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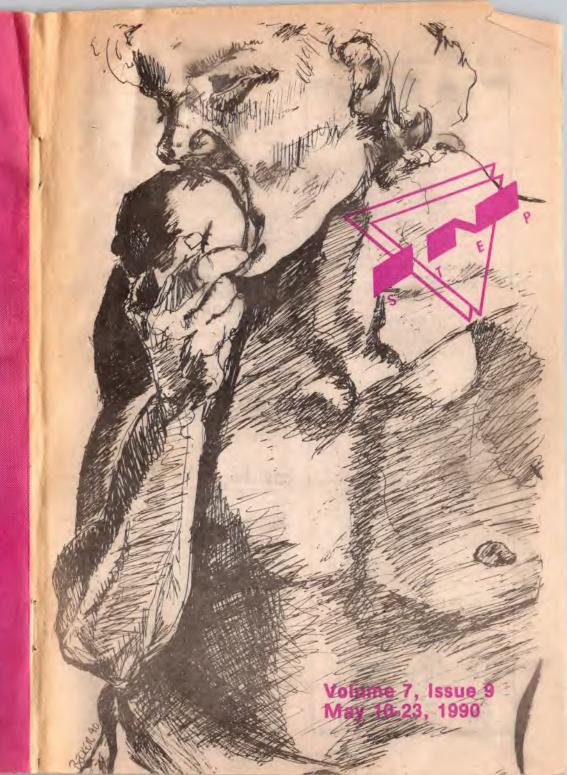
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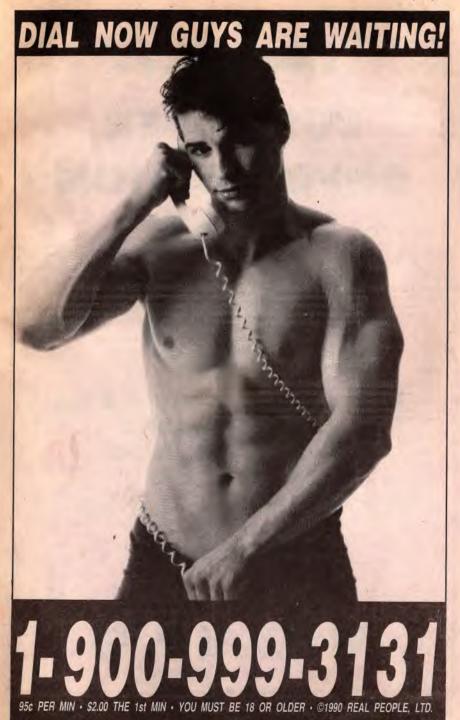
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Students Protest ROTC Policies

Milwaukee - On May 4, 1990, the 20th anniversary of the student massacre at Ohio's Kent State University by members of the National Guard, three student groups at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UW-M) held a press conference at UW-M's Bolton Hall to proclaim their on-going and determined opposition to the discriminatory policies of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) on the campuses of the University of Wisconsin system.

The three student groups were the Student Government Association (SGA) of UW-M. SGA-UW-Parkside and the Milwaukee Inclusion Coalition (MIC), a newly formed organization that includes the 101/2 Society. Also present were most of the major Milwaukee media.

"The students are determined to send a unified message to the Department of Defense, our elected officials and to President Bush that racism and discrimination will not be tolerated on this or any campus in any form,"said Stephanie Bloomingdale, president-elect of SGA at UW- M.

Bloomingdale said that UW-M had been joined in its protest by 78 other colleges and universities across the U.S. including all of the Big 10. Likening this concerted effort to the firestorms of protests that swept college campuses in the '60's, Bloomingdale proudly announced that Harvard had given ROTC 2 years to end discrimination against Gays, Lesbians and bisexuals or get off campus.

Bloomingdale read a letter of support written by Patrick Smith, Chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies at UW-M. Smith praised the student campaign, saying that discriminatory policies as ROTC practiced were similar to those that enforced segregation against Blacks. We are with you, Smith said. "Freedom is indivisible."

When asked about other faculty response to the student demands, Jeff

Wellhoffer of MIC replied that "only a handful" of the faculty currently stood with the students, but Wellhoffer indicated that every effort would be made in the future to educate the rest. Wellhoffer also said that there had been no reaction or response from the university's administration, but the students were not surprised by this.

Chris Daniels, president of SGA-Parkside, read a prepared statement issued by student protest groups at UW-Madison to be read at all participating campuses.

The statement said in part: "When this particular discrimination is found, either tacitly or overtly, to be acceptable, is the day when we must fear for our lives."

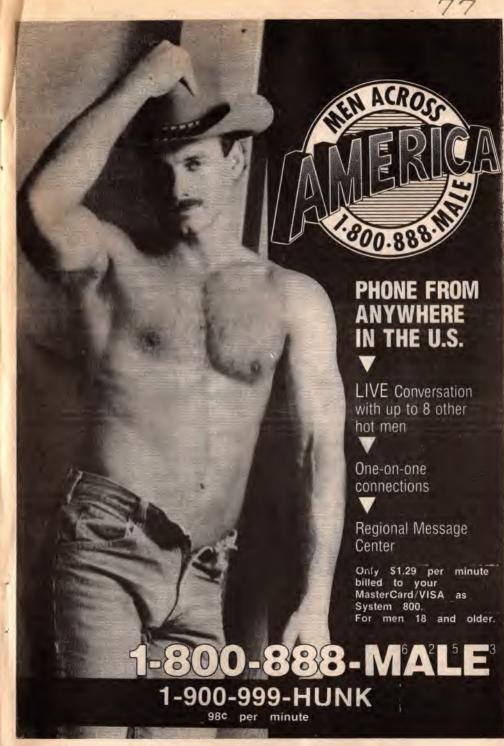
Asked how many Gay and Lesbian students were interested in joining ROTC. Bloomingdale and Wellhoffer agreed that that was not the point of their action; it is not strictly a Lesbian/Gay issue. The issue is discrimination."Where there is discrimination against one." Bloomingdale said, "there is discrimination against all."

The students also indicated that they were not concerned about the revenue that ROTC brings in. "There can't be a dollar amount on discrimination,"said Bloomingdale.

The next step in the student effort would be legal action, Bloomingdale said, in the form of a suit, charging the University of Wisconsin system with being in violation of Wisconsin law, AB 218, which forbids discrimination against students in any university-backed program.

Wellhoffer added that if ROTC did not end its discriminatory policies or was not removed from the campuses, the students would resort to "demonstrations, picketing and sit-ins" to bring pressure on the university.

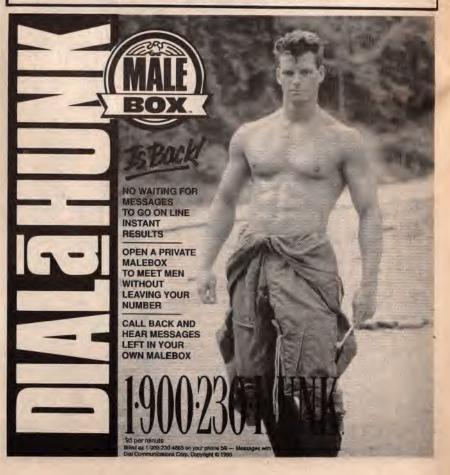
The students insisted strongly that the movement against discrimination in



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ROTC would continue past the up-coming end of the school year. "We will continue the struggle," said Bloomingdale. However, she indicated that while ultimate victory was expected, it would not be immediate. "It will take 3-5 years," she said.

Former Gov. Earl To Speak At Pride Rally

Milwaukee [MLGPC]- Former Wisconsin Governor Tony Earl, will be one of the three main speakers at the Pride Rally at Cathedral Square on Saturday, June 16, following the 2nd Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride parade.

Earl was Democratic governor of Wisconsin from 1982 until 1986. Earl succeeded Republican Lee Dreyfus, who in February, 1982, signed into law the first stage Gay rights' legislation in the country. Mr. Earl easily defeated his Republican opponent when Dreyfus announced that he would not seek re-election.

One of earl's first acts as Governor was to establish a Task Force of Gay and Lesbian issues, which was in effect until 1987. The Task Force disbanded itself shortly after Tommy Thompson's victory upset in the 1986 election, knowing that Thompson would not re-appoint the Task Force.

In addition to the Task Force, Governor Earl appointed Earl Bricker as the liaison to the Lesbian and Gay Community in Wisconsin. (Mr. Bricker is currently the Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network).

Governor Earl also appointed Ron McCrea as his Press Secretary. Mr. McCrea was an openly-Gay man, a fact that the Milwaukee Sentinel headlined the day following the appointment.

During the 1986 Governor's race, the Republican candidate, Tommy Thompson, made issue of Governor Earl's Gay sensitivity in many areas of the state. many analysts still claim that Governor Earl's loss in the election was, in part, due to his courageous stands on behalf of due to his courageous stands on behalf of

Wisconsin's Lesbian and Gay Community.

In addition to Tony Earl as speaker, Ivy Young, who is the Director of the Families Project at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), will address the Rally. As an African-American Lesbian, Ms. Young exemplifies the ethnic heritage of our Lesbian and Gay Community.

Wayne Schwandt, the President of the Gay/Lesbian Parenting International (GLPCI), will round off the speakers' rostrum for the Rally. More information on Ivy Young and Wayne Schwandt were not available at press time.

Rally Participation Urged

The start-off for the Parade is 12 Noon on Saturday, June 16. The Rally will immediately follow the Parade in Cathedral Square. Performers are still encouraged to participate in the Rally. MLGPC is still looking for volunteers for all activities during Pride Week, especially now as the pace quickens toward Pride Week countdown. Performers and volunteers can call the PRIDE LINE at 32-PRIDE (327-7433).

Those groups/ organizations/ businesses that are interested in participating in the Parade, vending at the Rally, or interested in obtaining display tables at the Rally are all encouraged to call 32-PRIDE for information on how to register.

Activists Clog Chicago Loop: 129 Arrested

By Rex Wockner

At least 129 AIDS activists from around the nation were arrested at various location in the Chicago Loop (downtown) April 23, as more than 500 ACT UP members protested alleged discrimination by health insurance companies and the "poor" level of care for HIV-positives at public hospitals.

Most of those arrested were charged with mob action, interfering with a police officer, or disorderly conduct, according to Police News Affairs spokesman Leroy

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ACT- UP members from across the country conducted a weekend action in the Chicago Loop area, effectively shutting down parts of the area.

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Jirik. Police estimated the mob at 1,000.

ACT UP chapters converged on Chicago because they say the problems with the health care system here are representative of the health care "crisis" gripping the nation.

The offices of several large insurance companies refuse coverage to individuals who live in "Gay" zip codes, blacklist certain stereotypical "Gay" businesses for group coverage (such as hair salons and theater companies), and refuse to pay for most AIDS drugs.

