project, spoke about sodomy law reform in the South.

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), 25 states and the District of Columbia currently have anti-sodomy laws on their books. All Southern states have anti-sodomy laws.

According to the NGLTF, reform is very soon possible in Maryland and Minnesota. NGLTF refers to Georgia as a "longshot" due to the state's "past record, the strength of local organizations, the degree of support from individual elected officials and other factors."

Of the 25 states which ban sodomy by law, 5 states (Arkansas, Kansas, Montana, Nevada and Texas) ban only homosexual sodomy. Of those states that do ban both heterosexual and homosexual sodomy, homosexuals are often the only ones charged. Ms. Hyde stated that in Nashville, over 300 men have been arrested, resulting in one suicide, one attempted suicide, and 60 job losses.

She went on to say that sodomy laws are often used to deny lesbian mothers custody of their children because since under sodomy laws the convicted is a criminal, thus, lesbian mothers can be discredited. Ms. Hyde said that "sodomy laws help to create a context in which it becomes very

difficult for us to do anything else."

Through building coalitions and organizing in the state legislature, Ms. Hyde and the NGLTF see the possibility for sodomy reform even in the South. It is through organizing our communities and working with our legislatures that the sodomy laws will be changed.

For further information on the Privacy Project (or to volunteer) you may write Sue Hyde at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1517 U St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Bath Owners Sue to Overturn Closing Law

By Mark Gabrish Conlan Bravo
San Diego- Four of San Diego's five gay bathhouses - Club San Diego, Dave's Club, Vulcan Steam and Sauna, and Club Mustang - filed suit Tuesday, May 2 to block enforcement of a recently passed city ordinance regulating their operations.

The law, modeled after an earlier San Diego County ordinance and designed to be enforced by the County health Department, bans all oral and anal sex in the bathhouses. It also requires owners to remove the doors from private rooms in the bathhouse, allow only one patron at a time in each room, monitor patrons' activities every 15 minutes, and pay a \$600 annual license fee to cover enforcement costs.

Attorney's Michael Crowley and Thomas Homann, representing the bathhouse owners in the lawsuit, both said they would claim that the ordinance represents a violation of bathhouse patrons' rights to free association and privacy.

Both attorneys also noted that while passed as an emergency measure to slow the spread of AIDS, the ordinance was actually approved five years after the crisis began. Crowley claimed that many public health officials, after first saying that bathhouse closure would not help stop AIDS, have turned around on the issue "now that the political winds have changed." Both lawyers pointed out that, on the same day it approved the bathhouse regulations, the City Council's Public Services and Safety Committee voted down a \$250,000 AIDS appropriation on the grounds that there was no AIDS emergency.

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United. Thanks to Madison for greeting the troupe with a picnic.

Bravo to **Lionheart & Syzngy** — Let's hope they come this way often!

King Production's crowned **Mary Richards** as Miss, & **Joe (Mr. LaCage)** as Mr. in their annual **Mr. & Miss Gay Fox Valley Pageant** at **The Pivot Club** May 22nd. There were five Miss contestants & three for Mr. 1st runner up Miss was **Bouji** for the third year in a row. 1st R.U. Mr. was **Randy (Mr. Pivot)**. In **Step** would like to thank **Ken** from **Kenosha** for taking photos for us.

Jimmy King announced he will hold the main **Mr. & Miss Gay Southeastern Pageant** at **The Pivot Club** the Sunday of **Labor Day Weekend**. Girls — better get beading those gowns!

I just have to make it out to the next **Back East Jock Strap Contest**. According to sources, the **May 25th** had some 'big' talent competing!

La Cage's Wed. night 'Claim to Fame' moved into **Dance Dance Dance's** larger space to accomodate staging & the crowd.

The much sought after title of **Miss 219** brought 5 talented contestants to the **Club 219** stage **May 26th**. Congrats to the **New Miss 219** — **Dynasty**, and also to 1st runner up **Tamara Lee (Indiana)** & 2nd **R.U. Mary Richards**. The talent was sizzling & the gowns were glittery, indeed. (I though **Dominique** should have won a special prize for her beautifully hand-crafted evening gown.)

Memorial Day Weekend had lots more to offer beside **The Classic**. There were more **BBQ's**, **Cook Outs** and **Picnics** than you could shake a **bratwurst** at... and more **drink specials** than **W.C. Fields** could consume. Speaking of which — did you hear the '**Neon Woman**' gave up alcohol? I wonder how long that will last?

The **Memorial Day Weekend** was wrapped up, appropriately I might add, with some solemnity... the **5th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service** (**Milwaukee's 2nd Annual**). My new **Editorial Assistant-Tim**, reports on that in an article in '**Briefs**'.

I'm writing this the evening **La Cage** did it's bar crawl to **The Windy City**. You'll

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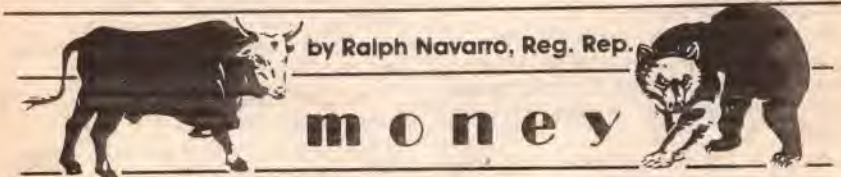
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AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 18

No-one likes to be told what to do by others, but a close friend has some of the best advice for you. Speculations can take you off to 'never-never land', and you're going to need that special someone to keep your feet on the ground. Impulse spending will get you into trouble right now, so take the time to shop and compare.

