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Cover Story

In Step introduces a new artist to this issue's cover of *In Step*. Joel, of Chicago, studied illustration at the American Academy of Art where he received a degree a few years ago. He likes to do pen and ink illustrations mainly, and prefers representing more masculine images of the male Gay community.

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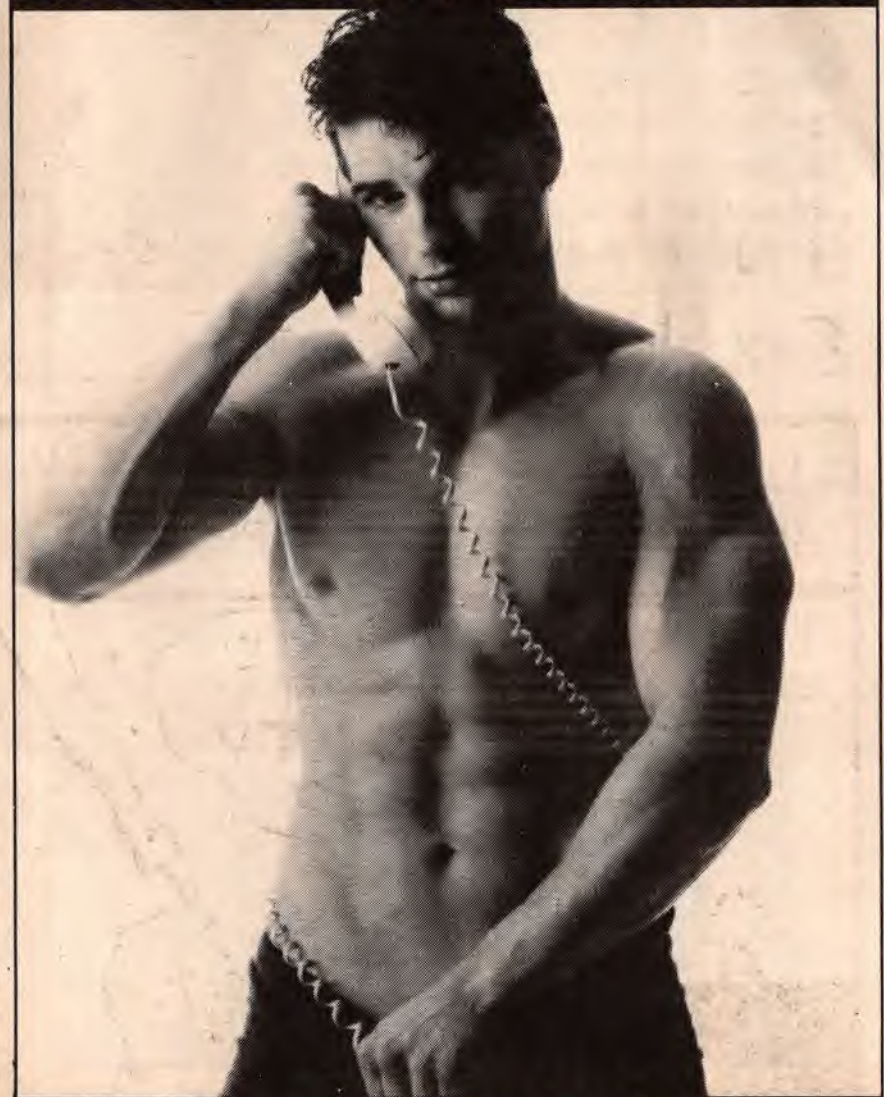
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The Issue after that one (covering May 24-June 7) will cover Memorial Day Weekend, and thus, the Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament. Be Prepared! That deadline will be May 16.

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by Tom Rezza

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Hate Crimes Bill Goes to Bush

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington, D.C.- The U.S. House of Representatives gave final congressional approval of the much-awaited Hate Crimes Statistics Act by a 402-18 vote April 4, agreeing to Senate changes to the bill and sending it on to the President for his signature.

The bill, which is supported by the White House, would order the Department of Justice to collect statistics on crimes motivated by bias based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation and would be the first federal bill ever to speak to the issue of anti-Gay violence.

"Hate crimes can and do victimize our neighborhoods, and our neighbors," stated Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), the bill's lead sponsor. "It is indisputable that no one person, or group of people, should be victimized because of who they are perceived to be. Hate crimes cannot be tolerated in society."

The House vote brings to a close the tangled fight for the bill's passage and — after a three-year battle — finally shuts out anti-Gay forces from their repeated attempts to remove the bill's "sexual orientation" proviso and, barring that, to include anti-Gay amendments.

Although the bill passed the House by a lopsided 368-47 vote last June, and the Senate by an equally one-sided 92-4 margin in February, behind-the-scenes discussions on some of the bill's finer points had held up final approval of the bill until now.

As House and Senate version of the bill differed slightly, bill supporters — worried about leaving the door open for anti-Gay amendments — sought to have the House agree to the Senate version of the bill to close the door on additional amendments.

Rep. George Gekas (R-Penn.), however, was acting as a roadblock to final House passage of the Senate version of the bill, because the Senate had struck

News Flash

At deadline, *In Step* was informed through Washington sources that President Bush announced plans to conduct a public signing ceremony of the bill on Monday, April 23.

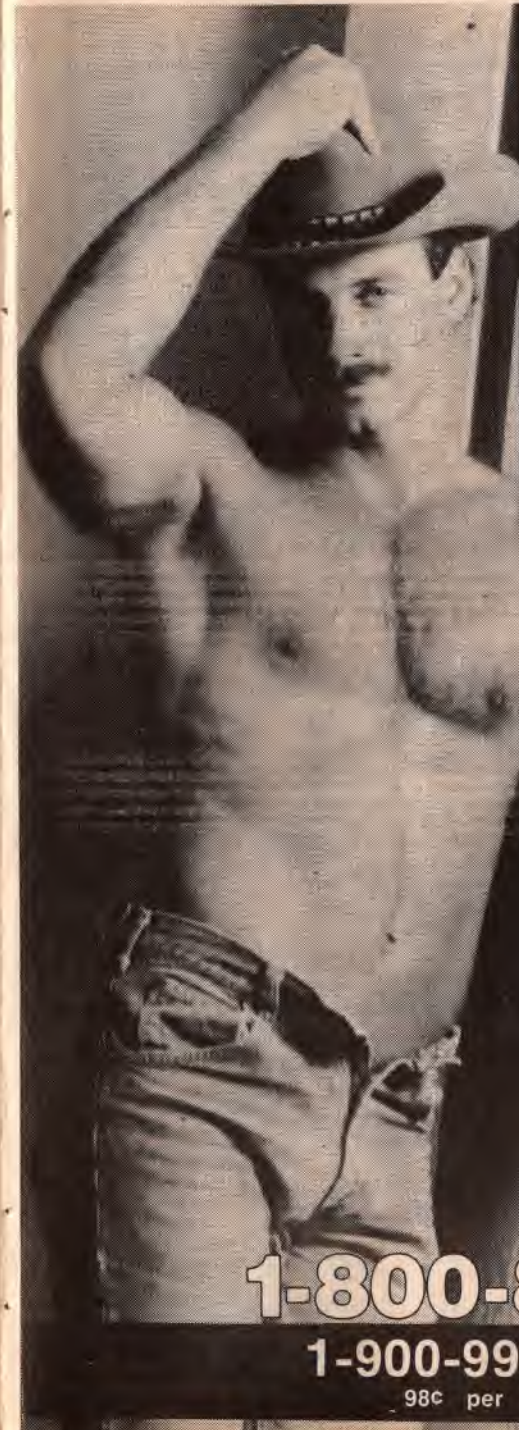
Representatives of several Gay and Lesbian political organizations have been invited to the signing at the White House, an historic first. This will mark the first time members of the Gay/Lesbian community have publicly been asked to attend such a ceremony.


an amendment of his which granted the Attorney General latitude to broaden the bill to include other groups targeted by hate crimes.

Bill backers were later able to allow the vote to proceed by striking a compromise with Gekas, pointing out that under current law the Attorney General already has that power.

Voting on the bill under the suspension calendar, which disallows amendments, House members were barred from making further amendments to the bill. Not surprisingly though, Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.), the loudest opponent of the bill in the House, did take the opportunity during debate to list his objections to the bill.

"Believe me," said Dannemeyer, "whether we like to accept it or not, there are persons outside of this chamber who are crowing; namely in the homosexual community, that when this legislation includes sexual orientation the homosexual community of America has made a major victory, because they now have something in the law which they have sought diligently for the last 20 years whereby they will equate homosexuality on a par with the traditional coverage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act; namely, race, religion and ethnicity."





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ROTC Protest at UW

About 50 University of Madison students began a protest April 18 and vowed to continue on through the weekend urging the school to place a disclaimer regarding the ROTC's discriminatory policies on certain university documents.

The protest, outside the office of University Chancellor Donna Shalala, urged the inclusion of the following disclaimer: "Please note: The University of Wisconsin ROTC units as result of federal regulations, are required to maintain a policy of exclusion on the basis of sexual orientation. This policy contradicts university policies which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, as passed by the UW Madison Faculty Senate on May 7, 1979 and the UW Board of Regents on April 10, 1987."

According to an article in the Milwaukee Journal Dean of Students Mary Rouse favored the protest and offered possible alternatives to the disclaimer including discussing ROTC policy at summer orientation sessions and sending letters to incoming first-year students and their parents informing them of the issue.

WI Partnership Case Goes to Court

[NGRA]- National Gay Rights Advocates has filed suit against the State of Wisconsin Personnel Commission, for denying Jerri Linn Phillips, an employee of the Department of Health and Social Services, the right to obtain health insurance for her spouse equivalent and domestic partner, Lorri J. Tommerup.

The State of Wisconsin is one of the few states with a statute banning employment discrimination based on marital status and sexual orientation.

On October 20, 1986, Phillips filed an Application with her employer department, DHSS, during the open enrollment period, to change her health insurance coverage from individual to family coverage, for the purpose of adding Tommerup beginning in January 1987.

In November 1986, her application was denied based on the rationale that "Since Ms. Phillips has, according to definition, no "eligible dependents," she may not be covered under the family coverage option and is therefore eligible only for the "single coverage option for other eligible persons."

The decision was upheld by the Wisconsin Personnel Commission following NGRA's filing of an administrative complaint in 1987.

Paul Di Donato, NGRA's incoming Staff Attorney, commenting on the suit, stated: "The importance of this case is clear. Family partnerships in the Gay and Lesbian community must be legally protected and recognized for us to truly obtain equality. The State of Wisconsin has demonstrated through legislative means its intent to protect all citizens from discrimination based upon sex, marital status or sexual orientation. Our suits seeks to enforce this intent."

Phillips is represented by NGRA's cooperating counsel Shelley J. Gaylord of the Madison Wisconsin law firm of Gaylord and Schuett, and by Warren Bittner, Esq.

AIDS 'Bill of Rights' Signed Into Law

The historic bill of rights for people with AIDS and HIV infection has been signed into law by Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson.

Assembly Bill 400 guarantees medical care and treatment by health care providers and institutions, according to the bill's author State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison).

"The new law prohibits doctors and other health care professionals, hospitals and nursing homes from refusing to treat or discriminating against anyone based on their HIV status," Clarenbach said at the signing ceremony. *contd. on page 6*

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AIDS advocates applauded the new law, claiming it will improve the care of people with HIV infection.

"This is just one more example of how Wisconsin has proven to be a model," said Earl Bricker, Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network.

"We can now properly prepare for the second wave of the AIDS epidemic," Bricker said.

In a letter to Governor Thompson, Milwaukee AIDS Project Executive Director Doug Nelson said: "All of us at the Milwaukee AIDS Project are profoundly grateful for your approval of Assembly Bill 400 prohibiting discrimination against AIDS patients by health care providers, and Assembly Bill 461 requiring AIDS education in Wisconsin's public school system."