Outside the offices of Mutual, ACT UP/Chicago's Ferd Eggan read a letter from the company to an applicant who was told that although she had tested HIV-negative, her psychiatric records indicated that she is "promiscuous" and thus at high risk for AIDS. Mutual reportedly refused to insure the woman.

The protesters called for stringent regulation of the insurance industry and/or nationalized health care.

The climax of the demonstration came when ACT UP/Chicago's Paul Adams,

Tim Miller, Bill McMillan, Frank Sieple and Daniel Sotomayor somehow accessed the balcony over the main entrance to the Cook County Building on Clark Street.

They unfurled a banner reading, "We Demand Equal Health Care Now!" and gave raised-fist salutes before being violently removed by Chicago Police some 15 minutes later.

Another crescendo was reached several minutes earlier when about 25 women blocked the key intersection of Clark and Randolph Streets with old mattresses.

The women lay down as other protesters told passers-by that the mattresses constituted the only AIDS ward for women in Cook County.

Throughout the lengthy demo, activists chanted: "Health care is a right, not just for the straight and white;" and, "We're here, we're queer, and we're not going shopping."

ACT UP's Sotomayor charged that police were overly aggressive all day long. Speaking to reporters about half-way through the protests, he said, "We've been clubbed, kicked, beaten; they're fucking vicious."



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On The National Front...

Washington, D.C. [NGLTF] — More than 90,000 post cards on the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill have been printed and distributed to thousands of individuals and organizations in a nationwide lobbying onslaught organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). In addition, NGLTF's National Lobby Days will be held in June this year to capitalize on the massive mobilization of Gays and Lesbians celebrating pride events around the U.S.A.

The post card campaign is designed to

increase awareness and cosponsorship of the Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Bill. The bill currently has 79 cosponsors in the House of Representatives and 10 in the Senate. Two of Wisconsin's Representatives are cosponsors: Robert Kastenmeier and Jim Moody.

"The post card campaign is helping us lay the groundwork of constituent support that will enable us to pass the Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, which we plan on doing this decade," said Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF legislative director.

The bill, S47 in the Senate, and HR655 in the House, is officially called the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989. It provides broad anti-discrimination in contd. on page 8

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housing, employment, public accommodations and federally assisted programs based on affection or sexual orientation.

NGLTF urges Gays and Lesbians to send their federal lawmakers a preprinted post card and ask them to cosponsor the bill. The post card campaign will continue through June 1990.

National Lobby Days

The fourth National Lobby Days will be held in June this year to coincide with Gay/Lesbian pride events around the country.

The NGLTF Lobby Days are designed to encourage and organize a grassroots lobbying front aimed at the U.S. Congress. The Lobby Days advance the federal Gay/Lesbian civil rights agenda and expand local activism in the federal legislative process.

This year's Lobby Days will focus on the federal Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill and pending Congressional issues, including AIDS funding and housing, National Endowment for the Arts, immigration reform, military, home rule for the District of Columbia, and others.

To obtain NGLTF postcards and information on National Lobby Days, contact Peri Jude Radecic at (202)332-6483, or write: NGLTF at 1517 U St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009.

Concerns Raised About UW Police

Reports indicate that the University Police who escorted or forcibly removed students protesting the University's affiliation with ROTC on April 23, were wearing rubber gloves. "The fact that a peaceful demonstration was broken up using force, accompanied by homophobic comments by the University Police, is abhorrent enough" stated Earl Bricker, Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network, "but the fact that rubber gloves were worn suggests serious ignorance by those in charge. HIV is not

transmitted through casual contact. Unless the police expected in advance to be coming into contact with the blood of protesters, there would have been no logical reason to wear rubber gloves."

"I would request that the Chancellor Donna Shalala add this question to the proposed investigation of excessive force used by the campus police; what education have theses people been given about AIDS and HIV infection, and is it not the responsibility of the University to educate its employees in this area?" Bricker continued. "What does this say about the UW's focus on diversity? Does such the Madison Plan stop at the level of academic staff?"

"The actions by the University Police are insulting to persons affected by AIDS and HIV infection," said Bricker. "I recommend a complete training of all current University Police officers regarding the reality of HIV transmission and including this information in future training of new hires. The Madison AIDS Support Network would be pleased to participate in such an endeavor with the hope of stemming further transmission of ignorant and harmful attitudes."

AIDS Activists Meet With HHS Chief

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington- AIDS activists got a clearer idea of the Bush Administration's stand on a host of policy matters on the epidemic following an unprecedented meeting April 19 with Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Louis W. Sullivan. And although they are optimistic that they have now begun a dialogue with the department head, they are still at odds on a variety of issues.

The activists, working under the coalition banner of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), discussed with Sullivan a wide variety of AIDS care, prevention and research matters with mixed results, according to meeting participants.

"I think we were clear from the beginning that it was highly unlikely that (Sullivan) was going to say anything of note:" said Jean McGuire, co-chair of the



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NORA coalition. "This meeting was more of a "get-to-know-you" meeting in terms of the players, as opposed to (a) 'Here are the issues we'd like some resolution on' (meeting.)"

The 45-minute meeting covered such disparate AIDS issues as the standing policy banning HIV infected foreign nationals from immigrating to or visiting the U.S., AIDS prevention and research efforts of the federal government's commitment to AIDS health care.

On the AIDS immigration issues, a major sticking point between AIDS activists and the White House, Sullivan reportedly expressed the sentiment that the White House has now done all it can to loosen the standing policy. By broadening the government's waiver policies for travelers with HIV coming to health conferences in the U.S., Sullivan stated that it is now up to the Congress to undo the policy it it chooses to do so.

The immigration policy in contention was instituted in 1987 after the U.S. Congress overwhelmingly approved an amendment from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) adding AIDS and HIV infection to the list of diseases for which foreigners can be banned entry into the country. A bill calling on the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine whether the policy is needed is currently awaiting action in the U.S. House. The Bush Administration has yet to take a stand on the bill.

The other major sore spot with the Administration, the Whit House's insistence that the government should not be in the business of HIV-specific health care financing or delivery improvements, also brought about a lengthy discussion with the Secretary.

"We indicated to him that this is not just any other disease," McGuire added. "It's having a disproportionate impact on poverty health structures, it has a geographically disparate impact, and therefore surfaces as a kind of emergency like other disasters that require federal relief."

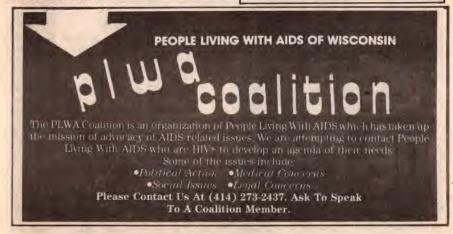
A bill funneling \$600 million on disaster relief to areas hit particularly hard by AIDS is currently winding its way through Congress. Two other bills dealing with AIDS and Medicaid and early intervention for HIV infected persons are also pending in the U.S. House. The White House has not yet taken a position on any of these hills

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Barrow Preaches To BWMT

By Rex Wockner

The Rev. Willie T. Barrow, immediate past president of Operation PUSH, addressed the Midland 1990 SPring Regional Banquet and Dance of Black & White Men Together April 21 in Chicago.

Barrow told the 100 men, about evenly split between Black and White, that "I come to you tonight with chains around my legs — being a woman, being Black and being a preacher. Now you all know you don't have but two legs," Barrow said. "I got three chains around my legs. I'm glad the Lord helped me to learn how to fight early."

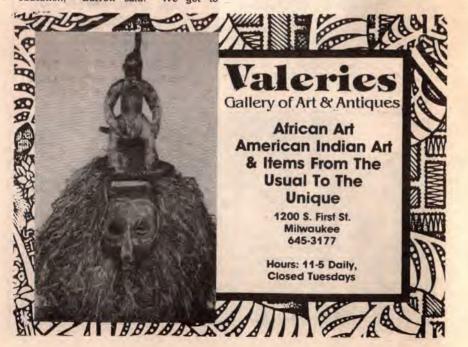
Recalling that her own Gay son died of AIDS, Barrow called for a non-discriminatory society that adequately funds AIDS research and education.

"We got to get in the streets and demand research for AIDS and education," Barrow said, "We got to organize in mass action. We got to go to your city halls. Don't let your governor run without an agenda for the oppressed. What do we want as an oppressed people? What does women want' What does children want' What does Gays want?"

"My son died of AIDS," Barrow stated, "and he came home and the first thing he did was went to church. He went to church and he testified about his condition. He said, 'This is my church and you're my people and I believe I'm gonna get well."

"I didn't try to keep it no secret," Barrow said, "because I feel that when a person is fighting between life and death, he needs the love of his family, the love of his church, the love of his community, the love of his neighbors. And the neighbors came; everyday my neighbors was knocking on that door... And I promised by son on the sickbed that I would administer to every mother and every family that if your child has AIDS, love him, love him more than you ever loved him in your life. Love him!"

The BWMT weekend gathering also





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Lesblan Alliance Metro Milwaukee (LAMM)
Lesblan Alliance Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) Milw. Trackers (running/hiking grp.) Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers [MAGF] P.O. Box 93503. 53203	931-0008 / 264-4354 332-1527
MLGPC [Pride Week Committee] 225 S. 2nd St., 53204 Metre Milw. Friendship Group [MMFG] P.O. Box 93203. Milwaukee 53203	32-PRIDE 423-0379
Milwaukee Gay/Leablan Cable Network P. O. Box 204, 53201	278-0880
Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) People Living With AIDS Coalition 315 W. Court. 53212	449-9800 273-2437
Oberons (L/L social grp.) Box 07423, 53207 Saturday Softball Beer League [SSBL] P.O. 1 10% Society at UW-Milwaukae	
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Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201

Gay Bicycling 2511 N. Farwell, Unit L. 53211

RELIGIOUS

Dignity (G/L Catholic Church) P.O. Box 597, 53201 Lutherans Concerned 1144 N. 44 St., 53208	344,0800
New Hope MCC (G/L Interdenominational Church) P.O. Box 93913, 53202 Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)	442-7300
130 E. Juneau Ave. UCCL/QC (United Church of Christ)	273-7617
P.O. Box 07168, 53207	645-2678

MEDICAL

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

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included two days of workshops related to the group's mission of "fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome."

Operation PUSH is "an 18-year-old international social-change organization, headquartered in Chicago. It was founded on Dec. 25, 1971 by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and a diverse group of 70 prominent national African-American leaders."

Major G/L Confab

Washington, D.C. [NGLTF]- Lesbian and Gay activists from around the nation will meet in Minneapolis, Minn., this November 9-12, for the third annual Creating Change conference, the most significant political gathering of Gay people in the country.

The conference is sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and will be held at the Holiday Inn Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis. Creating Change '90 will feature leading activists from the national and grassroots Gay and Lesbian scene, social events, organizing sessions and more.

Plenary speakers at this year's conference will be Barbara Smith, black Lesbian feminist writer and activist; Dr. C.T. Vivian, civil rights activist and Center for Democratic Renewal chairman; and Kate Clinton, popular feminist humorist.