PISCES: February 19 to March 20

Not much rest these days, for a lot of activity going on for you. A new twist in your career finds you dealing with a few old problems again, matters at home need extra attention, and your swimsuit is too small. Doctor Mom isn't going to be around to help you out of these matters so just put your nose to the grindstone and get them out of the way.



by **Ralph Navarro, Reg. Rep.**

money

With Unstable Markets, Where to Invest

Unless you have a strong foundation in investing, the average person is staying away from **Stock Market** investments these days. People with awareness of the **Market**, however, understand that the best way to deal with the **Market** in these times is to continue to invest regularly (each month) the same amount of money in some mutual funds. This basic rule applies except for people within 5 years of retirement.

Other more interesting investments today, besides **Certificates of Deposit (CD's)** and **Money Market (MM's)** include short term bond funds, the international money markets and single premium insurance programs. Except for the insurance, all the other investments will yield taxable income.

One of the most interesting funds today is the **Van Kampen Merritt IBIT fund**. This investment mixes currencies of **Australia**, **New Zealand**, and the **U.S.** for a two year period and a +13% yield.

Variable life insurance programs, which operate like a mutual fund, are offering

8-9% fixed rates of current return, all tax deferred growth and a great deal of flexibility.

Even though the average person is a little squeamish today in investing, contact your openly lesbian/gay supportive Financial Planner for insight.

HIV TESTING AND INSURANCE

As predicted a few years ago, most people are now being regularly blood tested for health, life and disability insurance. A spokesperson for the **Milwaukee branch of Concerned Insurance Professionals for Human Rights (CIPHR)** stated, "it is essential that you have a lesbian/gay supportive insurance professional working for you. It is vital that if you have tested positive to the **AIDS antibody** that you inform her/him so they know how to approach the situation."

Currently many people are working on ways to develop a pool for insuring those with **HIV positivity** — it is more than a year away from reality, however.

For more information contact **CIPHR** through **Lambda Rights Network**.



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horoscope

by R.D. Thompson

ARIES: March 21 to April 20

Still not getting your messages right? During this time you can be so easily misinterpreted that you'll wonder why you even bothered to open your mouth. Explain yourself clearly and this problem could be minimal. 'Open minds' is a key to success, if you take it in the right direction.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21

Helping others through their financial problems is getting to be a real pain in the neck for you, however, look at the better person you're becoming for it. Around the 15th, your likely to do something wild, crazy, and totally unlike you. Relax and have fun with it for you're sure to learn from this.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21

Self control (something your not great at) is badly needed during this time as spouses and partners seems to rub you the wrong way. You say yes... they say no, You say black... they say white, etc. Don't let this get you down because they're more likely going through a worse phase than you are. Patience, (something else your not known for) will get you through this.

CANCER: June 22 to July 21

Problems at work getting you down again? Are you thinking that maybe it's you and not others that are at the root of all this: Could be, if your guilty of knocking yourself out trying to please everyone but yourself. Right now and throughout the rest of summer, get to know the 'man' in the mirror, for he's your best friend or worse enemy.

LEO: July 23 to August 23

O.K. Leo's, just how thin do you think you can spread yourself around? It's nice to be popular, but are you sure your not being used? This is a great time to re-examine where your life is going and perhaps leaving some of the dead weight behind. This will leave you with more energy for the most important things.

VIRGO: August 24 to September 23

This is it! Now your going to have to keep a schedule and stick to it if you plan on getting everything done. There are enough hours in the day, and enough days in the week if you can just get yourself a little more organized than you are right now. The results should be beneficial in all areas of your life.

LIBRA: September 24 to October 23

Be on the lookout for events that leave you speechless. It may appear as though the world has gone mad and your the only sane person left. You may find yourself in situations where your forced to defend or question things that you firmly believe in. Don't take forever in making up your mind on these issues.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 22

Partners and lovers are a source of strength and security during this time when it seems as though the whole world has it in for you. Money problems persist and gambling will only make things worse. The old tried but true methods are the only sure ways out of this mess.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 to December 21

You didn't learn those lessons a few weeks ago about taking care of yourself and now those problems are back. This time you're not going to be able to sluff it off, and they're going to have to be met head on. Think of it in these terms, 'The only way to get to the other side of the mud hole is to go through it, it's going to be messy but it's the shortest and surest route.'

CAPRICORN: December 21 to January 20

Working for others during this time is not one of the most pleasurable tasks that will be crossing your path. In fact, you might find it down right degrading. Being your own worse enemy this spring may turn out to be your biggest challenge, and working for someone else might be the way to overcome this.

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have to wait till next issue to find out: how many crawlers were 'lost'; how many Chicagoan's 'woke up' in Milwaukee; and how many don't remember what happened after the bus hit Chicago. Hope you all had a great time, wished I could have gone, but I had to work. Corey was taking along the Video Camera to record the evening for posterity (What makes her think she'll be able to focus?)

In the continuing battle of the 'Mad Town' title between Madison & Eau Claire... David Ashton, co-owner of Eau Claire's **Downtown Express** wants everyone to know: "The owners and operators are always willing to help out-of-town patrons with any problems they might encounter, by contacting the bar." Remember that if you end up naked in a hotel elevator...

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In Step would like to welcome more new advertisers to our 'stable' of supporters — be sure to let them know you saw their ad so they know their money is being well spent. **Short Circuit**, a bar at 2209 W. National in Milwaukee, opened a few weeks ago. They are open 7 days a week at 10am & are very close to where SSBL plays their games at Mitchell Park. Watch for their upcoming grand opening.

