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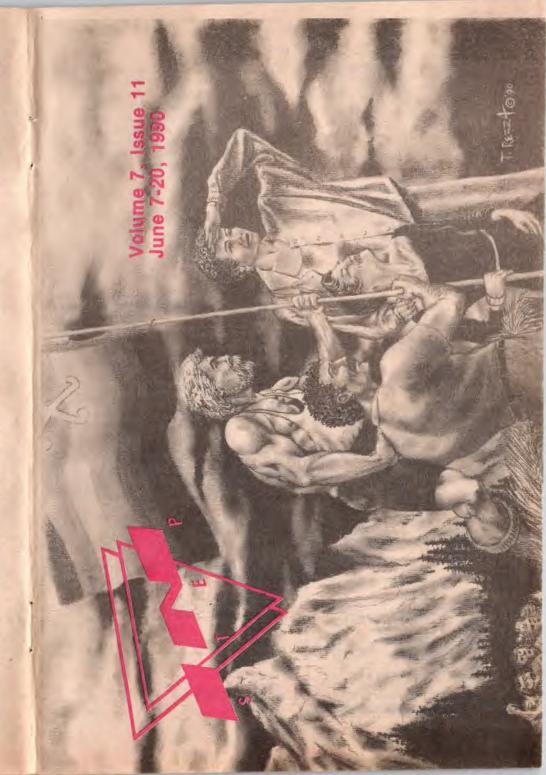


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In Step is proud to feature staff artist Tom Rezza's interpretation of Milwaukee's 1990 Pride Theme poster on our cover this issue. Only 200 copies of Tom's print, professionally printed, signed and numbered, are available for \$25, with \$10 of that fee going to the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee. For full details, see the Pride section in this issue.

Note

DEADLINE

for the next issue Covering June 21-July 4, 1990 is 7pm Wednesday, June 13.

That issue will cover the 4th of July, and offer continuing coverage of Pride Week activities.

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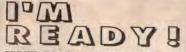
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Gay Side

by Tom Rezza



Call to Action! PROTEST RALLY Friday, June 15th

Milwaukee — On Friday, June 1, 1990, nearly 20 people representing 13 organizations of the Gay/Lesbian community gathered at the offices of In Step Magazine to discuss if and in what ways the community might respond to the anti-Lesbian/Gay campaign of mis-information being propagated by the right-wing Christian Fundamentalists.

The Family Concerns Coalition, a small Fundamentalist group, has announced plans to hold a rally (see article elsewhere in News section, this issue).

After much discussion in the hour-long meeting, it was decided by those present that the community must respond with a peaceful demonstration on the evening of the Fundamentalist rally. The reason agreed to by people present at the meeting is that regardless of what the right-wingers maintain, the rally is essentially a verbal Lesbian/Gay bashing and, as such, an assault on our civil rights.

Included in the demonstration will be "street theatre" consisting of, among other things, a "Jan Parshall Look-alike" contest. Parshall is the producer and host of the program "Countdown To Crisis," a program instituted June 1 on WVCY radio and TV (Channel 30) to "inform" its listeners of the "Gay/Lesbian threat."

Other actions at the demonstration will include chants, posters, slogans and a few surprises.

For the next few weeks, people will be reaching out to our community, friends and supporters to ask for help in this effort. In the on-going struggle for equality and our just liberties, please respond positively. We are summoning the community to action.

The pro-Gay/Lesbian demonstration will take place on Friday evening in front of MECCA's Auditorium (Bruce Hall) between 4th and 6th Streets on Kilbourn. The demonstration will begin at 6:00.

Please Help and Plan to Attend.

News Briefs

Pride Citations Panned by Fundies

Right wing fundamentalist Christians erupted in anger over the Milwaukee Common Council's passage of a honorary resolution honoring Milwaukee's Gav Lesbian Pride Week '90 during the final days of May, and announced another Traditional Values Conference for June

The Milwaukee Common Council on a vote of 13 for, 3 against, passed the Pride Week citation on Tuesday, May 29 even after a barrage of phone calls against the proclamation to their homes and offices over the Memorial Day weekend. The three council members voting against the measure included Annette Scherbert. Robert Anderson and Thomas Nardelli.

The resolution had been sponsored by Council President Thomas Donegan, with council members Paul Henningsen, Larraine McNamara-McGraw and Mary Anne McNulty. Members of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community assisted in wording the proclamation proposal hoping to escape any charges of the document being seen as 'anti-family,' yet still acceptable to the purpose.

The fundamentalists responded when Rev. Vic Eliason targeted the proclamation issue on his shows on WVCY radio and television station. Fresh from victory when the Milwaukee County Board refused to consider a proclamation for Pride Week after an earlier fundamentalist outcry, they phoned their alderpersons and approximately 20 marched outside of City Hall the morning of the vote.

The surprisingly lopsided vote was seen by some as a reaction to the phone calls to alderpersons homes on a holiday weekend. Those council members who had been 'fence sitting' on the issue prior to the weekend ended up voting for the proclamation after the outpouring of homophobia. Most of the council members saw the proclamation as a benign piece of workmanship, and referred to it as a civil rights issue.

Both Milwaukee County Executive David Schulz and Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist previously issued Pride citations, ignoring fundamentalist outeries.

Eliason has since scheduled a two week daily show on his stations entitled "Countdown to Crisis" to call attention to the Pride Week plans and for his June 15 so- called 'pro-family' rally at MECCA's Bruce Hall. The rally speakers announced as of In Step deadline include Rev. Don Wildmon, Mrs. Beverly LaHave. Eliason, Wisconsin Women's Council member Jan Parshall, and an unidentified 'former' homosexual. Between them. Wildmon and LaHave have spoken out nationally against Gay/Lesbian rights. favorable depictions of Gay/Lesbian's on television programming, and National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) funding grants to homosexual artists, as well as other topics.

Several Council Members complained of receiving few calls from their constituents urging their support of the proclamation, or thanking them for their pro-vote after passage.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In Step urges you to call your alderman or alderwoman at 278-2221 and thank them for their vote for the Gay/Lesbian Pride Week proclamation. If your council representative is one of the three who voted against the citation, inform them of your stance. Also, it wouldn't hurt to phone the Co. Exec. at 278-4211 and the Mayor at 278-2200 and thank them, too. They must know we appreciate them sticking their neck out for our benefit.)

Milwaukee's WISN TV 12 will give the fundies a chance to air their views on their "Milwaukee's Talking" program aired on June 13 at 10 am. Wisconsin Light's Terry Boughner will represent the Gay/Lesbian side.



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Names Quilt Panels In Racine

A lone piper playing "Amazing Grace" will signal the unfolding of eight panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt by the honor guard of players of the World Champion Racine Raiders Minor league Football Team. The panels, representing 65 individual quilts, will arrive Wednesday evening, June 6, from San Francisco. They will be on public display at Memorial Hall, 72 Seventh Street, Racine, from noon to 6pm Thursday, June 7, and at the YMCA Building, 721 Lake Avenue, Racine on Saturday, June 9, from 9am to 4:30pm.

In addition to the Quilt, a 30 minute segment of the 1990 Academy Award Winning Documentary Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt will be shown. Admission to the displays of the Quilt and the showing of Common Threads are free. Donations are encouraged.

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, started in 1987, has been seen worldwide by an estimated 1,600,000

people. Each of the current 12,000 individual quilts represents a person lost to AIDS. "The Quilt is a gentle expression of the love, pain, grief and anger of those who daily confront catastrophic illnesses," according to John McNulty, Ph.D., President of The McNulty Group, Ltd., sponsor of the quilt's visit to Racine.

The quilt will also be part of "The First Annual Wisconsin Conference on HIV/AIDS Education in the Workplace" which will be held Friday, June 8, on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (Kenosha). An audience of about 200 business leaders from across the state are expected to attend. Co-sponsors of the conference include: SC Johnson Wax; Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Company; Ruud Lighting, Incorporated; The McNulty Group, Ltd.; and Employees Health Insurance of Green Bay.

AIDS Activists Lay Siege to NIH

By Cliff O'Neill

Bethesda, Md. — Over 1,000 angry AIDS activists, gathered here from around the nation, laid siege to the campus of the National Institutes of Health for four hours on May 21, demanding research into new treatments for the disease and wider access to drug trials.

Eighty- two demonstrators were arrested as part of assorted acts of civil disobedience throughout the day, all but one of which was charged with trespassing. One demonstrator was initially charged with resisting arrest. All were released.

Twenty-one of those arrested were taken into custody at the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAAD) several miles away, after they staged a sit-in the office of a top health staffer there.

"Ten years. A billion dollars. One drug. Big deal," thundered the protesters, drumming home their recriminations of much of the federal AIDS research effort with the steady pounding on hundreds of signs.

Holding aloft streaming, multi-colored smoke bombs set atop long poles, the hoard of activists charged the main administrative building of the NIH, fanning their choking purple smoke with dozens of bright red signs reading, "We're fired up."

Shouting their indignant criticisms at the curious NIH employees inside the buildings, protesters faced off against three lines of U.S. Park Service Police which were dressed in riot gear, raincoats and sky blue dishwashing gloves, and amassed behind two rows of makeshift wood and wire picket fences.

Yet another flank of similarly attired Park Police on horseback served as the agency's front line of defense against the constantly moving demonstrators.

"A billion dollars and only one drug," the protesters shouted "AIDS is war."

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Five times every hour, there came the deafening roar of air horns going off to mark the one American AIDS death which occurs every twelve minutes.

With a series of street theater actions and 'negotiated' civil disobedience, the morning action sought to draw attention to each of the protesters' many, specific demands.

Those demands included calls for the NIH to focus their research on drugs other than AZT, to date the sole drug approved to treat HIV virus itself, and to expand drug trials to allow for increased participation by women, children and former intravenous drug users.

Several days before the demonstration, a coalition of AIDS service organizations from around the nation issued a consensus statement supporting most of the ACT UP demands on AIDS research.

Staging a press conference after the demonstration, NIH officials, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institutes for Allergies and Infectious Diseases, disagreed with the demonstration.

"It was interesting theater," said Fauci. "But it was not helpful."

Before the demonstration, the NIH had issued a lengthy statement responding to the ACT UP charges, which the activists countered with an equally detailed counter response.

Much of the criticism of the NIH research is focused on the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) — the arm of NIAID which decides what federal AIDS drug trials will be approved — their focus on testing AZT over drugs and their ongoing resistance to AIDS activists participating in the research approval process.

UW Madison Update

According to press reports in the Milwaukee Sentinel, large numbers of UW Madison graduates donned rubber gloves during their graduation ceremonies calling graduates attention to the protest against the ROTC ban on Gay/Lesbians.

University of Wisconsin police wore rubber gloves when they broke up a student protest sit in at the UW Board of Regents office back on April 23. The protesters, calling themselves the Bascom Coalition, passed out hundreds of fliers and rubber gloves as graduates entered Camp Randall Stadium, asking the grads to don the gloves when they shook hands with Chancellor Donna Shalala.

In another development, the Milwaukee Journal reported Kenneth Shaw, president of the UW System released a letter sent to the US Secretary of Defense by four national educational associations on the issue of ROTC discrimination against Gay/Lesbians.

The letter reportedly "expresses concern over the practice of denying commissions to Gay/Lesbian ROTC graduates and asks for a meeting with the secretary," according to the Journal. It was signed by the leaders of the American Council on Education, the Association of American Universities, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Shaw told the Journal the letter partly resulted from discussions between Shalala and the groups. The letter also mentions the UW Systems opposition to the anti-Gay policy.

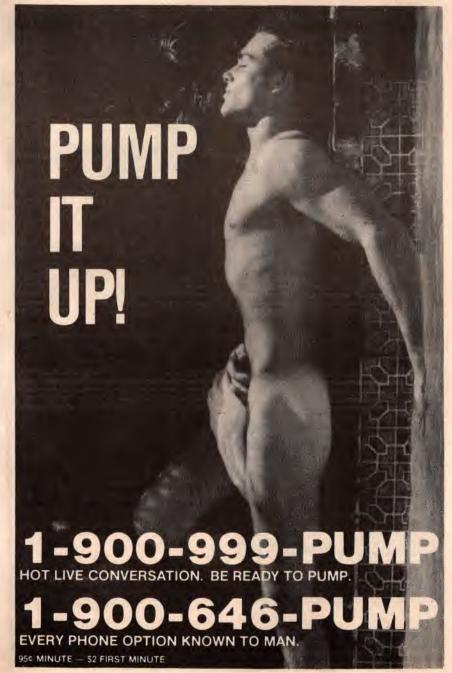
The Bd. of Regents voted earlier this year to not boot ROTC off state campuses, but to become involved in lobbying to change the military's position.

BBC Confirms Gays Executed in Iran

by Rex Wockner

The British Broadcasting Corporation Monitoring Service, an intelligence-gathering wing of England's state radio and TV, has confirmed January's sketchy reports that the government of Iran executes men and women found guilty of having homosexual sex.

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"For homosexuals, men or women, Islam has prescribed the most severe punishments," the Ayatollah said. "After it has been proved on the basis of Shari'ah, they should seize him (or her) they should keep him standing, they should split him in two with a sword, they should either cut off his neck or they should split him from the head.

"He will fall down," the Ayatollah continued. "After he is dead they bring logs, make a fire and place the corpse on the logs, set fire to it and burn it. Or it should be taken to the top of a mountain and thrown down. Then the parts of the corpse should be gathered together and burnt, or they should dig a hole, make a fire in the hole and throw him alive into the fire. We do not have such punishments for other offenses.

"There cannot be the slightest degree of mercy or compassion toward those who observe inadequate Islamic dress or towards prohibitions," the Ayatollah went on. "There should not be the slightest degree of mercy towards these criminals."

At that point, according to the BBC, the crowd listening to Musavi-Ardebili's speech erupted in shouts of "God is great."