Nelson continued: "Both of these new state laws are eventual components of a comprehensive state response to AIDS and an emerging 'Wisconsin model' for effective management of the AIDS epidemic."

Nelson also urged Thompson's further action: "There are two AIDS initiatives in the State Budget Modification Bill, Senate Bill 542, that are essential to Wisconsin's comprehensive strategy to avoid an AIDS crisis. I strongly urge that you retain both initiatives in the budget bill that you sign into law."

The law will also:

- prohibit health and life insurance policies from excluding or limiting HIV coverage.

- prohibit local zoning rules from restricting group homes of eight or fewer people who have HIV.

- prohibit the sale of "home HIV test kits" without approval of the state epidemiologist.

- allow HIV tests to be performed without the consent of minors under age 14, or those declared legally incompetent, only if consent is granted by closest relative or "significant other."

- allow anonymous HIV tests to determine if health care workers were accidentally exposed to HIV virus.

ROTC Gay-Hating Escalates

By Rex Wockner

First it was Army ROTC poster-boy James Holobaugh at Washington University in St. Louis.

Now comes word that the Department of Defense is demanding that two more cadets also return their college scholarship money — because they are Gay.

In March, ROTC insisted that Holobaugh give back \$25,000; he refused and has taken his case to Gay-rights lawyers.

Now, according to openly-Gay U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA), ROTC has demanded the return of a \$50,000 scholarship from Harvard Navy Midshipmen David Carney and a \$40,000 grant from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Navy midshipmen Robert Bettiker.

Carney and Bettiker were both suspended from ROTC last fall after officials found out they are Gay. According to Studds, both men have "exemplary academic and military records" and "have expressed their desire to complete their training and be commissioned as Naval officers."

Studds and 24 other members of Congress went to bat for Holobaugh in March, faxing an angry letter to the secretaries of the Army and defense.

On March 29, Studds and his peers took up Carney and Bettiker's cases as well.

"These cases are absolutely appalling," Studds said. "To throw out a dedicated member of ROTC simply because he is Gay is bad enough. To then force him to repay his scholarship grant is unthinkable — and must not go unchallenged. (It) is punitive, mean-spirited, and has no place in the U.S. Military."

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Holobaugh will be one of the guests at the UW-Madison 10% Society's "Out and About" Series on May 4. See the Calendar this issue for more information.]

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Iowa Activists Win Hate Crimes Law

By Rex Wockner

Over the loud objections of fundamentalist Christians, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad April 3 signed into law a measure toughening penalties for those who commit hate crimes against Gays and Lesbians. The measure had cleared the House and Senate earlier.

"My fundamental philosophy is that people should not be picked on because of their lifestyle," Branstad said. "They should not be given any special protected class treatment, but certainly we should not pick on them."

Iowa's hate crimes law, the fifth such

statewide measure in the nation, stiffens criminal penalties for bias- or hate-based attacks, allows hate-crime victims to bring civil law suits, and mandates collection of statistics of hate crimes in the state.

Michael Current, co-chair of the Iowa Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus, called the bill "a tribute to the decency and fairness of Iowa's people and to the political courage of many Iowa legislators."

"It simply says that Gay and Lesbian people have the right to feel secure from violence on the streets, in our meeting places and in our homes," Current said.

In order to assure passage of the law, lobbyists had to agree to language stating that the bill does not grant civil rights protections to Lesbians and Gay men,

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even though polls show that the majority of lowans favor a statewide Gay rights law.

Such a measure passed the state House last year, but stalled in a Senate subcommittee.

The other states with hate crimes penalties are California, Minnesota, Oregon and Wisconsin. Wisconsin is the only state with both a hate crimes and Gay rights law.

Gay Journalists Visit W. Hollywood

By Rex Wockner

The city of West Hollywood, California flew eight Gay/Lesbian journalists to the city in early April for a five-day, expenses-paid visit. This writer was part of the group.

According to public relations spokeswoman Dorene Lauer, the junket cost the city's marketing corporation about \$10,000.

City officials were eager to tout West Hollywood's unusual inclusion of Gays and Lesbians in the various aspects of the city's life.

Among the pro-Gay steps the city has taken are: placing rainbow flags down the median of main street, offering partnership registration and health insurance to unmarried couples, electing two Gays (previously three) to the five-member city council, distributing gay newspapers at city hall, publishing a pamphlet on how to avoid Gay-bashing, and supporting what is apparently one of the first publicly funded early intervention HIV clinics in the nation.

West Hollywood Marketing Corporation executive director Catherine Stribling said officials estimate that 35% of the city's population is Gay or Lesbian.

"Even on just an economic level," she said, "We cannot ever afford to exclude or forget Gays and Lesbians."

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Mass. OK's Gay Foster Care

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis announced on April 4 that the state policy which effectively banned gays from becoming foster parents would be reversed. The new state policy, which will be in place in 45 to 50 days, will no longer include sexual orientation as a factor in the placement of children in foster homes.

A lawsuit initiated by gay rights and civil liberties organizations, challenging the policy which commenced in 1986, reached an out of court settlement just prior to the Governor's announcement. "This is an extraordinary victory for direct action groups and legal advocacy groups alike who have protested this discriminatory policy since 1985," said David LaFontaine, lobbying director of the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. "Sooner or later, people have got to realize that being a good parent has nothing to do with one's sexual orientation."

Many Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian activists believe the recent passage of the Massachusetts Gay Civil Rights Law may well have been a factor in this recent foster care victory.

Court to Block Amendment on Phone Sex

[NGRA]- In a court order issued in response to a suit challenging the government's most recent attempt to control dial-a-porn companies, U.S. District Judge Fern Smith declared that phone sex is constitutionally protected speech.

The suit, filed by three California companies offering sexually oriented telephone services, seeks a preliminary injunction against the Helms' Amendment to the Communications Act of 1934. National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF) filed a joint *amici curiae* (friends of the court) in support of the injunction.

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Plaintiffs in the case are Ramrod Enterprises, Synchronet Inc. and Westpac Audiotext.

The Helms' Amendment calls for FCC regulations that would require users of sex phone services to be subscribers of these services. Because of billing technicalities, such an arrangement would effectively eliminate dial-a-porn companies.

In his brief filed on behalf of the amici, Leonard Graff, former Legal Director for National Gay Rights Advocates, argued that "sexually explicit telephone communications may play a positive role in curbing the AIDS epidemic... sexually explicit telephone communications deserve first amendment protection if they may help save lives by deterring or replacing life-threatening behavior."

According to the plaintiff's attorney, William Turner, of Turner and Brorby, Smith is the first judge in the country to rule on the issue. Judges have yet to rule in similar suits filed in Texas and New York. Turner and co-counsel Earl Nicholas Selby, of the Palo Alto law office of Earl Nicholas Selby, represents the three plaintiffs.

D.C. Big Brothers To Accept G/L's

New York, NY [LLDEF]- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced a settlement of its lawsuit against Big Brothers of the National Capital Area ("Big Brothers"), based on the group's agreement to end its policy of refusing Gay volunteers. Under the formalized April 12th settlement, Big Brothers will treat an applicant's sexual orientation in the same manner that they treat other personal characteristics such as race or religion, and will not refuse volunteer role models because they are Gay.

Lambda Cooperating Attorney Jane Dolkart, of the D.C.-based public interest law firm, Dolkart & Einstein, and Lambda staff attorney Evan Wolfson represented a D.C.-area man, Jeffrey Gould, in his fight to participate in the Big Brothers'

program, which matches adult volunteers with boys in need of role models. In September 1988, Big Brothers refused to allow Gould, an experienced health educator with a master's degree in counseling, to volunteer with the agency and become a "Big Brother," simply because he is Gay. Gould filed a complaint with the District of Columbia Office of Human Rights ("OHR"), which ruled that Big Brothers was not exempt from the D.C. Human Rights Act. That law bars discrimination on a number of grounds, including sexual orientation. OHR held that Big Brothers is a "place of public accommodation" subject to the anti-discrimination laws that govern most establishments, and rejected Big Brothers' assertion that, as a non-profit volunteer organization, it was not bound by the law and could freely discriminate.

Shortly after that initial victory, Big Brothers changed its policy and entered into negotiations with Lambda. As part of the settlement, which OHR approved on April 12, Big Brothers also will institute a "Gay sensitivity" training session for all staff, and will do outreach to the Gay community to publicize the change in policy and opportunities for volunteer service.

Gould, a D.C. area Gay man, noted that Big Brothers' acknowledgment of Gay people as appropriate role models for children and young adults sent a powerful and important message. He stated, "With our right to become Big Brothers now affirmed, bisexual and gay men can prove what we have always known: We are positive role models. We are ethical, moral, and generous. But most importantly, in a world that denies our worth and oppresses us at every turn, we can teach adolescents and young adults how to develop powerful self-esteem, self-identity and personal integrity."

WCF Issues Grants

Madison- The Wisconsin Community Fund (WCF), a public foundation making grants to grass roots groups working for social change throughout Wisconsin, announced 10 (ten) new grantees for the Spring of 1990. The Community Funding

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ORGANIZATIONS contd. from page 63

Lesbian Alliance Metro Milwaukee (L.A.M.M.) 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 423-0379
 Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers P.O. Box 531, 53202 871-2362
 Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network P.O. Box 204, 53201 278-0880
 Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) 315 W. Court, 53212 449-9800
 People Living With AIDS Coalition 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 Interdenominational 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
 AIDS Information 273-2437
 National Coalition Gay STD Services P.O. Box 239, 53201 277-7671
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Board, made up of community activists representing different geographic areas, issues and constituencies, decided to fund projects addressing the following issues: racism, Native American culture, pesticides, Hispanic youth, interracial and intergenerational relations and Lesbian parenting.

Lesbian Parents, in Madison, have determined that there is a need within the Lesbian community for a unified, well organized group to address concerns unique to Lesbian parents and their families. The WCF grant will go to the Lesbian Parents Network to meet general operating costs during the next year while the organization is developing

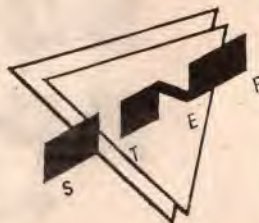
Studds Applauds "Speak Out"

Washington [HRCF]- Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA), one of two openly Gay members of the U.S. House of Representatives, is urging Lesbian and Gay Americans to join the Human Rights Campaign Fund's "Speak Out" program to counter anti-Gay efforts on Capitol Hill.

"Most members of Congress have no idea that many of their constituents care about fair treatment of Gay people," Studds states in a nationwide mailing. "That is why the HRCF 'Speak Out' program is vital."

After one year in existence, the "Speak Out" program has proven to be the most successful grassroots mobilization effort in the history of the Lesbian and Gay rights movement. The program, run by the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Field Division has been responsible for almost 100,000 messages to members of Congress on AIDS, Lesbian and Gay rights and related issues.

Congressman Studd's appeal for increased participation in the "Speak Out" program is part of a continuing effort of the Campaign Fund to increase support on Capitol Hill for issues of importance to the Lesbian and Gay community. If you would like to join the "Speak Out" program, contact the Human Rights Campaign Fund by writing to HRCF's Field Division, P.O. Box 1723, Washington, D.C. 20012, or call (202) 628-4160.