Sun City Tanning is a new tanning salon located at 915 E. Brady. They're offering a coupon ad good for 1 mo. of tanning for \$45 to introduce themselves to you, so use it. To make your tanning comfortable, Sun City has private rooms, cassette stereos & a knowledgeable staff to run their Wolff Tanning Beds.

Welcome back to **Douglas Dunes Resort**, in Saugatuck/Douglas Michigan. If you've never been there — you don't know what you're missing. If you have, but not since last year — they've completely rebuilt Sir Douglas Restaurant (after a destructive fire) & now have a Cabaret bar with weekend entertainment. It's quite a complex, definitely on par with what you'll find in Florida or California gay resorts.

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Miss 219 88-89 Dynasty



Miss 219 Contestants [L to R]: 2nd runner up Mary Richards; 1st runner up Tamara Lee; Tania Michaels; Dominique; and the new Miss 219- Dynasty.

Windy City Chorus To Hold Pride Concert

Chicago's award-winning Windy City Gay Chorus will present its annual Gay Pride Week concert on Friday, June 24, 1988, at 8:07 p.m. in Orchestra Hall, 220 S. Michigan Avenue. The event will mark the ensemble's fifth Orchestra Hall performance, as well as its ninth annual concert celebrating Gay Pride Week.

For the concert, Music Director Richard Garrin has programmed music covering a broad spectrum of historical periods, styles, and subjects. The program includes Beethoven's **Hallelujah** from "The Mount of Olives;" Jean Berger's contemporary **Alleluia** from "The Brazilian Psalm;" three works by contemporary American composers, including Stuart Raleigh's **When I Heard At The Close of Day**, set to the well-known Whitman text; "Four Pieces From Memory Lane," including **South Rampart Street**, **All The Things You Are**, **Tuxedo Junction**, and **Beehive Hairdo**; and songs celebrating gay pride and spirit, including **Singing With You** and **The Great Peace March** (by Holly Near).

Also on the program will be the ever-popular Windy City Slickers, offering their usual magic blend of song and dance under the direction of Glenn Lewis.

Of special interest for this concert is the world premiere of **Three Pieces After Tennyson**, by noted American composer Ron Nelson, chairman of the composition department at Brown University.

Windy City Gay Chorus has received substantial recognition from the choral industry and government sources, including current grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Illinois Arts Council, and the City of Chicago Office of Fine Arts. The ensemble won first-place in the nation-wide Johnny Mann Great American Choral Festival, and has been lauded in proclamations by the Illinois House of Representatives and by the mayors of Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, St. Paul, and by late Chicago mayor Harold Washington. Most recently, Windy City traveled to Washington, D.C. for a sold-out concert

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Introducing to the pages of In Step — the continuing saga of. . .



by Robert D. Arnold

LIFE IS A DRAG



"Well, Tess, on our honeymoon I took off my clothes, HE put them on...and I haven't seen him since...."

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that I didn't get a chance to go to any of the **International Mr. Leather** functions. My view of IML came through bumping into the Leathermen & leathermen coming and going in the hotel. But as press, I did manage to get some facts for you. There were forty-two contestants from 25 cities and three countries. From the U.S.: Denver, San Francisco, St. Louis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Boston, Seattle, Washington, D.C., Portland, Des Moines, Detroit, Long Beach, Charlotte, Honolulu, Minneapolis, San Diego, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Cincinnati (in no particular order). Madison was represented by Carl Cliver (**Rod's**) — who was very popular with the crowd. From Canada: Montreal and Vancouver, B.C. And Mr. Leather Europe from Barcelona, Spain traveled half-way around the world.

The new International Mr. Leather 88-89 is Michael Perevra from San Diego, representing Hard Labor Leather and S.D. Leathermen; 2nd Place went to Peter Morrison, L.A., representing Gauntlet II; and 3rd was Brian Dawson, Long Beach, representing Floyd's.

Porn star Al Parker was co-emcee of the contest, along with entertainer Lynn Laverne. Music at the contest was provided by

country singer Dena Kaye from Memphis. At the annual Black and Blue Ball, held this year at Bistro Too, the crowd danced to the sounds of The Village People, and were treated to the new Mr. Leather dancing with last year's winner—Coulter Thomas.

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I've been to Chicago many times before, even worked there for days every two weeks back with **Escape** and **Gay Life** magazines. But I've never witnessed the side of Chicago I saw Memorial Day Weekend. For one thing, I've never stayed in a fancy downtown Hotel... either with friends or the cheaper hotels in the Diversey/Clark area. I saw the side of Chicago that most conventioners see. Hell, I even went to The Limelight (on gay night, of course) — a tourist attraction if I ever saw one.

The weekend was exciting, invigorating, and educational... and it's given me renewed interest in this magazine of ours.

Oh yes, and I got to meet film star Rick Donovan (who attended the GLPA convention representing Bob Damron's Guide) during the banquet (And I've got pictures to prove it). He's a sweetheart, and is well endowed in the brain department as well.



Milwaukee Hosted 'Classic' With Style

By Tim Hensiak/In Step

The 9th Annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament held Memorial Day weekend had the best of everything: teams, fans, and weather; all wrapped up in the setting of Mitchell Park. I was there all weekend and can easily defend that claim. With teams from Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, New York, as well as Milwaukee, I knew it would be an exciting weekend of baseball viewing, not to mention men viewing. Needless to say I was not disappointed.