"We have to try and establish an anti-vice culture in our society," the Ayatollah explained. "We must make certain that those unlawful acts are shunned by the people. The people should learn to see evil, to a degree that even the perpetrator of a vice should tremble with a tormented conscience after having committed that vice under the compulsion of physical desire."

News of an official extermination campaign against Iranian homosexuals was first published Jan. 22 by syndicated U.S. newspaper columnist Jack Anderson, who said the crackdown began on New Year's Day following a meeting between Iranian Chief Justice Morteza Moghtadai and lower officials.



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FBI Nabs Aryans

by Rex Wockner

FBI agents May 12 arrested two white supremacists en route to blow up a Seattle Gay bar.

According to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court by Tacoma-based FBI special agent Thomas Trier, the Bureau had tracked the two men, Robert Winslow, 29, and Stephen Nelson, 35, for three months.

Information was gathered primarily by phone taps at the Aryan Nations compound in Hayden Lake, Idaho, where Winslow and Nelson planned their operations.

The two men first discussed blowing up Neighbours Disco in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood during an April 8 phone conversation.

FBI agents then trailed Winslow to a mountainous area outside Hayden Lake where he detonated a test pipe bomb.

In an April 20 phone conversation, Winslow detailed the plans against the Gay club.

"He and Nelson were going to place explosive charges inside the bar," Trier testified. "They would then telephone the bar, warn them that a bomb would go off in three minutes, and then detonate the charges as the patrons attempted to flee. According to Winslow, the patrons would enter the 'kill zone' at the time of detonation."

From further phone calls, the FBI determined that the Aryans planned to blow up Neighbours May 12. Agents followed Winslow and Nelson from the Hayden Lake compound to Seattle, where the supremacists bought a six-inch-section of galvanized steel pipe with two end caps, and one pound of smokeless gun powder.

"Because these components were identical to the (test) bomb that was exploded in Idaho, Federal Agents moved in and placed Winslow and Nelson under arrest," Trier testified.

During the phone taps, the FBI also learned that the supremacists planned to blow up black bars, a Jewish synagogue and several Korean businesses.



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315 W. Court St., 53212- office/staff AIDS Information	273-1991
National Coalition Gay STD Services	273-2437
P.O. Box 239, 53201	277-7671
Women's Alternative Health Clinic	
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Group Notes

Yellow on Thursday

Milwaukee — Yellow on Thursday, a half-hour, fast-paced comedy show produced by The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network, premiers June 21st at 10pm on Warner Cable Channel 14.

According to Co-Executive Producer Bryce Clark, Yellow on Thursday can best be described as sort of a cross between Saturday Night Live, The Tracy Ullman Show and SCTV. The cast features Jeorge Cabal, Allan Kurth and syndicated In Step humorist, W.W. Wells, among others.

"The show is sort of a departure for our group," stated Clark. "We are trying new things and feel doing comedy and entertainment shows there is more to our community than politics and issues."

Yellow on Thursday gets it's name from a common Wisconsin idiom used in schools, which stated if you wore yellow clothes on thursday, it meant you were Gay. The June 21st program could be a pilot for a series of special Yellow on Thursday programs.

Yellow on Thursday can also be obtained at Video Adventures, 1418 East Brady Street.

Casino '90 Huge Success

Sunday, May 20 saw the Cream City Foundation's fourth annual Casino Night attended by about 200 people. This year, the event took place at the War Memorial Center on the lakefront, a different but very exciting location. Again utilizing professional gaming croupiers with genuine roulette wheel, craps table, and numerous blackjack and other game tables, all the excitement of Vegas, Atlantic City, or Monte Carlo was there.

This annual fundraiser for the Foundation was well attended by many newcomers. People who attended in previous years were not likely to miss it either, as the event is becoming a real favorite. Entertainment was provided by pianists David C. and John C., and both

the Cream City Chorus and the Fest City Singers also performed. Major sponsorship was provided by the Miller Brewing Company, and major raffle prize was provided by American TV & Appliance. Most Milwaukee bars and many Gay/Lesbian businesses contributed other raffle prizes.

This year's event will likely be the most successful yet. Some contributions are still being received after the event; all proceeds are used for funding grants provided by the Foundation to other organizations, causes, and events. The CCF can be reached at 265- 0880, PO Box 204, Milwaukee 53201.

\$14,000 Pledged to New Harvest

Madison — Some \$14,000 in new contributions will flow into the New Harvest Foundation as a result of pledges made at two fund-raising receptions held in the early part of the year. This substantial sum, in time, will augment the \$85,000 that has already been contributed to the Foundation since its formation in 1984.

Over the same period, New Harvest awarded over \$74,000 in grants to 49 Gay and Lesbian programs in Dane County. Another round of grants will be made later this year.

GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

In 1985 the Foundation qualified as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, Sec. 501(c)(3). Consequently, all donations to it are tax deductible for both federal and Wisconsin income tax purposes.

Another fund-raiser reception is scheduled for this summer, according to Dan Curd, co-chair of the event. He described the receptions as relaxed social affairs, held in the homes of members. "Current donors are asked to invite friends or business associates who might become donors. We usually have about 30 people present," Curd said.

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"We want to thank all of the individuals who have made the Foundation's five years of accomplishments possible through their generous pledges," declared Curd. "Their gifts of money have enabled us to meet the urgent personal and social needs of countless men and women of all ages."

Curd urged anyone interested in attending the summer reception in Madison to contact him at (608)257-7737. Formal invitations will be sent out four weeks before the event.

MAP Thanks...

Milwaukee In the past month, several fundraisers have been held to support MAP's services. These have been sponsored by an assortment of supportive restaurants, organizations, bars, and businesses. All of the funds raised from these special events are used to support the services at the Milwaukee AIDS Project for people living with AIDS. An additional benefit from these events is the outreach and awareness that occurs about the AIDS issue. MAP thanks the following people for hosting the fundraiser and creating this awareness:

 Thanks to Club 94 in Kenosha for a special event held to benefit the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), an affiliate of MAP. This event raised \$1,016 for SEWAP!

 Thanks to All Saints Cathedral and the people who came to the lecture given by Elizabeth Kubler Ross on April 8th. At this lecture donations were collected for the Milwaukee AIDS Project totaling \$800. Thanks to everyone who attended!

• Thanks to the Goodtime Bowling League for their special event fundraiser held in April. This event raised \$415 and the funds, as requested, will be designated for use in maintaining the Milwaukee House. Thanks for your support!

 Thanks to Everyone for responding and contributing to the current direct mail campaign sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Almost \$5,000 has been raised and will be used to support MAP services and programs.

• Thanks to the Monday Night Irregulars for sponsoring a weekly 50/50 Pot competition during the 1989-90 season. Funds are requested to be used to support MAP's direct patient support. This special contribution method raised \$774 for MAP!

We would also like to extend a special thank you to everyone who joined us at the 1990 Make a Promise Dinner. This special event, with the support of 400 people in attendance, raised over \$13,000 (net) to be used for services for people living with AIDS. Again, thank you. We could not have done it without your support!

CCF All Moved In

The Cream City Foundation has obtained office space in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center located at 2821 North 4th St., and accepted occupancy June 1st. This facility offers several advantages over their previous site. There is a well equipped meeting room that will accommodate groups up to 100 people as well as conference spaces from meetings of up to 25 people. In addition a kitchen will allow the preparation of light meals and snacks. Supervised off-street parking and an on duty guard/receptionist is provided by this facility.

The CCF's new office is 350 square feet and is located on the second floor of the West Wing. The office number is 217B. Our new mailing address is: Cream City Foundation, Suite 217B, 2821 N. 4th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212; phone 265-0880.

The board feels confident that this facility will help the Foundation continue its' mission to 'build community.' An open house is being planned for later this Summer.

Chicago Pride Parade June 24

Chicago's 21st annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 24, with step-off time at 2pm. This years parade route has been extended in length, with line up on Halsted, south of contd. on page 14 1

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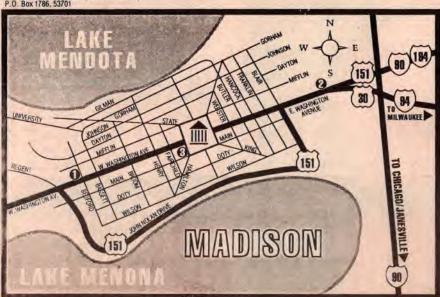
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1 The New Bar (MW,DJ,V)	
636 W. Washington (upstairs)	256-8765
3 Shamrock Bar (GS, MW, F, D)	
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Gay/Lesbian Phone Line	255-4297
Gay/Lesbian Information Recording	
(Ask for tape #3333)	263-3100
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center P.O. Box 1722, 53701	
Nothing to Hide (gay cable)	241-2500
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous	257-7575
Badgerland Narcotics Anonymous	257-1747
Frontiers Gay Men's Outreach (Men's Umbrella O	
P. O. Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
G/L Educational Employees	
c/o MTI, 821 Williamson St., 53707	255-8582
Gay Fathers c/o United	255-8582
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P.O. Box 1403, 53701	255-8061
Gay Outdoor (recreation group)	044 0075
P. O. Box 8234, 53708 Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians	244-8675
P.O. Box 1722, 53701	271-0270
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Madison Wrestling Club P.O. Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
Men Over 30 (support group)	Advisor
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QUAC (Queers Action Committee) P.O. Box 2675, 53701	246-4297
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Alcoholics Anonymous (reg. gay mtgs)	272-3081
Beer Town Badgers (L/L social club) P.O. Box 166.	53201
Bi-Sexual Support Group	
P.O. Box 14081, West Allis, 53214	271-3067
Black & White Men Together	
P.O. Box 12292, 53212	265-8500
Black Gay Consciouness Raising	270,750
P.O. Box 93694, 53203	933-2136
Castaways M.C. (L/L) P.O. Box 1697, 53202-1697	
Cream City Chorus P.O. Box 1488, 53201	277-0434
Cream City Foundation (CCF)	40000000
P.O. Box 204, 53201	265-0880
Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)	
2408 N. Farwell	276-6936
Fest City Singers (gay choral group)	
P.O. Box 11428, 53211	263-SING
GAMMA (sports/social) P.O. Box 1900, 53201	963-9833
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
G/L Parents Coalition of Milw. P.O. Box 93503, 532	203
Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling eve	
P.O. Box 899, 53201	672-8960
Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defe	
Box 93252, 53203	445-5552
Lesbian Alliance Metro Milwaukee (LAMM)	- Sauces
P.O. Box 93323, 53203	264-2600
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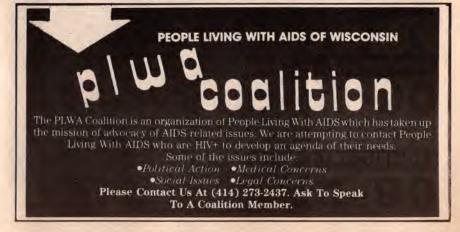
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There is no cure for HIV. But there are treatment options. The AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory, published by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), is a "user-friendly" guide to the full range of approved and experimental treatments. A subscription to the Directory is the best way to receive this information regularly. A subscription is also an ideal way to support the efforts of AmFAR to raise funds to underwrite research and education about HIV disease. A one-year subscription (4 issues) is only \$30.00. To subscribe, or to make a contribution, send your check to AmFAR. Your options may be greater than you think.



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People with HIV disease who cannot afford a paid subscription may obtain a complimentary copy by calling the National AIDS Information Cleaninghouse at 1-800-458-5231.





The Cream City Foundation's annual Casino Night fundraiser made a very successful move to a new location this year. The evening was deemed a big success.



The Guide

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MW	1/2 Men, 1/2 Women
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W	Prefer Women Only
Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome
6/8	Gay & Straight Mixed
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D	Dancing
DJ	Disk Jockey, Dancing
V	Video
F	Food Service

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Parents & Friends of G/L [PFLAG-Lakeshore]
80x 1396, Sheboygan 53081
Fox Valley AIDS Project
120 N. Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911
Center Project, Inc. Fox Valley Ext. 733-2067
UW-Oshkosh 10% Society 207 Reeve Union, UW-0, 54901
Gay/Lesbian Support Group
UW-0 Counseling Center 424-2061
Synergy (AIDS Support Network)
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PO Box 791, Appleton, 54912-0791 727-1975

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

Angel of Hope (MCC Church) P.O. Box 672, 54305 Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)	437-3816
P.O. Box 1285, 54305 Dignity (Gay Catholic Church) Box 2283, 54306	
Gay AA (Meeting Weekly) Center Project, Inc. [CPI]-(HIV Test/Counsel)	494-9904
P.O. Box 1062, 54305	437-7400

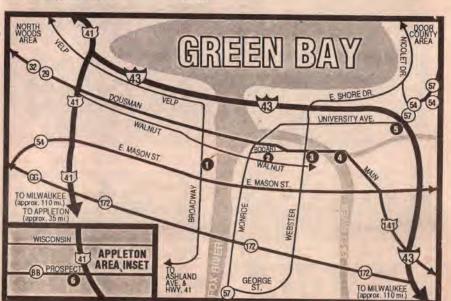
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Madison AIDS Support Network (support & cour	seling)
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Regular engagement of Longtime Companion; begins at the Oriental Theatre on June 22

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Roscoe (four blocks south of previous years step-off spot). The line-up will extend south on Halsted (east curb lane) to Clark, and then south on Clark to Diversey. Line-up for units is by arrival (first come-first in line).

Carrying the international theme, "Look to the Future" this years parade will travel north on Halsted to Broadway, taking a hair-pin turn south onto Broadway, all the way to Diversey Parkway, then east towards the rally site at Lincoln Park, groves 9 and 10, north of the North Pond near Diversey. This new route will give much needed additional viewing space for the tens of thousands of onlookers.

For parade participants, a new disbanding area has been established at Sheridan and Diversey. All entries, including marchers, cars and floats, will proceed east on Diversey to Sheridan Road. This new ending point will dump right onto the rally site.