Workshop issues will include sodomy law repeal, hate crimes reporting, lobbying, media activism, "outing," bisexuality and Gay politics, mainstream and direct action tactics, domestic partnership, civil rights protections and referenda battles, fighting traditional values coalitions, and many more.

Registration is \$120 by September 14, \$150 after. For registration forms and more information on NGLTF Cooperating Organization rates, limited-income rates, fees for pre-conference institutes, and the conference in general, contact NGLTF at 1517 U St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20009, Attention: Creating Change, or call (202) 332-6483.

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Monday Night Dance Club Plus of Stevens Point members presented Helen with a bouquet in thanks for a great job she's done with the club. Effective last month, The Platwood Club has picked up where MNDC left off.

HRCF Fundraising Dinner on Navy Pier

Chicago [HRCF]- "The Wave of the Future" will hit Chicago when the Human Rights Campaign Fund holds a gala fundraising dinner on Friday, July 13 at Navy Pier. The summer dinner dance will salute progress made in the advancement of civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men and the enactment of responsible Federal AIDS policies, as well as celebrate the promise of future successes.

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), noted that this year marks the first time that HRCF has held in a dinner in Chicago. "It's a testament to the growing commitment to justice and fairness by the many supporters we have throughout Chicago's Lesbian and Gay community," McFeeley said.

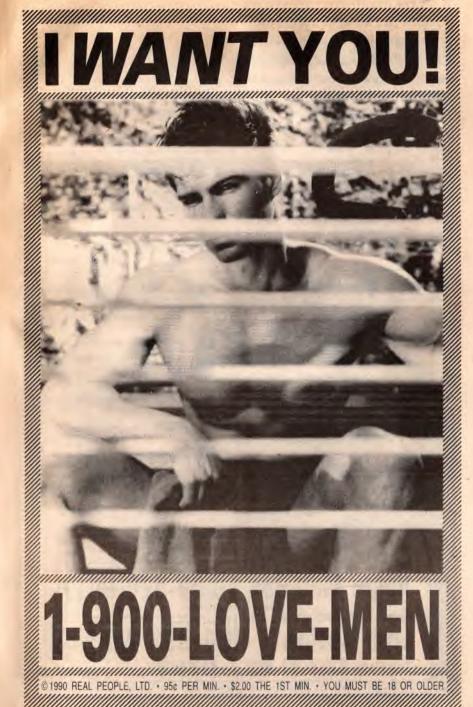
HRCF is a leading voice in our nation's capital, promoting equal rights, fighting for an end to bigotry, and demanding that the federal government meet its

responsibilities in the war on AIDS. The organization has a budget of 3.5 million for 1990. The Fund relies on fundraising dinners around the country for much of its annual budget.

Admission is open to the public. Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased by calling (312) 278- 3352.







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BARS

2 Club 3054 (WM, DJ, V) 3054 E. Washington 1 Rod's (Mw, L/L, D)	241-4977
636 W. Washington (rear) 1 The New Bar (MW, DJ, V)	255-0609
636 W. Washington (upstairs) 3 Shamrock Bar (GS, MW, F, D)	256-8765
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) Gay Alcoholics Anonymous	241-2500
Badgerland Narcotics Anonymous	257-7575 257-1747
Frontiers Gay Men's Outreach (Men's Umbrella C P.O. Box 8234, 53708	organ.) 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 & Leeblans 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 Men Over 30 (support group)	244-8675
P.O. Box 8234, 53708	244-8690
New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation) P.O. Box 1786, 53701	

QUAC (Queers Action Committee)	
	246-4297
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Box 614, Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 United (education, counseling, advocacy)	262-7365
310 E. Wilson, 53715	255-8582 246-2681

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ACT-UP/Milwaukee, P.O. Box 15620, 53215	769-8708
Alcoholics Anenymous (req. gay mtgs)	272-3081
Beer Town Badgers (L/L social club) P.O. Box 166, 53	272-3001
Bi-Sexual Support Group	1050
P.O. Box 14081, West Allis, 53214	-
Black & White Man Tanath	271-3067
Black & White Men Together	manage.
P.O. Box 12292, 53212	265-8500
Black Gay Consciouness Raising	
P.O. Box 93694, 53203	933-2136
Castaways M.C. (L/L) P.O. Box 1697, 53202-1697	200000
Cream City Chorus P.O. Box 1488, 53201	277-0434
Cream City Foundation (CCF)	E11 0404
P.O. Box 204, 53201	278-0880
Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)	270-0000
2408 N. Farwell	220 0000
	276-6936
Fest City Singers (gay choral group)	and with
	263-SING
GAMMA (sports/social) P.O. Box 1900, 53201	963-9833
GMYC (Gay Man'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)	200 0000
P.O. Box 899, 53201	672-8960
Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defense	012-0300
Box 93252, 53203	
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Group Notes

MAP Needs Food For Pantry

The Milwaukee AIDS Project's food pantry is in need of food donations. Donations can be made by calling the MAP office, 273-1991.

MAP's Food Pantry, coordinated by Christina Kotlowski, receives one-third of its food stock from the Hunger Task Force, one-third from Second Harvest Food Warehouse and the remaining third from private food and money donations.

The Food Pantry has been serving MAP clients for nearly a year. To date, more than 270 individuals have received assistance through the food pantry.

The pantry is in desperate need of the following items: Grains — flour, cake mixes, muffin mixes, rice, noodles; Dairy — milk, cheese, eggs, butter; Canned Goods — soups, vegetables, stews, peanut butter; Household Goods — laundry soap, bleach, bathroom cleaners; Miscellaneous — coffee, dried milk, fresh fruit, ensure, sugar, ketchup, mustard; Self- Care Products — shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant; and Paper Products — toilet paper, facial tissue, paper towels.

The Food Pantry is open to all MAP clients. Clients should contact their case managers prior to using the food pantry.

The Food Pantry Hours are: Mondays — 9am-11am; Tuesdays and Wednesdays — 3pm-5pm; Thursdays — 11am-1pm; Fridays — 11am-1pm, & 3pm-5pm; For more information on the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry call Christina Kotloski at (414) 273-1991.

Record Sales To Benefit CPI

Green Bay- Center Project, Inc. (CPI) was pleased to announce a fundraising effort by Rick Middleton of the Fox Valley Jake band. Rick contacted CPI to offer 200 copies of the band's new single, "Damn It, It Fits" to be sold in bars in Green Bay



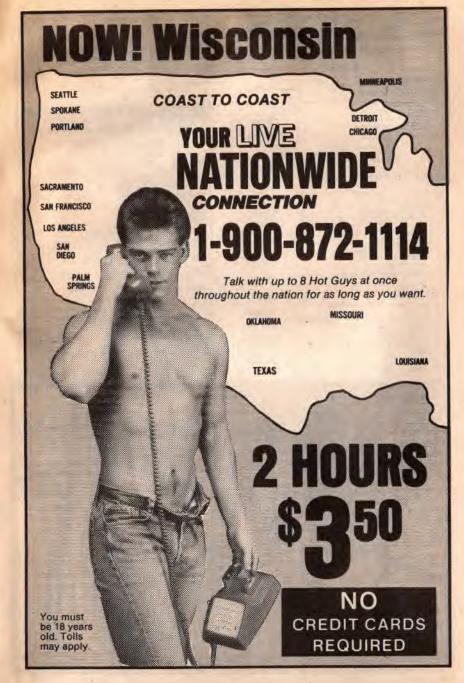
Recording artist Rick Middleton of the Jake Band has donated 100% of the proceeds from the sales of 200 of his new single that are sold in Gay/Lesbian bars in Green Bay and Appleton.

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and Appleton with **all** proceeds going to CPI for its fight against HIV/AIDS.

After the initial 200 are sold (at 100% going to CPI), 50% of the proceeds will continue to be donated from any singles (over 200) sold in the following bars: Brandy's II, Grand West, Napalese, The Loft, Za's and the Pivot Club. Both CPI and Rick hope the patrons of those bars will listen to the single on the jukeboxes and then purchase a copy for themselves, thus benefiting CPI.

Rick of Oshkosh describes the music as piano and guitar oriented soft rock, and decided on the benefit plan after "coming out" and pondering what he could do to fight AIDS.



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6 Pivet Club (MW.DJ.V) 4815 W. Prospect (Hwy BB) Sharlock's Home (Mw.G/S.F) 733 Pennsylvania, Shebovgan

ORGANIZATIONS

Parents & Friends of G/L [PFLAG-Lakeshore] Box 1396, Sheboygan 5308 Fox Valley AIDS Project Fox Valley AIDS Froject
120 N. Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911
Center Project, Inc. Fox Valley Ext.
UW-Oshkesh 10% Society 207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901
Bay/Lashian Support Group
UW-O Counselling Center
Synergy (AIDS Support Network)
P.O. Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935
Fox Valley G/L Parenta
PO Box 791, Appleton, 54912-0791
727-733-2067 424-2061 235-5100 727-1975

GREEN BAY [414] 3 Brandy's II (Mw, L/L) 1126 Main St. 4 Grand West (MW) 1444 Main St. 5 MJR's Loft (Wm, DJ) 2328 University 432-3917 433-9601 1 Napalese Lounge (MW,DJ) 515 S. Broadway 2 Java's (MW) 720 Bodart (rear) 2 Zo's (MW, DJ, V) 720 Bodart (rear) 432-9646 435-5476 435-5476

ORGANIZATIONS

P.O. Box 672, 54305	437-381
Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)	401 301
P.O. Box 1285, 54305	
Dignity (Gay Catholic Church) Box 2283, 54306	
Gay AA (Meeting Weekly)	494-990
Center Project, Inc. [CPI]-(HIV Test/Counsel)	101,000
P.O. Box 1062, 54305	427.740

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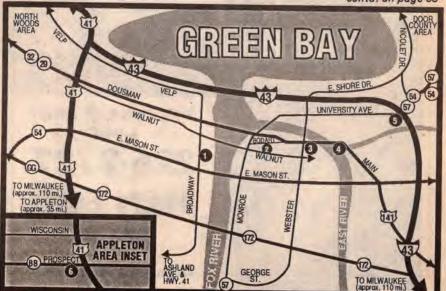
MEDICAL

Madison AIDS Support Network (support & P.O. Box 731, 53701	counseling)
P.O. Box 731, 53701 Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)	255-171
1552 University Avenue	262-7330

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

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Casino Night May 20

(CCF) The Cream City Foundation's largest annual event kicks off a new decade in a new location. Casino Night 1990, the fourth annual Casino Night, will be held Sunday, May 20, at the War Memorial Center on the lakefront. Things get rolling about 6pm.

Casino Night promises to be better than ever. The same professional gaming croupiers, and game tables including the largest roulette wheel and craps table in the Midwest, will provide the basics, while entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and frequent raffles of prizes will lead up to the major prize drawing at the close of the evening. Plaques will be awarded to the

best and worst gamblers.

