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News

ACT-UP Outshines Scientists At AIDS Conference

By Rex Wockner

For the second year in a row, researchers attending the international AIDS Conference failed to announce any major breakthroughs in treatments or vaccines, once again paving the way for the militant activist group ACT UP to steal away the headlines for five days running.

Most of the research advances that were presented at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, which took place June 20-24 in San Francisco, had previously found their way into the media in the past year.

Among the highlights: The drugs ddI, ddC and Compound Q look promising; combinations of drugs probably work better than any one alone; the dosage of AZT may be halved yet again; and vaccine research is going strong, with the 'magic shot' probably only four to ten years away.

But while scientists were mostly rehashing old news, ACT UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) was busy leading the media through the streets of San Francisco.

The group began its assault June 19, the day before the conference opened, turning out 1,000 demonstrators at the local Immigration and Naturalization Service office to protest the USA's ban on HIV-positive visitors and immigrants.

Later that evening, 500 protesters rampaged through the Marriott Hotel, where most delegates were staying. Among other things, the demonstrators simulated sex acts on lobby furniture and demanded 2,000 free conference passes for persons with HIV.

As the conference opened June 20, 500 protesters battled police in front of the Moscone Center, site of the conference, demanding to be let in to the opening ceremony. Eighty were arrested when they vaulted police barricades. Ironically,

key ACT UP leader Peter Stanley was one of the 10 featured speakers at the ceremony.

ACT UP continued its havoc on June 21 with a downtown demonstration protesting the so-called "San Francisco model" of responding to AIDS primarily with "volunteerism." About 50 of the 300 demonstrators were arrested when they sat down in the street at Market and Van Ness.

A day later, 150 protesters were arrested for blocking traffic at Market and 4th Streets. The focus this time was the charges that women, who comprise nine percent of persons with AIDS/HIV, are routinely denied access to AIDS research and treatment trials.

June 23, ACT UP joined thousands of San Franciscans and others for an HIV/AIDS "Unity March" through downtown. The procession, led by conference co-chairs Paul Volberding and John Ziegler, publicized the need for more AIDS funding, easier access to treatments, and socialized health care in the USA.

Finally, on June 24, about 1,000 activists reduced the conference's closing ceremonies to rubble in protest of the presence of US Health and Human Services secretary Louis Sullivan, who they feel has failed to respond appropriately to the AIDS epidemic.

THE BOYCOTT

Coming in second place in the race for media attention at the conference was the USA's immigration policy that denies HIV-positive visitors and immigrants entry to the country.

Scores of community-based AIDS organizations and government officials boycotted the confab to protest the three-year-old law, and conference organizers and delegates went out of their way to show solidarity with the

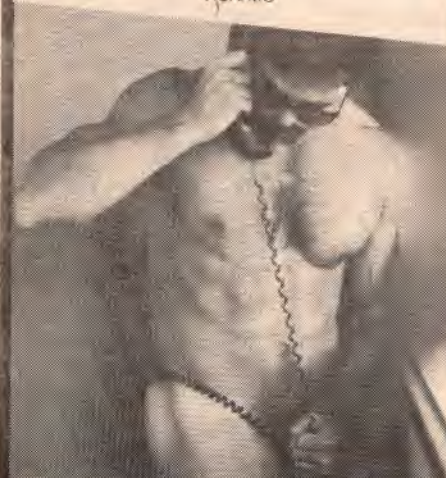


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At the opening ceremonies, all of the speakers denounced the ban and wore red arm bands in memory of those who did not or could not attend the gathering.

As the week wore on, the red arm bands became all but ubiquitous in and around the Moscone Center.

But while the boycott was obviously on everyone's mind, it did not significantly impact the nuts and bolts of the conference. At final count 30 of 2,500 presenters and 4 of 72 plenary-session speakers failed to show up.

TREATMENT

Returning to science, which as many scientists kept pointing out, is supposed to be what these conferences are about, perhaps the most excitement and the most controversy was generated around Compound Q, a drug made from the roots of a Chinese cucumber plant.