Those wishing to enter the parade must register with parade officials. If time does not allow you to do this before the parade, parade officials will be available prior to step off at the front of the line up. Entry fees are \$90 for commercial (profit making entries), and \$50 for non-profit groups. For more registration information, write: GLPW Planning Committee, PO Box 14131, Chicago, IL 60614; or phone (312)348-8243.

If you've never been to Chicago's annual parade, you can't imagine what you re missing. It's one of the four largest Gay/Lesbian pride parades in the country, drawing tens of thousands from throughout the midwest... truly an exhilarating experience. If you've been there before, you'll understand that description.

Miss Gay Cosmopolitan

Milwaukee — Mr Jeffrey Duerr has purchased the Miss Gay Cosmopolitan Wisconsin USA Pageant from King Productions. Miss Cosmopolitan is a preliminary to Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA which will be held August 19th in

Milwaukee.

The first annual Miss Cosmopolitan Pageant will be held at La Cage, Thursday, June 28th, 1990. Contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Talent, and Evening Gown Categories. Contestant registration will be at 8pm and the pageant is scheduled to begin at 10pm.

Mistress of Ceremonies will be Bouji, Miss Chubby Wisconsin. Jeff's guest entertainers will include Tania Michaels, Miss Gay Wisconsin USA, and special guest.

Applications are available at La Cage; from Miss Chastity Belt at the Triangle; or Jeff Duerr at (414) 276-0481.

The only way an entertainer may compete in the Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant this year is to win one of the 12 preliminary pageants to Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA.

Great America

Milwaukee — GAMMA's tenth annual trip to Great America is scheduled for June 17th. All In Step readers are invited to wear a red-shirt and join them. The GAMMA gang will takeoff from McKinley Parking Lot at 8:30am and pool rides and share coffee and donuts. Other groups will be going independently from GAMMA — but we'll have a hoot if we all wear red T-Shirts. Call Bob at 963-9833 for cost and other information.

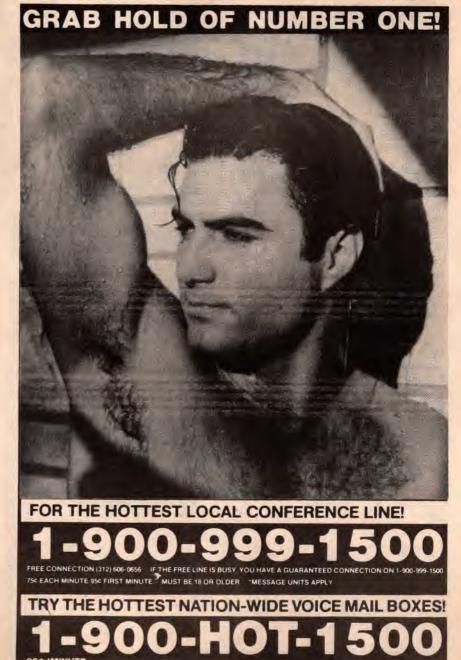
Letters

Dear In Step Readers:

As coordinator for the Cookie Jar Fund, I would like to express our thanks to J.J. O'Connell, Beaner and all the folks at the Shamrock Bar of Madison for their support of the Cookie Jar.

Since the beginning of this crisis, J.J. has been a generous supporter of many community efforts, and the regular Tuesday night "Wheel of Fortune" has added over \$500 to the fund. Please accept our sincere appreciation.

Working with the Madison AIDS Support Network, the Cookie Jar is a fund that provides grants to people with AIDS and HIV infections in need of emergency



Graffiti

Chef Kim: We dig your sloppy joes, baby

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The Judds

Shannon from Lannon: Please return to Milwaukee ASAP — We miss your tasteless outfits & rail dancing.

The Women who want more

S. Megra: Wishing you a rapid recovery. Love, Laurie

Laurie: Do you think you could get Shannon O'Hannon to entertain at your next party?!

A \$20 tipper

Lisa: I know. However, the best watermelons are in Brown Deer!

A fruit lover

Laura: Are you one of our kind?

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La Cage Staff: Thank you all very much for the great T's, It really made my B-day. Luv, Chastity

Al: Thank you very much for the great party, it was just fabulous!!! Luv, Ms. Belt

Don, Steven, Bill, Mark: Thanks for making my B-day special. Luv, Ms. Belt

Thank You all: For attending my B-day bash, see ya all soon. Ms. Chastity Belt

Za, Ken, and Entire Staff of Za'S: Thank You for an enjoyable visit to Green Bay. We all had a wonderful time. It was very interesting meeting your fine law enforcement officers (ha-ha!) We are looking forward to our next show in June! 'Baby' Jane and Cast

Sandy Beach: Onward to the pageant! I'll support you 100 percent. You'll do us all proud!

Love, 'Baby' Jane Hudson

Shamrock: Thanks for visiting us.

Jet's Place

Congratulations, Pride Organizers. Nice Job! Don Clabots

Dearest Erica: Are you fat, bald, ugly, and are your hips still too wide? I haven't seen you in so long! P.S. If any one asks, I'm still the pretty one!

Your loving sister, Swim

Tania: Happy Birthday!

Love, Dan

Mother: Where are you??

Baby Girl

Pete: Beat up any muggers in San Francisco lately?

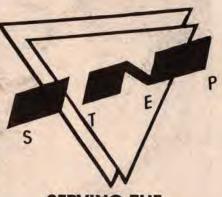
John [Madison]: I'm sorry Miss Kodak didn't do too well on the picture taking! I'll try again!! D.S.

Wisconsin: See you all at Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade June 16. We've got to show our enemies how many of us there are! Ron, In Step

Rodney: Happy belated Birthday, Baby! Ron, In Step

Nel: It's lonely down here without your office next door!





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financial assistance who are not covered by conventional social service systems. Donation checks should be made out to the Cookie Jar Fund and sent to MASN, PO Box 731, Madison, WI 53701.

We greatly value your support.

- Ken Chraca

Dear Editor:

I've been to several of the Memorial Day tournaments, known as the Milw. Classic. But this years was really a disappointment, it sure didn't look like the old Wreck Room Classic.

 Nobody seemed to know who was doing what, when they were doing it, or if they were doing it.

No opening ceremony!! Why?
 Everyone stood around for 45 min.
 Anyway, these guy's came a long way & it's nice to have them show off their colors, not to mention the players.

 And asking \$20 for a T-shirt was a little high, even with a \$2 discount. I'd love to know how many were ordered & how many were sold.

 When a banquet cocktail 'hour' lasts 2 hours, I begin to feel like they're trying to make us spend, spend, spend.

• And no banquet entertainment with a half hour to 45 min. between Apple crisp & trophy presentation is too long, unless you count paper airplane throwing as entertainment. Did anyone notice the empty table & people that left?

• I've always felt that other dinners, pageants etc. that lasted until 12:00-12:30 were long, but getting in at 6:30 & out by 9:45pm, I felt something was missing, like maybe a good time?

Lets hope we learned something from all this and next year will be better then ever. (And if Frank has anything to do with it, I'm sure it will be.) — A Big Fan

To the Editor:

At a time when the Gay community needs the recognition it deserves, many of us observed that none of the bars displayed the American Flag during Memorial Day.

I'm hoping during the Gay Pride Parade of 1990, the Flag will be displayed with the dignity it deserves. And don't forget the 4th of July & Flag Day. — Wally

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Milwaukee's Pride Week June 16-24

Milwaukee's annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Week officially begins on Saturday, June 16 with the second annual Pride Parade and Rally. Parade step-off time is 12 noon with the Rally immediately following at the new Juneau Park Rally site. For complete details on the Parade route and a map, please see elsewhere in this Pride Week section.

The theme for Milwaukee's Pride Week is "Look to the Future: The Gay 90's" in conjunction with the International Association of Pride Committees in celebrating the pride and harmony developing around the world.

Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) has published its first ''Pride Guide'' booklet, and the distribution of it began earlier this week. The Pride Guide contains various Pride Week-related information.

To promote Milwaukee's Pride Week even further, several state businesses and organizations pitched in to take out a full page ad in three issues of Gay Chicago Magazine. Those advertisers include: Club 219; The Pivot Club; Club 94; Cream City Chorus; Cafe Melange; M&M Club and Glass Menagerie; Partner's; La Cage/Dance Dance Dance/Jazz; and In Step Magazine.

MLGPC volunteers have been out selling Pride Week memorabilia including buttons, T-shirts, event tickets, Haring's Coming Out Day poster, and Rezza's depiction of Milwaukee's '90 Pride theme signed and numbered prints.

PRIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With an annual and growing budget of \$15,000 and over nine months of work put into this year's celebration, MLGPC is in DIRE need of volunteers for the June 16 Parade and Rally.

- 5-8 people are needed as stage crew for the Rally.
- A stage manager is needed for the rally ASAP.
 - · 25 Parade Marshals.
 - . 10 people for Rally set-up chores.
- 5-10 people to sell MLGPC Pride merchandise at the Rally.



• 3-5 people to staff the Child Care center at the Rally.

It is imperative these positions be filled as soon as possible in order for the events to function smoothly and efficiently. Call the Pride Line at 32-PRIDE to volunteer.

RALLY ENTERTAINMENT

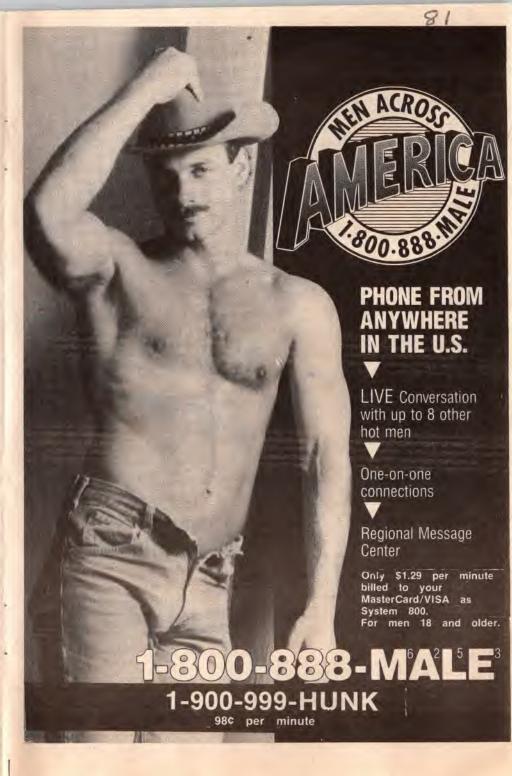
Many local performers and entertainers are scheduled to be part of the Rally festivities. Besides a slate of speakers (see article elsewhere this section), entertainment scheduled as of In Step deadline include: Rufus and his Singing Machine; Mary Hang; Great Lakes Freedom Band; Fest City Singers; Ellen Rosner and Diana Laffey; and DJ Chris Hackbert from Madison.

Parade applications will be taken up until the final day. Late comers can sign up with MLGPC organizers the morning of the Parade line-up. Cost for a group with under 25 participants is \$15; for groups of 26 or more, cost is \$25. Tables must be reserved in advance. The cost for a table is \$15, you provide your own table. There is a \$6 charge if you want MLGPC to provide the table for you. Call 32-PRIDE for further information about Parade applications or Rally tables.

HISTORY OF PRIDE WEEK

International Pride Week celebrates and salutes the activation of the modern Gay/Lesbian civil rights movement, which occurred June 28, 1969 with the Stonewall Riots

On that date, New York City police raided their sixth Gay bar in less then three weeks, the Stonewall Inn at 53 Christopher St. in Greenwich Village. The police didn't expect much resistance from



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Annabelle Havlicek of Havlicek and Assoc. and artist Tom Rezza pose in front of Rezza's Pride Week poster during a reception held for the artist at Partner's last Saturday.

the predominately black and hispanic drag queens and hustlers who frequented the Stonewall, but what they got was a full-scale riot.

From fighting with words, the riot escalated into fighting with fists, bottles and rocks. The riots continued for three nights, spreading through the neighborhood, with many Lesbians joining in the protest of police harassment and organized crime's control of Gay/Lesbian bars. Within a week the Gay Liberation Front was born, and cities across the country were forming their own activist organizations.

Rezza's '90 Pride Poster Available

Tom Rezza, one of the premier Gay artists in Wisconsin, designed the 1990 Pride Theme limited edition poster prints, featured on the cover of this issue of In Step.

Tom Rezza, with Dave Iraci and Annabelle Havlicek of the Milwaukee firm of Havlicek & Associates, presented Partners with the framed and numbered print number one on Thursday, May 24.

Paul Andreske, Manager of Partners immediately hung the piece. It will remain on display in the bar.

Each 18 x 24 high quality print will be selling for \$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. The entire group is shown reaching the peak of a mountain, showing how hard our community has fought to overcome obstacles placed in our path.

If you did not attend the Artist's Cocktail Reception held at Partner's June 2, but still wish to order a print, call (414) 271-8118 during regular business hours. Or, look for the full page ad on page 2 of the Official 1990 Pride Guide.



Executive Proclamation

Whereas. All human beings are endowed with rights which are universal, inalienable, and inherent, and the founders of the United States of America created a system of government and body of law devoted to the preservation of those rights; and

Whereas, Under the United States Constitution, American citizens are guaranteed the exercise of their inherent rights to free speech, freedom of assembly and due process, the right to equal and fair protection under the law, and the right to petition for redress of grievance, among others; and

Whereas. The laws of the State of Wisconsin further state that the right to equal and fair treatment in matters of employment, housing, education and other affairs may not be abridged for reason of race, gender, age, religion, marital status, disability or sexual orientation; and

Whereas, when the rights of a few are abridged, the rights of all are imperiled, and it is vitally incumbent on all public officials to uphold the laws and ensure that the rights of all citizens are protected equally; and

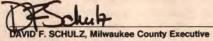
Whereas, Individual rights are often wrongfully abridged, and in response to invasions of their privacy and abrogations of their right to equal treatment, many people of homosexual orientation have joined together to exercise their rights of free speech and assembly and to pursue acknowledgement and protection of their rights; and

Whereas, Those lawful public assemblies and other rightful exercises will occur during the week of Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 24, 1990, which has been declared by organizers to be "Gay and Lesbian Pride Week" in defense of inherent human dignity and equality.

