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News Briefs

Milw. Police Chief To Meet with G/L's

Milwaukee's new Chief of Police, Phillip Arreola, will address the Gay/Lesbian community Tuesday, March 13, at the Foundation Community Center (225 S. 2nd St.), 7pm.

The chief will have the first 30 minutes to talk about whatever he wishes. That will be followed by a panel question session based on an earlier meeting with the chief with representatives of the Lambda Rights Network (LRN) and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM). Specific questions to the chief also can be called into LRN or LAMM for inclusion by the panel.

Reservations for the address can be made by calling LRN at 445-5552. Suggested minimum donation will be \$2 per person. People with reservations have a right to seating first.

Bush Will Not Speak To AIDS Confab

By Rex Wockner

Citing a schedule conflict, President George Bush has declined an invitation to address June's Sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco.

According to conference program director Robert Wachter, the president also refused to send a video message to the gathering, but White House AIDS spokeswoman Alixe Glen says no such invitation was ever received.

Bush's decision breaks with tradition, as last year's gathering in Montreal was addressed by Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulrooney and the 1988 confab in Stockholm was addressed by Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson.

Mulrooney was ruthlessly heckled by members of ACT UP/New York and AIDS Action Now of Toronto during opening ceremonies, which were delayed for two hours after activists occupied the main stage and refused to leave.

Bush himself, as vice-president, was booed at the 1987 conference in Washington when he spoke about the government's plans to test immigrants and prisoners for HIV.

Wachter said conference organizers are "somewhat disappointed but not terribly surprised" that Bush sent his regrets. "He may have a scheduling problem, since the summit with (Soviet Leader Mikhail) Gorbachev is to take place near the end of June," Wachter added.

Demonstrations Expected

Robert Bray, director of public information for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, believes Bush's refusal is in response to plans by AIDS activists to disrupt the conference.

"There'll be lots of demonstrations and he'll have no choice but to discuss the U.S. discriminatory immigration policies, which will be the focal point of the conference. In other words, he's chicken," Bray said.

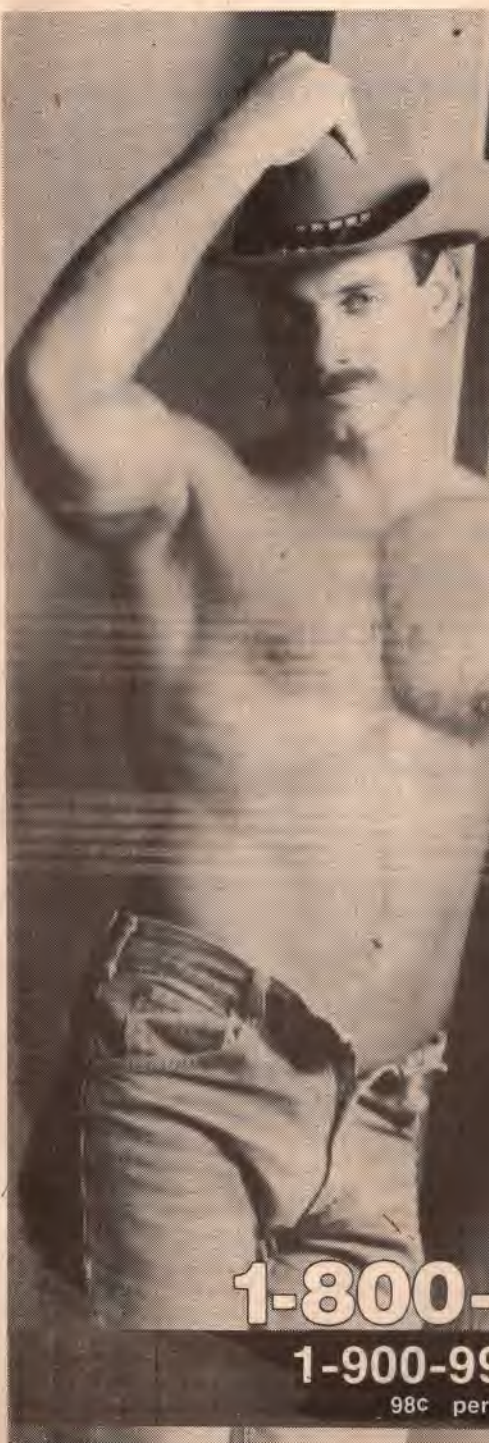
The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires HIV-positive visitors to obtain a 30-day "HIV waiver" to enter the country. The waiver is available only to those visiting family, conducting business or receiving medical treatment; HIV-positive tourists are not allowed.

Those policies have led to a widespread boycott of the conference by European, Canadian and Australian AIDS service organizations, and by some foreign scientists and governmental health officials. In the U.S., the National Association of People With AIDS and San Francisco's Shanti Project have joined the boycott.

Trade-Off?

Meanwhile, Bush has announced that he will address the National Business Leadership Conference on AIDS March 29 in Crystal City, Virginia. The NBLC is made up of Fortune 500 companies, and Bush is expected to concentrate on private sector responsibility for sound AIDS policies.

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Passage "A Historic Moment"

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington- The U.S. Senate Feb. 8 passed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act by a landslide 92-4 margin, overcoming an anti-Gay amendment from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) by a nearly equally lopsided vote.

The bill (S. 419), which passed the House by an overwhelming margin last year, directs the U.S. Department of Justice to collect statistics on violent crimes motivated by bias based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. The measure now goes to the White House for the signature of President Bush, who has already given it his support.

"When myths stir hatred and fear, then great harm can be done," stated Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), the lead sponsor of the bill. "Hitler is an illustration of that, and history is loaded with other examples of unprincipled people, troubled by hates and fears, who sometime lead others to hate and fear. The ultimate result of hatred and fear is violence."

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the bill's lead Republican sponsor described a series of anti-Gay and other hate-motivated crimes, stating, "I think these incidents are disgusting and outrageous. I think every member of the Senate thinks these incidents against homosexuals are disgusting and outrageous."

The vote in the Senate came after lengthy debate on two amendments which sought to clarify the bill's stance on homosexuality. By agreement, the bill's lead sponsors, Simon and Sen. Hatch, would only introduce one amendment to that effect and Helms, another.

As Helms repeatedly insisted that the bill would manifest the "imprimatur" of the Senate on homosexuality, sodomy law repeal, Lesbian and Gay rights and the "teaching" of homosexuality in public schools, both Hatch and Simon sought to pre-empt the North Carolina Republican with their own four-part amendment, which passed 96-0.

Helms introduced a four-part, non

binding "sense of the Senate" rider. His amendment, the chief reason for the bill's being delayed in the Senate for almost a year, declared the "homosexual movement" a threat to the American family, suggested that state sodomy laws be enforced, opposed any and all Gay and Lesbian anti-discrimination laws, and stated that school programs should not describe homosexuality as an "acceptable alternative lifestyle."

After Helms spoke singularly in support of his amendment, mostly by again describing his rider as a campaign year referendum on homosexuals and sodomy law repeal, he went on to lose by a vote of 19-77.

Calling the bill "deceptive," Helms described the bill as the "flagship of the homosexual-lesbian agenda" quoting three times from the *New York Native*, which he called the "official organ" of the "homosexual-lesbian" movement, which called the Hate Crimes bill the first step towards passage of the federal Gay and Lesbian rights law.

Helms also described in lurid detail a 1988 kiss-in staged by members of the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Ride in his Raleigh, N.C. offices "militant homosexuals" who entered his office two-by-two and committed "unspeakable acts" in his office in front of his secretaries. Stating that the "ladies" in his office were shocked by the demonstration, Helms stated that he has since installed "sensors" in his office to keep such an event from happening again.

Helms also described in equal detail the December demonstration where "thousands of militant homosexuals," as he put it, "slithered" into New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, and called the lack of national media coverage of the event a "conspiracy of silence" to censor negative news stories about homosexuals.

Leading the anti-Helms challenge was Hatch, who opposed Helms repeatedly and with seeming great conviction. While acknowledging that he is not in favor of Lesbian and Gay civil rights, in

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impassioned tones he stated, "I know I can agree with them (Lesbian and Gay rights activists) on one thing, and they're right on it... they deserve to be treated like human beings."

Georgia Sodomy Repeal Fails

Atlanta, GA [NGLTF]- The Georgia House of Representatives rejected a move to repeal the state's "ancient statute" that outlaws sodomy, drawing condemnation from national and local activists and the media. Atlanta activists vowed to press for sodomy repeal in 1991, and blasted homophobic remarks made by Georgia's Speaker of the House during the course of the bill.

The repeal bill, sponsored by Cynthia McKinney (D-Atlanta), would have exempted all consenting adults from prosecution under the sodomy law. McKinney's father, Bill (D-Atlanta), had introduced a bill that would have criminalized only Gay sex.

On February 1, the House Special Judiciary Committee voted 7-3 to send Cynthia McKinney's bill to the floor. But, the younger McKinney's bill was amended to resemble her father's Gay-only bill. Even that bill proved to be too much for the Georgia lawmakers, who quickly killed the bill, 64-to-44.

Before the vote, House Speaker Tom Murphy, told the **Atlanta Constitution-Journal** he didn't "know enough about sodomy to talk about. Believe, I don't know about it." In response to a Atlanta Gay and Lesbian demonstration against sodomy laws on January 8, Murphy said, "Those Gay people, I didn't go around them. I didn't want to get too close."

Frank Gets Frank

[Windy City Times]- A speech delivered by Representative Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) to a District of Columbia young adults group in being hailed as the "Gay State of the Union Address."

As reported **Philadelphia Gay News**, Frank observed that "the degree of prejudice against Gay men and Lesbians appears to have diminished substantially. We have made enormous strides."

"As frustrated as you are — and should be — about the continued level of bigotry, let me tell you that Bill Dannemeyer and Jesse Helms are a lot more frustrated because there's not really as much bigotry now as there used to be," Frank said. Dannemeyer and Helms are the two most outspokenly anti-Gay legislators on Capitol Hill — Dannemeyer, a U.S. representative from Southern California, and Helms, a senator from North Carolina.

While affirming the role of selective civil disobedience actions — so long as they take the moral high road — Frank said, "I still believe that we'll make most of our progress politically (and) ultimately the political progress will continue to work precisely as more and more people get active.

"Being involved," he concluded, "registering to vote, lobbying — it works. People do pay attention."

New York Mayor Appoints Gay Doctor

New York, NY [Windy City Times]- New York Mayor David Dinkins has announced the appointment of an openly gay man, Dr. Billy E. Jones, as his new Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Alcoholism Services.

The appointment took effect on February 1.