Martin Delaney of the Gay-community based research organization Project Inform presented exciting but incomplete data showing that half of 46 individuals who took five doses of the drug in combination with AZT doubled their T4 lymphocyte cells, a major component of the immune system. Eight of the individuals' T4 cells shot up so high that their immune systems now measure within normal ranges for healthy people.

On the other hand, 25 percent of those taking Q showed no response to the drug.

Delaney was strongly criticized by several scientists for allegedly violating traditional scientific protocol in the new Q study and for bringing only partial data to his original presentation. He has promised to release full data promptly.

Other drugs in the news included AZT and isoprinosine.

Dr. Margaret Fischl of the University of Miami presented evidence that AZT, the only federally approved anti-HIV drug, may be just as effective at one-fourth its original dose. The daily dose was originally 1,200 milligrams, but that was halved last year following new research. Now, Fischl says 300 milligrams may work just as well.

Lowering the dosage of the expensive and toxic drug saves HIV-infected persons money and reduces AZT's often severe side-effects.

Meanwhile, Danish researchers reported surprising results with the previously discarded drug isoprinosine. Researchers gave the substance to 430 HIV-infected individuals and found that they progressed to AIDS three times less often than those taking a placebo.

Many researchers agreed that the wave of the future with anti-viral drugs may be combination therapy. Already under serious study and showing promise are AZT and ddC, AZT and ddI, ddI and interferon, and AZT and Compound Q.

ddI and ddC are chemical cousins of AZT that variously show less toxicity and/or an ability to reverse AIDS-related dementia. Neither drug is approved to treat HIV infection in the USA, but both are under intense investigation.

VACCINES

In the final days of the conference, substantial excitement followed predictions that at least one of the more than 30 HIV vaccines under development should prove to be the magic shot within four to ten years.

Everyone from Anthony Fauci, director of the US National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases to Luc Montagnier, the French discoverer of HIV, agreed.

Narrowing the field and testing the vaccines for effectiveness will prove to be major hurdles. Particularly difficult is finding human test subjects who are uninfected but stand a good chance of becoming infected. Such individuals are the only ethical path for learning if a vaccine in fact works.

All in all, the conference was an exhausting, tedious, frustrating, exciting, hopeful experience for its 11,000 delegates.

Each year, there are dreams that a big medical breakthrough will be announced, and it never happens, but at the same time, each year treatments improve and vaccines seem closer at hand.

The Sullivan Demo

News Analysis By Cliff O'Neill

In San Francisco, air horns blared, angry fists pumped the air and condoms went flying at the stage.

At the podium, the object of the demonstration — perhaps even the symbol of the AIDS activists' rancor — Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Louis W. Sullivan proceeded with his inaudible speech, dodging balls of wadded up paper and projectile prophylactics along the way.

After it was all over, the activists had made at least one point clear: They're mad. Beyond that, though, the loud angry demonstration staged at the closing session of the Sixth Annual International Conference on AIDS served largely as the subject of debate, consternation and confusion nationwide.

But after the debates turn to other matters and the Secretary returns to his day-to-day work, AIDS will remain and activists and lobbyists will still need to work with the department to combat the epidemic.

Which begs the question of what effect will the demonstration have on AIDS activists' future relationship with Sullivan?

Clearly, there is no crystal ball available, but among Washington AIDS and Gay lobbyists there appears to be a limited range of predictions.

All parties appear to agree that the Secretary, for his and the Administration's positions on AIDS immigration and AIDS health care, deserved some sort of rebuke. Another prediction is that, as the AIDS crisis continues, despite Sullivan's feelings, he will just have to get over his hurt to address the crisis.

Prior to the AIDS conference, in an open letter, AIDS activists, gathering under the coalition banner of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), had called on Sullivan to take action on several AIDS issues at the San Francisco conclave. But his response to the activists was less than satisfactory,

suggested one lobbyist who saw Sullivan's letter.

"He didn't suddenly endorse our agenda, that much I'd say," commented Jeff Levi, lobbyist for the AIDS Action Council.

"The entire posture that Sullivan has taken," Levi added, "even before the ACT UP demonstration, has been defensive. He doesn't have to embrace all the criticisms that have been made, but it would certainly be nice if he had acknowledged that the nature of the needs is changing, particularly around health care. It would be nice if he acknowledged that more could be done."