Now, therefore, I, David J. Schulz, County Executive of Milwaukee County, do hereby recognize the week of Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 24, 1990, as

GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK

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Rally Speakers Include Earl

Former Democratic Wisconsin Governor, Tony Earl, will be one of the three main speakers at the Pride Rally at Juneau Park on Saturday, June 16, that will follow the Pride Parade.

One of Earl's first acts as governor was to establish a Task Force on Gay and Lesbian issues. The Task Force functioned until 1986 when it disbanded itself knowing that newly elected Republican Governor Tommy Thompson would not continue it.

Earl also appointed Earl Bricker as liaison to the Wisconsin Lesbian/Gay community. (Bricker is currently the Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network).

In addition, Earl appointed as his Press Secretary Ron McCrea, an openly Gay man, a fact headlined by the Milwaukee Sentinel the following day.

During the 1986 governor's race, Thompson made an issue of Governor Earl's pro-Gay/Lesbian stand. Many analysts still claim that Earl's loss to Thompson was due, in part, to Earl's courageous stands taken on behalf of the Lesbian/Gay Community.

In addition to Earl, Ivy Young and Wayne Schwandt will join the former governor on the speakers' stand.

Young is Director of the Families Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). As an African-American Lesbian, she exemplifies the rich ethnic heritage of the Lesbian/Gay community. Young spoke out defiantly against Christian right-wing minister, Lou Sheldon, when he recently held a traditional values conference in Washington, DC.

Schwandt is the President of the Gay/Lesbian Parenting International (GLPCI) and, as such, can speak to the numerous Lesbians and Gays who are parents.

Mission Statement

It shall be the purpose of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee to conduct activities that promote and establish in a contd. on page 21

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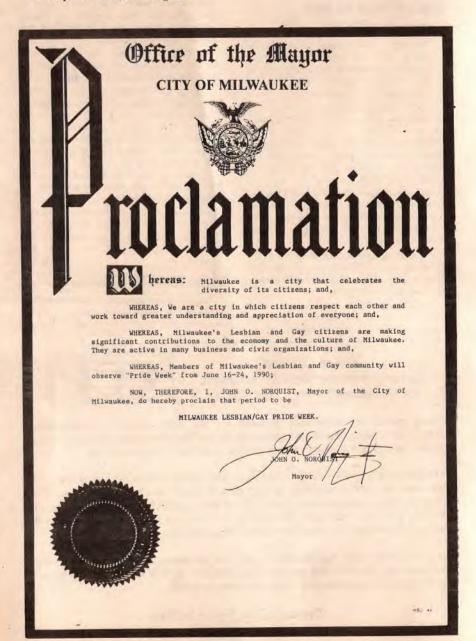


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positive image, a sense of understanding, compassion and cooperation within the entire community. It will be our goal to achieve total parity in all matters for the Lesblan, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender 'Community' so that all people can proudly proclaim and exercise their individual rights.

Ben-Shalom To Be Parade Marshal

Miriam Ben-Shalom has honored her hometown, Milwaukee, by accepting the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee's (MLGPC) invitation to be the Grand Marshall in the Second Annual Lesbian Gay Pride parade to be held Saturday, June 16.

MLGPC believes that Ben-Shalom's 16 year struggle with the U.S. Army to attain acceptance of the right of Lesbians and Gays to serve their country in the military best exemplifies the full meaning of our Pride Week celebration and the on-going fight of Lesbians, Gays and all people throughout the country to achieve their

full and complete civil rights.

As a leading Lesbian and civil rights activist, Ben-Shalom's commitments take her across the United States and Canada to speak out against discrimination and for the right of all people to equality. Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade will give us all a chance to welcome this courageous woman home with honor, gratitude and Pride.

Bike Ride Benefit

On Saturday afternoon, June 9th, an 'East Side' bike ride for either fifteen or thirty miles will be held to support the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gav Committee. Participants are requested to meet at 12:30pm in the small park at the corner of Farwell and Bradford in Milwaukee. A donation of \$14.00 will include a MLGPC T-Shirt; for the ride alone, the requested donation will be \$5. All self-propelled bikers are encouraged to join the fun. There will be refreshments available at the end of the ride. Ample parking for your car. Milwaukee GAMMA is sponsoring this event; for information call Bob at 963-9833.

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COMING OUT STORIES

Dan's Story

My name is Dan, I'm 22 yrs old.

I came out to five people in Feb. 1990, two close friends and my three sisters.

My friends said so big deal, one even wanted to set me up with some blind dates. I said, "no thanks," that I didn't really care for blind dates.

My three sisters took it very well too. The first one I told said, "Is That All!" She went on to say that it didn't matter one way or another. My other sister lives out of town about a 45 min drive. If you go the speed limit. I think it took me an hour and a half that day (nerves). She said, "You came all the way out here to tell me that!" Also, to her it didn't matter one way or another, and pretty much the same reaction with the third.

As for my parents my mother passed away during my closet years. My father, I choose not to tell him. If and when he finds out, I'll deal with it then.

I decided to come out a few months after I saw a young man named Carlo publicly come out on television. I was so impressed by his courage that I decided to take a deep breath and to start dealing with what life gives me. Carlo, If you're reading this I want to say "Thank you, you'll always have a friend in me."

Allan's Story

The common thread that runs through my story of "Coming Out" is that self-worth demanded telling the truth to a friend that I wanted to be part of my life. The need to be honest and open motivated taking the chance of telling Wes I was Gay.

Wes was a past student of mine that grew up to become a close friend. His triumphs and defeats were shared with me in equal honesty. I shared much with him over the past fifteen years but it wasn't until a lucky coincidence that I had the courage to tell him I was Gay.

Wes visited each Summer for the last three years to enjoy Summerfest and to renew ties with his Wisconsin roots. His visits were a mixed joy for me. I enjoyed spending the time with him but really hated the lies that I told him.

One Friday night during last Summerfest, we passed by La Cage on the way to dining out. Wes commented on the name and asked if this was a Gay bar. I responded that it was and dropped the conversation.

The next morning I decided to tell him that I was Gay. I was playing softball on Saturday in the SSBL league and did not contd. on page 24

Milwaukee G/L Pride Parade Route

The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is proud to announce an all-new route for the Second annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade to be held on Saturday, June 16 at 12 noon.

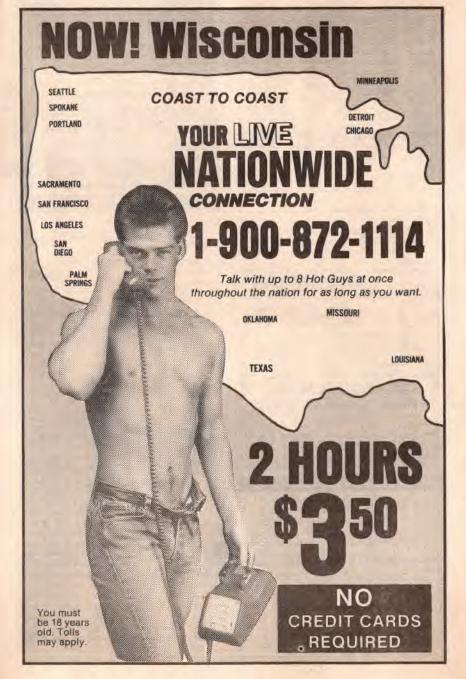
The route is as follows:

Beginning at Ogden and Van Buren, the parade will move east along Ogden to Marshall. It will travel south on Marshall to Wells, west on Wells to Jackson, and then south on Jackson to Wisconsin Avenue where it will again turn west until it reaches Water St. It will turn north on Water to Kilbourn, going east until it reaches the rally site in Juneau Park.

Line-up for the parade is set for 11am and will take place on Jefferson St. south of Ogden and along side of Ogden from Jefferson to Van Buren. Step-off is at 12:00 noon.

This year's route was chosen because of the ample parking in the vicinity of the Parade line-up and Rally and because of the space available to facilitate concession stands at both the Parade start-up point and at the Rally.

See Parade Route map, elsewhere this section.



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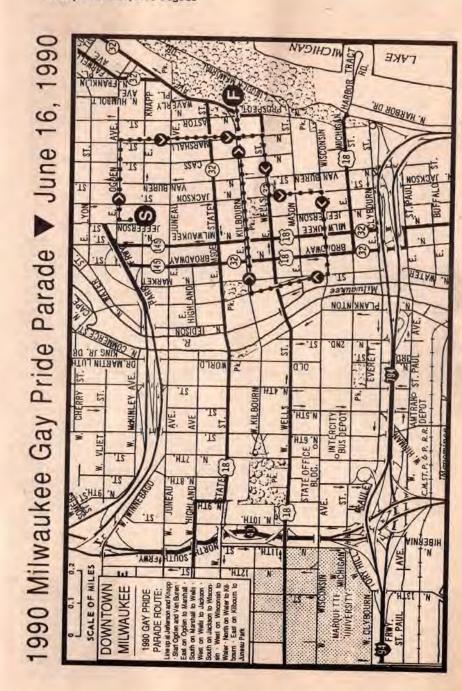
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want to lie any longer. I told him that we were playing La Cage on Saturday and that the softball league was a Gay league. I told him, "There are some straight players on someone of the teams but I am not one of the straight players."

I gave him the choice of coming or not to the game. Wes choose to come. His visit with fellow players on the teams destroyed the image of stereotypes that existed.

Sunday was a little strained as he was flying home and I felt uncomfortable not knowing if his apparent acceptance was an act or the truth. A week passed and I received a card from him. He thanked me for entertaining him but more importantly he stated that "we are friends, always will be... thanks for telling me you're Gay."

Deb's COMING OUT

... I would have to say that the time I "Came Out" was the night I told my two sons about my relationship with my lover Lori, who I share a house with.

It was Saturday September 9th, 1989. Both of my boys who are 13 and 15 years old now, were spending the weekend with Lori and I. I had wanted to tell them for sometime, but I never knew when and if there was a right time. After all, it's not everyday a teen-ager has a parent drop a bomb like this on them. Well, I decided this was it.

My youngest son Dave took it pretty hard at first, but Lori talked to him and tried to explain how I still loved them just the same as always. The oldest one. Jon, just chuckled and said "Mom. I knew that a long time ago and as long as you're happy I don't care." By this time Dave had settled down and hugged both Lori and I and wanted to know just one question, "Mom, you won't marry Lori will you?" All four of us had a good laugh over that, and I responded with, "As of now no, but who knows what the future may bring."

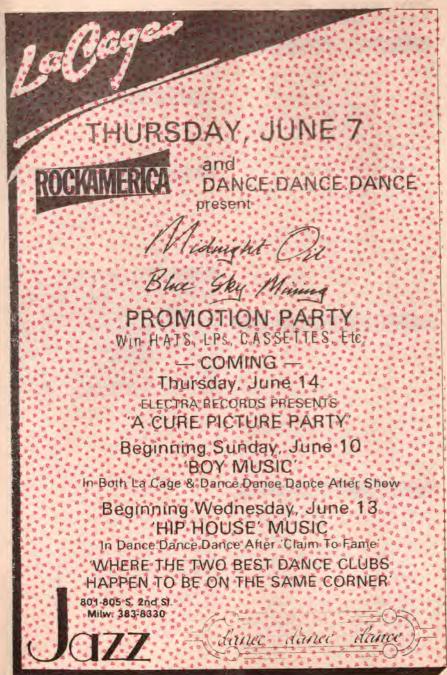
Since that night I have a very good relationship with both of my sons. They include Lori in our life. In fact this summer the four of us have a trip to California planned to visit another Lesbian friend of ours who the boys know is a Lesbian. I feel like a big weight has been lifted off my shoulders. Now that my children have accepted us, it doesn't matter who knows.

Tommy's Story

by Tommy Marcase

I was in Baltimore, that July; coming to the city for the first time to visit my younger brother, a student at Johns Hopkins. We did not like each other, but my mother had insisted and so I'd agreed.

There was the usual forced politeness for an hour or so, then I left, as glad to be contd. on page 26





Entertainers from Toronto's Club Colby entertained over the Classic weekend at Dance Dance in a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

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tournament on Saturday, with M&M Bad Girls winning 3 games and Saloon Pistols of Twin Cities winning 2 games. The Bad Girls then defeated the Pistols to take the championship. Jets Place of Milwaukee and Lost & Found of Chicago also participated. Milwaukee's 2 entries in the competitive division, Partners and Ball Game were eliminated on Saturday. Charlie's Niners of New Jersey knocked out the Saloon Colts on Sunday to get a rematch with The Americans, but The Americans came out on top to take the competitive championship.

The tournament concluded on Sunday evening with the awards ceremonies and banquet at the Marc Plaza Hotel. Participation plaques were presented to all teams and the top 2 teams in each division were presented team trophies and medals.

Tennis and Volleyball

Milwaukee — GAMMA's summer sports schedule moves into high gear with the beginning of the open tennis and outdoor volleyball season. All levels of

player participation are welcome. Tennis will be played on Saturday mornings at Warnimont Park (near the Senior Center) beginning at 9am. Bring your own racket and two balls! Outdoor volleyball will be at 3pm on Sunday, June 10th at South Shore Park, north of the bath house.

Continuing GAMMA sports activities include Thursday night Volleyball at UWM's Engelmann Gym and biking. The Biking committee has two camping events planned: (1) a trip the weekend of July 27th to Governor Dodge State Park and the Military Ridge Trail and (2), the first annual GOBRAW tour of northern Wisconsin that is scheduled for the week of August 20th. Call Bob at 963-9833 for more information on all these sporting events — they are open to the whole community.

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out of there as he was to see me leave. That gave me a free evening in a city I'd never been in before.