Dr. Jones appears to be the first openly gay person to be appointed to a commissioner-level job in New York City history.

Interviewed by New York's **Outweek**, which described him as "lively, energetic," and 51, Jones said, "I want to help people understand that being Gay is not a mental health problem, although there are Gays who suffer from mental illness." Rather, he said, "I want to help people understand that if they are against Gays and Lesbians then they have a problem."

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He also indicated an intention to create special programs to meet unique community needs including those of Harvey Milk School, SAGE (a program for Gay and Lesbian seniors), the Hetrick-Martin Institute (concerned with Gay youth), and the Gay Men's Health Crisis.

Lesbians Awarded NEA Grants

Washington, D.C. [Equal Times]- The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has selected three openly Lesbian women as winners of \$20,000 grants to support their individual writing projects for three years.

Audre Lord, Minnie Bruce Pratt, and Chrystos were selected for their poetry writing and were among 97 American writers chosen for the NEA Creative Writing Fellowships for 1990.

All three women are well known for their homoerotic work. NEA's decision to award them the grant comes at a time when Congress has instructed the agency not to support projects which "promote, disseminate, or produce materials which may be considered obscene. That instruction came via an amendment introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms to an appropriation bill which funds NEA. But Congress added language to the amendment which waives these restrictions if the material has "serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value."

Gays Picket Racist Products

San Francisco [Equal Times]- A week after a group of Gay activists held an informational picket to protest the "racist and offensive wares" of a Castro district gift shop, the store's owner pulled the merchandise off the shelves.

The San Francisco chapter of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) called for the picket of Does Your Mother Know, a popular card and gift shop, after a meeting with the store's manager failed to convince him to change the store's

policies on carrying material considered racially offensive.

Complaints from shoppers about a series of racially insensitive greeting cards and knick-knacks being sold at Does Your Mother Know first surfaced during the Christmas shopping season prompting representatives of BWMT to request a meeting with Owens.

The shop carried pick-a-ninny magnets, hambone pins, sambo salt and pepper shakers, and a photo greeting card depicting destitute black children in ragged clothing. The greeting in the card read, "If you get somethin' good for your birthday... Can I have it?"

More than 250 people participated in the picket, and several hundred signed a petition pledging not to shop at the store until the merchandise was removed.

"Racism doesn't get much attention in the Gay community," one protester was quoted in the Bay Reporter article. "It's an underlying issue around a lot of other issues in the Gay community, including AIDS funding and the accessibility of services. What a victory." ▽



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• **M&M Tree of Hope** sponsored by Randy Frank, a continuing fundraiser in January in which the cumulative collection totaled over \$2500.

• **Milwaukee Repertory** for its continuing benefit performances in the Stackner Cabaret. January's benefit Raised over \$1,375.

• **Mike & Anna's Restaurant** for a special January fundraiser in which a percentage of restaurant dinners were donated to MAP totaling \$284.

We also thank LaCage and Jet's for holding Valentine's Day fundraisers to be reported next time! "Thank You" to all our supporters. All funds donated from bar fundraisers are designated for MAP programs.

Erotic Handbook For Gay Men

[Madison]- A special project is being undertaken this year at the **Madison AIDS Support Network**. It is the creation of an "erotic handbook" for Gay men comprised of erotic art, fantasy tales, actual experiences, comics, poems and safe sexual "turn-ons". The goal of the project is to create a collection of works that affirm Gay sexuality and encourage safe expression of sex.

Sound interesting? MASN would love to hear your ideas and welcomes any art/writing that you might want to submit.

Men who have never shared their drawings or writing or guys who would like to start doing it are especially encouraged to do so! MASN is looking for

material that reflects the diversity of our community. Again, the categories are as follows:

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Hot-N-Healthy

[Madison]- "Hot-n-Healthy," a six week program for Gay men, will be offered this spring beginning March 26. The sessions include massage/bodywork techniques, discussion of creative, erotic safer sex and dating/intimacy skills. The cost of the entire program is \$15. Free H-n-H poster for all participants!

Call now to register at Madison AIDS Support Network (608) 255- 1711.

Chicago To Host BWMT Conference

Chicago- The Chicago Chapter of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) will host the 1990 Spring Regional of the organization's Midland region. The Regional will be held April 20-22 at the Holiday Inn City Centre.

Under the theme "Vision for the 1990s," the Regional will bring together members of chapters throughout the Great Lakes and Central states. Workshops will feature topics such as women's issues, substance abuse, spirituality and Latino Gay issues. A banquet will be held April 20 with a keynote speaker yet to be confirmed.

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Gay Youth Milw. (regular peer group meetings) P.O. Box 09441, 53209	265-8500
Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event) c/o 144 N. Water, 53202	278-8686
Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203	445-5552
Lesbian Alliance Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) 931-0008 / 264-4354	332-1527
Milw. Trackers (running/hiking grp.)	
Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers [MAGF] P.O. Box 93503, 53203	
MLGPC (Pride Week Committee) 225 S. 2nd St., 53204	32-PRIDE
Metro Milw. Friendship Group [MMFG] P.O. Box 93203, Milwaukee 53203	

Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers P.O. Box 531, 53202	871-2362
Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network P.O. Box 204, 53201	278-0880 449-9800
Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.)	
People Living With AIDS Coalition 315 W. Court, 53212	273-2437
Oberons (L/L social grp.) Box 07423, 53207	
Saturday Softball Beer League [SSBL] P.O. Box 92605, 53202	
10% Society at UW-Milwaukee Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201	229-6555
Gay Bicycling 2511 N. Farwell, Unit L, 53211	963-9833

RELIGIOUS

Dignity (G/L Catholic Church) P.O. Box 597, 53201	444-7177
Lutherans Concerned 1144 N. 44 St., 53208	344-0690
New Hope MCC (G/L Catholic Church) P.O. Box 93913, 53202	442-7300
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ) 130 E. Juneau Ave.	273-7617
UCCL/GC (United Church of Christ) P.O. Box 07168, 53207	645-2678

MEDICAL

Brady East STD Clinic [BESTD] (VD, HIV testing, hepatitis screening) 1240 E. Brady	272-2144
Milwaukee AIDS Project [MAP] 315 W. Court St., 53212- office/staff	273-1991 273-2437
AIDS Information	
National Coalition Gay STD Services P.O. Box 239, 53201	277-7671
Women's Alternative Health Clinic 1240 E. Brady	272-2144

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Association BWMT, will also meet during the weekend.

Registration for the conference is \$55, which includes Saturday breakfast, the banquet and Sunday brunch. Rooms at the Holiday Inn City Centre have been reserved at a special rate for the conference only. The flat fee of \$75 per night will be charged regardless of the number of occupants (up to four) in the room. Reservations should be made by March 23, 1990, by calling the hotel directly at 312-787-6100.

BWMT is a Gay, interracial organization which engages in educational, political, cultural and social activities as a means of dealing with

racism, sexism, homophobia and other inequities in our communities and in our lives. For more information on the Regional, call the BWMT hotline, 312-334-2012.

Black Pageant

Milwaukee's S.M.T.J. Mass Pageant Productions has set the date of Sunday, May 6th for the first Mr. and Miss Black Wisconsin "On the Move" Pageant.

This is a Gay pageant, with the Miss category intended for female impersonators. Location for the pageant has not yet been announced. For more information or details, call the Pageant Committee at (414) 933-3806.

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Miss Gay Great Lakes

King Productions has purchased a second franchise for the Miss Gay USA Pageant, the Miss Gay Great Lakes USA Pageant, which will be held March 17 & 18 at the Pivot Club in Appleton.

The Miss Gay Great Lakes Pageant is 'open', meaning contestants from the entire nation may enter. Inquiries have already been received from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, as well as Wisconsin. In order for a contestant to enter the national Miss Gay USA contest, they must win or come in first runner-up in one of these local franchised pageants.

King also owns the Miss Gay Wisconsin USA franchise in which Tania Michaels was crowned winner and Alicia Kelly first runner up. That contest was held August 20, '89 at the Pivot Club.

Tania and Alicia will represent Wisconsin USA title, along with the top two finalists in Great Lakes USA at the Miss Gay USA Pageant in Louisville, Kentucky from April 4-8, 1990. Since the Miss Gay USA Pageant is held in a different city each year, Jimmy King hopes franchiser Jerry Bird will consider Milwaukee for the '91 USA Pageant.

For more information, or to enter, write: King Productions, PO Box 8932, Waukegan, IL 60079.

What is PLWAC?

Milwaukee The People Living With AIDS Coalition (PLWAC) of Wisconsin is an organization that advocates for the rights of HIV infected people with regard to health care, social services, employment, and to promote other issues of importance to people affected by AIDS and HIV infection.

The Coalition is open to all HIV infected people in Wisconsin, as well as anyone interested in volunteering or supporting the Coalitions causes. Meetings are held twice a month, and they also publish a newsletter with a goal to provide readers with the most accurate, up-to-date and most beneficial information on AIDS they can.

The Coalition hopes to provide members and friends with vital and helpful information in relation to HIV disease, treatment therapies, AIDS research, nutrition, alternative treatments, holistic approaches, political and social issues, legal concerns, events, bulletins and support services as well as a resource directory.