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1 Rod's (Mw, L/L, D)	
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636 W. Washington (upstairs)	256-8765
3 Shamrock Bar (GS, MW, F, D)	
117 W. Main St.	255-5029

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	
Nothing to Hide (gay cable)	241-2500
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous	257-7575
Badgerland Narcotics Anonymous	257-1747
Frontiers Gay Men's Outreach (Men's Umbrella Organ.) P.O. Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
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 Chorale 2005 Pike Dr. #5, 53713	256-0425
Madison Wrestling Club P.O. Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
Men Over 30 (support group) P.O. Box 8234, 53708	244-8690
New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation) P.O. Box 1786, 53701	

QUAC (Queers Action Committee) P.O. Box 2675, 53701	246-4297
Stonewall Network (Lesbian/Gay/Bi Youth Support) P.O. Box 2675, 53701	(608) 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
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ORGANIZATIONS

ACT-UP/Milwaukee, P.O. Box 15620, 53215	769-8708
Alcoholics Anonymous (req. gay mtgs)	272-3081
Beer Town Badgers (L/L social club) P.O. Box 166, 53201	
Bi-Sexual Support Group P.O. Box 14081, West Allis, 53214	271-3067
Black & White Men Together P.O. Box 12292, 53212	265-8500
Black Gay Consciousness Raising P.O. Box 93694, 53203	933-2136
Castaways M.C. (L/L) P.O. Box 1697, 53202-1697	
Cream City Chorus P.O. Box 1488, 53201	277-0434
Cream City Foundation [CCF] P.O. Box 204, 53201	278-0880
Galano Club (chemical free recovery club) 2408 N. Farwell	276-6936
Fest City Singers (gay choral group) P.O. Box 11428, 53211	263-SING
GAMMA (sports/social) P.O. Box 1900, 53201	963-9833
GMYC (Gay Men's Yachting Club) P.O. Box 818, 53201	
Gay People's Union P.O. Box 208, 53201	562-7010
Gay Youth Milw. (regular peer group meetings) P.O. Box 09441, 53209	265-8500
Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event) P.O. Box 899, 53201	672-8960
Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203	445-5552

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Madison's 'Out and About' Series '90

UW- Madison's 10% Society, the university's Gay and Lesbian Student Organization, is proud to present the Sixth Annual 'Out and About' Lesbian and Gay Awareness Series. This year's events focus on discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military, images of Gay Men and Lesbians in Hollywood films, and our changing roles in society. All events are free and open to the public.

Events begin Wednesday, April 25 with Katherine Forrest, noted Lesbian novelist discussing G/L book publishing and continues through May 4th when the program wraps up by presenting Miriam Ben-Shalom, James Holobaugh and Joseph Steffa, all who have dealt with the military's discriminatory policies.

In between those two dates, are other presentations including author Mickey Fleming discussing how his life has been affected by racism, classism and homophobia and reconciling his African-American and Gay identities. A series of 7 workshops on the 29th include: coping with anti-G/L violence; bridging the G/L communities; G/L's of color/inter-racial relationships; G/L's and the media; Gay parenting; legal issues; and domestic partners legislation.

Vito Russo, film columnist and author will screen film clips and analyze the distorted images of G/L's in films. Author Allan Berube will conclude his national book tour with a slide show presentation recounting the experiences of G/L's in World War II, and postwar antigay witch hunts.

The Ten Percent Society Dance will offer an alcohol-free refreshing alternative for all members of the community to enjoy the DJ -spun music.

For listings of events, locations and times, please see this issue's Calendar.

GALVANize Breakfast

Madison- On Sunday, May 6, 1990, there will be a French Toast Breakfast held at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer St., Madison, to raise money for the 1991 Lesbian and Gay Pride March in Madison and also mark the first anniversary of the 1989 March for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride.

The fun will begin at 9am and continue through 12 noon, with the food service being stopped at 11:30am to give the hard working volunteers time to clean the Wil-Mar. Food will be served cafeteria-style to avoid the long waits experienced at the February, 1989, successful pancake breakfast at the same location. There will be lots of info and fun people to talk to about GALVANize and the future march. We still haven't set a date, so bring plenty of ideas.

Be prepared to be entertained along with your breakfast. Talks are underway with several wild and outrageous local entertainment groups to liven up your dining experience.

Members of GALVANize organizing people from Madison going to the June 16th Milwaukee Pride March will also be at the breakfast. Let's make sure that Madison and Wisconsin have a large crowd in Milwaukee to help our friends there. For more info or to get involved, Call 608-255-8061 or write: GALVANize, P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI. 53701-1403. Everyone's Welcome.

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6 Pivot Club (MW,DJ,V) 4815 W. Prospect (Hwy BB) Appleton 730-0440
 730-2067
 Sherlock's Home (Mw, G/S, F) 733 Pennsylvania, Sheboygan

ORGANIZATIONS

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 Fox Valley AIDS Project
 120 N. Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911 733-2067
 Center Project, Inc. Fox Valley Ext. UW-Deshkosh 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
 Fox Valley G/L Parents PO Box 791, Appleton, 54912-0791 727-1975

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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 Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ) 515 S. Broadway	432-9646
2 Java's (MW) 720 Bodart (rear)	435-5476
2 Za's (MW, DJ, V) 720 Bodart (rear)	435-5476

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	494-9904
Gay AA (Meeting Weekly)	
Center Project, Inc. (CPI)-(HIV Test/Counsel) P. O. Box 1062, 54305	437-7400

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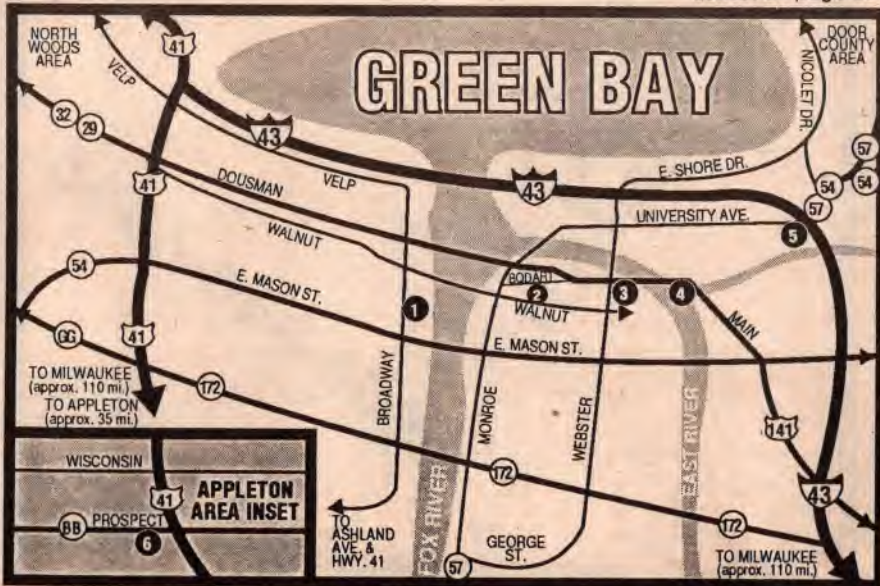
MEDICAL

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

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New Pride Parade Route OK'd

Milwaukee [MLGPC]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade is to be held Saturday, June 16. MLGPC members recently met with officials from the Metro Division of the Milwaukee Police Department and the Department of Public Works for consultation and approval. The Committee members then met with Alderman Henningsen's office, in whose district the parade occurs. The Milwaukee Common Council was the final step this year, because, unlike last year's parade, the route advances west on Wisconsin Avenue. Any parades utilizing Wisconsin Avenue must have approval from the Common Council, which is basically a formality.

The Pride Committee chose this year's Parade route to emphasize that the Lesbian/Gay Community is a proud part of Milwaukee's Community; and that we celebrate that fact by parading down Wisconsin Avenue as other ethnic, cultural and organizational parades and celebrations do. The route also passes through a predominantly Gay section of the east side.

The parade route is as follows: Start at Ogden and Van Buren, east on Ogden to Marshall, south on Marshall to Wells, west on Wells to Jackson, south on Jackson to Wisconsin, west on Wisconsin to Water, north on Water to Kilbourn, east on Kilbourn to Cathedral Square which is between Jefferson and Jackson.

Should the parade be long enough and have enough celebrants, the route would, in effect, "block in" a main section of the downtown and lower east side.

The 11 AM line-up for the Pride Parade will be on Jefferson St. south of Ogden and along the south side of Ogden St. from Jefferson to Van Buren. The start-off is at 12 Noon.

There are two advantages to this year's Parade route. First, participants can park in the area near the parade line-up and rally afterwards. Secondly those concession stands that are set up in Cathedral Square before the line-up and start-off will be able to satisfy those who

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Todd: You are all I could hope and ask for. My wildest dreams have now come true. I Love You!! Dan

Dennis: Congrats for new Olympiad title for Nose dive into porcelain bathtub. Love the black eyes. Mike

C.J.: Read it in the ISTHMUS: Chow Mein, John Wayne & Night Train. Might be a new approach. Slip the popcorn. Friend

Pat [Pivot]: Hi from Milwaukee. P.C.

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Preparations are still underway for the Parade and Rally with less than 2 months to go. There is still time for organizations, bars and business to register for parade participation. Any interested performers, musicians, etc. are encouraged to participate in the Rally. MLGPC still needs volunteers in all areas as the pace quickens. MLGPC wants to make the 2nd Annual Pride Parade and Rally more successful than last year's. We can do it as a Community. Please call the Pride Line at 32-PRIDE to register, volunteer or obtain more information.

Rockford Pride

In Rockford, The newly formed Pride Committee of Rock River announced the date of their Gay Pride festivities. Saturday June 23, from 11am to 5pm at the Sleepy Hollow Shelter of the Kishwaukee Forest Preserve, Rockford, the Pride Committee will host the 'Most Unusual Gay Pride Celebration in the Midwest A Float Down the Kishwaukee River.'

"We couldn't take it to the streets so we took it to the river" Pride Committee member Steve Wheeler said. For the third year Rockford and surrounding communities will pack a picnic, decorate their tubes and float down the Kishwaukee River.

For more information, call or write: Pride Committee, P.O. Box 5903, Rockford, Illinois 61125. (Please enclose SASE) (815) 282- 5017.

MAP Thanks...

[MAP] Over the last two months there have been several fundraisers sponsored by an assortment of supportive restaurants, bars, and businesses. All of the funds raised from these special events are used to support the services at the Milwaukee AIDS Project for People Living With AIDS. An additional benefit from these events is the outreach and awareness that occurs about the AIDS issue. MAP thanks the following people for hosting the fundraisers and creating this awareness:

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Easter Bonnets at the Ballgame.

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• Thanks to **Jet's Place** for a wonderful Valentine's Day fundraiser held on February 13th. This events raised \$640 for MAP!

• Thanks to **M&M Club** for on-going funds that are still coming in as a result of the Tree of Hope in December and January.

• Thanks to everyone who designated the Milwaukee AIDS Project to receive their **United Way** contribution at their workplace. This has been a unique way to receive funds from a normally conservative funding source. MAP is going to receive approximately \$10,000 in 1990!

• Thanks to **La Cage** for a successful annual fundraiser call Turnabout. Held at the club in March, workers that night exchanged job duties for everyone's amusement! This event raised \$740!

• Thanks to the **Boot Camp** for their auction fundraiser in March. This special event raised \$1200 from bids on various auction items. Thanks for your support!

• Thanks to **Partners** for hosting a Jump into Spring BBQ and a benefit show for MAP. This event, April 8th, raised \$653!

• Thanks to **Diva Hair Salon and La Cage** for sponsoring a cut-a-thon fundraiser on April 8th. La Cage hosted a buffet for all participants after the cut-a-thon. This event exceeded everyone's expectations and raised \$2,300! Thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to everyone who joined us at the 1990 **Make a Promise Dinner** This special event, with the support of 400 people in attendance, will raise over \$12,000 (net) to be used for services for people living with AIDS. Again, thank you. We could not have done it without your support!

SEWAP Thanks...

Two separate fundraisers, one at **Club 94** in Kenosha, the other at **Jo'Dee's International** in Racine, each raised \$1000 for the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project SEWAP. The Club 94 'Follies' was a variety show which featured staff and

friends. Funds came from donations, cover charge, and from bartenders donating wages and tips. Jo'Dee's second annual auction featured donated items from patrons and local businesses.