On the drive into center city, I had a thought. The same thing had occurred to me often before in various places and always I had put it from my mind. But this time when the idea came, I knew I was not going to be able to resist it.

I was 25, and a Gay man. I had struggled with that since I'd been 10 or so until finally, at 18, I could deny it no longer. But acknowledging something is one thing, acting on it entirely another matter.

There were Gay bars. I knew that, but I had never been able to get up the courage to search one out and go. What if someone should see me go in — or leave? Worse, what if I met someone there who knew me? There were fears tangled among fears like a mass over over-cooked pasta, but now in this city where no one knew who I was...?

The need, strong now, achingly powerful, was to be among other Gay men and it was that need which, that evening overwhelmed my fears.

Somewhere on East Baltimore Street I found a magazine shop and with trembling hands, thumbed through a paper that listed Gay bars. The one I choose — I don't know why — was on Cathedral Street. It was called 'Mary's.'

I must have walked past the small doorway with its shy, diminutive neon sign a dozen times before I got up enough courage to walk in. There was a long flight of stairs. I descended slowly on shaking legs, but at the bottom, there was only a bar, just a regular bar with a few men sitting around talking.

My palms were sweating like Niagara Falls. I was sure, absolutely positive that somewhere on my forehead was my full name, address, telephone number and that soon the whole world would know I was Gay. I even thought of a phony name for myself as I sat, clutching my beer and waiting to be assaulted.

But fears turned to surprise and perhaps disappointment when I realized that no one was interested in assaulting me and, in fact, no one was paying the slightest bit of attention to me at all.

That evening, I did meet someone there, a wonderful man, short, dark, outrageously sensual, whose name was Dick Borell. He took me home with him that night and gently, tenderly took my virginity from me.

I spent a week with Dick learning to ignore my fears and being openly Gay for the first time. It was not easy, coming out at home and then to friends, but I did it. I wish I could tell Dick how grateful I am to him, but he's gone now. Still, I remember him fondly and with deep gratitude for the impact he had on my life. Mary's bar is gone too. When I read about it I cried.

Torrie's Tale

... I was laying on top of my lover, in bed, Until my grandmother peeked threw the front door and saw us. I had no choice, I had to explain!

Coming Out to Mom

by Jamakaya

It was definitely time to come out to mom.

About ten years ago, my mother was convinced I was living with a man. She got this impression after calling several times and hearing the husky voice of a strange person answering my phone. It was actually the voice of my lover Diana (I'm a sucker for deep voices) and it was no longer something I could leave unexplained.

I had come out to my sister a few years earlier. I figured someone in the family ought to know. I'll never forget the distance between us as we sat on opposite ends of the couch and I began, oh so tentatively, to broach the topic. She listened carefully and was not entirely surprised by the revelation. Since then, she's always been supportive of my choice, right down to giving me her editorial opinions on my choice of womenfriends!

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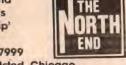
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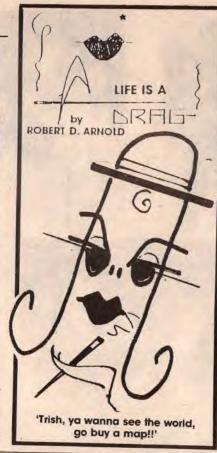
It was a weekend for Bad Boys and Bad Girls at the 11th annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament held over the Memorial Day weekend. Blake's Bad Boys of Atlanta won the recreational tournament while the M&M Bad Girls of Milwaukee won the women's division. Saloon Americans of Twin Cities captured the competitive division. 23 teams participated in the tournament.

Rain on Friday caused a 2 hour delay in the start of games on Saturday. After getting by for several years without rain, it was time again to get out the kitty litter, with over 1,000 pounds being spread on the 4 diamonds. As the day progressed, the diamonds became better, thanks to the winds and sun. Because of the delay, commissioner Ron Thomas canceled the opening ceremonies.

In the 12 team recreational division, the Wreck Room Spurs finished in 4th place, losing 8-2 in 9 innings to Triangle. Triangle then defeated North End of Chicago to get a rematch against Blakes. Triangle won the first 12-11, but Blake's came back in the title game to win 5-4.

4 women's teams played a round- robin

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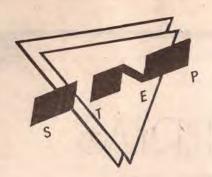
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WHEREAS, Gay and lesbian persons historically have experienced discrimination, hostility and ostracism because of their sexual orientation, and have been denied fundamental and lawful civil rights; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin has enacted laws expressly protecting the civil rights of gay and lesbian persons, prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Gay and lesbian citizens of Milwaukee have joined together to encourage equal and fair treatment of all persons; and

WHEREAS. The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee has declared Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Week to promote and pursue justice, civil liberty and community understanding; now, therefore, be

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, June 16 - 24, 1990, and urges all citizens to treat lesbian and gay persons with human dignity and respect, and to refrain from illegal discrimination of any form; and be it

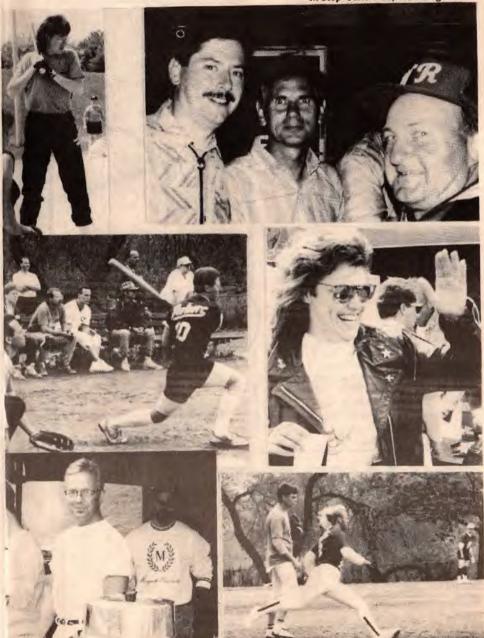
FURTHER RESOLVED. That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

Introduced by Aldermen Thomas Donegan and Paul Henningsen and Alderwomen Larraine McNamara-McGraw and Mary Anne McNulty and approved by the Milwaukee Common Council on May 29, 1990.

> Alderman Thomas P. Done gan President of the Common Council

Ronald D. Leonhardt Deputy City Clerk





It was Classic!

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M&M Bad Girls won the Women's Division play at the Milwaukee Classic.

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confidants, mothers are a whole 'nother story.

I really didn't want my mother to be confused or misled about my lifestyle. I was becoming more involved in the feminist and Gay movements and didn't want to feel that I had to hide anything from her or worry about letting something slip. I called to tell her I had something serious to discuss. she was very curious and a little apprehensive about what it could be, but we set up a time to meet.

I thought a lot about how I should present it to her. It unfolded in a way I could never have predicted.

We met on a Sunday afternoon in her living room, sitting in chairs opposite each other. For someone known for her assertiveness, I completely wimped out and beat around the proverbial bush. After extensive preliminaries in which I told her I had put much thought into this, that I had felt this way all my life, that I hoped she would listen and understand and ask whatever questions she might have — infinitum, she finally asked that I get to the point.

"Well mom," I gulped unable to use the 'L' word, "I'm Gay."

There was a long, thoughtful pause before she replied. "Aren't Gay women call Lesbians?" I nearly fell out of the chair. "Yes mom, I'm a Lesbian." There was another pause and then lots of questions: Are you sure? What does this mean? Isn't it a lonely life? Why don't you like men? Do you have a special friend? And then a real heartbreaker: Was it something I did or didn't do?

"No, no mom, it was just always there. And I want you to know it's a good thing. It's the best part of my life. I'm very happy with it and I'd like to be able to share it with you."

We had moved much closer. I was seated on a foot stool in front of her. At times we touched each other and held hands — a profound moment in a family where the only touching had usually been the violent kind. That seemed years away.

My mother started to cry. "It's okay mom, please don't be upset..." "I was



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just thinking of William." "William? William who?" "My special friend, the one who died of cancer." Oh God. I remembered her talking about some guy. I never met him. I assumed he was a friend of a friend or a friend's husband or something. (My father had died ten years previously.) She was very upset and couldn't express what she was feeling. My family just does not talk about these things. Suddenly it dawned on me -"Mother were you involved with him?" She was. Lots of pain and regret and guilt poured out. Although she mentioned him at times, she had never really explained the depth of their relationship. And being young and foolish, I never picked up on it. One just doesn't expect these things of one's 55 year old mother!

She expressed guilt about the relationship, guilt flowing from her Catholicism — after all, they weren't married. I told here that if they loved each other she should feel no guilt or shame about it. We talked about love and companionship and commitment and the desire to express those things physically. I assured her that love that felt so right was nothing to be ashamed of and, in fact, ought to be celebrated. It all touched so tenderly on what I wanted to express about my own Lesbianism.

A lot of my mother's pain had to do with the fact that she never shared any of these feelings with anyone. How horrible to be alone with all of this. My mother nursed William through his illness and death and I never even knew about it or gave her any support. How horrible!

The greatest tragedies are those

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PRIDE

Pride (prid), N., V., -n. 1. a high opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in bearing, conduct, etc.

2. the state or feeling of being proud; 3. becoming or dignified sense of what is due to oneself or one's position or character; self-respect; self-esteem.-v.t. to endulge or plume (oneself) in a feeling of pride.

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resulting from miscommunications or things left unsaid between loved ones. Coming out to my mother opened communication channels and emotional depths I had never reached with her before.

Mom doesn't blink an eye anymore when I tell her I'm off to a Lesbian conference or when I bring my lover over for supper. She's absorbed so much in her life, she can handle anything. I tell her she's a regular Amazon and she just blushes. She's not sure, but senses it's a compliment.

The moral of the story is: take the risk of coming out to someone you love. There are often happy endings and the dividends, in terms of growth and understanding, can be substantial.



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C'est La Vie's Wet Jockey shorts contest over Memorial Day Weekend brought out eight contestants. Upper left photo - hostess Mandi McCall enjoyed the attention of the boys.



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It will be a sad (as in 'opposite of Gay') day when we no longer display our sense of humor, but feel compelled to keep it hidden behind our closet doors, along with our ball gowns and high heels. Next we will have to relegate our leather chaps and cowboy hats to private parties only, safe from the scrutinizing eyes of 'the public.'

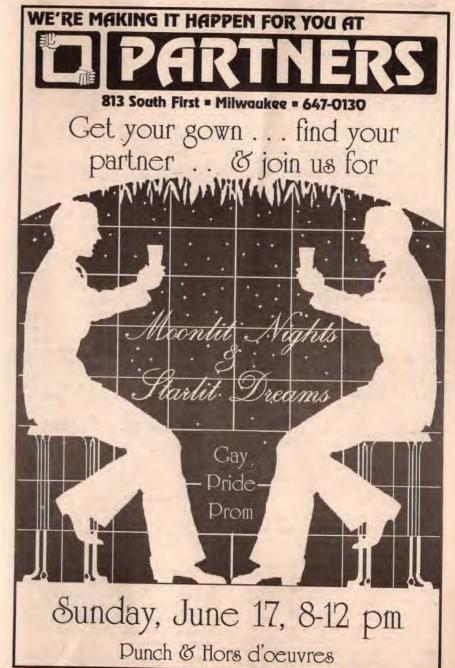
One last comment to Laura's question, "Why do so many people have to parade around in costume for the press?" The answer is simple. As one who has been on both sides of the press — interviewee and interviewer — I can assure you, the media wants to see creative, colorful people. When a man is speaking of Gay rights, he is quite apt to be cut from the newscast and totally ignored in his image-conscious financial district business suit.

But the flamboyant queen in sequins who denounces military intervention in foreign countries, the cowbov and leatherman arm-in-arm who call for domestic partnership legislation, two leather dikes holding hands and speaking out against pro-life politics, the clown-faced nuns who demand funding to fight AIDS and ARC - these people along with their convincing words and impassioned pleas - will be noticed and remembered by the media (by the way, G.B., What is more suitable to a TV screen... than a TV, as in transvestite!?) And thus our message will reach that crowd of people we are so anxious to have

In response to Laura and G.B. and the anti-tutu troops, Debbie M. of Oakland writes: "I'm a Gay woman, and every time I see a bearded man in a nun's habit walking down the street, I do not feel viciously caricatured. I feel divinely inspired and filled with joy and laughter." Sister Dana says, "Amen!"

Your closing comments, Laura, are absolutely true. "What good is freedom of speech if no one hears what you are trying to say?"

And my closing comment is this: Thank you, Stonewall Freaky People and all your wonderful heritage of followers who are being heard. My dress goes off to you!!!



The Arts

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

by Kevin Michael

Broadway's theatre season contained a much anticipated revival. Tennessee Williams' Cat starring Kathleen Turner. The film actress so "hot" in Body Heat was thought to be the perfect Magge and able to bring a new and exciting interpretation to the role.

Most remember the great screen version of the play with memorable performances by Elizabeth Taylor as Maggie, Paul Newman as Brick, and Burl Ives as Big Daddy. All strong, solid, and most believable.

It was interesting to learn Miss Taylor was actually a second choice for Maggie The property had originally been acquired for Grace Kelly but at that time, Grace had recently become Princess Grace. Maggie is not necessarily the first role to be played by a brand new Princess. Imagine the film with her interpretation of the character, but that's another story...

Back to the play Kathleen Turner, though definitely sexy in the \$1,700 lavender slip, was only an acceptable Maggie. Though she somewhat mastered the southern dialect, her characterization was not varied nor deep enough. All the important nuances and shadings were not fully developed and the production suffered from too many missed opportunities.

Daniel Hugh Kelly, lately of the short lived T.V. series I Married Dora was wimp as Brick. He varied his presentation only between spoiled sophomoric pout and crazed lunatic. If he wanted Maggie and us to believe that nothing sexually had gone on between him and his football teammate, Skipper, he didn't present a 'butch' enough Brick to carry it off.