Persons Living With AIDS rights, according to the Coalition newsletter are: "We have the right to a full and satisfying life; to quality medical treatment and social service provisions without discrimination in any form; to full explanation of all medical procedures and risks; to choose or refuse treatment

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- Gay Alcoholics Anonymous 257-7575
- Badgerland Narcotics Anonymous 257-1747
- G/L Educational Employees c/o MTI, 821 Williamson St., 53707 255-8582
- Gay Fathers c/o United 255-8582
- Galvanize (G/L pride organizers) P.O. Box 1403, 53701 255-8061
- Gay Outdoor (recreation group) P.O. Box 8234, 53708 244-8675
- Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians P.O. Box 1722, 53701 271-0270
- L/G Youth of Madison P.O. Box 2675, 53701 246-4297
- Madison Gay Men's Chorus 286-0425
- 2005 Pike Dr. #5, 53713 244-8875
- Madison Wrestling Club P.O. Box 8234, 53708 244-8886
- Men Over 30 (support group) P.O. Box 8234, 53708 244-8886

- New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation) P.O. Box 1786, 53701
- QUAC (Queers Action Committee) P.O. Box 2675, 53701 246-4297
- 10% Society (student organization) Box 614, Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 262-7365
- United (education, counseling, advocacy) 310 E. Wilson, 53715 255-8582
- Womansong 246-2681

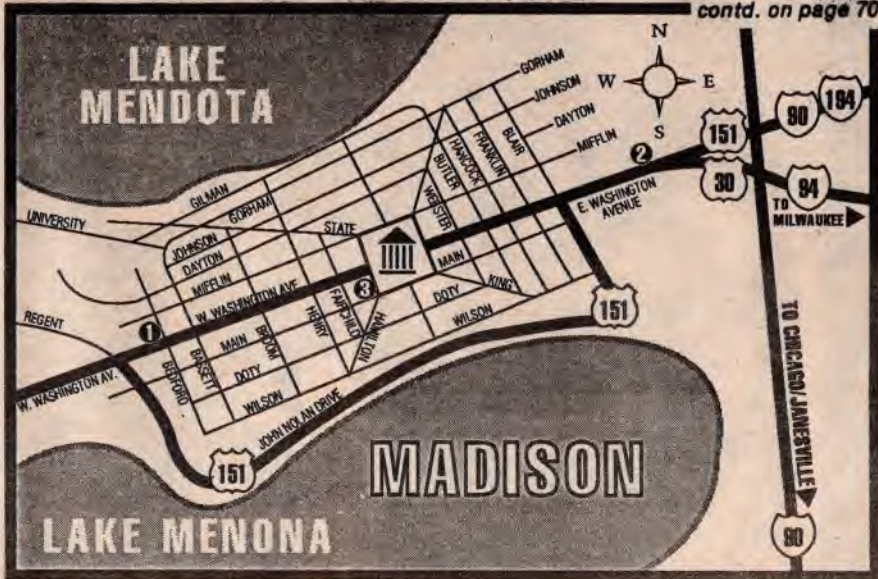
RELIGIOUS

- Integrity/Dignity Box 730, 53701 836-886
- Affirmation (L/G United Methodists) 256-2352

BARS

- 2 Club 3054 (WM, DJ, V) 3054 E. Washington 241-4977
- 1 Red's (Mw, L/L, D) 636 W. Washington (rear) 255-0909
- 1 The New Bar (MW, DJ, V) 636 W. Washington (upstairs) 256-8765
- 3 Shamrock Bar (GS, MW, F, D) 117 W. Main St. 255-5029

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modalities; to refuse to participate in research without jeopardizing treatment; to make informed decisions about our care and treatment; to privacy and to confidentiality of medical records; to human respect and to choose who our significant others are; and to live and die with dignity."

To find out more about the Coalition, write: PLWA Coalition, 315 W. Court, PO Box 92505, Milwaukee, WI 53202. or, phone 273-2437 in Milwaukee.

Gay Fathers Prog.'s

Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers announced two programs dealing with whether, (and how), to "come out" to our children, parents, and significant others.

The February 15 program focused on the children of lesbian and gay parents. Children, regardless of age, who have gay or lesbian parents are invited to serve on a panel or to send letters sharing their experiences and feelings. The March 15 program will include a panel of parents and friends of lesbians and gays.

For more information about participating in the programs or attending the meetings, write to P.O. Box 93505, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Gay Support Groups

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc, has announced that support groups for gay men are offered at the center located at 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue,

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Milwaukee. Facilitators for the support groups are needed. Group experience is necessary.

For more information on the support group or to become a facilitator, contact 271-2526.

Older Lesbians To Celebrate

The Fourth Annual **Golden Threads** Celebration will take place on June 22-24, 1990 at the Holiday Inn in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Lesbians from all over the United States, many from Canada and other countries, will converge in Provincetown to celebrate what they are and their age, whatever that is.

The highlight of the celebration will be a banquet, followed by the internationally known folk singer and Lesbian entertainer, Alix Dobkin. The evening's festivities will conclude with dancing. During the weekend, rap sessions will be offered.

In existence since 1985, **Golden Threads** is a worldwide network of Lesbians over 50, and women who are interested in older women — no Lesbian is excluded. A contact publication, **Golden Threads**, is published four times a year. It lists many self-descriptions of Lesbians, resources, book reviews and an editorial, which addresses the interests and concerns of the older Lesbian.

For more information please contact: Christine Burton, **Golden Threads**, P.O. Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031.

Youth Pamphlets Available

[Boston, MA]- A unique, affirmative, and much-needed series of pamphlets designed for young people who are questioning their sexual orientation is now available. The two pamphlets entitled, "I Think I Might Be a Lesbian/I Think I might Be Gay.... Now What Do I Do?" were produced by the Campaign to End Homophobia, a national network of people who work to end homophobia through information sharing and education.

The pamphlets were designed by two sexuality educators based on their conversations with young Lesbians and Gay men; quotes from the young people are sprinkled throughout the text. The peer education aspect is certainly one of the leading factors in the success of the project.

The pamphlets are boldly honest. "I... told (my friends) I was no different now than I was five minutes before I told them, except that now I wasn't keeping a big secret from them." -Terryle, age 16. "...When I first met another Gay person, it was incredible, refreshing, reassuring, touching, awesome and wonderful." -James.

The Campaign to End Homophobia produced these materials to fill the gap in resources available to adolescents, knowing that most sex education curricula are written with the assumption that all teens are heterosexual. To youth questioning their sexuality, these pamphlets are an affirming and supportive breath of fresh air. To heterosexual youth, they are an eye-opening learning experience. To parents and adults working with Lesbian and Gay youth, they are an effective educational tool. For more information on the Campaign to End Homophobia, or for copies of the pamphlets, contact Cooper Thompson at (617) 868-8280.

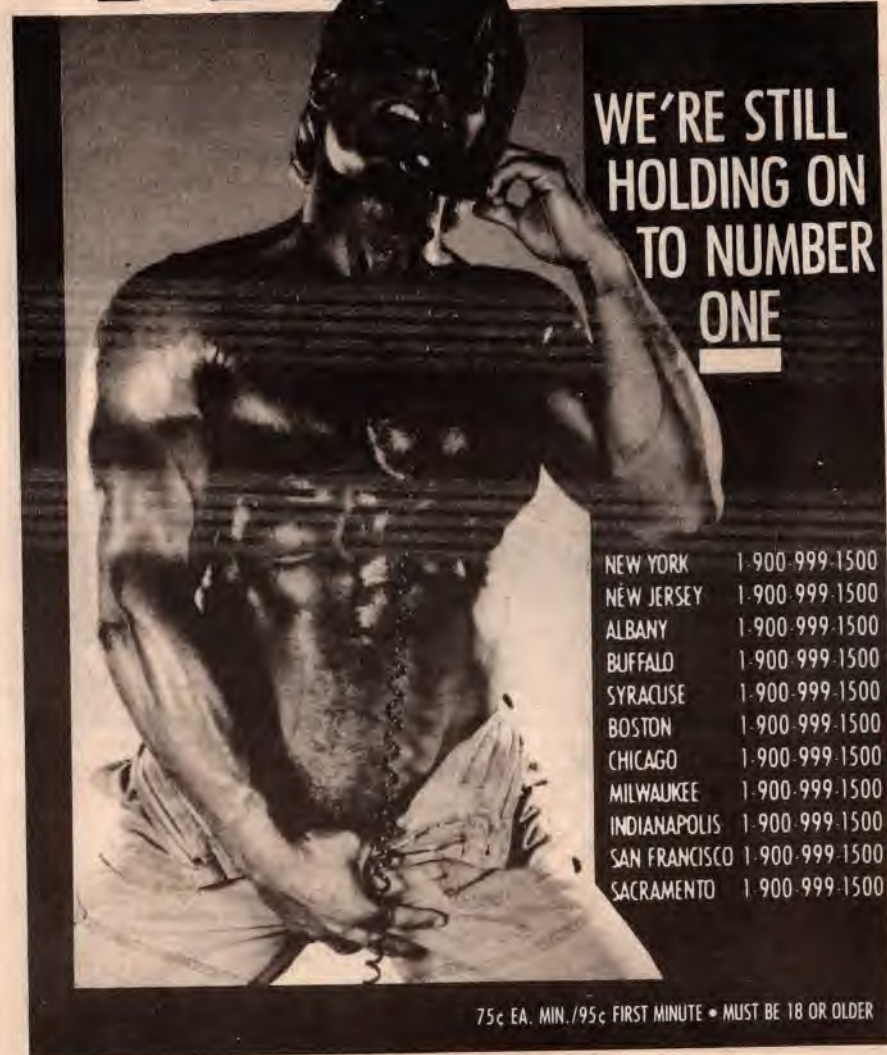
Lutherans Concerned

Chicago- The Board of Directors of **Lutherans Concerned/North America (LC/NA)** is planning to host the largest group of Gay and Lesbian Lutherans ever assembled at the organization's upcoming biennial convention. Assembly '90 marks LC/NA's sixteenth year of working for Lesbian and Gay understanding within the church and will be the group's seventh such gathering.

The international assembly will be held on the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago July 19-22. The four day event will provide a basis for networking among LC/NA members who are continually working to bring about reconciliation between the Lutheran Church and the Gay and Lesbian community. Assembly '90 is

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8 Pivot Club (MW,DJ,V) 4815 W. Prospect (Hwy BB) Appleton 730-0440
 Sharlock's Home (Mw,G/S,F) 733 Pennsylvania, Sheboygan

ORGANIZATIONS

Parents & Friends of G/L (PFLAG-Lakeshore) Box 1396, Sheboygan 53081
 Fox Valley AIDS Project 120 N. Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911
 Center Project, Inc. Fox Valley Ext. 733-2067
 UW-Oshkosh 10% Society 207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901
 Gay/Lesbian Support Group UW-O Counseling Center 424-2061
 Synergy (AIDS Support Network) P.O. Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935 235-5100

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3 Brandy's II (Mw,L/L) 1126 Main St. 432-3917
 4 Grand West (MW) 1444 Main St. 433-9601
 5 MJR's Loft (Wm,DJ) 2328 University 468-9968
 1 Napelose Lounge (MW,DJ) 515 S. Broadway 432-9646
 2 Java's (MW) 720 Bodart (rear) 435-5476
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ORGANIZATIONS

Angel of Hope (MCC Church) P.O. Box 672, 54305 437-3816
 Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club) P.O. Box 1285, 54305
 Dignity (Gay Catholic Church) Box 2283, 54306 494-8904
 Gay AA (Meeting Weekly) Center Project, Inc. (CPI)-(HIV Test/Counsel) P.O. Box 1062, 54305 437-7400