The games began on Friday at noon and ended Sunday with the Championship game between Sidetracks of Chicago and Milwaukee's own Y.P. Flamingos. Sidetracks managed to win both games, taking the championship.

In addition to the games, Milwaukee really rolled out the red carpet for its out-of-town guests. All the sponsoring bars

supplied drink tickets as well as hosted parties for the players. I managed to take in "A Taste of Milwaukee" held Friday night at La Cage and the cookout held Saturday at M&M. When I stepped on the scale after the weekend, I knew I must have really enjoyed myself.

The awards banquet was held after the late-running championship games on Sunday night at the Top of the Marine. Trophies, cheers, slide shows, a raffle, and a guest appearance by Holly Brown kept the good feelings of the tournament going. Following the dinner, players hit the bars for one last night on the town. From the bars I managed to make it to they really made the most of it.

Congratulations to the Saturday Softball Beer league (SSBL) hosts of The Classic, on a job well done against new competition with the Chicago tournament the same weekend.



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THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Dance, Dance, Dance- Grant Dixon's 'Victim's of Desire' Male Dancers, Two Big Shows 9:30 & 11:30, \$2 door/\$5 Table Reservations. (See Corey).

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Our Place [Racine]- 'Steppin Out' Variety Show, 10pm, no cover.

Rod's [Madison]- They're back- 'Victims of Desire', male dance troupe, on The Patio, \$3 tickets.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

MAP- Bartenders AIDS Training- 11:30 a.m., MAP office, 315 W. Court St. RSVP at 273-2437.

Oboron's Clun Night/Shaft 219- 10:30-close. Door prizes every half hour.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

GAMMA does Great America- Meet at McKinley Marina Parking lot, wear red shirt, 8:30 a.m. Contact GAMMA for more info.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]- Proudly presents Grant Dixon's 'Victims of Desire' male dancers, 10pm. Tickets \$5 advance/\$6 door.

Your Place/H.I.T. Fundraiser- Annual Celebrity 'Pie Toss', 7 to 10pm.

R-Bar [Wausau]- 'S-E-X-Y' Show starring Ebony d'Angelo & her friends, 9:30 pm, showtime, no cover.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

MAP Gay Comm. Advisory Comm. Meeting- To review AIDS prevention education activities for Milw.'s gay community. Meeting at 6pm, MAP office (315 W. Court St.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Foundation Open House Orientation- & input for Metro Milw. G/L organizations and their boards. 7:30-9, 225 S. 2nd St.

Club Milwaukee- Flag Day, Show your colors!

Back East [Madison]- Motown Night, an evening of Soul Music.

GAMMA Miniature Golf- Go-karts, miniature golf, Johnson Park, 7350 N. 76th, meet there at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Twin Ports G/L Pride '88 [Superior/Duluth]- 'Bob Night', 7pm at Superior's The Main Club.

West Allis Western Days- State Fair Park, West Allis Entertainment, Free admission. Wonago Rodeo. Tickets range from \$7 to \$11. Thru the 19th.

Mitchell Street Festival Days- Along Mitchell St. from 6th to 13th Sts. Over 40 groups will appear during the four-day festival performing polkas, oldies, jazz, rock, big band and Spanish music, thru the 19th. Free.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Twin Ports G/L Pride '88 [Superior/Duluth]- Kick-off party, hors d'oeuvres from 8 to 11 at The Main Club.

Rod's [Madison]- Daddy's Day Weekend, Daddy's Fri. Afternoon Club, Leather Night- 50 cents off drinks for those in leather. Hot tub on Patio.

GBN- Depart for Sparta-Elroy bicycling weekend. (See article in Jock Shorts).

Lakefront Festival of The Arts- Milwaukee Art Museum Grounds. Professional artists and craftsmen from throughout the country offer their creations for sale at this outdoor event. Admission \$2. Thru the 19th.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Jet's Place- Back by popular demand- "Stoney" female Elvis impersonator, plus The Panamystics 50's & 60's R&R Band. \$2 advance/\$2.50 door. 9:30 p.m., 2 shows.

Rod's [Madison]- Daddy's Day Weekend, shot & drink specials, Hot Tub on the Patio.

Fannies- Annual "Fannie Fest", open at 3, raffles every hour from 4pm-midnight, Dunk Tank, Games, Outside DJ from 8pm-?

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THURSDAY, JUNE 9 2 BIG SHOWS

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Michael Pereyra [center] was named International Mr. Leather 88-89 at the contest in Chicago over Memorial Day Weekend. He was sponsored by Hard Labor & San Diego Leathermen. [Left] 2nd runner up Brian Dawson sponsored by Floyd's in Long Beach. [Right] Peter Morrison, 1st runner up, sponsored by Gauntlet II in Los Angeles.

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publishers, I also met with fellow members of the press — publishers, editors, writers, and production, in a regional caucus for the upper Midwest. All very interesting, information and thought provoking.

As a result of one session, Wisconsin Light agreed with In Step to hold a series of fundraisers for GLPA during Press Awareness Month next February. We plan on holding some type of event in Milwaukee, Madison, and Green Bay. More on this as we iron out plans. (By the way I'm glad Light and In Step work together, after hearing of some of the hostilities between publications in other cities.)

But the convention wasn't all work and no play... Friday night we were greeted with a reception, sponsored to the tune of \$2,000 by Miller Brewery, on the top floor of the Hotel. It was a 'heady' experience, to be smack dab in the middle of one of the most architecturally significant cities in the world, with a bunch of gay press members.