Both bars have long-standing histories of supporting SEWAP, which provides AIDS Education and Lifecare services for Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth Counties.

SEWAP Adds 800 Number

SEWAP has added a new telephone number to provide greater access to services for residents of Racine, Walworth and Kenosha counties.

SEWAP's Kenosha number remains the same: 657-6644. Outside of Kenosha may call 1- 800-924-6601. The statewide AIDSLine number is 1-800-334- AIDS.

Drop-In Center Workshop

Milwaukee- The Drop-In Center will be presenting another workshop in its series on HIV education and prevention. "Building Communication and Sexual Intimacy in Relationships" will be presented on Saturday, April 28, at 9 p.m. at 225 S. 2nd St.

Many aspects of sexuality and communication are important in dealing with the AIDS epidemic. This workshop offers a few hints on coping with these personal issues on an intimate level. Whether one is in a relationship, just starting out or even thinking about a relationship, this workshop will offer a few ideas on how to keep things alive.

The presenter, Darrell Butler, works as an intern volunteer at the Milwaukee AIDS Project in the Education Department.

Madison Youth Outreach

The Stonewall Network, a discussion/support group for Lesbian/Gay/Bi youth under 22 meets every Saturday from 1-3pm in the UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street, Madison.

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Organization Meeting Schedule

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Galamo- 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.

BESTD HIV & Support Group- 7-15 pm, call 272-2144 for location.

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

Bi-Sexual Support- Meeting, call 271-3067 for location and info.

BESTD "A Course in Miracles" Sharing Group, 3:30 pm at 1240 E. Brady, 966-1061 for info.

MONDAYS

BEST- HIV testing and Hepatitis screening, 6-9 pm, by apptmt. only. BEST Clinic, 272-2144.

HIV+ Support Group- for Racine, Walworth & Kenosha Co's location alternates, call SEWAP 657-6644 or 1-800-924-6601 for more info.

Gay AA Meeting [Racine]- 8 pm, 625 College Ave., Racine.

TUESDAYS

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

Family, Friends of PWA's Support [Oshkosh]- 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm Holy Family Rm., East Frontage Rd., Oshkosh, Place 2B

Fox Valley Gay/Lesbian Parents- Meet first Tues. of month at 7:30. Universalist Church, 800 N. Superior, Appleton 727-1975.

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

BESTD- General STD Clinic- testing & treatment, 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.

10% Society, UW-Milw.- Weekly 6pm meeting during semester. UW Union, 2200 E. Kenwood, See postings for room #, 229-6555.

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

BESTD- HIV testing, 6-9 pm, by appointment only, BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St., 272-272-2144

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.

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

Galamo- DePaul Lifestyle Support Group: East 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.

THURSDAYS

GAMMA- Volleyball, 8-10 pm, Englemann Gym at UW-M.

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.

BESTD Alternative Therapies Clinic- Reiki, Shen, Rebirthing & Creative Visualization, 6-9 every other Thursday at appt. 272-2144

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

BESTD HIV+ Support Group- 7-8:30, call Ross 966-1061 for info.

Bi-Sexual Support [Milw.]- meeting, call 271-3067 for location and info

MAP Drop-In Center- Outreach, AIDS info, HIV prevention, safe, alcohol-free environment, coffee, soda, 225 S. 2nd St., 10pm-2am.

SATURDAYS

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

MAP Drop-In Center- Outreach, AIDS info, HIV prevention, safe, alcohol-free environment, coffee, soda, 225 S. 2nd St., 10pm-2am.

Galamo- 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

Metro Milw. Friendship Grp.- 2nd Sat. for details/info call Dave 423-0379.

Stonewall Network [Madison]- Discussion & support for Lesbian/Gay/Bi youth under 22, every Sat. from 1-3, UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., Madison f.m.i. (608) 246-4297.

ORGANIZATIONS: Send us info and we'll include you. If there are errors, send corrections.

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The group is run by trained adult facilitators, and is informal, free and confidential. It is a safe source of friendship and support, where youth can find out about the Lesbian and Gay community and explore feelings in a caring non-judgmental way.

Discussions, presented by youth advisors, community leaders and experts, include: Coming out to family and friends; dealing with homophobia; being out in school; emotional health; G/L history; AIDS and sexual safety; and other topics.

For details, call (608)246-4297 or write: Lesbian and Gay Youth, PO Box 2675, Madison, WI 53701.

CCF Offers Grants

[CCF]- The Cream City Foundation has announced it's next grant cycle for Gay/Lesbian causes and organizations. Grant applications are available Now through the CCF office and are due back to the Foundation by May 31, 1990. Grant applications will be reviewed in June for Board action in July 1990.

For more information call 278-0880, stop by or write the CCF office at 225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee 53204.

The Cream City Foundation is a Non-Profit Organization that raises funds from the Gay/Lesbian Community in Wisconsin. Those funds are granted to some 30 Gay/Lesbian Organizations to 'Build Community' through out-reach efforts and new programs for our community.

Lutherans Assemble

Chicago- Lutherans Concerned/North America (LC/NA) is pleased to announce Rev. Linda Strohmeier as the Keynote Facilitator for Assembly '90, the group's upcoming biennial gathering. Strohmeier, who claims a Native American Ancestry, is an ordained Anglican parish priest with a prior career in the theatre. She has extensive experience in cross-cultural religion, especially as relating to the Hurons and Jesuits in Canada.

Rev. Strohmeier was selected to lead/facilitate the Lutherans Concerned Assembly in a manner that will highlight and expand the assembly's theme: "I Am In Your Midst." The theme sessions will integrate group process with worship, music, and art in a way that will carry over into the rest of the assembly. Strohmeier will lead the group with discussion and non-lecture techniques to reach a greater understanding of what it means to be a Lesbian or Gay Christian.

Workshops as well as all activities at the July 19-22 gathering will relate to the theme "I Am In Your Midst." Leaders for workshops are coming from many parts of the continent to lead small group sessions.

The Chicago assembly will be LC/NA's seventh biennial gathering, and organizers are expecting the largest turnout of members in the history of LC/NA. Other activities planned for the gathering include a banquet-style dinner-dance and a picnic dinner at an outdoor concert.

Registration fees are divided into member/non-member categories. Reduced 'Early-bird' registration fee (Member: \$150; Non-member: \$180) is available for those who register before May 1. After that date regular registration fees will apply (Member: \$165; Non-member: \$200). Housing costs are \$15/person/night for double rooms, and \$30/person/night for single rooms. Interested parties are encouraged to register soon to guarantee a space at Assembly '90.

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Letters

To the Editor:

I read *In Step* faithfully and that is why I choose to bring my concern to your magazine. Your publication is sometimes the only connection older Lesbians and Gay men have to the community.

I would like to voice a problem that I have encountered in the women's bars over the past few years. Though some of my friends and myself do not go out often, when we do go to the women's bars, we feel totally out of place.

Now I am a professional woman who meets and deals with people on a daily basis. I have never thought of myself as an introvert or invisible for that matter. For the past few years, my friends and I have found the M&M more enjoyable in many ways. Though some of us may be in our late thirties, forties, fifties and sixties, we are still alive! The one thing that we appreciate at the M&M is; they treat us as women no matter if we are old or young. The bartenders are friendly as are the customers. The music allows us to have conversations and hear what the other person (or persons) is saying. I can understand that today's music is geared towards the younger generation. It's their music as it is their time. We had our music in our day. In fact, I like some of the music that is played today. I haven't died completely. I was young once and haven't slipped into senility as some young women treat us older lesbians. They have to remember that they will one day be older. There has been no promise of eternal youth to my knowledge nor has the Fountain of Youth been uncovered.

A few weeks ago, some friends and myself went to a couple of the women's bars. Some of the women looked at us like what were we doing out after ten p.m. (A comment I will later cover).

We sat at the bar so we could talk to each other over the music. One woman who sat to my right talked around me like I was invisible. The last time I looked in the mirror, I saw myself looking back. Maybe I wasn't as young as I once was but I certainly wasn't invisible either! I still

cry. I still hurt. I still laugh. I still love. I still have feelings. I am capable of expressing all those human emotions. The woman who sat to my right was rude and made ignorantly crude remarks about my dear, dear friends and myself. I neither encouraged conversation or opinions from her as we had just sat down. We had a drink and minded our own business. Yet this young woman chose to remark to her friend (above the music): 'I wonder what those two old women are doing out? There's no one in here that would be interested in them!' The comments were out loud for my friend (visiting from Ind.) to hear them above the music. I had previously heard that particular bar was trying to encourage those 'over forty' to patronize them. I'm afraid they lost some customers that night.

I may be older, but damn, I am still a lesbian. I am still a member of this community just as my older Gay brothers are. Is there an un-written law that once we reach a certain age we are to stay at home? No there isn't! But often the cruel comments we hear force us to stay there.

The younger generation must remember that many of us were instrumental in shaping this community. Has Stonewall and the people involved been totally forgotten? The people of Stonewall are older as some of us...does that mean we no longer exist? How many of the women that attended the Old Timers party at Jet's do we see out often? Not many! Why? Because there is no place for us to go without being treated like we're old 'has beens.' As the younger generation grows, we older members of the community become forgotten like the yesterdays that were once ours. I say, older lesbians and gay brothers unite! Form a club? Don't stay home in forced retirement! Thank you, Mr. Geiman, for allowing me to voice a very needed concern to our Community.

-P.L.

EDITORS NOTE: My apology to P.L. I received this letter in late Oct. '89, mis-filed it, and didn't come across it again until last week. I imagine the situation she describes hasn't been altered greatly since October, so I'm printing it now.

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GWM, 49, 5'9" 165 lbs attractive, professional, horny. Would like to meet younger men 25-38 for sexual relationship; possible long term. Sincere & stable. P.O. Box 83173, Milw. 53223.

GWM, 49, 5'6", 140lbs. Looking for Gay or Bi white male 30-50, slim-medium build for fun and possible relationship. Call Jack, 271-2159 days, early evening.

GWM, 5'7", 165lb. Leather wrestling enthusiast with fetish for tall hunky lace-up boots seeks encounters with dudes of similar specs and interests for workouts and endurance. Young, wiry, lean opponents with expertise in leg submission holds a plus. 414-259-9069.

Gay Male, 45 yrs, shaved, loves all forms of sex. Call Jake a.m. hrs. 715-752-3476.

Attention Married Men: Support group now forming. For more information, write P.O. Box 44321, Milwaukee, WI 53214. Discretion assured.

GMM 35, Handsome Wants to meet well-hung, good-looking men (30 and under) for friendship and discreet safe sex. Married/Bi/Black. Green Bay, 414-497-1593 (Gordy).

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WM 44, 5'9", 150lbs, brown hair, beard, wants men any age/race, in shape, no fats, for any or all of the following: Whipping, tit work, W/S, shaving, oral sex, raunch. Curious about pig sex, brown hanky, etc. Occult oriented. HIV neg, safe sex only. Karl, 836 Wheeler St. Woodstock, IL 60098.

GWM, 28, 5'7", 150lbs, looking for a relationship, my age up to 30. Light drinker, non-smoker, no drugs preferred. I would like our love to be 50/50 in bed and out. I also love romantic dinners and making love by candle light. So if you would like the same, please write: P.O. Box 07062, Bay View, WI 53207. (Corrected P.O. Box Number!)

GWM, 27, Handsome, Professional. Physically fit, straight looking/acting. Enjoys outdoor activities. Wishes to meet GWM 21-35 for friendship/relationship. Must be straight looking/acting non-smoker. No druggies. Send photo to: Lee, P.O. Box 7053-54915, Appleton, WI 54915.

GM, 40, professional, seeking relationship with a younger man. Medium build, masculine, romantic. Described by friends as sensitive and warm. Interested in meeting to see what develops? Call 608-764-5225.