Speaking for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which lobbies the Congress and the Administration on AIDS and Gay/Lesbian matters, HRCF communications director Gregory King felt that the action was justified and just another tactic to advance responsible AIDS policies.

"In the long run, everything we do, as long as it's directed towards forcing the federal government to adopt policies that are proportionate to the size of the crisis... are appropriate," said King. "It is clear to me that it serves as no useful purpose for us to criticize our own community when there are people in positions of authority who have not acted responsibly. I think it is more appropriate to ask the Secretary why he hasn't come forward with the kind of budget and funding proposals that address the AIDS crisis."

In speaking to the media, a visibly hurt Sullivan has reiterated points made in his speech, which was intelligible only to television viewers at home and the hearing impaired in the chamber who 'heard' the speech through an interpreter.

In his public statements, Sullivan has also reportedly said that he will have no further dealings with the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP), the group which coordinated the demonstration, although it is not clear whether he ever planned to meet with their representatives

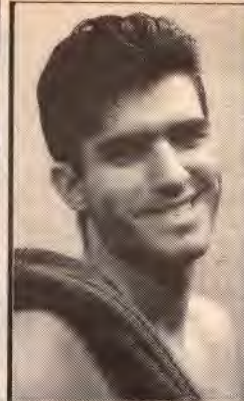
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The action came at the 101st annual meeting of the Reform group in Seattle, where qualified leaders of congregations from throughout the USA and Canada where meeting. The voice vote came after a very emotional, hour long debate that revealed some deep divisions among the rabbis, who represent this largest branch of American Judaism with 1.3 million members.

The Central Conference of rabbis overwhelmingly approved urging that "all rabbis, regardless of sexual orientation, be accorded the opportunity to fulfill the sacred vocation which they have chosen."

The Central Conference, however, stopped short of endorsing homosexual unions. They issued a resolution that stated "In Jewish tradition, heterosexual, monogamous, procreative marriage is the ideal human relationship

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Not all were behind the move to endorse Gay clergy. Rabbi Philmore Berger, of Oceanside, N.Y. quoted Leviticus 18:22, which purportedly calls homosexuality an "abomination." He said "To the best of my knowledge, this verse has not yet been reinterpreted by any Jewish biblical scholars. How am I to deal with it?"

However, Rabbi Yoel Kahn of San Francisco, pleaded for approval, saying "I believe that our understanding of what God wants of us has changed." Kahn leads a congregation with a special outreach to Gay/Lesbian Jews.

Administration: No Position on AIDS Immigration

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The Bush Administration has officially declined to take a position on a bill which could lead to the removal of a standing U.S. policy banning people with AIDS or HIV infection from entering the country.

At a June 27 meeting of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, subcommittee chair Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) revealed that the White House formally turned down a request to send a representative to the hearing to give their position on AIDS immigration. Administration officials also declined to offer a written statement on a pending bill on the matter, Waxman said.

"The Administration was invited to participate in this hearing, but they declined to testify," said Waxman. "They also declined to even submit a written statement on the legislation. So, we don't know where they stand. They don't seem to know where they stand. The purposes of congressional hearings are to get the matter on the record and come to some conclusion. They seem to be paralyzed. They seem to have concluded — or at least decided — not to decide."

The hearing, the first ever on U.S. AIDS immigration policy, was called to discuss H.R. 4506, a bill sponsored by Rep. J. Roy Rowland (D-Ga.) which would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to review and revise the Immigration and Naturalization Service's list of diseases for which one may be barred entry to the U.S.

AIDS and HIV infection were included on the INS's list of 'dangerous' diseases which automatically ban foreigners from visiting or immigrating to the U.S. due to a 1987 amendment, sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), which was attached to an unrelated appropriations bill.

The amendment, which passed the Senate by a lopsided vote, was approved without the benefit of a single congressional hearing.

Since then, the policy has been the subject of intense political debate in Washington and unanimous reproach from the scientific, health care and AIDS communities.