Admission this year is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. This price includes hours of fun as you 'gamble' to your heart's content; snacks; and entry into the major prize drawing: and you will have fun while supporting the work of the Foundation. A bar with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be in operation.

CCF needs your support to make this event a success. Profits from this event can make the difference between funding and not funding many of the organizations and events that CCF is asked to help support each year.





Organization Meeting Schedule

SUNDAYS

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

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

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 255-885.

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 apptint, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY!

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

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

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

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

BESTD Alternative Therapies Clinic-Reike, 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.

FRIDAY!

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.

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

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

Gay Youth Milw.- Discussion grouplst & 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 1-90 AMI CO

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Chris: My life wasn't complete until I met you. Happy number 3, Love Always. Linda

Lisa: What's your sign? Thanks for the time we spent together, good luck in Boston. Miss you lots! A Friend

Grunnie: All that's left is a band of gold. Paul

J.H.: What a bitch! D.W.

T.H: Do Milwaukee a favor. Go back where you came from. C.B.

Mike from La Cage: Come to 219 and have cocktails! The Southern Comfort Girl!

Germany and Hoosier: Wasn't that a double feature on 4-21-90? Where else could you see two shows for the price of a beer or scotch & water?

Hi Mom: I'm out of the closet in case you see this.

Linda

C.J.: Found this half of a dollar in checkbook. Dinner but no damned John Wayne or popcorn!!!

Robin: How long does it take you to read a book? Page a day? Have requests for book. Phyllis

B&J from Brown Deer: Through your ventures I hope that you realized that Wisconsin grows tempting melons, too!

Liz The Lez

Donna: I hope you're in the mood for tacos – get it, girl! A Spectator

Chef Kim: No one else cooks the way you do.

A Hungry Admirer

Rebel: Please believe my love is true because I want to love only you. Your Older/Mature I over

Soft Touch: Bet your arm doesn't even have to be twisted, does it? And all in friendship.

P.C.

Goldie, Jim, Jennifer: Friends come, and friends may go, my friends, you're real I know, true self you have shown, you're all right with me! (I'll send you some cream cheese, like you need it!) Nadine aka Mike

Merit: Thanks for Janet Jackson, the walk I could do without! Come visit, I'll take you to Atlantic City. We gotta get you married somehow!

Mimi: Come to Philadelphia, the queens here are hideous, I'll be your agent and just think, we can still charge a \$5,000 tuition fee! Play-Dine

Kenny, Sybil, & Bonnie: You three can just 'lick it,' thanks for 'seeing me off!' Your Idol

Studly: You've been great, groovy & a lot of fun out of town. Gonna miss you in the neighborhood.

The Girl Next Door

Sandy [Chicago]: Nice to see you're still in Chicago. Still wish you the best, no matter what you say.

Jerry



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Chorus Awards

Bruce Paul Goodman was honored by the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus recently when he was presented with the coveted President's Award, a traveling award which is given each year to the gay or lesbian businessperson or who was responsible for the largest financial contribution to the chorus.

It all happened at the Park East Hotel, where the chorus celebrated its third anniversary with a gala recognition and awards banquet. The banquet was held on the eve of April Fool's Day, the date of Cream City Chorus' inception.

Also feted that night were Joe Arneth, who received the Most Contributing Friend Award, given to the non-singing member who made the most outstanding contribution of effort; George Keen, who received the Gold Brick Award for the largest financial contribution to the chorus from a singing member; and Gene Schilling, whose outstanding efforts on behalf of the chorus earned him the Gold Record Award. All of the above are traveling awards, and will be passed on next year to new heroes.

At the banquet, the Cream City Chorus honored, among others, its special sustainers when it presented Patron Awards to Bruce Paul Goodman, George Keen, William Morehouse, Sharon Megna, Joe Arneth, Christine Klein, Larry Stussy, Rudy Barlett, Allen

Thomas, D.H. 'Cass' Magnuski, Jim Balistreri, Mark Waldenberger, Gary Chapman and Mike Kalowski.

Rezza's Art For Pride Benefit

The 1990 Pride Theme, "Look to the Future- the Gay 90's" has been interpreted by Tom Rezza, one of the premier gay artists in Wisconsin, into an exquisite charcoal sketch that will be reproduced in a limited quantity of 200 and sold to raise funds for the 1990 Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

Tom Rezza will be signing these high contd. on page 18

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quality, 18x24 poster prints at an upcoming Artist's Cocktail Reception tentatively scheduled for June 2, 1990 at Partners.

Each print will be numbered and signed by the artist and will cost \$25. Ten dollars from each print will be donated to the Pride Committee to help defray costs of the upcoming Pride Celebration.

"I'm proud to do this piece," said Tom Rezza. "I'm glad something I do can give pride to the community." The sketch portrays Tom's idea of the 1990 Pride Theme. In the foreground are two ethnically mixed couples (portraying the ethnicity of our own community). The couples are holding the rainbow flag. A larger group of community members are portrayed in the background.

Rezza is In Step's cartoonist of 'The Gay Side,' and frequent cover art contributor.

Watch for more details in upcoming issues. Prints can be ordered by mail or call 271-8118 during regular business hours. Checks/money orders only.

Miss Gay-WI USA At-Large

King Productions has purchased the Wisconsin franchise to the National Miss Gay USA At-Large Pageant. This is a special line of pageants for "Full Figured" female impersonators weighing at least 200 pounds.

The Pageant has been scheduled for Sunday June 17, at the Pivot Club with the National Miss Gay USA At-Large Pageant in Louisville July 26-29.

Contestants will compete in personal interview, talent, and evening gown. Over \$1200.00 in cash and prizes will be distributed including entry fees for the winner and first runner-up to compete in the National Pageant. Although this is a state preliminary you do not have to be a Wisconsin resident to enter. Entry forms are available from the Pivot Club, and King Productions.

Special guest entertainers will include Carmella Marcella Garcia the reigning Miss Gay USA At- Large and Tania

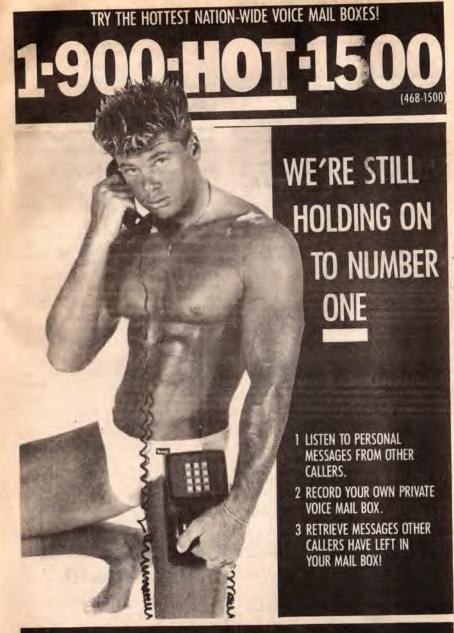


Carmella Marcella Garcia, Miss USA At Large '89-90, will appear at King Production's Miss Gay WI At Large at The Pivot Club.

Michaels, Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA. WI-USA Preliminaries

King also announced the dates of it's next two Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Preliminaries. The first annual Miss Gay Wausau Pageant will be held at Masquer's in Wausau on Saturday, May 26 and the Sixth Annual Miss Gay Fox Valley Pageant will be held at the Pivot Club Sunday, May 27. Contestants will compete in personal interview, talent, and evening gown.

Guest entertainers will include Tania Michaels, Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA, and Joey Black, Miss Gay Fox Valley. Applications are available at Masquer's (715) 842-3225, The Pivot Club (414) 730-0440, or King Productions (414) 342-1466. The only way an entertainer may compete in the Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant this year is to win one of the twelve preliminary pageants to Miss Wisconsin-USA.



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GWM Wants to Meet GBM's. I work second shift at the Milwaukee County Medical Complex and would like to meet GBM's who also work here at the MCMC. Call James at 225-0577.

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GWM 18, 6', 145lbs is seeking GWM 22 or younger for relationship and/or friendship. All letters will be answered. Photo is OK, but not needed. Mike, P.O. Box 51564, New Berlin, WI 53151.

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Marshfield, WI age 33, 190lbs, 5'6", blue eyes, J/O, seeks Bi 18-45. Please send nude photo. Write P.O. Box 932 Marshfield, WI 54449 (715) 387-6433

GWM, 34, handsome, sensitive. Br. Eyes, Dk. Br. Hair, 6', fit, professional, Greek nationality. Seeking well-built, honest, 24-34 healthy man to share life's outdoors, restaurants, theatre, and more. Write: P.O. Box 23958, Suite 197, Milw., WI 53223-0958 and tell me about yourself.

GWM, 40, HIV Pos. Bottom, 165lbs, brown hair/eyes, balding. Wants topman (w/s OK too) Box 1830, Milwaukee 53201. I want to be submissive to your desires! Truly butch only need reply.

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Are You Over 55 Well, than maybe you're what I'm looking for! GWM, 37, seeking friend/companion/possible lover. Enclose photo and tell me about yourself. P.O. Box 07382, Milw., WI 53207.

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2nd Annual Chorus Benefit Show

Partners will play host to C.A. Klein's second annual Cream City Chorus benefit show on Saturday, May 12 at 10pm.

"Night of the Rising Stars" will have live musical performances intermingled with fun and some surprise appearances by some of your favorite Partner's bartenders. Scheduled to appear in the show include the "Creamettes," Jay, Karen Valentine, Jungle Red, Rochelle, David and many others.

The \$2 donation will help raise funds for the Cream City Chorus to attend the 1992 GALA in Denver, Colorado. Cream City Chorus is a member of GALS Choruses (the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) an alliance of over 70 men's, women's and mixed choruses in the United States and Canada. GALA's mission is to provide leadership and inspiration for the Lesbian and Gay Movement through excellence in the choral arts. GALA's Chorus produces a choral festival every three years, with the next festival in Denver of 1992.

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Survey Finds Long-Term Couples

A national survey of 1,749 lesbian and gay couples found relationships averaging nearly six years in length, even though the average respondent was only 35 years old. More than 100 couples had passed their 15th anniversary. The statistics are the first to emerge from a final analysis of research begun in 1988 by "Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples."

"We were overwhelmed by the enormous number of couples who were eager to have their relationships better understood," said Stevie Bryant, who edits and publishes the bimonthly newsletter with his 10-year-partner Demian.

"The longevity we found in these relationships will surprise even the gay community," noted Demian, "and it could help policy makers understand the significance of our often ignored and trivialized families."

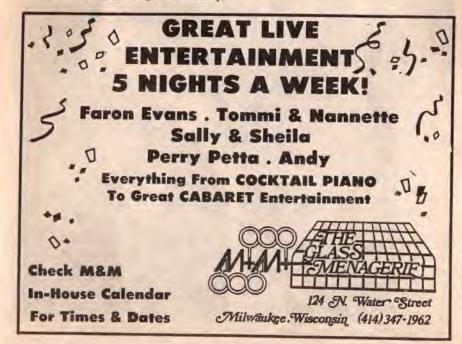
The survey noted longer relationships

among men than women. Lesbian couples had been together an average of 4.9 years, while male couples averaged 6.9 years. Although male respondents averaged nearly two years older than lesbians, the difference does not fully account for the variation in relationship longevity.