Saturday evening we held our banquet and awards ceremony in the same room. There we watched as our peers were

honored with awards in journalistic excellence. Over 18 awards were given to both individuals, and publications. It might be noted that nearly all awards were given to coastal publications.

We were treated to a keynote speech by Cleve Jones, organizer of the nation's most monumental folk artwork, The Names Project's National AIDS Quilt, which was unveiled at last year's National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Jones gave an emotion-packed speech, and announced The Quilt will return to Washington Oct. 8-10, over three times the size it was last year. He asked the gay press to let our people know over 5,000 volunteers will be needed just to unfurl the massive project, which is expected to cover the entire Mall area.

Entertainment for the Banquet was supplied by the irrespressible feminist singer/comic Lynn Lavner who took us for an emotional roller coaster ride with her talents.

International Mr. Leather

I was kept so busy at the Convention,

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R-Bar [Wausau]- Milw.'s 'T.N.T. Men' dance revue, 10pm showtime, \$5 advance, \$6 door.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Rod's [Madison]- Daddy's Day Weekend afternoon Beer Bash & Daddy's cookout. Evening-Rod's Miracle Thespian Annual Production- "Jack & The Dongstalk;" on the patio, \$2 cover, 1st drink free. Hot Tub on The Patio.

Fannies- Annual 'Fannie Fest', open at 3. Raffles every hour from 4-midnight, Dunk Tank. Games on the Patio, Cookout at 4pm.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

Twin Ports G/L Pride '88- Homophobia Seminar at The Main Club from 7-10pm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Twin Port's G/L Pride '88- Filmfest & Homophobic Seminar at Univ. Minnesota-Duluth, 7 to 10pm. Call Scott at 715-392-1756 for more info.

Back East [Madison]- Country/Western night, C/W music, Cuervo shot specials.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Twin Ports G/L Pride '88- Safe Sex Seminar at The Main Club, 7 to 9 pm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Twin Ports G/L Pride '88- Button night at The Main Club, 8 to 12pm. 25 cents off all drinks if wearing pride button.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

MAP AIDS Forum- Milw. War Memorial Center.

Twin Ports G/L Pride '88- Bon fire at Wisconsin Point, 12 midnite.? Call Scott at 715-392-1756 for more info.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Cream City Chorus Concert- "Dinner With Gershwin". 8pm, Centennial Hall (733 N. 8th ST.) \$5 advance /\$6 at door. For more info call 277-0434.

Twin Ports G/L Pride '88- Fishing Party, 4pm-?. Call Scott for more info at (705) 392-1756.

Our Place [Racine]- "Stoney & The Panamystics" Female Elvis impersonator & 50's 60's Rock & Roll Show, \$2 advance, \$2.50 door.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Chicago's 19th Annual G/L Pride Parade- Theme: "Rightfully Proud". See Group Notes for more info.



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Entertainer Lynn Lavner performed at the GLPA Convention in Chicago.

Cleve Jones, originator of The Names Project Quilt was the GLPA Keynote Speaker.

views

By Ron Geiman

Views from the 39th Floor in Downtown Chicago over Memorial Day Weekend...

Leather (lots of it), Rick Donovan, Al Parker, Cleve Jones, Lynn Lavner, and the Gay & Lesbian Press... and a few unsuspecting Baptists and Insurance Underwriters.

This was the first Memorial Day Weekend I've been away from Milwaukee in over ten years. The Classic and other events around the state kept me busy, and content. But this year, the **Gay and Lesbian Press Association [G.L.P.A.]** held their 8th Annual International Convention in Chicago the same weekend. Since I just joined GLPA earlier this year, I rearranged **In Step's** publication schedule in late January so I could attend. It was a smart move on my part. I learned a lot.

The headquarters for the GLPA Convention was the 39-story Executive House Hotel on East Wacker and Michigan, (Chicago's Miracle Mile). The same hotel was also H.Q. for the **International Mr. Leather [IML]** contest & show- where many of those attending from out-of-town stayed, (along with the contestants, themselves).

Between GLPA and IML, gays and lesbians made up a good 70% of the hotel population. During the weekend, WE were the majority population, and I do believe we overwhelmed the Baptists and Insurance Underwriters. The Friday afternoon I checked in, I rode the elevator with some obviously straight men who agreed with one who commented: "I think we stayed one day too long." Just after he said it, the elevator stopped at a floor and 6 leathermen got on.

When I pulled up to the Hotel parking structure, I saw two leathermen, wearing leather shorts, boots, mirrored sunglasses & nipple jewelry sitting in front of the hotel & knew it was the right address.

The straight men were obviously intimidated, and it made me realize it was going to be quite a weekend, indeed.

On Sunday afternoon, several press members and leathermen were in the

elevator when I was, when it stopped on the 17th floor. A couple in their late fifties stepped on, then looked around at us, and stepped back off. One of the leathermen said, "Don't be that way, we don't bite, get back on here..." And they did, and we were all still talking with them when the elevator reached the lobby. Maybe those people were educated just a little bit in that short elevator ride.

G.L.P.A. Convention

The G.L.P.A. Convention's theme was 'Addressing Excellence' and through a rigorous schedule of workshops, and seminars (beginning at 8:30 in the morning) we all strove to achieve that. According to out-going GLPA President Don Volk: "This year's seminars, workshops and special sessions were designed to create an opportunity for each of us to expand our knowledge, skills and talents to reach higher standards in our personal and professional lives. Each was carefully planned so each individual could address excellence for themselves, their publications, and for our association."