The policy also was the flash point for numerous demonstrations and a boycott by over 85 nations and organizations of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, held recently in San Francisco.

In Washington, the matter has been a political football for both Congress and the Administration, each which have insisted that it is up to the other repeal the provision.

The White House, prior to the San Francisco conference, extended a 10-day waiver policy to those attending AIDS conferences, but refused to strike the policy altogether, insisting it was up to Congress.

The Rowland bill, while it does not expressly strike AIDS from the INS list, addresses the White House concerns by clarifying that it is within the authority of Public Health Service to determine which diseases should or should not be on the "dangerous" diseases list.

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100,000 For Chicago Pride Parade

Chicago Police estimated over 100,000 participated in Chicago's 21st annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade Sunday, June 24, including a heavy contingent representative of Wisconsin.

According to Pride Committee head Richard Pfeiffer, the parade included 186 official entries. Wisconsin's Cream City Chorus won one of five parade awards, a special Judge's Award, for their colorful float and marching unit that included accordion players, a tuba, drums, and majorettes charging up the onlookers with their rendition of the "Beer Barrel Polka."

Other official Wisconsin entries according to Chicago's Pride Committee included Madison's Club 3054 and the Hotel Washington Complex; Milwaukee's M&M Club, Partner's, the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee, and In Step Magazine.

There were nearly 50 more entries overall this year from last year, and included 47 politicians. According to Pfeiffer, "The politicians seemed to come out of the woodwork this year, but of course it is an election year." The first politician to participate in Chicago's parade was Mayor Jane Byrne in 1983.

According to Pfeiffer, the primary source of the Pride committee's income comes from parade entry fees, followed by button sales, and publication of their Pride booklet.

The parade draws from all over the Midwest, and is one of the four largest

parades in the country. Lavish floats, spiffy marching units, and costumes abound and present an awesome spectacle. Considering the sheer size of the crowds, it always amazes this reporter that everything operates so smoothly, and with few undesirable incidents. An aura of love, community and spontaneous joy envelope all. Awesome!

Kentucky Sodomy Law Struck Down

[ACLU] — A criminal court in Kentucky ruled in June that the state's sodomy law violated the Kentucky state constitution. The ruling came on an appeal of the criminal prosecution of Jeffrey Wasson, who was arrested in 1986 for allegedly soliciting an undercover policeman in downtown Lexington. In 1986, the trial court dismissed the prosecution on the grounds that the sodomy law violated the state constitution's right to privacy. The June decision of the appellate judge found the sodomy law to be in violation of both the right to privacy and the state constitution's equal protection clause.

"This case is significant because it demonstrates how enlightened state court judges can refuse to enforce sodomy laws despite the Hardwick decision," stated William B. Rubenstein, Staff Counsel to the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. In the 1986 Hardwick case, the United States Supreme Court rejected a challenge to Georgia sodomy law brought under the United States constitution.

Kentucky, 24 other states, and the District of Columbia still criminalize sodomy performed in private between consenting adults. As in five other states, Kentucky's statute criminalizes only homosexual sodomy.



Drive Launched To Pass Fed. Gay Rights Bill

Washington, D.C. [NGLTF] — Gay and Lesbian political activists and members of Congress gathered June 12th at a gala Capitol Hill reception to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the introduction of the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill and launch a nationwide campaign aimed at passing the bill this decade.

The reception, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), honored political allies and cosponsors of the civil rights legislation. Former Congresswoman Bella Abzug was honored by NGLTF for her work in introducing the original bill 15 years ago. Also honored were Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA), the bill's chief sponsors.

Approximately 250 people attended the reception and fundraiser, held in the Columbia Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. About \$20,000 was raised for NGLTF. Numerous candidates for political office, labor representatives and other officials appeared at the event.

Currently, 79 Representatives and 10 Senators cosponsor the bill, which would prohibit discrimination based on affection or sexual orientation in the areas of housing, employment, public accommodations and federally assisted programs.

As part of its nationwide Gay rights bill campaign, NGLTF has printed and distributed more than 125,000 postcards to Gay activists around the country. The cards urge lawmakers to support the civil rights bill. To obtain cards, call NGLTF at (202) 332-6483.