A free summary of the survey results may be obtained by sending the publication a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope. A detailed analysis is being compiled for the September/October issue and may be ordered for \$3.95.

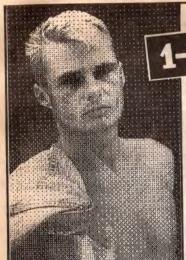
Send requests, and payment if required, to Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. Telephone inquiries may be made to Stevie Bryant or Demian at (206) 784-1519.







Holly Brown's farewell show at La Cage/Dance Dance Dance was very well received by a capacity crowd. Holly's headed back to Australia after a quick trip to Los Angeles and Mexico.



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GWF 27. Seeks others for friendship/possible relationship. Tired of the bar scene but occasionally likes to go out. Enjoys movies, going out to dinner, quiet times, trying new things. Prefer age range 24-32. Please reply to: P.O. Box 085341, Racine, WI. 53408-5341.

Just A Minute... If you are tired of bars and phone lines, thousands of gay men have found a better answer. Computer matching. For Free information, write to: MANHUNT. Suite 218, 501 W. Mitchell St, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

Bi-WM, 39, 5'10", 195lbs., Business executive, seeks weekly meeting with younger, slim, passive male. Scott B., P.O. Box 1204, Waukesha, WI 53187.

GW Couple, 25 and 27, Boyish looks, clean shaven, professional, non-smokers, non-drug users, sincere, sense of humor, swimmers bodies. Seeking similar singles or couples for occasional safe sex buddies. Must be 18-35 and respond with recent photo (will be returned with ours) Responses in confidence to: Box Holder, P.O. Box 21651, Milwaukee, WI 53221.

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

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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Bold Black Men in provocative photos! For a taste send statement that you're 21, signature and \$7 to: Zebra Studios, P.O. Box 138271, Chicago, Il 60613.

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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.

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Attractive Stable GWM, 49, 5'9'', 165 lbs would like to meet younger guy for friendship, relationship, sex. Educated but horny. Sincere, considerate, versatile. P.O. Box 83173, Milw. 53223.

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The Mil-MAIDS Bowling Tournament raised \$3,060 for the Madison AIDS Support Network. Bowling was at Bowlavard Lanes, with the awards and feast served at The New Bar.

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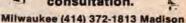
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Health

Interferon Triggers HIV Remission

By Rex Wockner

To the bafflement of scientists, 99 persons with AIDS in Kenya have show dramatic remission after dissolving small amounts of the drug alpha interferon in their mouths, according to the April 2 issue of Biotechnology Newswatch and mainstream news reports.

The study was conducted by Dr. Davy K. Koech, director of the Kenyan Medical Research Institute in Nairobi. Koech says that within days of taking oral interferon, all of his PWA's regained their appetites and saw their fevers, diarrhea, mouth sores, swollen lymph nodes and fungal infections diminish.

By the eighth week of treatment, the symptoms had disappeared completely in all patients, Koech says. The PWA's also had a significant increase in the white blood cells that are destroyed by HIV, the suspected AIDS virus.

The amount of interferon chewed daily in wafer form was extremely small (100-200 units). Injections of several million units of the drug in the U.S. have not been shown to benefit PWAs.

U.S. researchers responded to the findings by speculating that oral administration of the drug might prove effective if certain cells in the mouth and throat absorb interferon and somehow stimulate the immune system. But scientists here have few ideas on just how or why this might happen.

The first U.S. placebo-controlled trial study on the treatment is being set up at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York Clty, under Dr. Joseph Hassett. Results will be known within two months, Hassett said.

In the meantime, a few New York PWAs have already left for Kenya to receive the treatment there, according to news reports.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Disease, called Koech's reports "astounding and very difficult to believe," but said "you have to keep an open mind."

New York AIDS doctor Joseph Sonnabend called the reports a "most conjectural and off-the-wall proposal... If they are substantiated," he said, "we will have to write another chapter in the book on immunology."

Alpha interferon given intravenously is approved in the U.S. for treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma, genital warts and one form of leukemia. Recent phase- three trial studies have also shown that the drug holds promise for individuals suffering from chronic active Hepatitis B.

25-hour AIDS Telecast

[PAAC] — The Chicago-based Physicians Association for AIDS Care (PAAC) released the programming schedule for their landmark 25-hour telecast from the 6th Internationsl AIDS Conference on June 21, 22 and 23rd. In addition to approximately 4-1/2 hours each day of conference news, interviews and speeches, PAAC is launching its National AIDS Education Initiative. This initiative includes 12 hours of programming on current treatment options for the major AIDS-related diseases, as well as social, financial and ethical issues raised by the epidemic.

According to Gordon Nary, PAAC's executive director, "This telecast is the most important AIDS educational event since the epidemic began. It will provide physicians, nurses, other caregivers and persons with HIV (AIDS) virus with the most current information on the management of HIV infection and its opportunistic diseases."

Nary also stated that "The telecast integrates critical issues of importance to the PWA (Person with AIDS) community such as reimbursement, quality of life and patient education. PAAC's unique interdisciplinary approach to this

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epidemic is reflected in such diverse topics as a roundtable discussion of the impact of HIV infection on professional liability insurance; ethical issues in accessing clinical trials by women, children and people of color; and pastoral care."

PAAC is relying on AIDS organizations and community-based agencies to take responsibility for finding sites in their communities to access the telecast and to open their doors to the PWA community.

The telecast will be provided as a public service to any institution with satellite reception capabilities and persons with home satellite dishes.

Brochures detailing the program schedule, featured speakers and registration information were to be available from PAAC on or about May 1st. Because of staff limitations, Nary requested that persons or institutions interested in receiving a registration brochure write instead of telephoning PAAC at 101 W. Grand Ave., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60610.

MASN Erotic Handbook

Madison AIDS Support Network is accepting erotic stories, fantasy tales, artwork (black on white) and safe sensual turn-ons. The goal of the project is to create a collection of works that affirm gay sexuality and encourage safe sex.

Sound interesting? We would love to have your ideas and welcome art and writing. A big thank you to all the men who have been sending in erotic and romantic stories!!

A special section of the handbook is being reserved for masturbation in a 'Hints from Heloise' format. If you have techniques to share, drop me a line.

The deadline for this project is June 1. If possible, please submit your written works typed, doubled-spaced. If you have any questions, give Sue a call at (608) 255-1711.

Send all material to: MASN, attn.: S. Krause, P.O. Box 731, Madison, WI 53701.

Letters

To The Editor:

The organizers of the annual MIL-MAIDS Bowling Tournament deserve yet another round of applause, specifically Joe Feigley, Terence Gilles, Michael Carpenter, Brian Shoop and Mark Krause. Held in Madison this year on Saturday, April 21, the event vielded a donation of more than \$3,000 to the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)! The entire tournament was professional from beginning to end, continuing the fine tradition of excellence that has come to be associated with this 'institution.' While Wisconsin AIDS Service Organizations are fortunate in receiving government support, the need to raise additional money is increasingly important as the number of people wishing support services grows larger and larger. Events such as the MIL-MAIDS Tournament, and the people behind them who put in hours of organizational time, are more appreciated than this letter can convey.

I wish all fund raising endeavors were as enjoyable as MIL-MAIDS. While I personally got off to a shaky start, knocking down only one pin when I threw out the first ball (although it's important to know that I picked up the spare!), I had a great time and could not remember why it had been ten years since I last went bowling. It won't be that long again. I'm hopeful to get an MASN team into the regular leagues, and I look forward to being part of a team at next year's MIL-MAIDS at the Red Carpet Lanes in Milwaukee. I'm most looking forward to seeing my good friend, Doug Nelson, throw out the first ball.

> -Earl Bricker, Exec. Dir., MASN

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The Arts

Note: From Kevin Michael ...

I had the opportunity to again visit New York recently. Thus, the next six columns will be devoted to reviews of the shows I was able to view. As the Tony Awards will be presented on June 3rd to honor the best of this theatre season, I offer this series for your consideration.

Review

by Kevin Michael

"Aspects of Love"

Just a year after it opened in London, Andrew Lloyd Webber's newest Musical, "Aspects of Love" just recently was brought to Broadway. Thus, it was with great interest that I approached this show.

Lloud Webber, himself, adapted David Garnett's semi-autobiographic novel of 1955. It deals with youth and romance and love. It confronts all three, and fate. However, infidelity, cheating, and the inevitable hurt involved too is shown. Unfortunately, Lloyd Webber is a better composer than he is an author and so the characters love, and love, and love sometimes man and woman, sometimes woman and woman, sometimes husband and wife, sometimes lovers. But, outside of the sexual activity of the characters (which at times is somewhat difficult to keep clear), we never understand why the characters do what they do. The whole thing is far too superficial and surface a glance at these people.

The score has some lovely melodies. The lyrics of Don Black and Charles Hart are at times another story - sophomoric and uninspired.

The Production set design of Maria Biornson is beautiful. In simplicity here, she matches the spectacle created for "Phantom of the Opera." One particular scene in which the set splits in two horizontally to provide a romantic view in the Pyrenees is pure magic.

Michael Ball, the young male lead (lately rumored to be involved with Prince Edward of England) has a beautiful tenor and delivers his numbers quite well. My

performance substituted Elinore O'Connell for the female lead. Ann Crumb. O'Connell was adequate. Both Ball and Crumb were brought to New York from the original cast in London, I believe to glean for Lloyd Webber the Tonys and acclaim of "Phantom of the Opera" and other recent theatrical imports. However, "Aspects' is no "Phantom" and has not the theatrical trappings to hide its flaws as Lloud Webber's previous triumph with "Phantom."

Kathleen Rowe McAllen, though talented, portrays an Italian sculptress. Though very pretty, she doesn't "seem" Italian, Kevin Colson, makes his appearance as Ball's uncle, is more credible as a vounger version of himself than as he ages.

The wake dance almost seems like a remake of "Zorba" the Greek but it doesn't work.

That, it seems, was my clearest reaction to this piece. It had some great moments but there were too many that didn't make it, to flaw the production.

"Success" at X

Theatre X announces the beginning of its new 'Made in Milwaukee' series. For over twenty years, Theatre X has been making original plays in Milwaukee, winning national and international recognition. The series is called 'Made in Milwaukee' because Theatre X is inspired by Milwaukee. It recognizes the significance of its home base in the development of its original work, 'Made in Milwaukee' gives local audiences the opportunity to view itself through the eyes of Milwaukee's own artists.