At the Convention I met with fellow publishers & attended many seminars and workshops including: 'Beyond Chicago-The Future of GLPA,' Out of that session came the general consensus to set up a gay press service (similar to AP & UPI) that would be accessible via computer. That plan is at least a year down the road and will require a tremendous amount of money, but will in turn provide us with up-to-the-minute gay/lesbian news. Most papers now 'trade subscriptions' and use each others' news articles (with credit of course) to fill our news sections. The problem with this is high mailing costs, and the news is sometimes over a month old when published. In today's information age, that is a sad comment.

I also attended seminars in 'Advertising Sales,' 'Promoting Ourselves,' 'Desktop Computer Publishing,' & 'Advertising and Newspaper Design and Layout.' Besides the classes, and meetings with other

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a woman's

V I E W by Amanda Shields

Reclaiming the Words

A recent editorial in the Milwaukee **Sentinel** advocated the inculcation of moral values in public schools. Entitled "All Can Benefit from Morality Code" (Saturday, 5/28/88), it presented a list of values to be taught, which had been adopted recently by an Ohio school board.

As usual, when I encountered the word "morality" my eyes narrowed a bit, because I have heard the word abused so often. As I scanned the list, I found, for the most part, basic values which I had been taught, and with which I agreed, although I am not sure about how one would teach them effectively, except by example. This was good, basic stuff, which renders life more civilized for all of us: be truthful, be honest, be courteous, respect other people's property. Actually, I was favorably surprised, until I came to the item which I had been subconsciously expecting, the item which, nowadays, invariably follows like a little caboose, any use of the word "morality". There it was: "develop sexual attitudes compatible with the values of family life."

In an acknowledged Heterocentrist society, what else would one expect? It is a measure of how often we all encounter this type of reasoning, that the phrase in quotes above can be perceived as a euphemism presenting heterosexual marriage with children as being more moral. And, of course, we all know that is society's message, anyhow. This is not new, and we can and do live with it. However, I object to the subtlety of masquerading this lifestyle choice under the umbrella of "morality", with the implication that that which is not Heterosexual is not moral. As I said, we run into this all the time. Sure, we laugh it off, dismiss it as not being important. But it hovers there, unseen, yet not unfelt. No wonder so many of us connect, in our minds, "morality" with rigid sex mores and the Moral Majority; no wonder we regard "family" as a Heterosexual Institu-

tion from which we, even as brothers and sisters, and even more as parents and children, are excluded. No wonder we become somewhat guarded when these words appear.

We have been submitting to a tyranny of language, in which words are being used in ways which reflect a Heterocentrist bias. The emphasis given these words impoverishes them, and squeezes them down to one aspect of their original, broad meaning — just as it does with our lives, if we let it.

Our struggle for self respect and for humane social and legislative atmospheres is also a battle for words. For words embody ideas. Words define, encourage, subtly affect. Words include, as well as exclude. We are entitled to reclaim these definitions, and broaden them.

Take the word "morality". The Moral

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Majority would have us believe that that is their word, with their emphasis on sex. However, moral behavior really is the quality of our responses to other people. Why cannot children inculcating moral values in school, or wherever, learn that it is wrong to aggress against others, simply because they appear to be different? Or Weak? Why cannot a moral education include an understanding that people are more important than things? That it is more important not to hurt people? That people cannot be property, even in a relationship? That it is not a sign of weakness to admit to the need for help? Maybe then we could see a diminishing of marital abuse, rape and child abuse. And why cannot children be inculcated with a sense of their own worth as persons, irrespective of religious affiliation, so that maybe they will not feel the compulsion to wander defeatingly and promiscuously from person to person? Maybe people could move, through honest self regard, to regard for others, and the learned ability to stay with a relationship through discord, and to work through disagreements, instead of running away. And what about teaching people that human life is important, and that differences, such as skin color, sexual orientation, age, gender, or degree of physical ability/perfection are not reasonable grounds for permitting the abridging of the quality of that life? What about respect for different life choices, and the offering, rather than the imposition, of compassion? Surely these concepts, under the heading of morality, could help create a more just and compassionate society.


Consider the word "family". We know that this idea, fine though it is in its biological sense, need not be limited to biology. For how many of us has the biological family idea failed? How many of us, forced out of Heterosexual biological families, subsequently found "family" with loved ones in the Homosexual community? "Family" is a process word, speaking of nurturance, commonality of fate and warmth, belonging. We know better than most in this culture, how fragile can be the biological bonds, and how strongly can be forged the non-biological ones. It may well be that an over emphasis on the biological family unit brings to bear

the problems which result in divorce, and in dismissing sons and daughters from the biological unit because they are not Heterosexual. "Families" are composed of Lesbians, or Gay men, or both; of the Lesbian community, or the Gay male community, or of the two together as one. "Family" can be defined in terms of the substance of caring, rather than being limited to a definition purely of a form in which caring may occur.

A speaker at the 1988 Memorial Day AIDS candlelight service quoted a definition of **power** as "the ability to define". We can take this power and exercise it.

We need not stand back passively and be shut out by narrow, legalistic definitions imposed by others. With our lives, our witness of our faith in ourselves and in each other, and our work to create change, we can broaden these definitions so that they reflect accurate, compassionate ideals that include all of human experience, and embrace every human potential for caring, respect, and decency.

We can reclaim this language. After all, it is our language, too. ▽



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by Tim Hensiak

Flirting Haunts

Last time I tried to impart some tips on how to be a better flirt, so now that you've honed your skills what should you do with them? Just as flowers attract bees, so flirts can attract favorable notice when they put themselves in the right environment. It makes no sense to be looking your best and ready to flirt if you are sitting in front of the television watching the soaps.