GWM, 40, 6'2", 185lbs, straight acting, masculine, professional, attractive. I've been married and new to gay lifestyle. I have many interests, including health, fitness, sports. I'm interested in meeting men 30-45 for friendships/relationship. Forward inquiries to P.O. Box 71263, Milwaukee 53211-7363.

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To the Editor:

When I recently moved to Kenosha to work for the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, I was told (actually, warned) by friends not to expect to find much of a Gay 'community' here. As is was explained to me, Gay folks from Kenosha and Racine all migrate to Milwaukee and/or Chicago for the weekends. Not much of anything goes on locally or during the week, and apathy reigns as the predominant response to issues which affect Gay people as individuals or as a community.

While there probably are elements of truth in my friends' description, I've been pleased to learn that they were exaggerating and that yes, there is a Gay 'Community' here. This has been most strongly evidenced by two recent fund-raising events which benefited SEWAP. Kenosha's Club 94 'Follies' and the Second Annual Auction at Jo'dee's Intl. in Racine each raised in the neighborhood of \$1000 to support the work of our project. In addition to raising money to fight AIDS, these events raised awareness of the AIDS issue which is as real a problem here as it is 'in the big cities.' Finally these events brought a variety of Gay men and Lesbians together not only to laugh and have fun, but to work together to do something about a common problem. That's what builds community.

Thank you, Bob & Don at Club 94, and Judy of Jo'Dee's, for your leadership and friendship. Thanks to all at both of the clubs for making these efforts so successful.

—Michael Becker
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The Arts

“My Left Foot”

Review

by Kevin Michael

Truly an extraordinary film is this simple story based on the life experience of Christy Brown. Brown was born with cerebral palsy and had the ability to only freely move his left foot from whence came the title of his autobiography. His book, typed with his left foot, became the basis for the filmed story of his life.

Born in Ireland, the story is told simply yet powerfully there. It is clear why Daniel Day-Lewis won the Oscar as Best Actor. His portrayal of Christy is honest and straightforward. He fully makes you believe that he is handicapped and can only manipulate his left foot. That, it seems to me, quite simply is what good acting is all about.

In the same way, it is also obvious why Brenda Fricker won as Best Supporting Actress. This simple, straightforward Irishwoman fully believed in her son and his abilities. It is she who first gives him the confidence to believe that he, though handicapped, is capable. The performance of Fricker as well as Day-Lewis are stellar and ever so worthy of their awards.

Even though the film delves into the life history of a handicapped person, the title and focus deal rather with possibility. Instead of looking at his entire body which is not workable, Christy learns to read, type, and paint using only his left foot. In fact, the film shows an exhibit of his art works presented at a Dublin gallery.

It seems to me that in the simplicity of this story, is its power. How often are we somehow put into the same situation as Christy? His simple unsophisticated father believed him to be retarded as well as handicapped. As mentioned earlier, his mother helped him believe and prove that he was not.

By the same token, how many of us either by our experience or the perceptions of others have been made to believe that we could not. Whether

physically or experiential, many of us too have been handicapped as was Christy. And yet, the simple beauty of this film is that we have possibility, if we somehow trust ourselves enough. Christy's mother was for him that instrument.

We need to be instruments one to another. Too often we speak and view each other more in the negative. We need to believe in ourselves, others, and possibilities. If we could just trust ourselves and others enough. So simple, and yet so difficult.

Singers Go To The Movies

Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers offer their audiences the convenience of ordering tickets for their Mother's Day weekend performances of "Let's Go to the Movies!" through the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Box Office in the Milwaukee Center. The Rep Box Office is located at 108 E. Wells St.: telephone (414) 224-9490.

Performances of "Let's Go to the Movies" on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12 are scheduled for 8pm in the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and the Sunday, May 13 performance is scheduled for 7pm. Mothers who attend the Sunday performance will receive a complimentary Mother's Day flower.

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Oldtime radio and classic comedy are brought to life in "Flywheel, Shyster, And Flywheel" on the Cabaret stage by recreating a live broadcast of the Marx Brothers' lost radio scripts. Come to the MRT and Experience the amazing comic timing of Groucho and Chico Marx, April 20 - May 13.

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The Jump Into Spring MAP benefit at Partner's included a cook out and show.

Bauer Spring Schedule

The Bauer Contemporary Ballet will present four works by Susie Bauer, recent recipient of a 1990 Wisconsin Arts Board Artist Fellowship Award. The Milwaukee audience will have the opportunity to see works ranging from 1980 thru the present at the company's downtown studio performance space (727 N. Milwaukee St.), Thursday, May 3 at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5 at 8:00pm and Sunday, May 6 at 3:00pm.

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"Maria Falling Away," the premiere ballet of the Spring season, is a work developed by the company through play and action with the interactive set. Music by L.A. composer Rick Cox, creates the boundaries of space and time.

Rounding up the program is Bauer's 1989 surprise "Tryst." A work for full company and life size cut-out set pieces. "Tryst" takes the viewer through many meetings, couplings and partings of all kinds. A delicate, uninhibited view of a world.

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"Burn This" In Madison

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This stunning play opens with Anna, a New York choreographer and her gay roommate, Larry, in their trendy loft apartment. Into this cultivated atmosphere storms a wild man. Pale the

brother of another roommate who has died & is the opposite of his name dangerous, rough-talking, crude and unpredictable. A love affair between him and Anna, an esthete who has dedicated her life to her dancing, is out of the question. And yet, the two are attracted to one another, like magnetic ions headed toward a supercharged collision.

"Burn This," which starred John Malkovich and Joan Allen in the hit Broadway production, is authored by American playwright Lanford Wilson. Wilson's other plays which have been produced by the Rep include "Hot L Baltimore," "Talley's Folly," and "Fifth of July."

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Jock Shorts

Take Me Out To The Ballgame

That will be the cry on Saturday, April 28, at 11:00am at Mitchell Park, as the Wreck Room plays the M&M Peanuts and Partners take on La Cage to kick off the 13th season of the **Saturday Softball Beer League, SSBL**. All 12 teams will be in action on that day.

Then on Sunday, April 29, the players and their fans will be heading for the Ballgame (the bar, that is) as the SSBL will hold a league fund raiser from 2pm-5pm. There will be free beer, wine and food available as the league welcomes back one of its former players, Vic Minetti. Other surprises are planned, and everyone is welcome. (\$2 donation).

Applications have from Twin Cities and Chicago, and other verbal commitments have been made from Atlanta, New York, Nashville and other cities for **The Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament**. Because many teams will be unable to play on Friday, the tournament will again be held over 2 days, on Saturday & Sunday, May 26-27, Memorial Day Weekend. Between 25 and 30 teams are expected to participate. There will again be 3 divisions for competitive, recreational, and women's teams.

Saturday Softball Beer League

SCHEDULE

(All games at Mitchell Park behind the Domes. The Team listed second is the Home team.)

04/28 - Upper Diamond

11:00 Wreck Room v M&M Peanuts
12:00 M&M Peanuts v La Cage
1:00 Ball Game v Triangle
2:00 C'est La Vie v Ball Game
3:00 Station II v M&M Bad Girls

04/28 - Lower Diamond

11:00 Partners v La Cage
12:00 Wreck Room v Partners
1:00 Jet's Place v Nitengales
2:00 Nitengales v Station II

3:00 Fannies v Jet's Place
4:00 M&M Bad Girls v Fannies

05/05 - Upper Diamond

11:00 Jet's Place v M&M Bad Girls
12:00 M&M Bad Girls v Nitengales
1:00 Fannies v Station II
3:00 Triangle v Wreck Room
4:00 Wreck Room v C'est La Vie

05/05 - Lower Diamond

11:00 Nitengales v Fannies
12:00 Station II v Jet's Place
1:00 La Cage v Ball Game
2:00 Ball Game v M&M Peanuts
3:00 C'est La Vie v Partners
4:00 Partners v Triangle

GAMMA Action

GAMMA, Milwaukee's sports and social organization, has a variety of five events that are open to the public during these next two weeks. Back by popular demand after a five-year absence, is the fun-filled "Go Fly a Kite" afternoon at the lakefront. Bring your own kite on Sunday, May 6 to the land fill East of Lincoln Drive about 2:30pm and join in the least-strenuous of all athletic events. A warm-up brunch will be scheduled at M's at 12:30; call Bob at 963-9833 for reservations and information.

The Milwaukee Trackers continue their Sunday schedule as they join the Dinosaur Dash on April 29th and their own 5K run May 6th. All skill levels are welcome. The May 6th run leaves from Lake Park Pavilion at noon; call Brian or Jim at 332-1527 for more information.

The Gay Bicycling Network goes on the Sturtevant Roll on Saturday, April 28th. Meet at 12:30 at the Grant Park Golf Club House; all you need is your steed and the will to travel some forty pleasant miles.

GAMMA's major social event will be a movie/dining out evening with Gene and Dave on Friday, April 27th. The movie is 'Red October' the question is, 'Is Sean Connery the sexiest man in America?'. Call 962-7366 for reservations.



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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Is Spring warmth ever going to arrive? I'm getting a little perturbed after that teasing March weather. Hopefully, since I'm writing this last week, by now the weather is completely different.

Let's go back to April 7th and catch up...

The Knights of Leather women's leather club from Minneapolis mingled with mostly male leather club members from Milwaukee, Chicago, Green Bay and other points at **Club 219's Chaps**. The Oberon's hosted the leatherwomen and men for their special guest club night. I couldn't help but notice Sharon of **Fannie's** out perusing the scene in designer leather. Turns out that was the Oberon's last weekend with Chap's as its headquarters. The lower level bar has been closed and is under reconstruction since then. Bobby and crew have gutted the place down to the bare foundation and are starting all over. The Oberon's have taken up residence at the **Wreck Room Saloon**.

April 8 saw the **Cream City Chorus** celebrate their third anniversary with an 'April Foolishness' concert in their rehearsal space, New Hope Church of Christ. Also that afternoon **Partner's** 'Jumped Into Spring' with a BBQ cook-out and a show afterwards, all for the benefit of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). A second MAP benefit that day by **Diva's** Hair Salon was tremendously successful with five stylists and a volunteer receptionist kept very busy from 9am through 8pm. Those who participated were feted to a buffet at **La Cage** afterwards. This was Milwaukee's first 'Cut-a-thon' benefit, and proved to be a winner.

The French Canadian Dancers hit Madison's **New Bar** that night, setting the Mad City on fire with their HOT act and most obvious attributes. The next evening, they were on to **Club 219** where Milwaukeeans were out in force, especially considering it was a Monday night! The place was so packed it was hard to get close enough to the stage to tip

the poor men for their efforts. (Next time the bars should hand out bibs to catch all the audiences drool!)

Club 3054 has certainly had a full calendar of events, everything from bartender exchanges to full moon contests, and practically everything in between for both the men and women.

Jet's Place, which recently moved their talent search contest from Wednesdays to Tuesdays, have canceled them altogether. The Wednesday contests couldn't compete against 219's Wacky Wednesday contests, and **La Cage's** contest. I'm sure Bobby, Bob, M and Jet are cooking up something special to take its place.

Easter weekend brought a series of egg hunts, bonnet and basket contests to the area including **Nitengale's**, **219**, **La Cage**, **Club 3054**, **Wreck Room**, and the **Ballgame**. Several of the bars canceled their contests because of lack of or too few (two does not constitute a contest in my book) contestants. It seems years back people were more creative and festive and would come out in droves for such contests. (Or am I just getting old?)

Other events that weekend included an Aries Birthday party and show featuring Madison's Miss Rosa Rivera at the **New Leaf**, and 'The Flying Napkins' comedy revue flew into for a landing at **Za's**.

Cafe Melange hosted a Good Friday for Earth Day benefit and information night with a roster of live music. Larry also sponsored booths at the Earth Day festival.

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Bi-sexual Perspectives

The Emerging Bi Community

[Extrapolated from the pages of 'Bi-Sexuality News, Views, and Networking/The North American Journal on Bi-Sexuality']

Only within the last few years have bi groups begun to form and continue in the United States.