Charles Durning as Big Daddy was so 'on,' he was almost scary. He was so 'right,' he couldn't have been better in the role. His expert performance was so much beyond the others, it should come as no surprise when he wins the Tony as Best Featured Actor in a Play.

Unfortunately, Polly Holliday, best known as Flo from the T.V. series Alice, was out the day I saw the show. She had been cast as Big Momma. Her understudy, Janet Ward seemed to be somewhat nervous and blew lines continuously in Act II.

The play was presented as Williams originally intended. It was not the adapted version rewritten for the screen and the censors of the 50's.

The set of William Dudley was gorgeous and the lighting too was effective.

I'm glad that I got to see the revival during its 16 week run. I understand that the production is to be taped for television and presented next season. Look for it, view it, and make your own judgment.

Even though I believe that some Williams is better than none, I can't help but wish that I might have again seen Maggie Smith. She's back on Broadway in Lettice and Lovage. And even though Miss Turner is replacing Angela Landsbury as the host of the Tony Awards this year, my money's on Miss Smith as Best Actress for the Tonv.

"Circus of a Queer

Circus of a Queer Nature, a combination of theatre, dance and performance art featuring Debbie Davis, Tom Thoreson, David Figueroa, Dominique Dibbell, and Amy Pliver will be presented June 22-24 in Bauer Dance Studio's performance space at 727 N. Milwaukee Street.

The production, sponsored by Hurricane, is Debbie's fifth annual attempt at bringing Lesbian performance art into and out of Milwaukee. This year she works under the sponsorship of Hurricane and the Wisconsin Arts Board, in collaboration with dancers Figueroa and Thoreson, with New York guest artists Dibbell and Pivar.

The 90- minute performance will

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No Nunsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

Beware Costumephobia in Your Parade

Item: Recent letter in San Francisco Gay paper by Mr. George B. (name withheld to protect the inept). "Every time some bearded jerk in a nun's habit or some transvestite in a tutu flounces across Market Street or the TV screens of Middle America, multitudes suffer."—G.B.

Reply: Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. And, yes, GB, there is a Gay cause. And yes, GB, sometimes we do dress in drag to express it.

This editorial is in response to an open letter to the Gay community from G.B. of SF and Laura L. of Concord, CA. But actually it is in reply to all the dragphobic people out there. You know who you are. Pretty soon now, as springtime nears summertime, you will realize it is almost time for the annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade.

And coincidentally, time for YOUR annual article to all the Gay media expressing your deep concern and hope that THIS Year, for heaven's sake and the sense of all propriety, the drag queens will leave their dresses home and march in dignified street clothes. I assume some of you more radical costumephobics will include cowboy and leather drag in this category of undesirables who lack decorum.

Or, as Laura stated in her letter, "Freedom of speech is indeed yours, and you have a right to dress and speak and roam around as you see fit. But, at the same time, I think we all will get a lot further in the area of Gay rights if we show that we are not a lot of freaky people waving wands and wearing funny clothes, that we are all normal people who simply want to lead a normal life."

Yes, Laura, I am sure you have a point there, as do all the proponents of proper dress (and I don't mean silver lame strapless) code for the Gay community at large.

But I'm not so certain that the Stonewall Drags would have agreed with you. In case you are unaware of the name "Stonewall," other than that of a Gay Democratic club in San Francisco and other cities, allow Sister to explain.

In June of 1969 in New York City, a group of radical drag queens who hid out at their local Gay bar, the Stonewall, decided they would no longer put up with the continual police harassment and arrests that were part of daily homosexual life for these people. At the time — less than two decades ago — it was not legal to be Gay, so there was no Gay pride, no Gay politics, and absolutely no Gay freedom of speech. Gay was not respectable.

On this particular night, the Stonewall patrons initiated action that was to lead to Gay liberation. They fought back for several days and nights the Stonewall Rebellion raged on, and the so-called sissies beat the men-in-blue in a rather violent uprising.

So, you see, it was a group of "freaky people wearing funny clothes" back then who made if possible for you and me today to sit undisturbed casually sipping cocktails and Mineral Waters in the bar of our choice. And, for that matter, those nelly fellas paved the way for every one of our marches, including the great Washington D.C. For Love and Life We Are Not Going Back.

Which brings me to my point. We are, most emphatically, not going back. We are not going to act or dress or speak the way that the majority of straight society might feel comfortable with (and who can judge what that might be anyway?).

If that means "waving wands," then so be it!

Perhaps you anti-costume folks do indeed "want to lead a normal life." I am sure the suburban closets will suitably provide you with this safe haven. But if you choose to proudly identify yourself as 'Gay,' you need to get in touch with your roots, and brush up on your Gay history.

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Longtime Companion:

Hollywood's Breakthrough Film on AIDS and Gays

Longtime Companion premieres in Wisconsin at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre (corner North & Farwell) on June 19, at 7:30 as a benefit for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee, co-sponsored by In Step & Wisconsin Light. The regular engagement of the film begins at the Oriental on June 22.) Review by Dan Perreten

Longtime Companion is a wonderful movie, one which everyone should see. And one which every Gay man and Lesbian must see, for it is the first Hollywood treatment of AIDS and the Gay community, and it is the first time Hollywood has portrayed Gays with respect and love and dignity and, perhaps most impressive of all, accuracy.

Longtime Companion tells the tale of a group of Gay New Yorkers from the day when the first New York Times article on "Gay cancer" appeared in 1981 to the entrenched battle zones of late. 80's AIDS activism. It is a joyous, sad, hopeful, and devastating piece that could have been a cookie-cutter tear-jerker had the makers not decided to resist sentimentality every step of the way.

The filmmakers have achieved the astounding feat of truthfully portraying the Gay community (at least one segment of it) and all the changes many of us went through in the '80s. This seems like such a major achievement partially because Tinseltown has repeatedly and grievously misrepresented us; to Gays and Lesbians, this film is an oasis in the homophobic Hollywood desert. But this history only serves to highlight this film's uncanny ability to warmly and compassionately depict our community — with all its faults and foibles and charms and exuberance.

You will find yourself smiling uncontrollably at moments of pure recognition: one character lip- synching to the "Dreamgirls" album circa 1982; joyous vignettes of playful cruising on Fire Island in the simpler, sexier days of 1981; a group of friends watches the first daytime soap opera male-to-male kiss, and the group goes wild, just as so many crowds in Gay bars did watching "Dynasty" throughout the 80's.

Longtime Companion's somber moments are also eloquently recognizable. Two men wait and wait in a hospital emergency room as their friend gets sicker and sicker, our own (and the medical establishment's) impotence graphically depicted as a doctor repeats, "We just don't know." Friends surround a newly-diagnosed pal in a hospital bed, one still paranoid about catching it from a kiss, another urging holistic balms and New Age affirmations. A lover chides his partner for constantly feeling his glands.

The people responsible for this authenticity are Gay playwright Craig Lucas, his longtime collaborator, openly Gay director Norman Rene and a contd. on page 36

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include solo and group pieces by these Gay/Lesbian artists. "Rock solid and kinetics-wise" Amy Pivar, acclaimed by the NY Times as one of '89's best dancers will perform three solo pieces. Dominique Dibbell, well-known to Milwaukee, Chicago and Madison, returns with "The Red Head," a gender-cross-gender persona piece on sexuality. Debbie Davis performs a new solo work as a birthday clown, and a group piece as a cat goddess. Tom Thoreson, David Figueroa and Debbie Davis finally collaborate with balls, stilts, and movement to explore non-sexual relationships between genders. David and Debbie close the evening with movement and flame.

Circus of a Queer Nature takes place June 22 and 23 at 8 pm, and June 24 at 7pm, at Bauer's N. Milwaukee Street studio. Tickets are \$8 and available at the door or in advance at People's Books And Outpost Natural Foods.



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Has Love got you under it's thumb or are merely in Lust? Gavs easily confuse Love with Lust, especially after hearing, "You two make such a cute couple." 154 times when parading your new lover (of approximately 72 hours) around the bars. It's important to understand this stage of a relationship is a passing phase of infatuation, which may or may not lead to "The Real Thing." The understanding of this difference may be the most important advance in Gay dating since the 1915 invention of the zipper. Use the following to confirm your feelings of Lust.

It's Lust If ... he whispers dirty words in your ear, using verbal aphrodisiacs so potent, you tear off his underpants without removing his 501's.

It's Lust If ... you don't care if he is mentally comparing your sexual performance with that of an ex-lover.

It's Lust If ... You've completely forgotten about that cute hunk you've been cruising and heavily fantasizing about for the last two years.

It's Lust If ... you are entered in the Sexual Triathlon Event at the Gay Games III and think this relationship could be an integral part of your strict training regimen.

It's Lust If ... he says he loves your body, even your legs, and now you've stopped contemplating an attempt at liposuction using the upholstery attachment on your Hoover upright to suck the fat from your flabby thighs.

It's Lust If ... you don't even yelp in pain after he microwaves Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion up to a temperature just below the boiling point for a postorgasm back-rub.

It's Lust If ... the love making is so enthralling you are able to ignore fierce harassment by his jealous cat, just grateful "kitty" is using your thigh and not another part of your body as a scratching post.

It's Lust If ... it seems perfectly normal that he has never used his video club membership card for anything other than arranging Jeff Stryker film festivals.

It's Lust If ... the action has crept so far up the bed, your head rhythmically bangs the headboard, making it impossible to concentrate and keep your tiara on at the same time.

It's Lust If ... he keeps a small. long-handled mop handy to remove any stray pubic hairs caught in the back of his throat.

It's Lust If ... he has performed oral sex for such a long period of time you are convinced he will now experience a constant ringing in his mouth.

It's Lust If ... your anal retentive behavior doesn't seem to bother him. In fact, he doesn't even flinch when you mention, as an embryo, you kept your mother's womb spotless and were born with an infant-sized bottle of Top Job and Handi-wipes clinched in your little fists.

It's Lust If ... you are glad you never started lifting weights because now you're just too weak to resist a wildly horny lover who desperately tries to guide your head toward sexually sensitive areas of his body.

It's Lust If ... you have spent so much time at his place your plants have died from lack of water and your answering machine is desperately blinking, filled with dozens of frantic unanswered messages left by your mother, wondering where you are

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remarkable and committed cast, each of whom believed deeply in the worth of this project. It was truly a labor of love. "Everyone was committed to this project. We were all in this one together," said Bruce Davison, who plays David, the wealthy lover of Sean, a soap opera writer is diagnosed and suffered through a long and painful illness. Davison poignantly carries off a climactic scene in which he compassionately eases Sean's passage to death, quietly urging his lover to "Let go, just let go."

This scene is typical of Lucas' spare and beautiful writing. His dialogue is always on the mark. According to Davison, Lucas' script was one of the first things that attracted him to the project. "It's beautifully written," said Davison. "He takes everyday dialogue and everyday life and makes the ordinary interesting."

Davison's part in particular is well drawn. According to Davison, "David is a great character and he makes a long journey, which an actor always loves to have...The character is not committed to

anything really at the beginning. You don't really think much of him as a person with any sort of class or character, and he emerges through the choices that he makes." One great piece of dialogue comes hours after Sean's death, when we see David in a restaurant with a few friends discussing funeral arrangements and the obituary notice. Suddenly he calmly remarks, "This seems so...not strange." One of the friends asks him to repeat himself and David responds, "Not strange. This just seems so... not strange."

It is these quiet, tender moments at which Longtime Companion excels. Although it shows the politicization of the Gay community, the inequities of the medical system, and the injustices of AIDS and Gay discrimination, the film avoids polemic. Davison, who co-starred with Richard Dreyfuss in the Los Angeles production of the highly political The Normal Heart, considers this the appropriate approach to a Hollywood film that hopes to garner a widespread straight audience. Davison: "You can scream and

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run is not enough to make me want to 'feel the burn.' If something hurts, I want to do whatever I can to make it go away — which usually means stopping! So, I have had to resort to trying to trick myself into exercise.

Combining my social needs with my exercise needs — i.e., team sports — has been a pretty good ploy. The camaraderie usually keeps my mind off the fact that I'm panting like a dog as I'm fetching balls of one size or another. Also, knowing that my teammates are depending on me (for what I'm not sure — coffee and doughnuts at Saturday morning practices?) makes me more responsible about keeping my commitment. However, playing first base and maintaining a 100 batting average is not exactly conducive to burning up the calories and honing those muscles.

I once tried taking a jogging class (alright — stop sniggering — this was 1978 in California), figuring that if I paid money for it, I'd do it, and it worked. As long as the classes went on. My friends who jog always go on and on about how, after you're out there running awhile, you just get into this meditative state and it's really beautiful, man, but the only thing I think about when I'm running is: When will I be done?

So. Having eliminated jogging - along with such sports as football, basketball, and soccer - as a little too aerobic for my clogged bronchials and schnoz. I have resorted to such less conventional pastimes as the local Y's agua aerobics class. I tried that for several months, but there was just something frighteningly surreal about slogging through four feet of water with rusty hand weights to the tune of "Pump Up the Jam" with ten middle-aged housewives. And to tell the truth, I sometimes felt a little conspicuous when, arms raised over our heads, we walked in a circle and I sported the only hairy armpits in the group - except for that time when one of the husbands came.

Coming originally from Milwaukee, I have of course contemplated bowling. But those few mincing steps you take up to the foul line won't work anyone up into a

sweat. About the only thing that gets exercised is your wrist — and not necessarily from releasing the ball. As Anthony said on a recent episode of "Designing Women," "Any game where you can eat hot dogs and drink beer while you're playing it is not a sport."