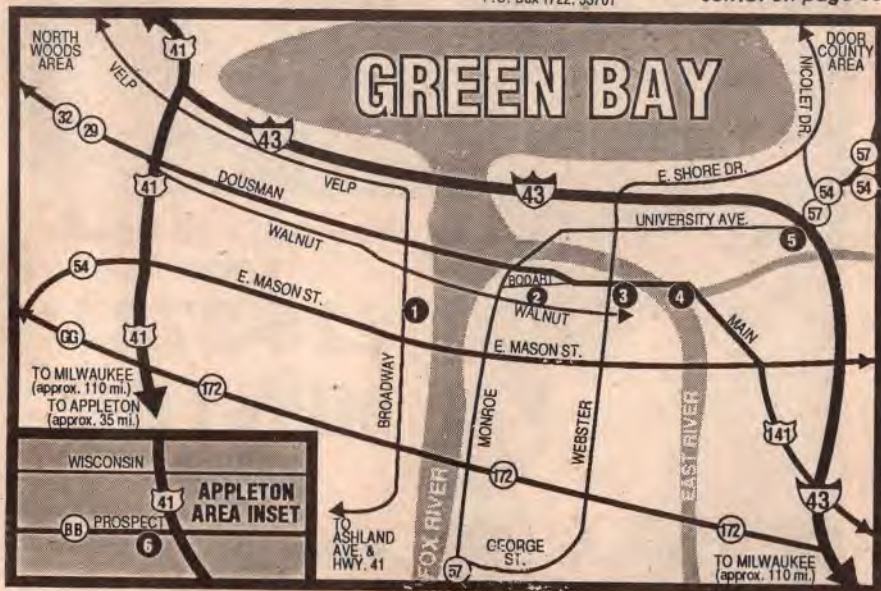
MADISON [608]

MEDICAL

Madison AIDS Support Network (support & counseling) P.O. Box 731, 53701 255-1711
 Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday) 1552 University Avenue 262-7330

ORGANIZATIONS

Gay/Lesbian Phone Line 255-4297
 Gay/Lesbian Information Recording (Ask for tape #3333) 263-3100
 Gay/Lesbian Resource Center P.O. Box 1722, 53701 contd. on page 68



intended to provide an atmosphere where people can experience a familiar yet fresh approach to spirituality and community.

Registration fees are divided into member/non-member categories. Reduced "Early-bird" registration fee (Member: US\$ 150; Non-member US\$ 180) is available for those who register before May 1. After that date regular registration fees will apply (Member US\$ 165; Non-member US \$200). Housing costs are US\$15/person/night for double rooms, and US\$30/person/night for single rooms.

For further information or to receive a registration form, write to Assembly '90 Mailbox, P.O. Box 10197, Fort Dearborn Station, Chicago, IL 60610.



[L to R] Judith Johns, Exec. Dir. of Chicago's Howard Brown Memorial Clinic welcomes R. Bruce Duchossis and Holly Hunt as Honorary Co-Chairs of the May 31st benefit performance of "The Phantom of the Opera" to raise money for AIDS Support Services. Ticket prices are \$250, \$150, and \$100. A pre-performance reception and post show party will be available. For ticket info/orders, call 312-871-5777.

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Galano- Afternoon card tournament at the Clubroom, 2408 N. Farwell.

Dignity- Mass & Friendship, 6pm, St. Pius X Church, 76th & Wright, Tower Entrance.

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

MAP Support Group- For PWA's & PWARC's, 7 pm, 273-2437.

Lutherans Concerned- Services 9:00 am and 11:00 am, Village Church, 130 E. Juneau.

Bisexual Women's Group [Madison]- 7:30 to 9:00pm 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 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Ct. f.m.i. Jane at 271-0270 or the United at 255-8582.

Best HIV & Support Group- Meeting, 7pm, call 272-2144 for location.

HIV Positive Support [Green Bay]- Meets bi-weekly at Center Project, f.m.i. 437-7400.

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

PFLAG/Lakeshore [Sheboygan]- Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1st Tues. of each month. Info. write: P.O. Box 1396, Sheboygan 53082.

BEST- STD testing 6-9 pm, walk-in, BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (272-2144).

MAP- Support Group for family, friends of Persons with AIDS (PWA's); Alternate Tues., f.m.i. call 273-2437.

HIV-Positive Support Group [Madison]- 7-9 pm, call 255-1711 for time and location.

Gay Men's Chorale [Madison]- Rehearsal in Memorial Union, see TITU for room, 6-9 pm.

Evangelicals Concerned [Madison]- Bible study at 7:30 pm, f.m.i. Duane at 244-5010.

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For people with AIDS or ARC, f.m.i. 255-1711.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Cream City Chorus- weekly rehearsals, 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.

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.

MAP Support Group- Info & education regarding HIV infection & treatments, 7 pm, 273-2437.

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

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

Men's Coming Out Support Group [Madison]- Meets, f.m.i. 255-8582.

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

Milwaukee Trackers- 3 mile run, depart Lake Park Pavilion, 7 pm. Meet at picnic tables next to bowling green. 332-1527.

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.

Lesbian Drop-In Group [Madison]- 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm, The United.

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group [Appleton]- 8 pm, 1st Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Rd.

FRIDAYS

Trollop Club- 1st Fri.: Club Meeting. Open to members and non-members, at Station 2, 9:30 pm 3rd Friday-Birthday night for members birthdays that month- Station 2, 8 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Women's Alternative Health Clinic- GYN exams, STD testing and more. 10am-12 noon, walk-in. BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St., 272-2144.

GAMMA- Saturday Volleyball League, 7th season; games from 3:00-6:00 pm most Saturdays; UWM Englemann Hall.

Galano- Movie night; 9pm, 2408 N. Farwell.

BWMT- 3rd Sat., 8 pm, 225 S. 2nd; 265-8500 for more info.

Gay Youth Milw.- Discussion group- 1st & 3rd Sat. only 1-3 pm, Main Public Library (9th & Wis.), 1st floor meeting room: (18 yrs & under)- 265-8500 for info.

Gay AA [Appleton]- 8 pm, 1st Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Rd.

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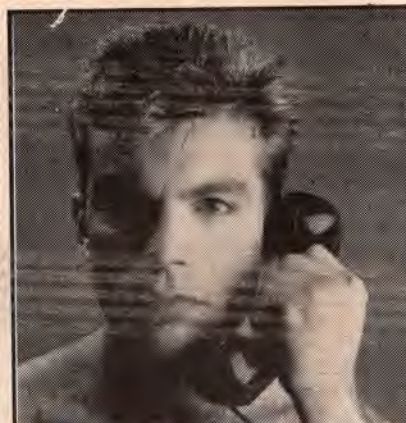
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Graffiti

Hatched: From a capsule on the mysterious planet Debbie **The Wicked Scientist**

Tim L. [Madison]: Happy Birthday. I'd send you a present but you couldn't get a better present than Mark. Best wishes to you both. **Dan S. [Milw.]**

Mace: Welcome to Wisconsin, glad you are here **Randy**

Carol [Brandy's II]: Stay out of jail, girl! Next time, keep the Southern Comfort away from the cops! **Ron**

Jill: As it was once said, 'Blame it on the Rain'. **J**

Chris: As time goes by things change and so do people. Have faith in what you have cause I do!! **Judy**

Mark and Mark: You two are the greatest! Thanks for the support you've both given me, I love you both. **Judy**

Kathy: Follow your heart. Don't do anything you'll resent later. **Love, Sis**

Thanks: To all the staff and friends who gave their time and talents for a good cause at our first 'Follies'. We collected a total \$1,015 for S.E.W.A.P. **Bob, Club 94**

Happy Birthday: Jet and Bob **Love, Miss 'M'**

Happy 50th Michael: or was it 28th again! **Ha Ha, Dan**

John [Philly]: Come back to me, I'm beggin' you please... **Love, Mike**

Timmy [Raffles]: Thank you for being my 'Welcome Wagon', your gin and tonics are the best! **Mike**

Phyllis: Glad we didn't have that 'Cat fight', I like HIS best friend. **Nadine**

Mimi: How much is that tuition fee?! Who aren't I supposed to tell? \$5,000 is really steep... Meryl Steep! Sounds 'fishy.' **Play-dine**

Mark: I've got my other half now, maybe as long as you and Ed. **Chris**

Jim: What exactly did you leave in Ess Eff? **Paul & Staff**

Steve: Don't get to talk to you much anymore. Our little talks were quite stimulating. Really. Get in touch with me, you know where I am at. **Brent**

Gabriel: Thanks for being there when I needed you these last few weeks. You have been a really good friend, and I don't think there is anything I could do to repay you. Well, how about the money you owe me? Anyway, thanks a ton!! **Brenda**

Jerry: I am not sure if you remember me, we met at La Cage a few months back. (Gabe introduced us.) Anyway, I was pretty rude to you and I just wanted to apologize. I lost you when the bar closed. I had changed my mind, but you were gone. Is the offer still open? Hope so. **The guy with the gray jacket.**

Letters

Dear In Step Readers:

"Darla's View" in the February 15, 1990 Edition of In Step presented a starting point on legal arrangements needed in Lesbian and Gay relationships. However, there are a few points that should be noted.

Self-help is the best service available to Lesbians and Gays. Couples who purchase copies of self-help guides for wills, powers of attorney and other legal arrangements save costly attorney's fees. With these, they can present their intentions clearly to an attorney as well as developing a full understanding of the process. However, it is very important to take these agreements to an attorney for review. To assure that the individuals interests are protected in the long run, and that the stability of the documents are less in question, each partner should have their own attorney.

And, though it's not obvious when you're in love, if one partner has some doubt, then it is best not to have these agreements or to have a very clear understanding of how they will be terminated. My own experience has shown that one partner can be unnecessarily hostile when deciding to back out of joint legal arrangements. A bitter confrontation that has worse implications than a heterosexual divorce can ensue. But, for the lovers who have a real commitment to the relationship, joint legal arrangements may be the only way to protect the long-term legitimacy of their partnership.

Best wishes, and lots of love to those who find that special person for that once-in-a-lifetime commitment.

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The 1990 Census And Us

By Ivy Young, NGLTF

Washington, D.C. As you can see, 1990 ends in a zero. That means its time for the decennial count, by the Census Bureau, of the entire U.S. population.

Ordinarily, the Census Bureau ritual would be of little or no consequence to the Gay/Lesbian community. But this year things are slightly different. Unlike past national counts, the 1990 census could have a direct impact on some of the issues affecting Lesbians and Gay men.

For the first time ever, the Census Bureau has added the category "unmarried partner" to the relationship section of the questionnaire. Expanding the selection choice beyond "roommate/partner" or "roomer/boarder", a new category is, according to some sources, the Bureau's attempt to get an accurate count of the number of heterosexual couples living together without "benefit of marriage."