Do as successful flirts do: Put yourself where the action is. Here are a few places you may not have thought of:

1] Political action groups, committees or organizations: These emotional cauldrons are great for flirting. People are excited. They care a lot. And how busy can they be if they have time to attend all these meetings?

Flirting here must be a bit bolder because everyone is doing it. Style and originality, as well as whom you know, can add immeasurably to your clout. The best flirting can occur near the end of a political campaign.

2] Video rental stores: These places must have been thought-up by someone who loves to flirt. The best times are Thursday evening and late Sunday night. Thursday is often the day tapes are picked up, and Sunday is usually when they are returned.

3] Computer Stores: Since no one understands these things, all you need do is spot someone you like and ask how they managed to understand the computer. Most will say they haven't quite mastered it. So... you can learn together. If he has learned already, you immediately fall into a natural (flirtatious) conversation in which you are instructed on how to deal with Basic.

4 Supermarkets: Especially the under-10-items express lines. Here are people who don't think further ahead than Tuesday. (Meaning that there are many things up in the air in their lives, probably including their relationships.)

The best area to flirt in the supermarket

is the produce department. Half the people there don't understand how to cook the stuff they buy; the other half do. Figure out what group you fit into and start flirting with the other. It's never inappropriate to ask that hunk next to you how to steam an artichoke.

5] Newsstands: A neighborhood newsstand can be your flirting oasis. Just make sure you become friendly enough with the owners so they allow you to linger and read the magazine. An attractive man paging through "Bon Appetit" or "Vogue" should give you a potent signal. Saturdays and Sundays are best here.

6] Copying Places: Don't you have to copy your report, a check, a receipt? Sure you do, and so does everyone else in the world. Copy places thrive just before April 15.

7] Seminars: The perfect combination — a third party or a subject focus, common interests and a chance to flirt. If your company will pay or contribute to the costs, take as many seminars as you can. These are hotbeds of romance.

8] Department Stores: On evenings and weekends these stores are full of attractive people ready to respond to your flirting. Departments like clothing, cosmetics, housewares and furniture are best. What better way to meet someone while soliciting their opinion of that new shirt or cologne you're going to buy.

9] Health Clubs: These places are populated with active people just waiting for you to flirt. They're spending a lot of money to whip their bodies into shape, usually for the purpose of attracting some attention. Asking someone how to use a weight machine is a great conversation starter.

10] Athletic Activities with tournaments: These are great places to flirt. I hope you used your newly learned flirting techniques Memorial Day Weekend at the Milwaukee Classic, there were many ideal candidates to practice on. The warm weather certainly helped as well, bringing a lot of summer clothing out as well as skin. ▽

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Milw. Classic Scores

Competitive		Recreation	
YP-Mil 14	Storm- T/C 9	1270-Bos 12	Flamingo's-Mil 3
Sidetrack-Chi 8	Raiders-Mil 7	Wreck Room Spurs-Mil 18	Station II-Mil 12
Impact-Chi 26	Rumours-T/C 1	Ty's Chelsea Transfer-NY 19	M&M-Mil 4
YP 9	Ballgame 7	Spurs 15	Oldetymers-Chi 0
Raiders 17	Storm 3	La Cage 22	Inn Exile-Chi 8
Sidetrack 16	Impact 1	Ty's 21	Beer Garden-Mil 5
ball Game 21	Rumours 16	Flamingo's 10	Station II 9
YP 12	Sidetrack 10	Inn Exile 16	Oldetymers 10
Impact 22	Ball Game 6	1270 19	Spurs 7
Raiders 11	Impact 10	Ty's 11	La Cage 3
Sidetrack 11	Raiders 4	Inn Exile 17	Beer Garden 4
Sidetrack 15	YP 9	M&M	Flamingo's
Sidetrack 9	YP 7	La Cage 24	M&M 8
		Inn Exile 21	Spurs 9
		Ty's 12	1270 12
		La Cge 13	Inn Exile 6
		La Cage 10	1270 8
		Ty's 9	La Cage 4

SSBL Standings JUNE 4

Womens	Recreation	Competitive
Beer Garden 4-3	La Cage 7-1	Raiders 6-1
Fannies 2-4	M&M 6-2	YP 5-1
Flamingo's 2-4	Club 219 3-5	Ballgame
Station II 2-5	Wreck Room Spurs 3-6	
	CCF 0-8	

JUNE 4 RESULTS

Wreck Room Spurs 14	Club 219 13	La Cage 16	M&M 6
M&M 31	CCF 3	La Cage 12	Spurs 8
Ball Game 37	CCF 4	Beer Garden 14	Fannies 13
Your Place 10	Ball Game 5	Beer Garden 18	Station II 3
Station II 11	Flamingo's 8		

SCHEDULE

JUNE 11

11:00 La Cage vs Raider
 12:15 Raiders vs M&M's
 1:30 Station II vs Your Place
 2:45 Your Place vs Flaming-o's
 4:00 Beer Garden vs Cream City

Flaming-o's vs. M&M's
 Ballgame vs Beer Garden
 Fannies vs Ballgame

JUNE 18 - No games. Rain date.