The first play of the 'Made in Milwaukee' series is "Success" by John Kishline. Mr. Kishline's latest work follows 1988's highly acclaimed "I Can't Stop Loving You," written with Wesley Savick, which was nominated by the American Theatre Critics Association as 'Best New Play of 1988.' Mr. Kishline has interviewed some of Milwaukee's top business executives and political figures

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6 'girls', 3 men and 1 woman vied for the Miss/Mr/Ms Emerald City titles at Za's in Green Bay.



[L to R] Doug Wirth [Mr Who's '89], David Pope [Mr Emerald City], Camille [Miss Emerald City], Mary Pat [Ms Emerald], and Gloria Holloway [Miss Who's '89].

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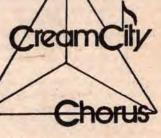
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in researching this play. Says Mr. Kishline, "These people left me with strong images and very thoughtful words. Their candor and humor gave me inspiration; something to shoot for in writing about life on their terms."

"Success" takes us to the office of Richard, an advertising executive whose career is at its apex. He's successfully sold the President of the United States to the American public and Washington wants him on the team for the next election. Richard is a man whose work is his life - reaping him rewards, notoriety and great respect from all corners. including a corner of the world he never expected. A surprise visitor arrives at his office. The offer she makes is almost irresistible: The chance to sell a product/person in an area not tread by sane men. The results could catapult Richard to a level he never even considered.

"Success" opens Sunday, May 20 at 7:30pm and runs through June 24. All evening performances, except opening night, will begin at 8pm Wednesday through Sunday. "Success" will also be presented on Sunday afternoons at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 for all performances except Friday and Saturday evening performances which are \$12. "Success" will be presented at the Theatre X building, 158 N. Broadway. For tickets call 278-0555.

MCT's Shaw Festival

The events of World War I provide the framework for the Milwaukee Chamber Theater's (MCT) 8th annual Shaw Festival, May 18-June 17. The festival will steer the audience through the rough waters of global conflict comically and tragically. "George Bernard Shaw was attacked for his views on the war because he was against the senseless way it was conducted." explained Montgomery Davis, MCT artistic director. "His heartbreak for England was what inspired him to write 'Heartbreak House."

"Heartbreak House" will open Friday.

May 18, at 7pm, at the Stiemke Theater, 108 E. Wells St. Written in 1917, the play presents Captain Shotover, his eccentric family and their guests as a parallel to Europe heading toward disaster. It's Shaw's most penetrating comedy about the inevitable destruction of the old order in the course of world events.

On Sunday, May 20, at 7pm, MCT will open "Not About Heroes" by Stephen MacDonald. Directed by Ken Cazan, the play explores the relationship between two great WWI poets, Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon.

Three one-act plays by Shaw will open Friday, May 25, at 7pm, in the Stiemke Theater. The plays will be presented in the setting of a concert party at 'the front,' complete with songs and dances between the playlets. WFMR's Mark Kramer will provide the musical accompaniment. This concept echoes an actual performance of some of these plays that Shaw witnessed in France near the edge of battle. The plays are "Augustus Does His Bit," "Annajanska The Bolshevik Empress" and "The Inca Of Perusalem."

Matinees will be presented at 4pm on Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. All shows are presented in the Stiemke Theater, 108 E. Wells St. For more information regarding schedule and tickets, call the box office, 224-9490.

Singers' Concert May 11-12

There is still time to order tickets for "Let's Go to the Movies!" the Fest City Singers first of three major productions in this, their fifth anniversary season. Performances for this tribute to 60 years of music from the motion pictures are scheduled for the Stiemke Theater at 8pm on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, and a Sunday May 13 performance is scheduled for 7pm.

Tickets may be ordered from the Milwaukee Repertory Box Office in the Milwaukee Center, 108 E. Wells St. Telephone 224-9490. Tickets may also be obtained from Fest City chorus members as well as by phoning the FCS homeline at 263-SING.

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Jock Shorts

The Saturday Softball Beer League opened its regular season on Saturday, April 28 with 7 men's (Open) teams and 5 women's teams in action.

In the open division Partners and Triangles were undefeated. Partners beat La Cage and Wreck Room, while Triangle surprised the Ball Game. Three teams — Ball Game, M&M Peanuts and Wreck Room split their two games. C'est La Vie and La Cage are still looking for their first win.

In the Women's Division, M&M Bad Girls won two games, and Fannies, Nitengales and Station II split their two games. Jets came close, but could not get a win.

SSBL Standings

Open Division	W	L
Partners	2	0
Triangle	1	0
Ball Game	1	1
M&M Peanuts	1	1
Wreck Room	1	1
C'est La Vie	0	1
La Cage	0	2
Women's Division	W	L
M&M Bad Girls	2	0
Fannies	1	1
Nitengales	1	1
Station II	1	1
Jets	0	2

SSBL Schedule

Upper	Diamond	
1-00 P	artnere u Ra	11

1:00 Partners v Ball Game

2:00 Nitengales v Partners

3:00 C'est La Vie v La Cage 4:00 M&M Peanuts v C'est La Vie

Lower Diamond

1:00 Wreck Room v Nitengales

2:00 Ball Game v Wreck Room

3:00 Triangle v M&M Peanuts 4:00 La Cage v Triangle

SSBL Schedule 5/19

Upper Diamond

12:00 C'est La Vie v Fannies

1:00 Fannies v Ball Game

2:00 Nitengales v Ball Game 3:00 La Cage v Jets Place 4:00 Station II v Partners Lower Diamond 12:00 Triangle v C'est La Vie 1:00 Triangle v M&M Bad Girls 2:00 La Cage v Wreck Room 3:00 M&M Peanuts v Partners

4:00 Jets Place v M&M Peanuts

Wednesday Goodtime Bowling

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Team Standings-Final	W	L
Tragic Triangle Tramps	73	32
2. Tits of Death	65	40
3. Finesse	64	41
4. Laverne & Company	51	54
5. Dolls	48	57
6. The Dingle Danglers	41	64
7. Latecomers	38	67
8. Girls in the Gutter	37	68

Spring HIT League

Bowlers — Spring HIT League starts with an organizational meeting Tues. May 15 at Landmark Oriental Lanes, 7pm. Free bowling after. Bowling starts May 22 & runs for 9 weeks. This is Milwaukee's fun Gay bowling league, for those who just HAVE to bowl.

IGLOO Plans 7th Jamboree

IGLOO, the International Gay and Lesbian Outdoors Organization, announced plans for its seventh annual Jamboree. It will be held from Thursday, September 13 to Sunday, September 16, 1990 at a campground near Philadelphia, PA. The camp contains lawns, woods, basketball courts, tennis courts, olympic-size fresh-water pool and three recreational halls.

The Jamboree features: canoeing, boating, bicycling, sailing, hiking, a tour of Lancaster County — Amish farmland, tennis, rock climbing, running — and, of course, disco dancing and a trip to the artists' colony in New Hope, PA. The cost of basic registration is \$135./person. Milwaukee GAMMA is a member of IGLOO, a network of regional clubs; more information and registration material is available from Bob at 963-9833.



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Opening day for the Saturday Softball Beer League was under cloudy skies, but warm thoughts of the Summer ball season prevailed.

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SUNDAYS

\$1.50 Bloody Marys 4-9 PM; \$4 Beer Bash 9-Close The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus has announced its annual spring concert, to be held at Centennial Hall in the downtown Milwaukee Public Library on Saturday, June 16, 8pm. The concert, entitled, "Tomorrow Belongs To Me," will be the closing event for Milwaukee's Gay Pride Day Activities. It is held in conjunction with other events planned for that day by the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee.

Tickets will be on sale soon, at \$8 in advance, and \$10 at the door. Chorus members will be selling tickets at all the well known gathering places around town.

It is hoped that the community will rally once again for an evening of inspiring gay and lesbian pride- oriented music on that Saturday night. It promises to be an exciting event, and not to be missed.

Cream City Chorus recently performed in a special surprise concert entitled, "April Foolishness," at their rehearsal hall on April 8. The chorus was born on April Fool's Day three years ago.

About 300 persons enjoyed the special musical selections which featured well-loved literature from the past three years, and a special 'teaser' in the form of new music planned for the spring concert. The concert was followed by a special reception for the crowd.

Watch for special performances by the Cream City Chorus on May 19, for the Walker's Point Historical Society Walk; on May 20 at Cream City Foundation's Casino Night; and again on May 20, for the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Candlelight Service.

Books

Author Gilgun Reading

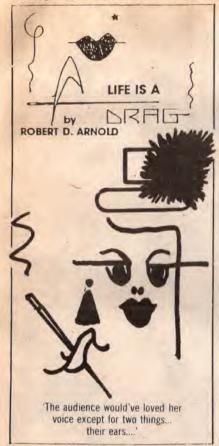
John Gilgun will read from his work at Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St., on Saturday, May 19, at 8pm. Gilgun has published books of fiction and poetry. His first novel, "Everything That Has Been Shall be Again," published in 1981, won the Chicago Book Clinic Award, the American Institute of Graphic Arts Award, The Midwestern Book Award, and the Bumbershoot Award. Last year he published another novel, "Music I Never Dreamed Of," which has earned much critical praise.

John Gilgun's success goes back to 1960, when he had a story published in New World Writing #16, alongside Tillie Olsen, Anne Sexton, Thomas Pyncheon, John Knowles, and others. At that time, with an advance from MacMillan and a Eugene F. Saxon Memorial Trust Award from Harper and Row, Gilgun left the U.S. to write a novel, living in Mexico and Spain and traveling extensively in between. What he wrote then was the 800 page, original version of "Music I Never Dreamed Of," which was published last year by Amethyst Press, a 200-page novel which is has been winning critical acclaim.

In addition to his books of poetry "The Dooley Poems, 1989") and fiction ("Everything That Has Been Shall Be Again," 1981), the award-winning John Gilgun has published poems and short stories in many journals. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1972. He studied, also, with Mark Strand in 1984 at the Post Townsend Writers' Conference, a learning experience he considers one of his most important.

In a review of "Music" by Michael Bronski, which appeared in The New England Guide, Bronski said "At first glance "Music" seems to be simply a coming out story with the hook of being set in Boston in the mid 50's... but underneath... Gilgun has fashioned a beautifully wrought tale."

Gilgun will appear at Woodland, and admission is \$4.





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Or what if Imelda were your mommy dearest? Just how would you feel when Mother Marcos had the audacity to steal your one good pair of stilettos and add them to her shoe collection?

How would you like to be Leona Helmsley's fully grown son or daughter, illegally claimed as her dependent child and having to take the Internal Revenue Service rap for her?