A group was started in New York City in the 1970s but fell to the wayside when its leaders moved away.

The Bi Center thrived in San Francisco for awhile but diminished when one leader died and other burned out.

Los Angeles also had a large, active group in the late 1970s, but its leader found few takers when he tried to hand over the reins, and many got scared off with the onset of the AIDS epidemic.

A group has existed in Portland, Ore., for about nine years, and the Boston women's group for about seven. But beyond those and a few others, the groups are new many only a few years old, some just beginning.

Very few of the older groups have been politically active, and even the new groups tend to concentrate on supporting members' emotional needs rather than political interaction with gay and lesbian groups.

However, within the past two years or so, coincidentally (or not?) a national newsletter was founded; several groups started their own newsletters, some of them substantial and literate; the San Francisco and New York groups were reborn and became several different groups; two separate bi anthologies have been accepted by two different publishers, including Alyson Publications; more groups sprang up in Southern California, Minneapolis, western Massachusetts and elsewhere; bi's marched as a contingent during the historic March on Washington in 1987; and now, for the first time, a national and international bi convention will be held in San Francisco this summer.

Why all this now? Why not 20 years ago? Why at all?

The short answer is: It wasn't the right time historically and politically.

Many bi people were heavily involved in the Gay/Lesbian rights movement and feminism; it was enough that they were preoccupied with these concerns. Just as the first Gay group, the Mattachine Society, arrived too soon to last, bis' issues would also have to wait.

With the Stonewall riots of 1969, the Gay rights movement came racing out of the closet. But progress has been a long, hard, fast-paced and excruciatingly slow process a generation's worth. For some bi people, it was politically and personally too difficult and too soon to 'deviate' from the Gay/Lesbian struggles and groups that formed their support network of friends, lovers, and political soulmates.

For other, younger bi people, it was easier because they had not been as much a part of the Gay and Lesbian culture. Also, the stridency and militancy of the first 10 years had diminished or been rechanneled into the AIDS struggle; it was 'less' politically incorrect to be bi but it was still incorrect.

In either case, there arose a realization or awareness among more and more bis that a void existed that many Lesbian/Gay communities and groups were not about to acknowledge, accept, or accommodate bisexuals and bisexuality as part of the Gay/Lesbian world.

At the same time, some bi people began to feel that their Gay and Lesbian organizations were now 'mature' (or at least young adults). With up to 20 years of existence and experience to their credits, many of these organizations were now firmly established and in some ways self-perpetuating; bi people who had helped nurture these organizations could now afford to turn their energy and sights to their own special concerns.

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La Cage's Easter show with Holly and Co. with special guest Bonnie Bitch was quite irreverent, but none-the-less very entertaining. Holly's last show, before her sojourn home to the out-back of Australia, occurs the 29th. (It looks like she's really going to go this time!) Holly tells me the most important thing is to go see her 'mum' and after that, work a bit in Europe. After that she told me things aren't finalized. Shows will continue after she leaves.

Partner's kicked-off its weekly 'Win, Lose or Draw' Wednesday, the 18th. Guest celebrities were on the line, and everyone had a fun time, so sign up for a team, now.

That brings us up to deadline, but I do have a few more items to relate to you...

About 125 Gay and Lesbian protesters staged a kiss-in last week at Madison's Espresso Royale Cafe after an employee there asked two women who were kissing to stop. After the protest, the owner met with the demonstrators and assured them their business was welcome 'anytime.' Ahhh...the political power of a kiss!

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My Apologies: to the Fest City Singers for an error in last issue's Arts article about their fifth anniversary. The body copy was correct, but the headline said the 3rd not the 5th. Apologies, too, go to Katrina Kay, who was misidentified in a photo last issue as last years Miss Masquer's. First off, Masquer's wasn't open last year, and secondly Katrina was never even Miss R-Bar. She is, however, the reigning Miss Gay Central WI-USA.

One L/L bar bites the dust in Milwaukee, and another grows in Madison... Cheri has opened **Wings** in the basement of **Club 3054**. The Levi/Leather space will help Cheri and her crew offer something for most everyone.

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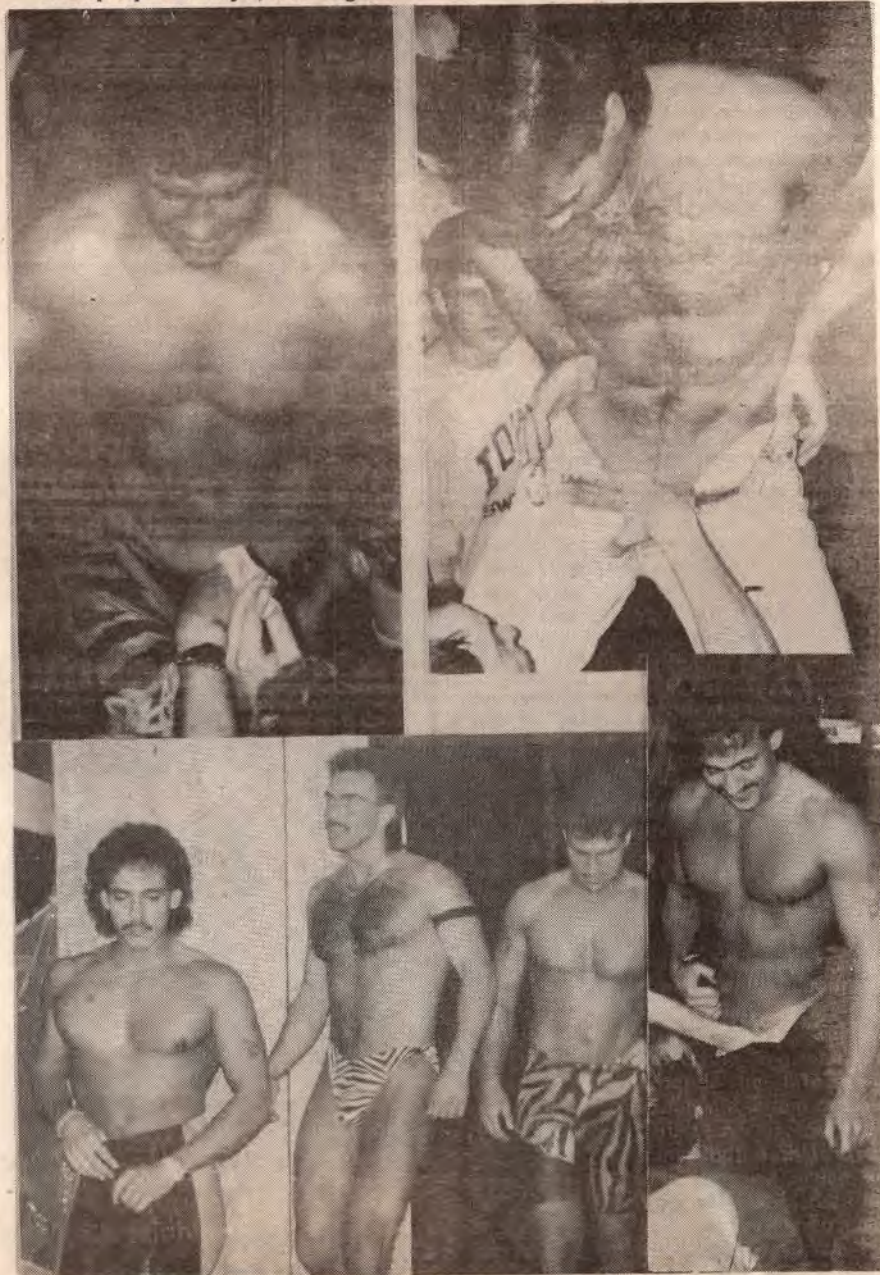
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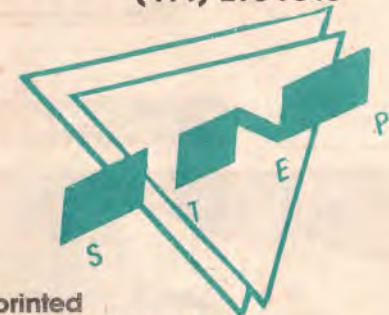
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Bouncer Barry keeps giving me looks
Uh, I think it's about time I book
And that's my cue to say adieu
To the lovers, the groovers... and you.

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"Burn This" runs for three weeks only, April 27 through May 13, in the Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center. The show contains some strong adult language and situations.

Tickets are on sale now, through the Madison Civic Center Box Office. Prices range from \$10.50 to \$14.50 per ticket, depending on the night of performance. Half-price rush tickets are available on the day of a show, and groups of fifteen or more people are eligible for group discounts. Please call the Madison Civic Center Box Office at (608) 266-9055 for more ticket information or to reserve a seat.

Steimke Season Wraps

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater closes its 1989-90 Steimke season with "The White Crow," by Donald Freed through May 6. "The White Crow" is a powerful, emotional drama revolving around the interrogation of Adolf Eichmann, during the summer of 1960 in Jerusalem, for his war crimes against humanity. Author Donald Freed has employed two major sources for "The White Crow": the first, the actual transcripts of the Eichmann interrogation, conducted by Gideon Hausner; and the second, "The Banality of Evil," by Hannah Arendt, and account and interpretation of Eichmann's trial. These



Easter egg hunt at Nitengale's.

two documents form the basis of the play, but Freed has allowed his considerable imagination to roam, thus providing the interrogation and its inherent conflict with a very personal point of view that neither history nor fact could ever have allowed.

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Sharlee saunters by, cool, sexy, and sly
 With Becky who's though young and hot
 Till two cocky ladies,
 smalltown 'Warren Beatties',
 Hopefully buy them a shot.

Then there's a rappin Joann,
 she's a cocaine fan
 Who lives on the edge of a dime
 And you know some day
 that she'll have to pay
 For the lies and the little white lines
 And the activists yell and the dealers sell
 And there's some who stand
 drinking alone
 And I thank my stars for these Gay bars
 It's as close as we come to a home.

And the manager says,
 "Shit, tonight's really dead"
 As he fingers his long blonde hair
 And he glances at Gary who's
 staring at Larry
 Sometimes life just doesn't seem fair
 Aging Miffy and Biffy drink beer
 And check out the 'babes' standing near

Soon they'll start making moves
 on the one with big boobs
 Like they did in their youthful years
 Now the one who's a local heartbreaker
 Looks over the place with alarm
 But she holds her head proud
 as she watches the crowd
 Cause she's got someone new on her arm
 Handsome Matt's looking sad,
 GQ Bart's looking 'rad'
 Good old Ashley's providing a show
 A male stripper is sweating,
 two butch women are petting
 And Slick is seen causing a row
 A man in a dress claims his life is a mess
 Then he straightens out his hose
 "I like Latin guys with dreamy eyes,"
 he says as he powders his nose
 And then there's the movers,
 the shakers and groovers
 The 'ones' who are always 'correct'
 Who laugh at the boozers
 and think us all losers
 Ah, SCREW those political
 pains in the neck

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Books

A Simple Suburban Murder

Reviewed by Jeff Kirsch

The suburban area of the title belongs to Chicago and, if the act of murder is simple, the path to the killer is anything but, in this debut novel by Mark Richard Zubro.

Tom Mason is a high school English teacher who enters his classroom early one morning and finds the body of a little-liked math teacher, Jim Evans, in his classroom. Mason himself is first a suspect, then, upon the disappearance of Mason's —, suspicion falls on the son. Mason and his lover, a famous baseball player named Scott Carpenter, fear for Phil's well-being and set out to find him. Of course, to do so they must also solve the murder itself.

Mason is warned off by the police, and threatened by his principal and superintendent, who evidently have something to hide. He then stumbles across a gambling operation originating from the school and a child prostitution ring, the details of which are stored on one of Evans' computer disks, which Mason possesses, but whose access code he can't break. Like many sleuths about to uncover clues others would rather keep secret, he's shot at and assaulted in the process.