NIH Slammed On Women in Research

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The head of a House subcommittee June 18 chastised representatives from the National

Institutes of (NIH) Health for excluding women subjects from a wide variety of medical research protocols, including AIDS investigations.

"This is not a question of health and well-being," stated Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Health and the Environment.

During the hearings, called as part of the NIH's reauthorization process, Waxman cited a recent report from the General Accounting Office which concluded that the NIH has done little to implement a four-year-old policy to include women in medical research protocols.

The report concluded that in protocols investigating a wide variety of medical problems, the NIH routinely studies only men and then must struggle to determine if the studies also apply to women.

Waxman also chided researchers for not studying females in animal research studies. Reps. Olympia Snowe (D-Maine) and Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) likewise told the subcommittee that the scope of the exclusion of women cannot even be determined at present as the NIH does not even have a means established by which to determine the sex of individuals involved in research protocols.

Waxman used the example of a recent study which determined that aspirin ingested daily helped prevent heart attacks in men as emblematic of the problem. How the drug would affect women, who have different biological systems, could not be ascertained by the study, Waxman noted, because women were not studied.

AIDS activists have also criticized the NIH for many the same reasons, citing the fact that despite the fact that women with AIDS die much faster than men, women and the infections that are more likely to strike them have been largely ignored by the agency.

While acknowledging the scarcity of women and minorities in research protocols, Dr. William Raub, the NIH's acting director, stated that the agency has

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been working on repairing the inequity by recruiting women and minorities as subjects and as researchers.

In a related development, Raub suggested that concerns some NIH staffers have had about a system which would broadly distribute experimental AIDS drugs outside of a medical protocol — called a "parallel track" system — appear to be diminishing.

Also, Raub stated that although the NIH disagrees with a ban on fetal tissue research extended last year by Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, it is abiding with it.

Although there is currently no federally funded fetal tissue research currently underway which applies directly to AIDS, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the government's AIDS research efforts, told AIDS activists last year that it could hold the key to reconstituting immune systems in AIDS patients. Confronted with his comments later, Fauci down-played his predictions.

At the hearings, Waxman denounced the ban as politically motivated and not based on science.

50% Jump In AIDS Bias Cases

[ACLU] — Discrimination against people with AIDS and HIV disease has reached critical levels in the United States, bringing hardship and suffering to thousands of Americans every year, a new study by the American Civil Liberties Union AIDS Project has found.

The study, entitled **Epidemic of Fear**, is the first national survey to address the growing problem of prejudice against people with HIV/AIDS and their care providers.

"This study shows how extraordinarily persistent discrimination remains in this country, even after science has proven there is no risk of casual transmission," said Nan D. Hunter, outgoing Director of the ACLU AIDS Project and principal author of the study.

The study reveals disturbing trends in HIV-related discrimination, including:

- A 50 percent rise in reported cases nationwide during 1988;
- Reports of discrimination rose 35 percent faster than newly diagnosed AIDS cases in the same year;
- Nearly one-third of all reported cases were based on the perception that someone was HIV-positive, or because they cared for a person with HIV disease.
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Bernadett: I'm into you! I'm glad I finally
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Deb: Thanx for the dance — let's do it
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discrimination remain fragmented and
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Disabilities Act will provide essential
protection, but will not take effect for two
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Most discrimination cases were linked
to ignorance and irrational fears about the
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and economic bias based on the
perception that people with AIDS are
unable to meet certain financial demands.

Conferees Reject AIDS-Phobic Rider

Senate and House negotiators working

on the Americans with Disabilities Act
(ADA) agreed June 25 to delete an
AIDS-phobic amendment that would have
allowed employers to transfer staffers with
AIDS away from food handling jobs.

The so-called Chapman Amendment
was scrapped by a 12-10 vote of House
conferees; but must pass votes again in
the House (scheduled for late June 28,
after In Step deadline), and then the
Senate, to approve the ADA without the
AIDS-phobic amendment.

As reported in the last issue of In Step,
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infectious or communicable disease of public health significance" in food handling jobs to available non-food handling positions at the same salary. The June 6 vote in the House passed the Rider.