By simple deduction, however, census officials will also be able to determine the number of same-sex couples living together in committed relationships. That same-sex couples information will be published along with the statistics on heterosexual unmarried partners. For those of us working in the Gay/Lesbian families arena, that information could prove vital to the success of our efforts in the future.

The Census Bureau has been roundly criticized for its failure to alert affected groups that the question even exists, or, for that matter, what "unmarried partner" actually means.

The Census Bureau does not perceive, or more likely, does not care that for Lesbian/Gay couples answering the survey honestly involves more than a simple check off. The issue of government intrusion and privacy is a crucial one for many Lesbians and Gay men; yet, census officials have made no effort to counter the

fear and apprehension that could lead to a serious undercount of same-sex couples.

Given the Census Bureau's negligence, lack of forethought, and apparent disregard of the Gay and Lesbian community, what are our options regarding the 1990 census?

For some activists in our community, the answer is a simple one: boycott the 1990 Census. Their rationale is basically the criticisms outlined above; a serious lack of outreach by the Census Bureau, couple with a deep-seated concern over confidentiality, will lead to a gross undercount and a skewed statistical profile.

Unfortunately, this issue is more complex, and requires more than a simple solution. Whether we choose to answer or not, the question is on the survey. Statistics will be gathered, no matter what. Whether we choose to answer or not, we will be living with the results of the census for the next decade.

Some Lesbian and Gay activists have predicted that as few as ten percent of those couples affected by the "unmarried partner" question will respond honestly.

Yes, there will be an undercount of Gay and Lesbian couples, just as there is with every other minority constituency in the United States. And, just as leaders in those communities have done following past national counts, we too will be able to offer cogent arguments about why the numbers are not accurate: Census Bureau insensitivity, fears about confidentiality, the chilling effect of the on-going climate of homophobia in the U.S., etc.

Our responsibility now is to provide for our community what Census Bureau officials did not — information and education. Our community must be persuaded to put aside the fear of being exposed and answer the Census honestly. We have nothing to lose by being truthful.

The struggle to have our relationships and our families recognized and protected will assume much greater urgency in the decade to come. Accurate statistics gathered from the 1990 Census could provide us with a small, but important weapon to help wage that struggle.



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Health

Health News Update

AIDS DRUG TRIALS The National Institutes of Health (NIH), in order to make information about their current AIDS drug studies more readily available to health care providers and patients, has a new 800 number, 1-800-AIDSNIH (243-7644). NIH staff members will be available to answer questions Monday through Friday, from noon-3pm Eastern Standard Time. Those calling at any other time may leave a name and number and calls will be returned. Callers are assured of complete confidentiality.

The NIH depends on volunteers for inpatient and outpatient studies of new AIDS drugs and vaccines. If a patient is accepted for a protocol and enrolls in a study, all subsequent travel expenses are paid by NIH. In addition, all medical care provided at NIH is free.

FUNGAL INFECTION DRUGS The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the use of the drug fluconazole for use in cryptococcal meningitis, an inflammation of the brain and nervous system; and for candidiasis (thrush), which causes sores in the mouth and throat.

Pfizer, Inc. markets the drug under the trade name Diflucan. The FDA reports 85-90 percent of PWA's have

candidiasis.

Possible side effects of the new drug include stomach discomfort, nausea, and occasionally liver damage and severe skin rashes.

Other currently available treatments for candidiasis are ketoconazole and clotrimazole. An earlier treatment used, amphotericin B, against cryptococcal meningitis, can have serious side effects including impairment of kidney function and the suppression of bone marrow.

TREATMENTS IN THE WORKS A new line of attack against HIV are 'Protease Inhibitors', drugs which block an enzyme that HIV needs to reproduce. Upjohn Co. and Smith-Kline Beecham PLC both announced similar results from different compounds that attack a different target within HIV than does AZT. A year ago, Merck & Co. unveiled a three-dimensional computer model of this enzyme, called a protease a breakthrough allowing precise design of compounds that might shut it down.

These developments signal a new class of anti-AIDS drugs is in the works, although years of testing will be required before their worth is fully evaluated.

While AZT works only on newly infected cells, these new chemicals are

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plwa coalition

PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS OF WISCONSIN

The PLWA Coalition is an organization of People Living With AIDS which has taken up the mission of advocacy of AIDS-related issues. We are attempting to contact People Living With AIDS who are HIV+ to develop an agenda of their needs. Some of the issues include:

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intended to attack in the late stages of the virus' life, when it begins gearing up to reproduce following a dormant period inside a previously infected cell. HIV typically falls dormant after infection and can remain hidden in inactive cells for as long as 15 years. It would arrest the maturation of the virus and prevent new infectious virus from forming.

The compounds would most likely be taken in combination with other anti-HIV drugs, such as AZT.

No one drug is expected to control HIV infection. It is expected that future therapies will be a combination of drugs.

Other treatments include other 'Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors', like AZT, which interfere with an enzyme the virus uses to take over a cell's genetic machinery and reproduce. Researchers are working on a model of that enzyme, which could help them design drugs more effective and less toxic than AZT.

Another compound is 'Soluble CD4', which are genetically engineered molecules that attract and latch onto HIV, keeping it from key immune cells. In lab dishes, the decoy molecules soak up HIV, but in early human studies, the drugs seem to cause no harm, but also to do no good. Researchers are back in their labs to see how they might make it work.

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Terry, born and raised in Milwaukee, now resides in Mequon and works full time as a Rehabilitation Specialist, helping patients recover from severe head injuries at the Lakefront Center in Mequon.

He's a former Minister and played the organ in the church, and felt that "Milwaukee always needed a piano bar." His fantasy was always to play at such a bar, and after YP closed (he was a regular), he found out Jim was going to purchase a piano, and he sort of volunteered for the job. (Psst...He's single and unattached, by the way!)

Some of Terry's favorite music is New Age Piano, and he incorporates some of this music into his repertoire at Partners. Playing the piano is the way Terry entertains himself, and he really enjoys it. You'll see that love come out of him as he tenderly plays oldies, current hits, sing-alongs and much more.

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Chicago's Rockets dance troupe kept things hot at Janesville's New Leaf.

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SSBL Ready For Season

The **Saturday Softball Beer League, SSBL**, is gearing up for its 13th season of organized softball playing in Milwaukee. Teams are now forming for the 1990 softball season. Anyone interested in playing should contact a sponsor bar.

At the league's first organization meeting of the year, the team managers set the sponsor fee at \$300, the same as last year. The same fee was retained, despite substantially increased costs to the league for softball diamonds. \$150 was due by March 1, and another \$150 by April 1. Sponsors may mail their fee to: SSBL, PO Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI. 53202, or give it to any league officer.

The next league meeting will be held on Sunday, April 4 at 2pm at the Foundation Community Center, 225 South 2nd Street. All are welcome to attend the meeting. Any new sponsor may attend or send a representative to this meeting.

Plans are well underway for the **11th Annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament** over Memorial Day Weekend. This year's tournament will start on Friday, May 25 and continue thru Sunday, May 27. Approximately 40 teams from throughout the United States and Canada are expected to participate in this event, making it one of the largest softball tournaments except for the Gay World Series. The Marc Plaza will serve as the host hotel, and the awards banquet will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the hotel.

SSBL Commissioners Pat LaSota (women's), and Ron Thomas (open), represented Milwaukee at the annual spring meeting of the **North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance, [NAGAAA]**. The meetings were held in Pittsburgh, host city for the 1990 Gay Softball World Series. Three Milwaukee teams a Competitive, Recreational, and a

Women's team, will be going to Pittsburgh in August to participate in the annual series.



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that we talk about is only those who are exclusively gay or lesbian. There are many, many more who have had heterosexual encounters as part of our sexuality, and for those of us who are secure enough to admit to... our speckled pasts of heterosexuality - ... big deal. The issue is: How do you present yourself to the world? How do you identify yourself? What is your cultural and political identification? That's the issue when you talk about leadership, when you're talking about organizations..."

Well, more and more bi people are identifying as bi and organizing bi groups. Perhaps a bisexual community is now emerging because the modern Gay/Lesbian movement has matured - it is, after all, a generation old - 20 years at least; are bi people (ironically) the offsprings of these young adults? Many bi people have given time, energy, leadership and support to the Lesbian/Gay rights movement and community, but have not always felt accepted by them. At the same time, bi people feel part of and apart from the movement and community. Perhaps that is why they are creating their own groups and communities now. In any case, there is a strong sense among bi people of alignment and solidarity with the lesbian and gay communities.

And in San Francisco this coming June 20-24, there will be an international bi convention to formalize what now already exists: the North American Bisexual Network.

In upcoming columns, we'll explore these emerging communities and groups, the people who comprise them, and how they see the world similarly to and differently from gays, lesbians and straights.

For more information about groups or the newsletter, contact Gibbin Publications, P.O. Box 20917, Long Beach, CA 90801, (213) 597-2799.



The Pivot Club's Anniversary celebration and Grand reopening party after extensive remodeling found many staffers and friends with big smiles.



Pivot manager John, and his boss Gordie.



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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

February provided a much broader menu of activities for us all to pick and choose from, and was also to be the month many bars either started or wrapped-up remodeling projects. It's a notoriously slow business month for many clubs, providing a perfect opportunity to re-do to their hearts content.

The Pivot Club did the most extensive job, and cleared the sawdust just in time for their grand re-opening and 4th Anniversary week-long celebration. John, Gordon and their staff did a fabulous job with the place. The only things that haven't changed are the quiet bar, and the main island bar, my two favorite spots. (There's nothing better than a big, oval island-style bar for cruising... remember the old Factory?)

The Pivot, besides installing platformed, terraced seating areas, new dance floor, DJ booth, etc., also added an entirely new lighting and sound system. A two-story dressing room and new stage were built for performers and shows. All

that, plus new wall treatments and carpeting. It's no longer a small-town club...they'd even do well in the 'Big Apple.' Congratulations!

Club 219 is continuing with their evolution. Bobby and his boys are constantly working on new projects, and Vizio is finishing up with the very chic, hi-tech lighting and sound system changes. Bobby points toward late Spring before everything's done. His 'girls' got a new dressing room, too.

George must have been going through 'construction withdrawal' at La Cage, so he decided to build a permanent multi-level stage (and dance floor space) in Dance Dance Dance. I think George has sawdust in his blood!

Club 94 has been drawing in the crowds from both northern Illinois and Milwaukee. Their 1st Annual Follies, featuring 94's staff, raised over \$1,000 for the S.E. Wisconsin AIDS Project. I can only hope that most of them don't decide

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The Alternative hosted male dancers for Valentine's Day.