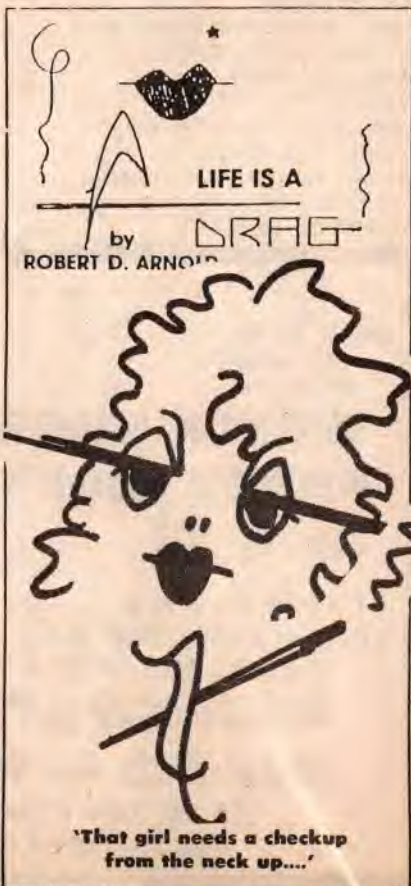
There's also a roller-coaster tour through Chicago's Gay community — not surprisingly, the seamier side of it — and Zubro has a chance to take a swipe at almost everyone.

Dialogue, with a fair amount of witty repartee, dominates the novel. The prose is crisp, the pace quick, and the pages easily turn.

Although a few scenes are not for the faint of heart, there is a tide of moral outrage to balance the sordidness. While certain scenes may seem exploitative out of context, the novel as a whole is not. The protagonist is an upright Gay teacher

who's sufficiently out of the closet that the principal's and superintendent's threats to expose him have absolutely no effect. All that's needed is perhaps a little more fleshing out of the psychological complexities of Zubro's main character.

Several Gay/Lesbian writers — Joseph Hansen, Nathan Aldyne, Katherine Forrest, and Richard Stevenson, for example — have turned their first mysteries into successful series, and it seems that Zubro may follow in their footsteps. His new novel, *Why Isn't Becky Twitchell Dead?*, is also being released in hardcover by St. Martin's. If we're lucky, his new novel will more than confirm the talent already seen in this extremely promising first mystery. ▽



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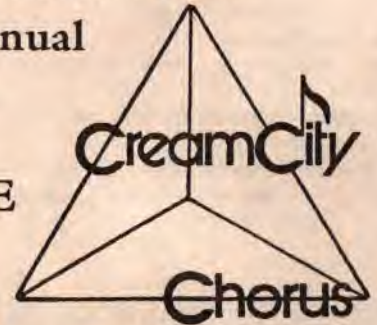
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Club 3054 [Madison]: Wet Boxer Shorts contest, 12am.

Club 219: Wild & Crazy Wednesday, Hollywood Look Alike contest, \$50 prize.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Wreck Room: Bartender exchange with Club 3054, their bartenders come here.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Showing "The Ritz."

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Club 3054 [Madison]: The "Ex's Ball," come in with your favorite Ex & get free drink.

Nitengales: Softball Benefit, raffles, give-aways, fun.

Out & About Series [Madison]: 10 percent Society's G/L Awareness Series presents author Mickey Fleming on "Multiple Oppressions in Society," State Historical Society Auditorium, 7:30pm.

GAMMA: Going to see "Red October," then informal dining out, call 962-7366 for info.

Christian Gays: Reaching Christian Gays, Howard Johnson's at 194 & Rt. 50, 7pm, thru April 28 & 29, Revival's music & ministry.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Nitengales: Now opening on Saturdays at 1pm.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: King Productions, Miss South Eastern Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant, showtime 9:30, applications at bar.

SSBL 13th Season Opening Games. Games run 11am-4pm, Mitchell Park diamonds behind the Domes. Twelve teams will be playing, so come & cheer your favorites.

MAP Drop-In Center: Workshop 'Building Communication and Sexual Intimacy in Relationships,' 9pm, 225 S. 2nd St.



Triangle and Club 3054 staffers on recent bartender exchange at the Triangle.

View From a Room

by Nancy Lyn Define

Another Saturday Night

First my sister says "Nance, I JUST came here to dance
Then she uses some VERY bad words
So after that I sorta started to chat
And this is the story I heard...

LeRoy likes his lads to be scantilly clad
So he shows them that he's very rich
He spends all his money
impressing these honeys
But the boys say LeRoy's STILL a bitch

Handsome Marge gives the
ladies a charge
When she shakes her hips and pelvis
But the fact remains that if
Marge could change

Then the ladies would call her Elvis
Some big boy-ees swish by and
they catch a few eyes
But the regulars don't much take up
With the primping and prancing,
the vamping and camping

Of the men with Lancome makeup
And Barb runs a crowd that's Gay,
proud and loud
This I feel bound to acknowledge
While some of us nest,
these women protest
the chauvinist slant at the college
Mr. Creep keeps talking to the
'hunks' who keep walking
They ignore him but is doesn't stick
He appreciates when he masturbates
The incredible size of their... shoulders
Leather Ned at the bar is a fantasy star
Leather Ned is as tough as he seems
But he loudly portends he likes hetero men
Cause 'Straight Stan'
is the man of his dreams
The little girls hustle
the women with muscles
Or at least that's the talk at the gym
And the sound system pumps
while the pretty boys hump
and they ALL look incredibly slim

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Bonnie Bitch performed at La Cage.

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But even when we could go someplace that's **FREE**, we whine and bitch about having to cross our property lines. Kathy, for her part, like any number of hausfraus in the Milwaukee neighborhoods of my youth, is engaged in a constant struggle of (Wo)Man Against Nature, trying to keep picked up the glad tidings from the neaby MacDonald's, Taco Bell, and Roma's that the wind cheerfully deposits on our lawn.

5. You **Know** things. Like: Garbage pick up is on Tuesday. And: Marvin windows are the best. And: A.O. Smith makes top-of-the-line water heaters. Before I became a homeowner, all I knew about A.O. Smith was that my grampa worked there most of his adult life doing something or other with metal.

6. You learn to put up with things you would **NEVER** let a landlord get away with. The drippy faucet in the kitchen that we intend to fix someday is one thing. But we've lived now, for four months, and probably will live sometime longer, with the linoleum in the upstairs hallway being ripped off in patches, exposing dried-glue mottled wood flooring, awaiting our time and money to be sanded and refinished. Or the front porch steps that, at every concurrence of moisture and frigid air, become frictionless surfaces. I'm sure our mail carrier hates us by now.

7. You start trading, with your homeowner friends, the names of contractors like baseball cards.

8. You send greeting cards to your plumber and carpenter.

9. You talk to people you normally wouldn't talk to like the young burnout father-of-a-two-year-old next door, who sprinkles the word 'man' (as in 'think about it, man') liberally in his conversations and can't remember if you're Kathy & or Yvette.

I won't be hypocritical now like my friends with cars were when I didn't have one, saying I was better off without one and tell you you'd be better off without a house: owning a house is great and I wouldn't trade it for anything. But if you cherish that party animal, chic part of yourself, be prepared: it may not survive your personality makeover.

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Gay Biking Network: Meet at Grant Park's Golf Clubhouse at 12:30. Trek to Sturtevant, 40 miles of level hills. Call Bob, 963-9833.

Walkers Point Cafe: Special guest waitress, Sage La Rue.

Wreck Room: Party Night, 10pm-2am, prizes every half hour, grand prize French Racing Bike.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Milwaukee Trackers run in the Dinosaur Dash, \$10, Call Jim or Brian 332-1527.

ZA's [Green Bay]: 1st Annual Mr/Miss/Ms Emerald City Contest, 8pm.

Nitengales: 5th All-Woman Show featuring disco of late 70's & early 80's, showtime 8:30, free champagne 7-8, \$1 cover.

Unity Meeting [Eau Claire]: Picnic Planning meeting, 3pm, Unitarian Church, 421 S. Farwell. Your input welcome!

La Cage: Holly Brown's Farewell Show, bid adieu to Holly before she goes home to Australia. Special show, 10:30pm.

Out & About Series [Madison]: 10 percent Society's G/L Awareness Series, series of workshops, 10:30am-12pm & 1pm-4pm in the Memorial Union.

Ballgame: SSBL League Fundraiser from 2-5, beer, wine & food, welcome back party for Vic Minetti, other surprises, all welcome, \$2 donation at the door.

New Bar [Madison]: Mr/Miss/Ms Gay Madison Pageant. Special guests, 9:30 showtime, \$3 cover. Table reservations.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

'Personal Pride' Deadline: Publish your personal message of Pride in the Pride Guide Booklet. \$10 for 40 word limit. See order form in In Step Issue #7, page 9.

Out & About Series [Madison]: 10 percent Society's G/L Awareness Series presents film columnist & author Vito Russo, "The Celluloid Closet," Bascom Hall, 7:30pm, Room 272.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Nitengales: All Sandwich Platters \$1 off through May 23rd.

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Out & About Series [Madison]: 10 Percent Society's G/L Awareness Series presents author Allan Berube on "Marching to the Beat of a Different Drummer: The story of Gay Soldiers during World War II," UW Memorial Union Great Hall, 7:30pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Out & About Series [Madison]: 10 Percent Society's G/L Awareness Series presents The 10 Percent Society Dance, UW Memorial Union Great Hall, 8pm. Free admission, DJ's, cash juice bar.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Screening "My Beautiful Launderette."

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Out & About Series [Madison]: 10 Percent Society's G/L Awareness Series presents "Homophobia: A Military Institution" featuring Miriam Ben-Shalom, Joseph Steffan and James Holobaugh, UW Bascom Hall Room 272, 7:30pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Memories [La Crosse]: Miss Western Gay Wisconsin- USA Pageant.

Wreck Room: Castaways Beer Bust; 9pm-1am, \$5 tap beer/wine/soda in the WR Saloon.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Brandy's II [Green Bay]: Argonauts fifth fundraiser for CPI, raffles, chili, 4-9pm. Special final grand prize. CPI HIV testing from noon-6pm, free & anonymous.

Club 3054 [Madison]: "Stars of Wisconsin" show.

GAMMA: Kite flying, 2pm, Landfill. Bring your kite, brunch before at M&M's at 12:30, Call Bob 963- 9833 for info & reservations.

Milw. Trackers: 5K Run, begins noon at Lake Park Pavilion, Call Brian or Jim 332-1527.

Triangle: H.I.T. fundraiser, "May Dames" 10pm, free tap beer.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Milw. Rep MAP Benefit: Stackner Cabaret, 8pm curtain, presentation of "Flywheel, Shyster & Flywheel," tickets \$10.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

ZA'S [Green Bay]: Screening "Parting Glances."

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Fest City Singers Concert: "Let's Go to the Movies" featuring songs from the movies 1930-80, 8pm Stiemke Theatre.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Most outrageous Drag Contest, benefit for SEWAP, 10:30, apply at bar.

Wreck Room: Oberon's monthly Club Night. Raffles, door prizes, 10:30pm-1am.

Fest City Singers Concert: "Let's Go to the Movies" featuring songs from the movies 1930-80, 8pm, Steimke Theatre.

Masquer's [Wausau]: Mr/Miss/Ms Masquers show, 10:30, no cover.

**SUNDAY, MAY 13
MOTHER'S DAY**

All Saints Cathedral: Evensong & Public Healing Service for People Living with AIDS, Sacrament of Unction, prayers for PWA's, and those affected by AIDS. 4pm, 818 E. Juneau. Call office 271-7719 for prayers, info from 9am-1pm.