My real preference would be to go biking, and I do sometimes do that, but not as often as I would like or enough to be truly beneficial. One of my stumbling blocks in this area is that Chicago's streets are terribly inhospitable to cyclists. Not only does one have to contend with the same stuff motorists do - pot holes the size of German shepherds and, shall we say, 'aggressive' drivers but there is scant little room for vehicles traveling less than 40 mph (and that's on the side streets!). So basically, for more stress-free bicycling, you need to get to a forest preserve, bike path, or park, which isn't so bad if one of those is nearby. But frankly, I resent having to load one form of transportation onto or into another form of transportation before the first one is usable. If I wanted to do that, I'd become a trucker, hauling cars in from Detroit (which, when you're at home nursing a cold under the watchful eye of daytime UHF TV, can start to sound kind of interesting - "Yeah, now that you mention it, I am getting rather tired of sitting at a desk all day...").

So in essence, what it comes down to is that I wouldn't be happy if they hung me with a new rope — a phrase that my therapist once used in reference to me that I've never really understood but have always liked. Trying to be realistic, I am hoping that I can continue to thread my precarious way between wanting to be Martina Navratilova, with her hard as wood, sculpted calves, and succumbing to getting a Ven-and-Jerry's belly — bearing in mind the whole time that the issue is physical fitness, not weight.

But to keep you up-to-the-minute about my continuing search to find The Perfect Exercise...I'm thinking of taking up, with a friend, weight-lifting. Even if I can stick with it, I don't think Cher's health spa commercial spots are in any jeopardy: I hate the feel of spandex.



Inside Out

My Fitness Routine? Jogging my Memory

When I was a kid, staying physically active wasn't a problem Staying physically still was maybe a problem, but staying active - never. Whenever I was not in school, I was outside playing: running, jumping, climbing trees, biking, tumbling, skate-boarding, pogo-sticking, (I don't want to brag, but I jumped a mean pogo stick in my day.) Now. however, when I'm not at work. I'm writing, cleaning the house doing laundry, attending meetings, defending women's clinics from the so-called Operation



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In a scene from "Longtime Companion," characters exchange fond memories of a recently deceased friend.

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vell at the senility of the Reagan administration or whatever reasons there were for this (crisis), but blame doesn't finally get anyone to look clearly at anything. I think this shows that human compassion that most human beings are capable of.

Indeed, the human compassion it shows is the Gay community s compassion. This is one of the movie's breakthroughs. It is an insider's view of the epidemic, referring briefly to the politics of the disease, but concentrating on the human dimensions, the bravery and the hard work the Gay community has done to take care of its own.

Finding financial backing to produce such a Gav-positive film about a subject as unpleasant as AIDS was no easy task. The film was produced by the theatrical release arm of PBS's American Playhouse, which has been responsible for such issue-oriented films as Stand and Deliver. When executive producer Lindsay Law couldn't find a financial partner, she decided PBS would put up all the cash, an unprecedented move which showed her belief in the project. One the film was completed last October, finding a distributor became the next difficulty. After being rejected by more than 20 distributors, the Samuel Goldwyn Company was finally convinced to pick up the film.

Those hurdles out of the way, all that is left to worry about now is how the film is received by the movie-going public. A major boost was the choice of the film for the Audience Favorite award at the fall 1989 Sundance Institute Film Festival. the same award that launched sex, lies and videotape last year. Other mainstream reactions have veered from the celebratory (Rolling Stone called it the best film of 1990; Time called it "wonderfully funny and heartbreaking") to the vicious (The New York Times printed a confused and condescending attack from Vincent Canby).

Gay and Lesbian reactions have been nearly as widespread. Outweek, a New York weekly magazine, decried it for its political incorrectness and its lack of attention to ACT UP and issues of race and gender. Nearly everyone I have talked

Rescue folks, visiting family and friends. and so on. 'Playing' just doesn't fit in quite as naturally as it did; it has to be planned for and slotted in. Then too I don't have quite as naturally as it did: it has to be planned for and slotted in Then too. I don't have guite the same love of movement for the sake of movement that once had. I'm active alright, and some of my activities could even be described as physical, but I suspect that little of what I do as a matter of course now would be described as 'exercise' - or else you'd see more vacuum cleaners in the weight room down at the gym.

And exercise has definitely become trendy. It used to be enough to just not be fat, but now you have to be not only svelte but muscular too in order to be 'in. Not that I'm all that concerned with being In. mind you If I were. I would hardly have decided to become a Lesbian! Even being a Gay man is more trendy than being a Lesbian. Although, to look at the tabloids, you'd think it was pretty interesting stuff these days to be either! People are just eating those stories up. But that's another topic. Anyway, my concern with exercise is less a matter of wanting to be cool than of wanting to not end up like my grandmother who, at age 75, can hardly walk down the hallway of her retirement home without having to stop to rest. But that's what 15 or 20 years of late night (and late afternoon and early evening) TV and hot dogs will get you. So to guard against such an eventuality for myself, I have chosen to eat a healthy vegetarian diet and to exercise

However, delay of gratification is not as easy for me as it once was. Knowing that, something will be good for me in the long

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•In Step•June 7-20, 1990•Page 58 Lesbian Cartoonist Alison Bechdel

Milwaukee — Alison Bechdel, creator of the popular "Dykes to Watch Out For" cartoon strip, will appear in Milwaukee to present "Dykes to Watch Out For: The Slideshow" at 8pm on Saturday, June 23. The event, a fundraiser for the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, will be held at the Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. (across the street from the UWM Union).

Bechdel's presentation includes introductions to Mo, Harriet, Clarice, Toni and the rest of the gang, so those who haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting them can familiarize themselves quickly.

She discusses the "Dykes" development, as well as her own artistic development and creative process, including childhood drawings, her "frustrated adolescence," and her "action-packed career" as a Lesbian cartoonist.

Her program also includes her thoughts on the traditional representation of female cartoon characters, on growing up as a Lesbian in a woman-hating culture, and on drawing as 'therapy.'

The "Dykes to Watch Out For" cartoon strip appears in 25 publications nationwide, and Bechdel recently published her third volume of cartoons featuring the same characters. She believes in cartoons as a powerful, accessible medium for education and change.

Admission to the program is \$9 in advance or \$10 at the door, with a one dollar discount for LAMM members. Tickets are available at People's Books, 1808 N. Farwell Ave., Outpost Foods Co-op, 100 E. Capitol Dr., or from LAMM members.

For information or to charge tickets (Mastercard or Visa) call the LAMM at 264-2600.

Pancake Breakfast For LAMM.

Milwaukee — An all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 17, from 11am until 2pm at the Shorewood Woman's Club, 3565 N. Morris Blvd. (in Hubbard Park).

The event is a fundraiser for the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee. Admission is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets are available from LAMM members.

Those of you who would like to join the organization at that time are encouraged to bring your checkbooks — for \$25, you'll get admission to the breakfast and a \$20 yearly membership in the Lesbian Alliance, which, among other things, will grant you the status of "card carrying" Lesbian. A \$12 low-income membership is also available.

For more information, contact LAMM at 264-2600.



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to has come away deeply affected by the film, but everyone has got some complaint. It's not sex-positive enough after AIDS sets in. It doesn't criticize Louise Hay. It doesn't depict any Lesbians.

But the film is not trying to be an ACT UP political analysis. It is trying to do something entirely different, and one film cannot be all things to all people. Longtime Companion has gained such importance because it accomplishes so much and is nearly one-of- a-kind (only the 1985 independent Parting Glances is in its league).

Perhaps the most talked-about part of the film is the final sequence, in which a Gay couple and their female friend walk along a deserted Fire Island beach, talking about a demonstration about to take place the next day. One wonders what it would be like if there were a cure. Then a fantasy sequence begins, a joyous but discomforting wish- fulfillment celebration bringing back the party days of so long ago. Just as suddenly as it began, the fantasy ends, bringing us back to the trio on the deserted beach. And they walk off as an angry, wistful folk song, "The Post-Mortem Bar," plays louder and louder.

Davison calls the end a "Rorschach test for people's faith," and, although the end has some technical problems, I would be inclined to agree. Says Davison. "Everyone has a different perception of that scene and a different feeling they find themselves in. Some people embrace it as the spirituality of, yes, the circle will be unbroken by and by. Others will have a more fatalistic approach to it. But it's interesting because it gives you that moment of faith to do with what you will and it brings you back to reality. It's your dream, your hope, your perception. I think it's beautifully done, really very special. We live in the real world, we live in the parameters of the real world, but what keeps us going has to be our faith."



Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Here we are again... and it seems like just yesterday! So much has happened the past two weeks that I better get right into a quick review...

May 19th saw Za's in Green Bay host a show featuring Baby Jane Hudson, La Cage strippers Christopher and Joe, and special guest Miss Sandy Beach (Miss Gay Ft. Lauderdale). Za claimed it was the largest crowd they ve ever had for a show, and has invited the group back again in June. The after-bar party at manager Ken's house was quite the event... 20 cars in a 'parade' at 3am followed by the local police from the bar to Ken's house was quite the spectacle!

Also in Green Bay, at **The Loft** Kevin and friends performed a lip sync show.

Meanwhile, at Jet's Place it was time for their 2nd annual Old Timers Reunion, featuring a gathering of friends and customers from the 'old' Milwaukee bars that many of us had forgotten, or never knew about.



Steven, Chad and Mark celebrate Chad's birthday at The Triangle.

At Janesville's **New Leaf** female Elvis impersonator Stoney drew a big crowd for her second show there. DeRoma's Dolly's (the prettiest boys in town) have taken over at the Leaf with shows every Saturday night at 10pm and midnight.

"The Flying Napkins" comedy duo flew into **Nitengale's** for a laugh-filled show on May 20th, and then the next weekend to **The New Bar** for a reprise. The women performers had both crowds in stitches.

May 20th brought us 'Casino Night '90,' the annual fundraiser for the Cream City Foundation. Moved this year to a new location at the Milwaukee War Memorial/Art Center, this event hit its stride. The new location brought lower ticket prices, encouraging more people to attend, and a chance for CCF to make more money (they got to keep the bar receipts instead of the facility taking our money). A great evening was had by all, and many walked away with raffle and other prizes.

That evening also saw both Dignity and MAP hold special AIDS services. Dignity's special service entitled "Living With AIDS — A Celebration of Life" was held at St Pius X parish.

MAP s annual memorial candlelight service was held at St. James Episcopal church as part of an international effort organized by Mobilization Against AIDS. The coordinators neglected to inform In Step about the event until after the appropriate issue was already on the streets. That's why it wasn't promoted on these pages. Also, in previous years, the services were held internationally on Memorial Day weekend, and this year it was moved up a week.

Club 219 kicked off their memorial weekend festivities on the 23rd with Hunter and the Headliners male dance troupe, continued on Thursday and Sunday with 219 Girls shows, and filled in Friday and Saturday with Texas Heat male dancers. The place was hopping all weekend, naturally.

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Like overt sexism and racism, homophobia and anti-Gay policies could become 'politically dangerous.' Such an effect would transform the many pressing issues facing our community today, such as housing discrimination, inadequate AIDS funding and employment biases.

National Coming Out day is months away, and I propose a campaign in the Milwaukee area called, 'Tell a Friend.' (I think I've done this before) Each one of us knows at least one other close person who does not yet know that we are Lesbian/Gay.

During Pride week, we can practice on someone who already knows by observation, but has not been told directly. I recently discovered that a

colleague and friend from work has started referring to my relationship with Julie in the same terms as her heterosexual marriage. My challenge will be to be up-front and honest with her so that the truth is clear.

Let's do it!

Grapevine Library

Milwaukee Got any books you would like to donate to the new women's lending library? Grapevine now has a lending library and needs more books, if you have books to donate call Janet 769-7265 — she'll even pick them up, wow what a deal! Grapevine meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Quaker meeting House. Call Janet for details.

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Beyond Pride, Toward Acceptance

Pride '90! It's that time again, and we celebrate with a bustle of excitement, activities, and at the end, a parade displaying our wares through parts of Milwaukee. It's great, and a big congratulations to the Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee for all their hard work and commitment. As we all know, they have a thankless job, and only the satisfaction of thousands of participants will please the committee for their incredible dedication.

For Lesbians in Milwaukee, Pride week should provide ample opportunities for people to get involved and meet new people. Thursday - Saturday, Hurricane Productions is sponsoring 'Circus of a Queer Nature,' featuring our own Debbie Davis. Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee will sponsor Lesbian cartoonist Allison Bechtold on Saturday evening, and the following morning, LAMM is planning a pancake breakfast.

In addition, on June 20, Milwaukee County Board Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones will be addressing the LAMM meeting, to be held at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center (2821 N. 4th Street). Her address, and discussion following, will focus on issues of concern to Lesbians in Milwaukee County, and effective ways to lobby members of the County Board. Enough of the calendar of events. Surely all this information is available elsewhere in the issue.

The true message today is how we as a community move beyond the issue of Gay/Lesbian pride, and advance towards Gay/Lesbian acceptance. Those two abstractions, pride vs acceptance, are very different, and each could guide our community in a drastically different direction.

Initially, in the early stages of a movement, pride is very important. Pride reinforces our self- esteem, and our own rights as individuals. In fact, a sense of self-respect limits the damage and hurt bigots can perpetrate against us, because we are prepared to answer all questions, and ignore all insults.

Beyond pride, we must strive for acceptance. Maybe the ideal of acceptance is beyond our life- time, but the two walk hand in hand. Recognition and acknowledgment of our lives will be the ultimate revolution for the Gay and Lesbian community. Such approval is the true challenge of our community, and requires a greater commitment to change than we can only imagine. It becomes necessary for each Gay and Lesbian person to function as a public relations component for our community. Through personal relationships and family involvements, others must know the scope of Gay/Lesbian people in our society. Acceptance will only come when each person knows a brother, sister, mother, father or friend who is Gav.

This task is easier than it may seem. The process of coming out forces individuals to attach a face to the stereotypes housed in their minds. Each time my parents hear negative comments about Gay and Lesbian people, they are forced to remember that the daughter they love is one of those people (and seemingly normal).

Imagine, the response if each person who participated in the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade made a commitment to tell at least one other person. We can each think of one carring person in our lives who would be happy to know the truth. Last year, over 1,000 men and women participated in the Pride celebration. That would be equal to 1,000 new friends of our community.