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The top seed in the A Division is the Triangle Mootown Snackers, who became the first team in SVBL history to finish the regular season undefeated at 51-0. LaCage earns the 2nd position. In the B Division, Club Muse is the top seed with Jet's, last year's defending B Champions, in the #2 slot. Everyone is welcome to attend the games and action free of charge. Englemann Gym is located directly across the street from Columbia Hospital's Emergency entrance.

The SVBL Awards Banquet is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 10. Further details will be announced during the final matches on March 3.

FINAL SSBL Standings Feb. 24, 1990

A Division	W	L
Triangle Mootown Snackers	51	0
LaCage	41	10
Perkins	30	21
Triangle I	17	34

B Division	W	L
Club Muse	27	24
Jets	20	31
CCF	10	41
M&M's	8	43

Play-offs began Feb. 24 and continue March 3.

Mon. Nite Bowlers Needed

Due to personal injury and bowlers moving out of town, the Triangle Beekeepers have withdrawn from the Monday Nite Irregulars bowling league.

Bowlers are needed to fill their team spot for the remainder of the season.

Any replacement team would inherit the Triangle Beekeeper's current team record (71-76) along with all prize moneys won (the MNI award prize money on the basis of dollars per win). The new team would also be guaranteed a league spot for the 1990-91 season.

The MNI's bowl every Monday night through April 23 at 7:00 pm at Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell. Interested bowlers or teams should immediately contact Dean at 482-1700, or Peter and David at 258-1907.

Monday Nite Irregulars Standings of 2/26

	W	L
1. DePaul Triangle/Room	258	51
2. M&M Close	102	59
3. This Is It	101	60
4. Ball Game Vultures	96	65
5. M&M Lane Bryant's	89	72
6. Team Glasnost	88	73
7. Stroh's Stokers	87	74
8. Fakecia Williams Triangle Boys	79	82
9. Wreck Room Wranglers	76	85
10. Wreck Room Spurs	75	86
11. Stryker Force!	73	88
12. The Wild Ones	71	90
13. The Bowling Bags	68	93
14. The Inverted Oreos	67	94
15. Ball Game Deluxe 30 and Over	66	95
16. Pin Whackers	40	121

Bette Davis Bowling Standings as of 2/11

	W	L
Dignity	38	11
2. Hard Spikes	33	16
3. Bunch O'Bitches	32	17
4. Helen Keller Bowlers	32	17
5. Whores from Hell	30	19
6. Jazz'M	28	21
7. Up n Cummin	27	22
8. Pathetic Perfection	26	23
9. Diesel Divas	26	23
10. The Gutter Buddies	24	25
11. Bloody Marys	23	26
12. Strykyng Dykes	22	27

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to enter the entertainment business on a permanent basis...I don't think they would have a bright future.

Valentine's week brought us a whole slate of shows... **The New Leaf** presented their 'Sweetheart Show' featuring Madison's Miss Dusty and guests. **Masquer's** hosted Katrina K & Friends 'Valentine's Show To Warm Your Heart'. **Jet's Place** featured a Milwaukee AIDS Project benefit 'Have a Heart for AIDS', while **La Cage** hosted Holly and Co's Valentine's Day show.

The **Madison AIDS Support Network's** annual 'Sweet Sunday Afternoon' offered enough to satisfy Big Foot's sweet tooth, and raised money at the same time. The afternoon of 'just desserts' has become a Madison tradition of indulgence for a cause.

The Michael Feinstein concert at the PAC, a fundraiser for the 'yuppie' Wisconsin AIDS Fund, brought out quite a few of our glitteratti to mix with the furs and three piece suit crowd, on February 13.

Other Valentine's Day activities included 'The Dating Game' at **Partner's**, a Valentine's Dinner for Two at the **Glass Menagerie**, hors d'oeuvres at **Triangle**, and food and door prizes at **The Ballgame**. Lots of bars offered drink specials and **The Pivot** held a special Valentine's Talent Show with guest entertainers.

Meanwhile, 'The Lonely Hearts Club'

(us unattached males) gathered at **Club 219** for the premiere engagement of the Oklahoma 'Dream Team' male dance troupe. **Alternative** also offered a male dancers show. The male dancers offered a hot way to thaw out after that days snow and ice storm blanketed the southeastern part of the state.

The continuing snow and ice storm kept me from traveling out to Cheri's **Club 3054** on the 15th for the clubs grand opening. Luckily, the Dream Team left Milwaukee early enough to make their appearance at the party. Cheri, Cindy and their staff provided cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and enough free champagne to thaw the coldest weather. Congratulations gang...here's to a great future!

The Dream Team really got around! Besides 219 and Club 3054, they hit **The Pivot** on the 16th, **Club 94** on the 17th, and 219 again on the 18th. I guess we kept those boys dancin' their butts off!

The New Leaf brought back the Chicago Rockets dancers for their second appearance at the Janesville bar the 17th. The crowd loved 'em, and the place was packed.

Za's hosted the traveling 'Stars of Wisconsin' show featuring King Production's various titleholders. Jimmy's been trying to build interest for his Miss Gay Great Lakes USA Pageant coming up St. Pat's weekend.

Masquer's Was hot that same night when they held their Beach Party, with a
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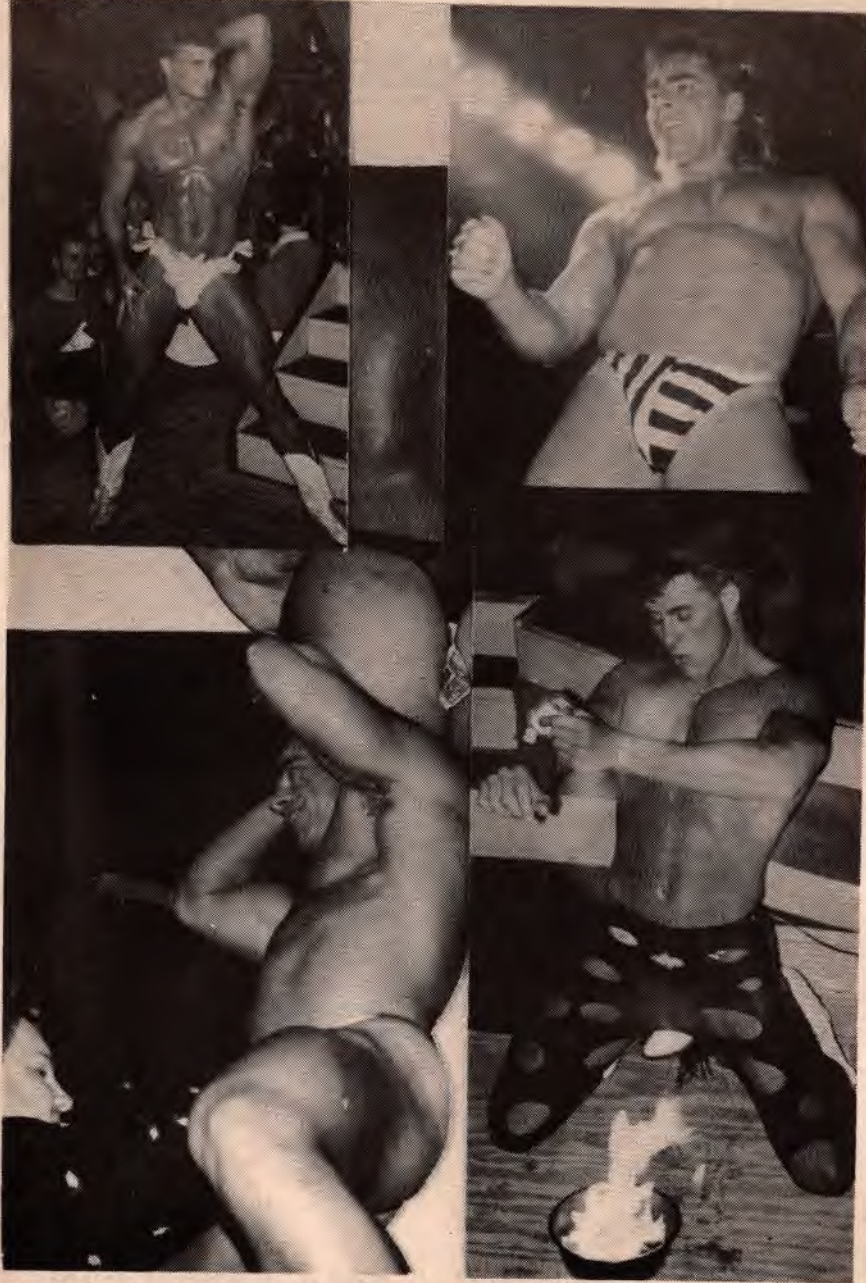
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Partner's celebrated Valentine's Day with "The Dating Game."

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beach attire contest and beer bust. It wasn't quite Spring Break in Palm Springs, but hey...

Ces't La Vie began their two-weekend Singles Dart Tournament with over \$1,500 in prizes the 17th and 18th. The finals were to happen the 24-25th, so you'll have to wait until next issue for the photos and winners.

Back up at the Pivot, our new Appleton/Green Bay photographer John shot the Mr. and Miss Pivot contest. Six girls and three guys competed, with Larinda Kelly grabbing the Miss title, and Willie Sabel named Mr. Congrats you two...and glad to have you on board, John!

The Pivot was also to debut their "Torch Song Trilogy" production the night of my deadline. The play, running for four performances, is a benefit for AIDS research. (I'd rather see them name a specific organizations. AIDS Research is so ambiguous.)

Hunter and the Headliners, bringing back a couple of new faces (and bodies), were also to make a command fourth appearance at 219 on my Feb. 21st deadline. I'll drool about them next issue...

Two quick notes...

TheMAGIC Picnic, Madison's annual gathering on the shores of Lake Menona, has been scheduled for July 14th. The Make a Promise Dinner, MAP's annual fundraiser, will be held April 1st. Mark your calendars!

The MAP Dinner will feature performances by the Milwaukee Repertory, Florentine Opera, Milwaukee Ballet, Bauer Ballet and will be hosted by Comedy Sportz. All that, plus an exciting silent auction. It will return to the Wisconsin Club, 900 W Wisconsin Avenue, cocktails 5:30- 6:30, dinner at 6:30 and show at 8. Tickets are \$40 for dinner and show, or \$25 for the show only. Tables of ten, seating limited. Contact MAP, or grab a flyer and mail-in order form from one of the clubs around town.