JUNE 25

11:00 Fannies vs Raiders
 12:15 Club 219 vs Fannies
 1:30 YP vs La Cage
 2:45 Beer Garden vs YP
 4:00 Ballgame vs M&M

Station II vs. Club 219
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 CCF vs Wreck Room
 La Cage vs Flaming-o's



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Rate Your Last Sexual Experience:

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Location of sexual encounter	underwater	display window	Behind a bush	restaurant	his parent's bed
Age of partner	17	19	21	13	25
Partner's intimate size	Twinkie	bratwurst	pencil	Tootsie Roll	12 oz can of cream style corn
Reason for having sex	in heat	act of mercy	to lose weight	For money	career advancement
Sexual aids used	plunger	bull whip	tweezers	roller skates	cattle prod
Injuries sustained	sprained weenie	chafed knees	diaper rash	gunshot wound	bruised ego
Protective devices used	condom	goggles	crash helmet	suit of armor	your mother
Love sounds	squishing	speaking	giggling	screaming	moaning
Problems during sex	poor aim	wilting	physical shortcoming	windows fogged	fell asleep
1st post orgasm activity	lit a cigarette	flossing	put out a cigarette	backflip	used bathroom
2nd post orgasm activity	fireworks	fell asleep	earth moved	used sex towel	raided fridge
3rd post orgasm activity	gargling	called paramedics	looked for a dry spot	cartwheel	took a shower

Note: Add 10 points if this was your first sexual encounter.

Total Points: _____. Now consult the following chart for your rating.

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La Cage's show after their "Taste of Milwaukee"



The hot weather resulted in pleasant views.



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Play Ball



Cream City Chorus performed at opening ceremonies.

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Score

- 100 pts to 90... Historic Event
- 89 pts. to 80... Potential Porno Stars
- 79 pts to 70... Above average
- 69 pts to 60... Better than watching T.V.
- 59 pts to 50... Practice Makes Perfect
- 49 pts to 40... See Dr. Ruth
- 39 pts to 30... Yawn
- 29 pts to 20... Embarassing
- 19 pts to 10... Are you straight?
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Sidetracks, Chicago - Competitive Winners



Ty's Chelsea Transfer, N.Y. - Winner's Recreational Divn.



Y.P. Flamingoes - 2nd place Competitive Divn.



La Cage Blueboys - 2nd Place Recreational Divn.

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CHICAGO AND NEW YORK TEAMS
TAKE CLASSIC TITLES

By Tom Salzsieder

Sidetrack of the Metropolitan Sports Association of Chicago captured the 9th Annual **Milwaukee Classic** (formerly the Wreck Room Classic) competitive tournament over the Memorial Day Weekend, while a strong entry from New York, **Ty's Chelsea Transfer Breakers** took the recreational title.

Sidetracks came from the losers bracket to defeat **YP** of Milwaukee 15 to 9 and 9 to 7 to avenge an earlier loss to **YP**. The two teams had met each other last year in the Milwaukee Classic and the **Gay Softball World Series**, and the evenly matched teams put on a great show for the many fans who attended the tournament.

The **Raiders** of Milwaukee took 3rd. Meanwhile, Ty's of New York, including former Milwaukee **Wreck Room Spur** manager Vic Minetti, rolled through the recreation tournament, defeating **La Cage** of Milwaukee 9-4 to go undefeated. The Breakers received their biggest threat from last year's champions, a strong **1270 Team** from Boston, who finished 3rd this year, but managed to hold on for a 13-12 win.

Despite competition from another tournament in Chicago, 17 teams participated in this year's tournament on a beautiful sunny weekend. Competitive teams included **Impact** and **Sidetrack** from the Metropolitan Sports Association in Chicago, **Twin Cities Storm** and **Rumours** from the Goodtimes Softball League of the Twin Cities, and 3 SSBL teams from Milwaukee, **Ball Game**, **Raiders** and **YP**.

The recreational tournament included **1270** of Boston's Beantown Softball League, **Oldetymers** of Chicago's Metropolitan Sports Association, **Inn Exile** from the Windy City Athletic Association of Chicago, **Ty's Chelsea Transfer** of New York's Big Apple Softball League, and **Beer Garden**, **Station II**, **La Cage**, **M&M**, **Wreck Room Spurs**, and **Flaming-o's** of Milwaukee.

The games began on Friday afternoon and on Friday evening, the players were treated to Milwaukee hospitality at a welcoming party — "A Taste of Milwaukee" at La Cage. After sampling some of Milwaukee's great ethnic food, the players watched a show presented by the committee. Games continued on Saturday, with a break for the traditional opening ceremonies. The final games were played on Sunday afternoon.

Following the games, the awards banquet and ceremonies were held at the Top of the Marine. After a very fine meal, and a slide presentation of this year's tournament action, Emcee Jerry Warzyn, assistant commissioner of the **SSBL**, awarded the participation plaque to the teams. The plaques were distributed by SSBL officers, commissioners Tom Salzsieder, woman's commissioner, Suzi Arnold, secretary Pam Woythal, and treasurer Ron Thomas.

Trophies to the top 3 recreation teams, 1270, La Cage and Ty's Chelsea Transfer, and top 3 competitive teams, Raiders, YP, and Sidetrack were then presented.

Although for the first time, there was no Toronto entry in this year's tournament, the Canadians were represented by 2 umpires, Richard LaBelle and Gary Trudeau, and by their Cabbagetown group softball league commissioner, Keith McKinnon. Toronto, we missed you. Come back next year.

A special thanks to the tournament committee, who worked long hours to insure another successful tournament. Thanks, also, to the many volunteers who worked the food and beer tent, who sold T-shirts and raffle tickets, to the players, fans, and show people who participated in "A Taste of Milwaukee" and last but not least to the Milwaukee gay community who supported the tournament by coming out to watch the games. You proved again that **Milwaukee is a great place on a great lake.**

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