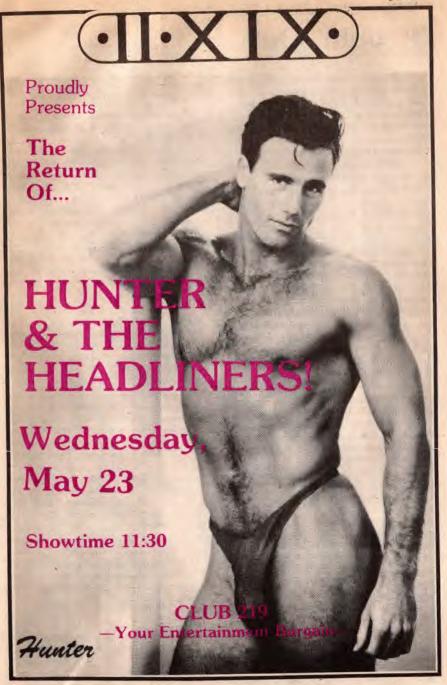
What if your mama was Roseanne Barr and she kept introducing you to her party guests as her faggy son or dikey daughter? But of course many of her friends and her own sister are homosexual and she meant absolutely no harm by the remark.

Nor did Donna Summer, who at one time may have called it the curse of God in having a gay child, but now doesn't remember ever saying so and at the same time apologizes halfheartedly.

Can you imagine the sheer heaven of being gay and the preacher's kid of Mrs. Reverend Lou Sheldon, "preserving the heterosexual ethic." "Now now, dear, you know perfectly well this is just a lifestyle choice and can be easily cured. Heal, damn it, Heal."

How about having Mrs. Andy Rooney for your mommy, where five out of every Sixty Minutes would be homosexual slurs against her child, followed by her retraction: "I'm genuinely sorry you were offended. It was not my intention to offend and make your already-difficult gay life more difficult."

So you see, you really are fortunate to have been born of your mother and not someone else. Sure, we All wanted Donna Reed for our mom, but that's the breaks, kids. As for me, Sister Dana Van Iquity, I just thank my lucky rosaries for my wonderful mama, Mother Theresa!



This has NOT been an easy issue to get out. We've switched to an entirely new computer system this issue, and we've been trying to work with it, learn it and get this magazine off to the typesetters and printers ever since. If things seem a little topsy-tervy I hope you'll all understand.

As usual, let's review happenings from the two weeks prior to my deadline...

I'd like to thank Debbie Vance for taking photos for me at this years MIL-MA-IDS tournament, held in Madison this year. Over \$3,000 was raised by the bowlers who participated, for the Madison AIDS Support Network. Each year the tourney switches from Madison to Milwaukee, the respective AIDS group benefiting. Congratulations to all the bowlers. and Thanks!

Club 3054's Mr/Miss/Ms contest was cancelled due to the death of their DJ. The wake was held at the bar after the services, and Cheri and her staff weren't up to holding a contest later that evening. Watch for the contest's re-scheduling.

Chicago's Clark's crawled Milwaukee on the 22nd with a bus full of revelers from the Clark Street pub, plus many members of Gay Chicago's staff. I met them upon their arrival at the M&M and they had their pumps well primed upon arrival.

Tuesday, April 24 found musical bars, with the Wreck Room traveling to Madison's Club 3054 to tend bar in an exchange, and Partner's trekking to Chicago on another of those infamous bar crawls Now if these crawlers would only learn NOT to drink before the bar even leaves the originating city, they might have an even better time once they arrive at their out-of- town destinations! The Wreck Room then played host to Club 3054when their bartenders came to Milwaukee on their exchange on the 26th.

The weekend of April 27-29 certainly proved to be a busy one all around the state... Fannie's hosted a bon voyage party for Miss Holly Brown, complete with tantilizing hors d'oeuvres. 3054 held their

Ex's Ball (were referees provided?) and GAMMA went on a "Hunt for Red October."

Miss Tiffany Thomas won the title of Miss South Eastern Gay Wisconsin, a King Production's pageant with six contestants hosted by Club 94. Meanwhile that afternoon in Milwaukee, the SSBL opened its softball season with a full slate of games at Mitchell Park (behind the Domes). Games are played weekly at the park, with both men's and women's divisions participating. Go out every Saturday afternoon and cheer on your favorites! There was quite a nice crowd on hand considering the rather cool weather and rain-threatening skies. See this issue's Jock Short's schedule for more information.

Twenty-some contestants vied for the titles of Mr/Miss/Ms Emerald City at Za's on the 29th. There were so many contestants, poor Za nearly ran out of video tape! See the photos elsewhere this issue for the names of the winners, which were not available at my deadline.

The women are really getting into the swing of shows, with Nitengale's hosting their 5th all- woman show at the popular nightspot. The biggest show that night in Milwaukee, however, was Holly Brown's farewell show at La Cage Holly & Co. strutted their stuff before a packed-tothe-rafters house. Holly explained the information in La Cage's ad in In Step's last issue was misleading and that she was not coming back, except possibly in the far future for a quick visit. She's off to her homeland in Australia to see her 'mum' and after that the future is unclear (I've heard at least three different itineraries). The new show director will be Vanessa, with Christopher stepping in as choreographer. Good luck to all, and Throw another shrimp on the barbie." Holly

The weekend was wrapped up in Madison with the Mr/Miss/Ms Gay Madison pageant at The New Bar. This is Madison's biggest show of the year, and contd. on page 34

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No Nunsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

Sisterly Words On Mothers

'M' is for the many ways she loves me;
'O' is for the other ways she cares; 'T' is
for the tender things she tells me; 'H' is
for her head of silver hairs. Put them all
together they spell 'MOTH.'

No, wait a minute, that's not right. Oh well...

Mother's Day is either coming or gone already, depending on where and when you read this newspaper. Perhaps not all of us have that stereotypically gay reaction of utter adoration for our mother. But let us remember the wisdom of a famous mother, Carol Burnett (the actress who pinches her ear at the end of her TV show to say hi to grandma), who compared the painful process of childbirth to taking your lower lip and stretching it down to your neck while simultaneously pulling your upper lip up over the top of your head. Yowtch! Of course there is always a different kind of natural childbirth...plenty of morphine and absolutely no make-up except just a hint of blusher on the cheeks.

And as if birthing isn't pain enough, dear ole mom has to endure roughly eighteen years of our growth, the climax being our passage through oily pubescence and whiney adolescence.

Almost certainly she was the parent who got the first clue of our gayness. Well, think back now, queers and queerettes, who do you suppose it was who caught her dear son the first time he threw on a pair of her high heels? Or when she discovered her darling daughter in the midst of dismantling and lubing brother's toy. Tonka truck? Don't you imagine mommy was mystified as to how sonnymanaged to have better make-up and fashion tips than she did? Or why her little girl had such an unnatural interest in tofu and kept dressing her Barbie doll in plaid shirts?

Mother may have been relieved never to discover a Playboy under Junior's bed, but wondered at all those muscle magazines he had stashed away with nary a barbell in his room. Even stranger still was mom's reaction to find a Playboy under Sis's bed!

And you think traditional mothers have it rough? Think of the lesbian mother who has to face that fateful day when her offspring eventually queries, "Mommy, who is my daddy?" and mom must drag out the turkey baster.

If you are still not convinced to revere mater more, just thank your lucky stars you were not cursed with a worse. notorious mother. For instance, what if vour mom was Zsa Zsa Gabor, and when the doctor slapped you at birth, Mama Zsa Zsa slapped you too? Men, can you picture the day she caught you on the way to your favorite uniform bar wearing your police drag and she slapped your face? Women, wouldn't it be embarrassing hearing her constantly scream, "I'm not going into her room to make her bed: she's a lesbian and I'm afraid of lesbians!" contd. on page 50



The New Bar hosted their Mr/Miss/Ms pageant.



7 'girls', 2 men and 1 woman vied for the titles of Miss/Mr/Ms New Bar.

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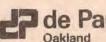
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

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

Club 219: Wild & Crazy Wednesday, Lip Sync Contest, \$50 prize, 11pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Za's [Green Bay]: Screening "Parting Glances."

Club 219: Premiere of weekly Customer Appreciation Night, BBQ Cookout 5-9. 75 cent rail drinks, 50 cent tappers, \$1.25 12oz. beers from 4-close.

La Cage: Miss Gay Milwaukee Pageant, a preliminary to Miss Gay WI-USA, 9:30pm, guest stars, hosted by Tania Michaels.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

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

Za's [Green Bay]: Lip Sync Finals with hostess BJ Daniels.

Partner's: YP Silver Anniv. Week, through the 17th. Anniversary party, free champagne.

GAMMA: Dining out at Albanese's, Call Bill at 442-2268 for reservations.

Loft [Green Bay]: 'Pro Bowlers' party, 10pm-midnight.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

The Loft [Green Bay]: Lip Sync Show 10:30pm.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Most outrageous Drag Contest, benefit for SEWAP, 10:30, apply at bar. \$100 cash prize.

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Terry and his helpers outdid themselves, as usual. Photos and winners names appear elsewhere this issue.

That brings me up to May 3rd deadline, and now I have to get to work on the rest of this issue...

Next time!



Wreck Room: Oberon's monthly Club Night. Raffles, door prizes, 10:30pmlam.

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

GAMMA: Spring hiking trip to Devils Lake, call Dan at 963-1683 for arrangements.

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

Za's [Green Bay]: Manhattan night, music, give-aways & specials.

Partner's: YP Silver Anniv. Week, 2-9pm — wear your YP or Partner's hats, t-shirts, pins, etc. & get \$1 rail & 50 cent tappers. Klein's 2nd Annual Cream City Chorus benefit show at 10pm. \$2 donation requested for show.

New Leaf [Janesville]: Patricia De Roma, & the Prettiest Boys In Town, showtimes 10 & 12.

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-1am.

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ZA's [Green Bay]: Country Two Step Night, 2 step dance lessons 8pm, drink specials, all-country music.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Mothers Day, bring in your mom & we'll buy you both a drink, also drink specials.

Partner's: YP's Silver Anniv., 2-9pm, 25 cent tappers.

Milw. Trackers: Return to normal Sunday schedule with a 5K run beginning promptly at noon, at Lake Park Pavilion.

MONDAY, MAY 14

Partner's: YP Silver Anniv. Martini Club Meeting, old bartender exchange. See your favorite old YP bartenders behind Partner's bar. contd. on page 36 Where the Past & the Future is happening ...



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GaySpeak

Sometimes, what gays and lesbians say in conversation is not always what they actually mean. Use this following quick reference guide to cut through dating double-talk to understand what people are really saving.

I don't smoke: "So, don't offer me a Marlboro after sex, I've even divided my bed into Smoking and Non-smoking sections."

I'm on a new celebrity-endorsed diet:
"It's the Liz Taylor diet: just take a hand
full of Dexatrim appetite suppressant
capsules, and chase them down with one
Slimfast packet mixed with 8 oz.
Smirnoff's."

Where did you get that cologne?: "Would you mind not getting too close, I don't want the smell to get into my clothes." Do you work out?: "When you make love, do you treat your partner like a piece of exercise equipment?"

I just negotiated a Hostage Release: "I finally convinced my ex-lover it's really over and he reluctantly agreed to let go of my leg, so I could walk out the door."

I have a room-mate: "We can't go to my place, my lover is home."

So, you're a gay rights advocate: "Does that mean you have to use the word homosexual in every sentence?"