Bi-sexual Perspectives

Introducing "Bisexual Perspectives"

Welcome to a new, occasional column based on information from "Bisexuality - News, Views and Networking/The North American Journal on Bisexuality," a newsletter serving the U.S. and Canada.

The newsletter has been around only since April 1988, but bisexuality has been around a lot longer - even though a lot of people don't like to admit it. But before we talk about that, let's be clear about our words.

"Bisexuality" is generally defined as being "one's awareness of his or her capacity to be attracted to certain males and females." It's actually a fairly limiting label and definition because it doesn't take in to account gender minorities, it sounds like it emphasizes "sex" at the expense of romance and love, it doesn't express the qualities of non-discrimination (attraction to individuals regardless of gender), and it isn't more encompassing and "catchy" the way "gay", "lesbian" and "straight" are. But until the world stops labeling, and until there is no need to align, and until a better label is devised, we've got "bit."

Is bisexuality real? Or is it just fence-sitting? Are bi people afraid to come out as gay or lesbian, or, as bi leader Lani Kaahumanu says, "there is no fence"?

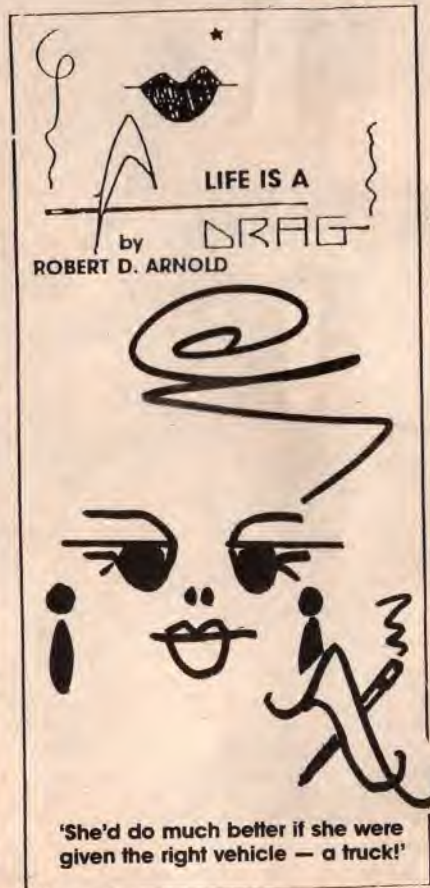
In a series of interviews conducted by the newsletter, many leaders of the lesbian and gay community from throughout the United States agreed that bisexuality is real and that the gay and lesbian community is more open-minded about it now.

As Jean O'Leary of the National Gay Rights Advocates said, "There really is true bisexuality. That of course has been acknowledged. And also there's more of a tolerance, more of an encouraging sort of attitude.

"...Now, 10 or 15 years ago, there was a lot of animosity in the movement because there was a lot of pressure on people" to come out a gay or lesbian as a political statement, she explained.

Or, as Torie Osborn, executive director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, asked rhetorically: "Do I know gay men and lesbians who on occasion have slept with the opposite sex? Of course I do. The Kinsey scale shows that the 10 percent

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Books

The Irreversible Decline of Eddie Socket - A Review

Reviewed by Allen Smalling

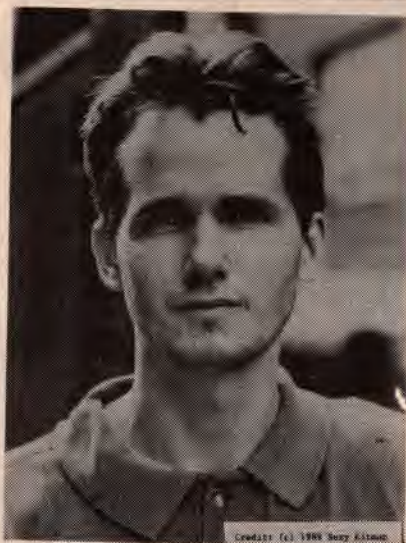
The Irreversible Decline of Eddie Socket, by John Weir (Harper & Row, 276 pp., \$17.95).

Eddie Socket and his roommate, pretty Polly Plugg, share a small apartment on Eleventh Street, in lower Manhattan. Polly is committed to her acting classes and to finding a man. Twenty-eight-year-old Eddie gave up his hopes of being an actor in favor of irregular hours at a word processor and polishing his vast knowledge of movie and literary trivia. As for finding a man — well, that isn't post-AIDS New York. But Eddie does, and soon after learns that he has AIDS.

John Weir's debut novel manages to combine several different story elements into a compulsively readable book that is fresh and surprisingly funny. The dilemma of post-plague romance in Manhattan — especially among career-less "underachievers" — has been dealt with before, most notably in Stephen McCauley's *The Object of His Affection*. And like David Feinberg's *Eighty-Sixed*, *Eddie Socket* shows the emotional and physical devastation of the disease on a whole generation of New Yorkers. Weir's gift is to combine the social-comedy and sociology in the person of the hapless Eddie Socket.

To do so, Weir exhibits considerable narrative skill. *The Irreversible Decline of Eddie Socket* switches between third-person and first-person narrations, including the voices of Polly Plugg, Eddie's mother, and Eddie's employer/ex-boyfriend's ex-boyfriend, Saul. With the help of some authorial string-pulling, the various characters come to meet each other, united in their common concern for the dying Eddie.

Weir has crafted a very "gay" gay novel with a strong eye for the absurdity



Author John Weir

and pathos that define contemporary gay life. No one else could send Eddie on a cross-country bus trip with a black drag queen named Eulene and make it seem as natural and inevitable as Weir does. Eddie's death comes with the unexpectedness of high drama but the flat realism of *cinema verite*. *Eddie Socket* is an astonishingly mature first novel that will speak directly to its gay readers. This is all the more astonishing considering that Weir had little or no recourse to the usual New York gay writers' networks while he was writing the book. Highest recommendation.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 3

ZA's (Green Bay): Reba's Comedy Revue & Bake Sale. Showtime 10:30, \$2 donation, proceeds to benefit CPI's Emergency Fund.

Drop-In Center Workshop: 'Spectrum of HIV Disease' by MAP's Ben Johnson, 9pm. 225 S. 2nd St., Milw.

Wreck Room: 'Man of the Month' contest.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Birthday Party for Dennis (Trixie).

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Brandy's II [Green Bay]: Argonaut's Center Project Fundraiser. Spanish Hamburgers, door prizes, 4pm-9pm.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Partner's: Classic Monday Martini Club Meeting, 7-close.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

MRT AIDS Benefit: "At The Drop of Another Hat", with Colin Cabot &

Montgomery Davis, Milw. Repertory Theatres' Stackner Cabaret, 8pm Curtain, Tickets \$10.00.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

M&M Club: Free, Anonymous HIV Testing & Counseling by BESTD Clinic, 7pm-midnight.

Partners: Dead Celebrity Contest, 11pm, come dressed as your favorite at the time they died. Prizes for the best.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Club 3054 [Madison]: Milwaukee Bar Crawl. \$10 per person, bus departs 7:30, sign up with bartender.

UW Madison 10 Percent Society: 'Boy Meets Boy & Girl Meets Girl, Dance', 8pm-12:45am, Grant Hall, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street. DJ's, cash bar \$2.00 door. Call 608-262-7365 for more info.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Drop-In Center Workshop: 'Legal & Ethical Issues of HIV', by Steve Byers, Attorney, 9pm. 225 S. 2nd St., Milw.

Wreck Room: Madison Bar Crawl. \$10 per seat, beer on bus.

Partners: SSBL Auction & Party, 4 to 10.

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Club 3054 [Madison]: Anniversary Party for Vic & Perry. Welcome to the Milw. Bar Crawlers.

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Inklings

By Tim Hensiak

No Postcards, Please!

Friends who send you vacation postcards don't do it out of love.

Like parking tickets and food poisoning, they always arrive on bad days. About a week ago I was having an exceptionally bad day, the boss chewed me out, the bank called to inform me a check bounced, I left work early only to find vandals had broken into my car, enabling snow and freezing rain to soak me all the way home. I finally got home, overcome by life's burdens, And squish over to the mailbox. I reached into the dark recess and pulled out a handful of junk mail, but wait, there's a post card. From Acapulco. The streaming letters scream out:

Hello! We've snorkeled and sunbathed all week and are as brown as walnuts. The food is delicious, and our oceanside balcony has a splendid view of the sunset. Tomorrow, we might drive the Porsche to the falls or go para-sailing. Having a great time, wish you were here. Love Paul.

I crumple the postcard against my soggy chest, repeating to myself, "How nice, how nice, how nice." I go inside to pry off my clothes. I put on my bathrobe, overcome by a pathetic desire to huddle on the couch and watch sitcom reruns. My ambition has gone from conquering the world, to yelling out the punch lines before the actors do. I sit there and imagine Paul lying on a tropical beach, sand fleas devouring his eyes.

I sit there in the darkness, struck by the miraculous power of post cards. People who can't write a letter more than three sentences long explode in verbal rhapsody that not only fills the message space but also continues along the bottom of the card and crawls up the side. Although stunned by paradise, post card writers aren't stupid, they never include a return address. If Paul had, I could have written back:

Glad to hear from you! I admire your courage in snorkeling despite the recent shark fatalities. I'm also glad to know the local authorities declared the beaches safe

for swimming, the radiation spill from the Russian sub notwithstanding [back here, the papers are crying cover-up]. Is it true the cockroaches there like to crawl in sleeping peoples ears? How's your hearing? I'd love to join you but simply don't have the time for the mandatory inoculations the Immigration Service announced yesterday for all travelers to Mexico. Good luck with your tan!

I would also like, just once, to get a postcard describing how the vacationers got sea sick while deep sea fishing, or spent forty bucks of a tuna dinner that had the texture of a radial tire, or roomed next to a ukulele band that played "The Hawaiian Wedding Song" until four in the morning, or at least cut their heels on coral, for God's sake. Frankly, I really don't want to share their happiness, just their suffering.

Even better would be a postcard from home, something honest, like this:

Hi! The sleet storm we've had for two weeks brought a tree limb crashing through the roof, but we've gotten used to sleeping under a tarp. Tia threw up on the laundry. The vet says either she has worms or she's pregnant. Last night I had a cheese sandwich. Tonight it's macaroni! There's going to be a great rerun of Cheers Wednesday that we'll watch if the T.V. is fixed. I'm excited about the sale Marshall Fields is having this weekend. Aren't you glad you aren't here?

This would be a message from a true friend.

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Partner's: Free, Anonymous HIV testing by BESTD Clinic, 2pm- 7pm.