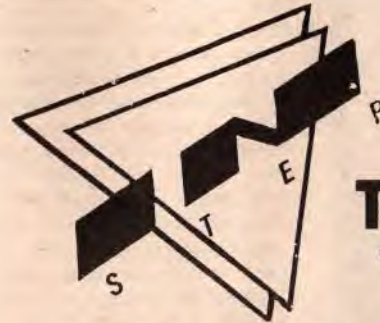
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'COMING OUT' IS PRIDE!

Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

Buyer Beware

A beauty makeover is what happens when a roving band of n'er-do-well cosmeticians ambushes you in the narrow passes between cosmetic counters in finer department stores everywhere, hoping to take not only your natural good looks but also substantial amounts of your money. Although I guess I'm dykey enough to look to them like an insurmountable challenge, I've seen them trap many a hapless shopper with promises of a more alluring facade.

While I don't know about beauty makeovers on a firsthand basis, I am quite knowledgeable about another type of makeover: the personality makeover not the one called 'falling in love' (though I know that one as well) but the one called 'buying a house.' Before you buy a house, people will tell you a lot of things about what homeownership will do for you. They may say, "It's an investment in the future; no more just throwing that rent money away." They may say, "It's a lot of hard work you can't just call the maintenance person." They may say, "The first year or so might be tough, financially, but it's worth it in the long run." What no one tells you is that buying a house can change your personality.

I'm not saying that buying a house isn't worth a personality change: I think it's great that Gay and Lesbian couples (and singles!) are, in greater numbers, capable of and interested in making the kind of commitments and statement that it takes to buy a home. Still, I wished someone would have warned us that owning a home was like taking a mind-altering drug. Maybe I wouldn't have been so shocked then when I discovered I was a different person than the one who had sat down that day with the lawyers the day we signed the mortgage papers.

For all of you buying homes soon, it seemed like the sisterly thing to do to give you some insight on how your personality might change when you become your own landlord.

1. Your first clue that something is different is that your friends and family begin to acknowledge your relationship with the house. "How's the house?" they will ask when they see you, as if that were your primary relationship. You may be stunned to realize it is.

2. Your Marshall Field's credit card falls into disuse while your Sears card starts looking frayed around the edges. In fact, on a Sunday afternoon, when in the past you might have lazed around the apartment or gone biking or taken in a movie, you find yourself wandering around Sears looking wistfully, longingly, at things like power tools, shovels, screen doors, faucets, and garage door openers. You are on a first name basis with Ralph in the paint department.

3. Your lover/fellow homeowner has not gone unaffected either. This year, when you asked her what she wanted for her birthday, she didn't say, "The new Tracy Chapman CD." Or, "A new sweater." or even, "A new baseball mitt or boots from L.L. Bean." No, she asked for: "A wheelbarrow or a wet-dry vac," though I tried persuading Kathy that something, umm, more romantic might be in order, she insisted those aforementioned items were what she truly wanted. I finally broke down and bought her a red wheelbarrow. It was her favorite gift. And, as soon as the weather gets at all warm, I become a landscape widow: she spends hours in the yard doing what we like to call 'putzing around.'

4. You start talking like your parents. Much to my surprise, out of my mouth have come phrases like, "Close the door please you're letting all the heat escape." Or, "If you're done in there, could you turn that light off?" Or, "What'll we do if property taxes go up?" Worse still, I've found that we've begun acting like our parents. I, like my father before me, find that I've begun to hate leaving The House. Separation anxiety, I guess. I could understand if we didn't have the money to go elsewhere, which, thanks to the house, we frequently don't.

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Darla's View

by Darla Kashian

Outing

Bad News! You're a prominent member of the Milwaukee community. Married or single, responsible, and an upstanding business and civic leader. Then, you read in **The Milwaukee Journal** that you are also Gay. Rumors have put you in the paper as a "hidden homosexual."

Just a nightmare? Not in some cities, where radical Gay and Lesbian activists are engaging in an activity called "outing." Outing is the process of kicking one Gay butt out of the closet by announcing to the world and anybody else who will listen that such individual is Gay.

According to a recent report by National Public Radio, "outing" is increasing in popularity by Gays and Lesbians on the East coast. The revelation that Malcom Forbes was Gay is the first major "outing" by Gay activists in New York. Of course, in Forbes' case, the

announcement of his homosexuality was made following his death by **New York City Magazine**.

The rationale behind "outing" may seem reasonable on the surface. Outing activists contend that the Gay and Lesbian community lacks adequate role models, and "outing" will increase the number of positive role models in the Gay community. Also, "outing" will convince Middle America that many more people are Gay than they might imagine. The theory is that outing will force powerful and influential Gays and Lesbians out to the rest of the world.

Nice theory, but increased use of "outing" will have a detrimental affect on the Gay and Lesbian community. Each weekend, bars, parties and social events provide an opportunity for Gays and Lesbians to gather socially in a safe environment. We know that for the most part, we can associate without fear of

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retribution or attack by our fellow Gays and Lesbians.

The threat of "outing" could deter certain members of our community from feeling safe in our own social environment. Trust is a key component to the success of our community, and the process of forcing people out of the closet destroys the basic respect of each others' privacy and personal rights. The right to privacy is the foundation of the Gay/Lesbian civil rights movement.

The objective of creating positive role models would not be achieved by "outing." Positive role models are very important to young Gays and Lesbians, but a role model is someone who is able to come out on their own. Forcing a person out reminds the young Gay person that being Gay is wrong, and Gays must be propelled out of the closet.

Today, we have a growing number of positive Gay role models. Martina Navratilova, Barney Frank and Gerry Studs are just a few of the many people who have overcome the inherent societal

hatred of Gays and Lesbians.

When first introduced to the concept of "outing," I thought back to my parents learning of my sexual orientation from a distant relative. Such information between family members should be shared directly, rather than "on my behalf."

The process of "outing" has been used to attack those in political power who use their power to oppress Gays and Lesbians. Gay and Lesbian Conservative politicians who have actively sought persecute us deserve to be punished for their oppression of Gays. Unfortunately, using these men and women as examples to our young people is not effective. In the case of homophobic Gays and Lesbians, "outing" only serves to punish these men and women, and reminds young people that hatred can be used against Gays and Lesbians.

Coming out is a process that should not be accelerated by the media, your fellow Gays and Lesbians, or anybody for that matter. People come out at their own rate, and should be allowed the right to remain in the closet. Like the right to come out, staying in is an equal right. ▽



The Knights of Leather, a women's L/L club from Minneapolis were guests of the Oberon's at 219's Chaps before it closed for renovations.

Inklings

By Tim Hensiak

My New T.V.

I had just finished telling my mother about my new television, the first T.V. I'd ever bought. I hung up the phone mighty pleased with myself. I bet my parents were impressed, I thought. Their son, finally able to purchase expensive consumer items with a single paycheck. What an adult.

Then the phone rang again. It was mom. "Honey," she said, "you have so many expenses, your dad and I would like to buy that T.V. for you."

I, the successful adult, wasted not one second weighing my parents offer. This television was a symbol of my independence. But no sane adult would turn down a free T.V. The choice was obvious. I took the money.

Only now, I wonder if I should have.

I was so used to taking money from my parents that it certainly seemed the thing to do. Ever! began living on my own, mom and dad have given me occasional infusions of cash. You deserve it they'd say. Did I? Why? Did I need it? Did I want it? I could never figure out the answers. All I knew was that accepting financial aid from my parents made me uncomfortable.

I am not, though, the only one to feel uneasy on the subject. Many of my friends get funding from home, and have some problems with it. Take my friend Kathy, who spends part of what her parents send her, on Yoga, which they think is a weird and frivolous pursuit. Ever so often, her father asks how "that Yogi stuff" is coming. "Yoga," she says tightly, correcting him. She wonders if he is being condescending, or whether she is simply over-sensitive. At any rate, she does not dare call him on his remarks.

Mike's parents definitely believe that helping him entitles them to expect certain behavior from him. "You went away for the weekend after we just gave you all that money?" his mother recently demanded. "When are you going to get serious? Just what do you think we help

you for?" After conversations like that, Mike is livid, resentful, obsessed for days.

Me, my problem is guilt. My parents are not like Kathy's and Mike's, they give me no reason to feel they attach strings to their dollars. The trouble is with me: in my dismay at the nauseatingly sweet way I thank them for their aid; in the dry-eyed greedy way I sometimes secretly wish the check had been for more; in the wounded pride way I fret when I've bought things with their money. (This T.V. isn't really mine, I worry.)

Does this mean that getting money from your parents is always bad? No, I don't think so. My friend Jake let his parents help him buy a house, and his relationship with them has stayed trouble-free. If you know why you're taking the dollars, you're just starting out, Mom and Dad want to make sure you're safe and warm, whatever the reason if it's truly part of a no-hassle rapport, then great. Go on taking it.

As for the rest of us, it obviously costs us something emotionally, so maybe we should stop accepting it, say, "No thanks, I'm okay moneywise for now," or, "Thanks for what you've given me, but please, I don't want to take anymore from you."

Our mothers and fathers spent years supporting us. But there comes a time for change in that relationship, when we need more than their money to feel in control of our lives, to feel like adults. Even though, on some deeper level, for deeper reasons, a part of us may wish that we could always be mom and dad's little boy. ▽

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Gay World News

Japan- Safe Sex educators in Tokyo announced they still experience resistance to condom use by most Japanese Gay men who complain of the tricky, time consuming effort required to put on rubbers with chopsticks.

Iraq- A daring late night seizure by American and British agents thwarted the latest foray into the Middle East arms race when they intercepted a shipment of dangerous genetic material destined for Iraq. The deadly, genetically-engineered material is designed for use in germ warfare. The Iraqi government denied the material was hazardous or that it could be used in germ warfare claiming it was merely a shipment of 'girl germs.'

Great Britain- According to excerpts from his diary, closeted millionaire Malcom Forbes' plans to publicly come out of the closet were thwarted in 1987, after he failed to raise the funds needed to purchase London's famous Big Ben. According to the diary, Forbes planned to purchase the large clock and rename it 'Big Bruce' in honor of his well-endowed lover.

Italy- Before a crowd of thousands in Vatican City, an embarrassed Pope John II asked for forgiveness during a midnight mass, after he misread the text for a blessing and accidentally said, "Lick me baby, lick me," in 57 different languages.

Poland- In a desperate attempt to revive it's faltering economy, the Polish government, taking it's cue from porno-god, Jeff Stryker, will soon market an anatomically-correct, life-like replica of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's weenie and sell it in the United States. Plans call for it to be advertised in the back of dirty magazines as an authentic 'Polish Sausage.'

USA- A therapist involved in couples counseling for same-sex partners announced the quickest, most accurate method of gauging the intimacy level of any gay relationship is to determine whether each partner has carnal knowledge of the confidential Personal ID

Number for the other's automatic teller cash card. The therapist also reported the most common reason cited for the break-up of a relationship was the discovery of 1-900 sex phone charges, 'discreetly billed' to a lover's Visa or MasterCard.

Canada- A Canadian adult film maker announced the premier of a new all-male, porno-thriller. The movie follows the story of a crazed killer who murders hot, naked young men just before they finish making love and is titled, "Die Hard."

France- In an international conference held in Paris, major advertising firms announced they had failed to develop a successful marketing strategy for homosexual women since they were unable to decide whether to target their sales pitches to Gay Women or Lesbians.

South Korea- Reebok, makers of the new Pump Basketball Shoe and Trojan Condom Company announced a joint venture which crosses Reebok's air pump technology used in the basketball shoes with advances in condom manufacturing to develop a line of form-fitting designer rubbers, which inflate with a small air pump and conform with the contours of a man's 'equipment.' Plans call for the new hybrid to be pitched in TV commercials by basketball superstar, Michael Jordan and company spokesman stated marketing plans call for advertising aimed at inner city youths and expressed hopes that underprivileged teens would consider the condoms a status symbol and kill each other just to own them.

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