The effect of such an outpouring of truth can easily be measured in public attitudes. Through research, we have found out that those who personally know a Gay or Lesbian person have a much more realistic view of their lives. The bigotry that many people harbor is a result of ignorance, and by dispelling this ignorance through truth, we improve our stability as a political force.

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Jet's Place staff was kept busy during the bars Old Timers Party saluting Milwaukee's past Gay/Lesbian bars.

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The "Flying Napkins" comedy duo entertained at Nitengale's and The New Bar. The women originally appeared at Za's.

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Hunter and his Headliners then traveled to Madison's Club 3054 for a show before taking off to engagements in Chicago.

Memorial Day Weekend started off a little wet for all the out of town ballplayers arriving for the weekend Milwaukee Classic softball tourney, but most of them didn't seem too concerned. Saturday morning the fields were more than a little moist at both parks, but a thousand pounds of kitty litter later, they were in playable condition. The start of play was delayed for several hours on Saturday morning, but after canceling opening ceremonies, the schedule was back on track. I was a little disappointed in the poor Milwaukee turn out of spectators at the fields. Where were you? Perhaps you were preparing yourselves for the evening festivities throughout the city...

Ces't La Vie hosted their wet jockey shorts contest, with a twist. The eight contestants were first oiled down, and then drenched in water, and I was lucky enough to have the honors of 'doing' the winner, Eric. Bouji and hostess Mandi handled the evening with aplomb from their stage- topped pool table. Only at the Vie!

M&M hosted pianist/vocalist Faron Evans and at La Cage Toronto's Club Colby entertainers put on a show for the benefit of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. The Toronto team was out in force, and what a good looking group of men... enough to make me want to make a trip to the Canadian city to see if they are all that handsome up there!

Elsewhere around the state on the 26th we found Masquer's hosting King Productions 1st annual Miss Gay Wausau WI-USA Pageant, with four contestants. Milwaukee's Saundra Peron won with Wausau's T.J. Tate taking runner up. The Bonnie Bitch show traveled to Za's in Green Bay; and Madison partied at the grand opening of Club 3054's new levi/leather downstairs bar, called Wings 3054.

The Dolly's premiered their weekly show at the New Leaf that same night; and

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M&M Club: After-movie champagne & hors d'oeuvres reception in the banquet room after "Longtime Companion."

Bicycling: After work ride begins 6pm at Lake Park Pavilion, destination: Fairy chasm. Call Bob, 963-9833.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Pride Week Interfaith Service: "Tomorrow's Promise Calls Us," The Village Church, 7pm.

LAMM: Program on lobbying local government; guest speaker Milw. Co. Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones. 7pm, Milw. Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St., Call 264-2600 for info.

Club 219: Miss 219 Contest, \$100 cash prize & appearance contract, 10:30pm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Club 219: The return of the French Canadian dancers, you've heard about them — now see them in the flesh.

"Yellow On Thursday:" Premiere of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian Cable Network's new half-hour fast paced comedy show, 10pm on Milwaukee's Warner Cable Channel 14.

Triangle: ''Yellow On Thursday'' premiere party, 9pm, meet WW Wells & the production crew, 10pm viewing of show.

Lavender Koffee Klotsch: Presentation on "Financial Empowerment for G/L's," 7-9pm, at M&M Banquet Room.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Hurricane Prod.: "Circus of A Queer Nature," 727 N. Milwaukee St. (Bauer Dance Studio) 8pm. Performance by Debbie Davis, Dominique Dibbel & Co. For info call 372-5192.

New Leaf [Janesville]: Ms. Butch New Leaf, \$75 in cash & prizes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Rod's [Madison]: Orgasm contest, prizes for loudest, longest & shortest simulated orgasm. LAMM: "Dykes to Watch Out For: The Slide Show" presentation by cartoonist Alison Bechdel. LAMM fundraiser, 8pm, Kenwood United Methodist (2319 E. Kenwood Blvd.) \$9 advance, \$10 at the door, \$1 discount for LAMM members. Info or ticket charge call LAMM at 264-2600.

Rockford Pride: Gay/Lesbian Pride Boat Float, 12 noon.

Hurricane Prod.: "Circus Of A Queer Nature," 727 N. Milwaukee St. (Bauer Dance Studio) 8pm. Performance by Debbie Davis, Dominique Dibbel & Co. For more info call 372-5192.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Chicago Gay Pride Parade: See article in Group Notes, this issue.

4th Annual La Crosse Gay Pride Picnic: In the Park.

Hurricane Prod.: "Circus Of A Queer Nature," 727 N. Milwaukee St. (Bauer Dance Studio) 7pm. Performance by Debbie Davis, Dominique Dibbel & Co. For more info call 372-5192.

Triangle: Bus trip to Chicago G/L Parade.







Wing's 3054 held its grand opening party recently in the basement of Club 3054 in Madison.

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Madison's **Rod's** kicked off their two day scavenger hunt... I can just imagine what they had the participants scrounging around for!

Sunday the 27th found the Classic continuing, and wrapping up with their awards ceremony/banquet at the Marc Plaza (see Jock Shorts for a complete story on the Classic). Elsewhere in Milwaukee M&M hosted Faron a second night, and Ces't La Vie continued their weekend- long beer drinking trophy contest. Nitengale's continued their weekend long Memorial Madness party with lots of drink specials and food.

Appleton's Pivot Club hosted King's 6th annual Miss Gay Fox Valley WI-USA Pageant. Six contestants vied for the title with Larinda Kelly taking the crown, and C.C. Rae first runner-up.

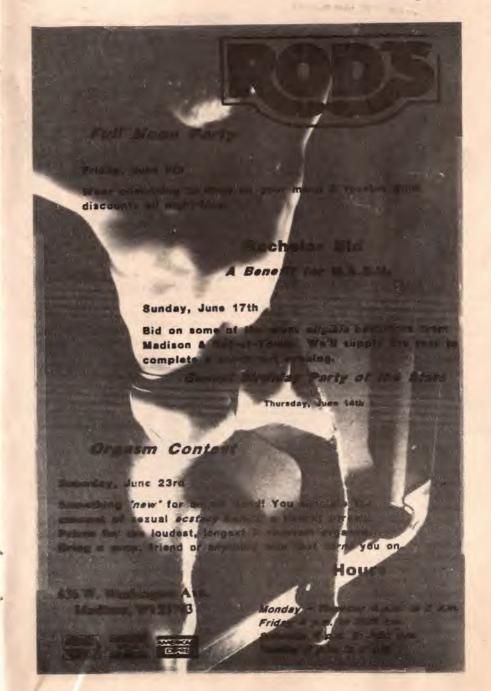
In Green Bay, all the bars got together earlier that afternoon for their annual Memorial Day Picnic in Bairds Creek Park. The afternoon picnic drew about 400 for free beer and food. What a nice way to pay back the community for their support

over the year...By the way, the bars are sponsoring a bus to Milwaukee's Pride Parade.

Memorial Day Monday saw lots of bars providing cook outs, including: Club 3054, Club 219, and The New Leaf. Nitengale's held a farewell party with free champagne early in the afternoon, and Za's held their patio opening party. Rod's provided an open mike giving aspiring comedians a chance to give it their best shot.

Another community picnic was held by MNDC/MGA in Stevens Point, giving members and friends a chance to partake of free beer, soda and food at Iverson Park's Girl Scout Lodge. After, the group held a reunion bash at MoJo's (formerly the Flame). It was MNDC's last event as a club.

Wednesday, May 30, the night of my deadline for this column, 219 hosted their MLGPC Pride benefit 'Pump It Up' contest, with the door and 10 per cent of the register take going to the pride committee. Out in Madison, Club 3054/Wings 3054 hosted two events. Hunter's birthday party was celebrated with a blowout of free beer for three hours



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THURSDAY, JUNE 14

La Cage: Electra records presents "A Cure Picture Party."

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

New Leaf [Janesville]: Mr. Gay New Leaf Contest, \$75 in cash & prizes.

Wreck Room: Acorn III, Oberons 3rd Anniv., thru 17th.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade & Rally: Parade begins line-up at 11am, step-off at noon. Rally at 2pm (approx.) at Juneau Park. See Pride Articles this issue for details.

Cream City Chorus: Annual Spring Concert to wrap up Pride Parade Day. Entitled "Tomorrow Belongs To Me," 8pm, Centenial Hall, Downtown Library. Tickets \$10 at the door.

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SAT. NITE, JUNE 16

Wear A Pride T-Shirt, Pay No Cover & 1st Rail Drink Is FREE

Jo'dees [Racine]: "Hot In Our City" showtime 10pm, cover.

Wreck Room: Acorn III, Oberons 3rd Anniv.

BWMT: Meeting, rap topic "Leather & Leathersex," M&M Banquet Room (124 N. Water, upstairs), 8pm.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 Father's Day

LAMM Pancake Breakfast: Fundraiser from 11am-2pm, at Shorewood Women's Club 3565 N. Morris, \$4 advance, \$5 door. For info call 374-1073.

Partner's: 'Pride Prom,' 8pm-midnight.

Silver Space: Discussion/Social gathering for older Lesbians, Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett, 6-8pm.

Rod's [Madison]: Bachelor Bid '90, benefit for MASN.

Wreck Room: Acorn III, Oberons 3rd

M&M: HIT '90 4th Annual Pie Toss, on the patio, 3pm. MC Doris Delago. Proceeds to benefit the 1990 HIT

GAMMA: Goes to Great America, meet at McKinley parkinglot at 8:30am for coffee, donuts & car pooling. Wear Red shirts, call Bob, 963-9833.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Miss Gay WI- USA At-Large Pageant.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

LRN Speakout: Domestic Partnership, Milw. Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St., 7-9, info call 445-5552.

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in Wings, while later, upstairs, contestants competed in the Wet Jockey Shorts contest. All that free beer probably made the contestants, shall we say 'looser, then usual. The New Leaf canceled their Ms Butch contest scheduled for that night. The bar ended up canceling all three of their contests (Mr, Miss and Ms) and have moved those dates to June.

I'd like to thank the six people who sent in their 'Coming Out' stories for this, our Pride Week issue. I was expecting a few more than just six responses, after giving everyone notice about it for over two months, but some response is better than none. We hope you enjoy reading their stories...

The Historic Third Ward and Walker's Point areas have been the scene the past few weeks of shooting for "Dillinger," a television movie being filmed mostly in Milwaukee. Anyone catch a glimpse of star Mark Harmon? They did some shoots at M&M s last week and renamed the bar Half- Moon. Seems the areas they were filming were too neat for the era they were trying to depict, so the film makers had to haul in garbage to make the street scenes realistic to Chicago in the 40's.

Hope to see you all at the protest June 15th, and the Pride Parade and Rally on the 16th, but Pride Week doesn't end there... it just starts. Take part in all the events planned through the 24th...





Texas Heat male dancers entertained Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at Club 219.

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Club 219: Wild & Crazy Wednesday, "Vogue-ing Contest."

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Club 3054 [Madison]: Customer Appreciation Night, free beer 8-10, thanks Madison for your support.

Dance Dance Dance: Rock America presents "Midnight Oil" Promo party for the new single "Blue Sky Mining," win hats, LP's, cassettes, etc.

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt [Racine]: And A portion of the 1990 Oscar winning documentary, "Common Threads: Stories form the Quilt." Racine Memorial Hall, 72 Seventh Street, Noon to 6pm. Donations encouraged. Call: (414)681-0138.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Rod's [Madison]: Full Moon party, wear something showing your moon & get drink discounts all night long.

Womyn's Dance: Back by popular demand, Dirty Dancing, at Lake Park Pavilion (Lake Drive & Newberry Blvd.), 8pm, fundraiser for LOC Women of Color, \$5 donation at the door, DJ.

Wisconsin Conference on HIV/AIDS Education in the Workplace: University of Wisconsin-Parkside (Kenosha). Registration in the Parkside Union. \$95.00. 8:30am to 5:00pm. Call: (414)681-0138, Fax: (414)-632-6849.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Triangle: Pride benefit Beer Bust, 5pm-midnight.

GAMMA/GBN: Bike ride for Pride, 12:30pm. Begins at park at corner of Bradford & Farwell, 15 mile or 30 mile ride. Cost of \$14 includes T-Shirt, or \$5 without T- Shirt. Call Bob, 963-9833 for weather concerns.

M&M: Peanuts Softball team benefit Casino Night, 8pm.

GAMMA Tennis: 9am, Warnimont Park (near Senior Center), informal play. Call Tom, 281-2596. NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt [Racine]: And A portion of the 1990 Oscar winning documentary, "Common Threads; Stories from the Quilt." Racine YMCA, 721 Lake Avenue, 9am to 4:30pm. Donations encouraged. Call: (414)681-0138.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

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.

Dairy Queens Benefit [Madison]: Spring Fling at The Cardinal Bar, concert 8:30-10pm featuring "The Identical Cousins" with Ann O'Connor. Dance will follow concert, suggested donation \$5 and up.

Dance Dance: "Boy Music" in both bars after the show. The Sunday show with hostess Bonnie Bitch, 10:30 every Sunday.

GAMMA Outdoor Volleyball: 3pm, South Shore Park, jungle rules, call Bill, 442-2268.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

Partner's: Martini Club meeting 7- close.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

GAMMA Roller- skating: 6:30pm at Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania Ave. \$2 includes skates, call Bill, 442-2268.

Partner's: Lizzie Bordeaux & Paul's Birthday Party, 7-close, show at 10, free beer & food.

La Cage: Pride Fundraiser, clebrating 20 years of David Bowie's music, Records/CD's/Cassettes/Poster give-aways, plus drawings for 6 Bowie concert tickets.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

In Step: Deadline 7pm tonight for In Step's June 21-July 4th issue.

Dance Dance: Hip House Music after "Claim To Fame." contd. on page 52

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Hunter and the Headliners male dance troupe flew into the state to entertain at both Club 3054 and Club 219 to the delight of the audiences.

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