That guy has an attitude problem: "He won't have sex, dance, talk, etc. with me. You must date a lot: "I understand you've had 15 'lovers' in the last two months."

Yes, I'm a male stripper: "But I much prefer the term Pro- fessional Undresser."

I love your haircut: "...and I'll bet you've trimmed your pubic hair so it looks like it's been styled by Milli Vanilli's hairdresser."

I'm free on weekends: "I'm carrying on with a married man."

My lover doesn't understand me: "We haven't had sex in three years."

I'm involved in a long distance romance: "...yeah, Dial Now! Hot Guys Are Waiting!"

I'm very romantic: "My first experience

with masturbation was the beginning of a life-long romance."

I'm a little upset with my lover: "I caught the hateful slut in bed with someone else, so I dipped the jerk's toothbrush into the toilet while chanting a voodoo spell guaranteed to make his hairline recede."

I am sort of seeing someone: "But, I can only see him when his bedroom shades are up."

I've got a big day tomorrow "No sex for you tonight, bucko!"

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TUESDAY, MAY 15

Partner's: YP's Silver Anniv. cocktail hour, buffet, 5-?

GAMMA: Roller Skating party at Rollaero (5200 S. Pennsylvania Ave.) begins 6:30pm. Cost is \$2, and includes skates.

Rod's [Madison]: Jock Strap Night. Show your jock & get first drink free.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Partner's: YP Silver Anniv. Special 'Beat the Clock.'

Club 219: Wild & Crazy Wednesdays, Wet Willie Contest, 11pm, \$50 prize.

New Leaf [Janesville]: Miss Leaf Contest, \$50 cash & \$25 bar tab to winner.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Triangle: Chad's Birthday Party, 10pm, free food/beer/surprises.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Screening "Torch Song Trilogy."

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Partner's: YP Silver Anniv. special, \$1 rails.

The Loft [Green Bay]: "May Babies" birthday party, drink free rail drinks & tap beer from 10-12 if you can prove you were born in May.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

ZA's [Green Bay]: Baby Jane & Co., featuring 5 Milwaukee performers, \$2 cover, showtime 10:30.

Masquer's [Wausau]: Talent Show.

Jet's Place: 2nd Annual Old Timers Reunion, 2pm-? Come & party with friends from Milwaukee's past.

Partner's: Car Wash & BBQ benefit for MAP, 12-8pm.

The Loft [Green Bay]:Lip Sync Show, "Kevin & Friends," 10:30pm.

New Leaf [Janesville]: "Stoney," female Elvis impersonator.

Rod's [Madison]: Armed Forces Day, 50 cent off your drinks when you wear any service uniform.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Nitengales: "The Flying Napkins" comedy duo, showtime 9, free champagne 7-8, \$2 cover.

Foundation Casino Night '90: A benefit for the Cream City Foundation. Casino Games & free hors d'oeurvres. War Memorial (Art Museum), 759 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, enter south parking lot, \$10 advance, \$15 door. Grand raffle prizes. Tickets & info, call 278-0880.

Partner's: Partner's Mother's Day, free roses for first 50 mom's, 2-close.

The Loft [Green Bay]: Live music by 'Leslie.'

Pivot [Appleton]: Cassie's AIDS Show.

Dignity-Milw.: A special service entitled, "Living With AIDS — A Celebration of Life," 6pm, St. Pius X Parish (76th & Wright-tower entrance), all welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Club 219: Hunter & the Headliners male dancers return, 11:30 showtime.

New Leaf: Mr Leaf Contest, \$50 cash & bar tab to winner.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

ZA's [Green Bay]: Screening "Another Country."

Club 3054 [Madison]: Hunter & The Headliners, male stripper.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Masquer's [Wausau]: 1st Annual Miss Gay Wausau Pageant presented by King Productions.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Bonnie Bitch, \$3 cover.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Grand opening of Madison's new Levi/leather bar. Cocktail party & hors d'oeuvres at 6.

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Pivot Club:6th Annual Miss Gay Fox Valley Pageant presented by King Productions.

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Darla's View

by Darla Kashian

Earth Day/Gay Day

The other weekend, people around the world celebrated Earth Day '90. The weekend of events in Milwaukee was a tremendous success, with over 20,000 people attending the festivities over the course of three days. The Earth Day committee is to be commended for their efforts to organize the public around environmental concerns.

The Earth Day celebration opened with a Milwaukee River clean-up, where volunteers from throughout the area collected years of tires, cans and other litter. For many people, this was the first up-close and personal look at the Milwaukee River.

Earth Day organizers successfully assembled Milwaukee's only parade entirely free of motorized vehicles. School groups, religious organizations, environmental groups, and just plain folks paraded in support of a cleaner environment and a safer world.

So what does all this have to do with us, gays and lesbians? Of course, we all have to survive in this world of ours, and a better environment benefits all of us. But more importantly, events like Earth Day remind all of us of the importance of supporting issues outside the obvious self-interest.

The final event of Earth Day, the presentation of Holly Near and Claudia Schmidt at the Pabst Theatre, is an example of the collective cooperation of feminists, environmentalists, and peace activists. Both Near and Schmidt have a long history in the women's movement, and Holly Near has been active in the gay and lesbian community for over 15 years.

The concert was designed to commemorate our Earth and the environmental movement, by Schmidt and Near effectively addressed the many issues facing us in the world today. Holly Near's polished performance seemed like many 'traditional' performers. John Buchinno's piano playing complemented Near's strong vocals, and it became

evident that had Near chosen a different path, she might have become a commercially popular artist.

Instead, Near embraced the feminist movement, and became a leader in the women's music industry. As a founder of Redwood Records, now a non-profit arts organization, Near has been in the forefront of lesbian feminist music. In addition, Redwood is one of the few national labels that promotes artists from Central America, spreading the message of freedom in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras.

The result of Near's commitment to the agenda of the politically progressive is a different genre of music that has now become mainstream. Today, artists like Sinead O'Connor, Tracy Chapman and 10,000 Maniacs successfully promote political music to millions of fans. While Near has sold a million albums in her lifetime, the next generation of political crooners have sold several million albums.

The evening of the Near/Schmidt concert, Near addressed, by song, the issues of AIDS, love, and peace, while also entertaining the near sold out crowd. The radical Near shared her music with a mixed crowd of many, many lesbians, quite a few gay men, and a bunch of heterosexual environmentalists. The crowd was great and the music was great.

Lets use Earth Day as our model for the 1990 Gay Pride festivities. By looking beyond our issues, we invite new people into our movement and share the excitement of political power. We find our friends, and solidify our alliances rather than focusing on solely on our enemies. Together, we will succeed.

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didn't go out of my way to set up the pretext of separate bedrooms but at the same time didn't point to our queen-size waterbed, saying loudly, "And this is where Kathy and I sleep together NAKED every night" — her grandfather paused at the door of our bedroom and said: "So, this is where you, Kathy, and the cat bunk down at night, eh?" Granted, he probably wasn't thinking about the naked-togetherpart, but seriously: do we really want a seventy-some- year-old man contemplating our sex life? I think not.

Of course, we still have a way to go. Her cousins, for instance, who are all younger than me, are relatively hip, and don't seem particularly stupid, refer to me as 'the roommate.' I mean, given their lack

of 'real' information and the settings in which we always meet (family gatherings), I don't expect them to refer to me as Kathy's lover, but they could at least call me 'the housemate.' 'Roommate' makes it sound like we're sharing a dorm room and a hot plate or something!

But for me, it is enough that Kathy's grandparents automatically set a place for me for corned beef and cabbage on St. Pat's Day, that Kathy's parents exchange Christmas gifts with me, that the whole family can see that Kath and I are more than 'just friends' and respect that. Enough for now, at least. Someday, I want them all to do all of that knowing exactly who we are.

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I'm In With The In-Laws

To paraphrase Tolstoy, "Normal families are all alike; every dysfunctional family is dysfunctional in its own way."

The truth of this statement is something you may have some notion of from talking to your friends or from group therapy (if you're into that sort of thing; personally, I prefer not to tell large audiences about the maze of boxes in my grandmother's bedroom or about my father's two-squares-of-toilet-paper-per-bathroom-visit rule). However, only when you enter into a long-term committed relationship do you get to experience the truth of this statement.

I don't mean to imply that my lover's family is particularly weird — certainly no more weird than mine. (Though just what scale do you use to get an accurate measure of familial weirdness?) It's just that being privy to another family's dynamics on such an intimate level is a new experience for me. In the past, my relationship with lovers' families has been superficial at most, either because we were only involved for a short time or because we weren't out yet — to ourselves even, much less to others.

However, when you and 'another girl' buy a house together, little signals go off to the extended family that this 'other girl' isn't just someone you occasionally hang out at the mall with. In our case, though I am completely out ot my family - every weird darn branch of it - the few members left of this dwindling clan all live out of town. Consequently, my lover Kathy doesn't have much interaction with them. Kathy's family, on the other hand, lives here in Chicago, right down to every last cousin. And Kathy's family Does, with a capital 'D,' holidays. So we see the whole noisy bunch of them, in different configurations, at regular intervals throughout the year.

I'm not complaining, though. In fact, I rather relish the situation. First of all — What's that old saying? — "You can't

know the child until you know the parents." Spending time with Kathy's family gives me valuable insights into who she is and why she does some of what she does. (Don't worry, honey: I'm not going to give any examples...)

Also, bizarre as the family experience can be, there's also something grounding about participating in family rituals. And because opportunities to do that with my own family are increasingly rare, it's comforting in some way to sink down into someone else's family. Then too, it's interesting, in an anthropological sort of way, to compare our families. That's comforting too: my family isn't as strange as I thought! (Kathy, however, might disagre.)

Aside from any personal satisfaction I might take from being a participant observer at my lover's family gatherings, I think my presence at those functions helps further the movement, albeit in a small way. When invited to these festivities. Kathy has frequently said to me, "You don't have to go, you know," the implication being that I'm not expected to go, the way, for instance, her cousins' husbands are. And that, precisely, is why I go; to get them to the point where they do expect me to be there, to the point where they recognize the nature and stubborness of our relationship, on whatever level they are capable of perceiving it. I think it's important for them, for everyone really, to recognize the value of relationships not constructed on the one man/one woman model, to recognize alternative forms of family, even if they don't fully understand such relationships as gay and lesbian.

And Kathy and I are definitely making progress with this in the microcosm of her all-too-conservative family. For instance, though Kathy's immediate family knows more about us than certainly her mother would like to, her extended family, in deference to Kath's mother, does not, in so many words, know. Yet when they all came en masse for a party, where I somehow ended up conducting the discrete house tours — you know: where I

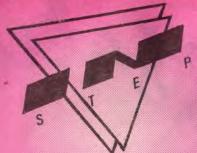


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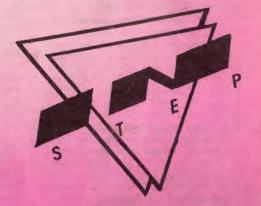
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