Nitengales: 4th All-Woman's Show, Showtime 8:30, \$1 cover, Free champagne from 7- 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Police Chief Address [Milwaukee]: Milw. Chief of Police Phillip Arreola meets with the Gay/Lesbian community 7pm, Foundation Community Center, 225 S. 2nd St., Phone: 445-5552 for space reservations, \$2 suggested donation. (See article in New Briefs.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Nitengales: Judy's Birthday Party, special no cover show starts at 9:30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17



St. Patrick's Day

Pivot Club [Appleton]: King Production's Miss Gay Great Lakes USA Pageant preliminaries. All contestants compete in evening gown & talent beginning at 8pm. Guest entertainers. \$3 cover.

Wreck Room: Celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Jet's Place: St. Pat's Day Show, 'A Trip Down Memory Lane', 50's & 60's Show, showtime 10:30, \$3 cover, Corned Beef & Cabbage served 5- 9.

Nitengales: St. Pat's Party, 'You Won't Want to Miss'.

ZA's [Green Bay]: The Emerald City in the Land of ZA's, Ball, 9pm, drink specials for anyone in OZ or Green.

Ballgame: 17th Anniv. Party & St. Pat's Day Celebration, 5pm-? Buffet & Door prizes.

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Jet's Place "Have a Heart for AIDS" Show brought out lots of talent and a good crowd for the MAP fundraiser.

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go to your own corners. It's not particularly easy to keep your verbal mitts off her when you're stewing about all the things you could've said, you should've said, you might've said in response to all of the grossly unjust and stupid things she said. But sometimes a brisk walk around the neighborhood with your hands jammed in your pockets and an evil scowl on your face is just what you need. It will also help combat Lesbian invisibility.

Of course, traditionally, the best part of an argument is making up. Now I, personally, would never provoke an argument just so we could later make up, though I know people, however unwittingly, who do just that. Frankly, it's way too risky. Arguments have a way of having the steering fail, careening out of control, and crashing into something big and hard. But if I happen to find myself on the far side of an argument, the making up can be very sweet and poignant. It is a time to exercise your romantic imagination creatively, to renew your bonds of love and commitment, to take advantage of the situation and get a little pampering — unless that's the very issue that started the argument. In which case you had better be the one to start producing those chocolates, cups of coffee, extra pillows, and foot rubs.

I still maintain though, that your best bet is to avoid getting into an argument in the first place. With the stresses and strains we all have in our lives these days, this is no small task. But just try to relax. Chill out. I mean, in the long run, does it really matter who's fault it is that your favorite pair of socks accidentally fell into the running garbage disposal?

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Darla's View

by Darla Kashian

As spring approaches, we are seeing some exciting changes and new programs in our Gay and Lesbian community. Hurricane Productions kicked off this spring with a Women's Valentine's Dance at Turner Hall. What a party! Who were all those women? Over 300 Lesbians crammed into Turner Hall and danced 'till the wee hours.

Cream City Foundation is now planning the Fourth Annual Casino Night. This year, CCF has boldly decided to change not only the location, but also the price of Casino Night. Slated for May 20th, this year's Casino Night will be held at the War Memorial. In an attempt to increase attendance, CCF will charge \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. Proceeds from the event will be made available to organizations applying for funding grants from the Foundation.

The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee has been meeting regularly, and is planning their next meeting for March 21st at the Cream City Foundation headquarters. The organization has been growing, and struggling with the pains of development. The results will be a strong organization representing Lesbians from Southeastern Wisconsin.

Perhaps the biggest news is that Grapevine, a Lesbian social/support group, has a new home at last! Starting March 8th, and the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, Grapevine will offer drop-in support for all women at the Quaker Meeting House (3224 North Gordon Place). Grapevine has had to contend with the disintegration of the Women's Coalition, and the loss of their 10 year meeting site. Congratulations! For those of you unfamiliar with Grapevine, it was, and will again become, the best thing going in the Lesbian community. I've always viewed it as organized friendship, and the meetings are a very effective way to meet new people in a chem. free environment.

On Saturday, March 10, the LOC/Women of Color, Club Muse, and the Afro-American Studies department

are welcoming poet, filmmaker and playwright Michelle Parkerson for a reception and film presentations at the UWM Fine Arts Gallery. Ms. Parkerson is world renowned for her work, and will show Storme: The Lady of the Jewel Box, a documentary on multi-racial female impersonators. Check it out.

The LOC Women of Color want to book your calendar early. On June 8, 1990, the Women of Color will be sponsoring a Womyn's Dance at Lake Park Pavilion (Lake Drive & Newberry Blvd.). You can always be assured of a good time, and for \$5.00, the music is great, and the location is excellent.

Michael Lisowski, Gay and Lesbian Community Educator for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, is organizing an Advisory Committee to address issues of AIDS/HIV education in the Lesbian and bisexual women's community. The issues of AIDS in the Lesbian community have been neglected, and we should encourage Michael by supporting his efforts at MAP. He can be reached at 273-1991 during the day if you're interested in MAP.

A number of women are now in the process of forming a group to address issues about Women and Money. I'm not quite sure what this means? Women with money, women without money, women with money and nothing to do with it. Of course, I'll go to the first meeting and do some prospect research. If you have an interest in collecting interest, stay tuned.

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

Gay Ways To Save Our Planet

Gay Americans dump five times their weight in old lovers every year. Drag queens use enough mascara daily to black top the entire U.S. highway system and we throw away enough paper every week to supply every Gay and Lesbian in America with a lifetime subscription to **Architectural Digest** and **In Step**.

The first step in reducing waste is to be aware of what can be recycled, what is biodegradable and which products create the least amount of waste. Here are some specific actions gay people can take to make less waste, help save our fragile environment and hopefully improve their love life in the process.

• Use designer cloth towels ordered from Spiegel Catalog or Handi-Wipes instead of disposable paper towels when tidying up after sex.

• Conserve electricity by installing energy-saving bulbs and switches, keeping in mind that no matter how much time you spend trying to get the lighting in your apartment just right for an impending date, there is no setting on dimmer switch which will make you appear 15 pounds lighter or 10 years younger.

• Save water by showering together before, after or during sex.

• Purchase only the new biodegradable condoms made from a recently developed, specially treated paper product instead of rubbers made with non-renewable man-made materials. Then, before engaging in sex, you can ask your partner if he prefers "paper or plastic?"

• Drag queens should use nondisposable, electric razors or the Epilady Hair Removal System instead of disposable razors when shaving underarms, legs or embarrassing foot long hairs surrounding their nipples.

• Save trees by conserving paper. Abandon hastily written, post-trick phone numbers scrawled on scraps of paper,

cocktail napkins or matchbook covers. Instead, write phone numbers on the back of each other's hand, thigh or other more intimate areas, using indelible magic marker or disappearing ink, depending on whether you really want to see the person again or not.

• Buy eggs sold only in cardboard cartons. Save the cartons, glue them to your bedroom walls as soundproofing, perfect for muffling sexually-related moans, groans and howls.

• Minimize the use of your car. Take the bus to the bars. Sit next to the cutest guy on board and initiate a frank sexual discussion.

• Recycle those tired, old pick-up lines. Remember: all that hot air could contribute to global warming.

• Boycott drag shows in which female impersonators accessorize their outfits with feather boas as a protest against the deforestation of Amazon rain forests and the harvesting of endangered feather boas. South American rain forest are the natural habitat of feather boas which are trapped, sun dried, then dyed pink or blue by poachers and shipped to female impersonators in the U.S.

• Put an end to unnecessary dumping. When you get tired of a lover, recycle by swapping partners with friends. A recycling measure commonly practiced by gays and lesbians before the present environmental crisis.

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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipler

How to Survive An Argument

I have long wanted to write a piece about the peculiarities of arguments between Lesbian lovers as it seems to me that such arguments have some unique features. So far, though, I have found myself unable to verbalize what those features are exactly — beyond, anyway, the concept of "processing" and a few catch phrases like, "Your anger is silencing me." And really, I decided, it would be much more useful to figure out how to get past an argument than to wallow around in its grittiness.

Now I don't mean to imply that I'm an expert in this area, but as someone who hates unpleasant outbursts, I have something of a vested interest in moving beyond all that. Not that other's don't. But while few people admit to enjoying arguments — other than a few perversely Rambo-esque alumnae of debate teams — some people actually value, whether they admit it or not, the excitement and seeming vitality that arguments add to their relationships. Not me. Personally, I'd just as soon avoid them. And when they're unavoidable, I want to get over it A.S.A.P.

That's frequently easier said than done, of course. For one thing, people have different styles of arguing. When one person wants to probe at every particle of feeling like some anal-retentive scientist and the other needs to clamp shut tightly like a scared mollusk (to borrow, out of context, from Kate Clinton) — well, resolution can be somewhat problematic. So the first step is to figure out what each of your combat needs are, then adapt your styles so that at least they are not in complete conflict. I mean, at least give yourselves a chance to resolve things! In the example above, for instance, the scientist could wait for the mollusk to unclench, then they could probe gently back and forth, in a general sort of way. (Thank you, Mr. Wizard!) That's part of what's known as fighting

fair.

Another big part of fighting fair is not using unnecessary roughness. Phweeet! Penalty: fifteen yards. You know — saying things like, "You're just like your mother!" — or father, or Joan Crawford, or whoever she most doesn't want to be like but is afraid she is. Or, "Well, that's just what I'd expect from someone who would go out with (insert name of her most reprehensible ex-lover here)." Once, some friends of mine were on a particularly long and difficult road trip. It was becoming apparent to the one who was driving that the other was irritated with her. "What's the matter," she queried, "don't you like my driving?" "I don't like the way you breathe," responded her lover. Talk about not being able to resolve an argument!

But even if you manage to fight fairly, once an argument gets going it can take on a life of its own. It's like Alison Bechdel has suddenly started drawing your life. At any rate, you don't seem to have much control over what you're saying. So sometimes, the best thing to do is just put on the brakes and look for your sense of humor at the side of the road — point out, for both of your sakes, the ridiculousness of the argument, crack a joke, whatever. But remember: timing is everything. If she has just poured out her heart to you about a serious problem the two of you are having, it's not the right moment to do your Henny Youngman impersonation.

Another approach you can take to bringing an argument to a close is (are you ready for this?); apologizing. It's simple, it's time tested, and it frequently works. And you're thinking right now, "Omigosh. Why didn't I think of that?" Actually, you're probably thinking, "It's not my fault we're arguing." So what if you're not at fault (this time). You've probably done something wrong that you ought to be apologizing for!

Occasionally, however, an argument just won't seem to let itself be resolved. If that happens you may need to — Ding! —

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