Calling the Chapman rider "an excellent amendment," Right-wing extremist Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) introduced a "motion to instruct" Senate conferees to retain the House Amendment in the conference proceedings, which was approved over opposition. The House and Senate passage of the Chapman amendment came in spite of assurances from a battery of public health officials that AIDS is not spread through food and air. President Bush, in favor of the ADA, has not taken a position on the Chapman rider, however, his Secretary of Health and Human Services, Louis W. Sullivan, has called the amendment unnecessary and unjustified.

Now that the conference has struck down the rider, members of either chamber could vote to reject the compromise version of the ADA in its entirety, sending it back to the conference for revisions. Forces in both chambers are expected to fight to restore the Chapman rider.

"Daughters" Join Family Registry

Washington D.C. [HRCF] — Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, the co-founders of the Daughters of Bilitis, the nation's oldest Lesbian organization, and authors of **Lesbian/Woman**, have registered with the Human Rights Campaign Fund's National Family Registry.

The Registry was created as a central repository for Lesbian and Gay families. "We have been living together as a couple for more than 37 years. Legally however, we are strangers," the couple said as they registered.

"We went to a seminar on 'How Not To Be a Bag Lady In Your Old Age,' sponsored by the San Francisco Community College District. We learned that the home is protected when one spouse (heterosexual) is in a nursing home and requires Medicaid. In our case we would have to sell half of the house — which is not an option when you have one bedroom and two cats," Martin noted.

The HRCF National Family Registry, an outgrowth of the Campaign Fund's Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project, provides an alternative 'institution' to conventional marriage. In doing so, the Registry is an affirmation of the love, commitment and support of Lesbian and Gay relationships.

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Anyone interested in participating in the National Family Registry should

contact: Human Rights Campaign Fund 1012 14th Street, N.W., 6th floor, Washington D.C. 20005. or call 202-628-4160 and ask for Naria Jordan, National Family Registry coordinator.

Benefit to Honor Clarenbach

Madison — Wisconsin Gay and Lesbian elected officials are sponsoring a fund raising benefit for State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) on July 13.

The event, taking place the evening before Madison's 'MAGIC' Picnic, will *contd. on page 22*



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honor Clarenbach's significant contributions to the rights of Gays and Lesbians in Wisconsin.

Andrew Barrer and Joe Wheeler are hosting the benefit at their home, located near Madison in Seminole Hills. The Barrer/Wheeler home was featured in the 1988 Dane county Parade of Homes, and will provide a luxurious setting for the reception for Clarenbach.

Clarenbach is a national leader in the fight for Gay and Lesbian rights. His accomplishments include the nation's first Gay rights law, consenting adults legislation and a bill of rights for people with AIDS and HIV infection.

For further information about the event, to contribute to the fund raising efforts, or to provide assistance with Clarenbach's campaign for re-election to the Assembly, contact the Clarenbach Committee at 454 Sidney Street, Madison, WI 53703 or phone 608-251-2528.

Lesbians To Meet In Seattle

The ALLOW Conference, the annual meeting of an alliance of career-oriented, local, Lesbian organizations, will be held in Seattle, Washington on July 14 and 15. Delegates from California, Arizona, Colorado, Oregon and Washington are hoping to be joined by representatives from similar groups from other areas of the U.S. and Canada.

The program includes discussions on the challenges of working together within organizations to better meet goals, networking with other Lesbian and Gay organizations, and joining with other groups to achieve political power. Sharing of ideas and experiences in providing social and educational events, as well as exchanging printed materials used, are always highlights of the conference.

The ALLOW Conference coincides with the Goodwill Games and Cultural Festival events, including the National Gay and Lesbian Theatre Festival and Conference. Special airline rates are available through NGLTF by phoning American Airlines at 1-800-433-1790, referring to Star File #047046.

Community housing and transportation will be furnished for ALLOW Conference attendees. Registration cost is \$100 per organization plus \$35 per individual. Three meals are included in registration. Contact ALLOW Conference Coordinator, Yvonne Eldress at 206-935-9313 or ALPS Business Manager, Cheryl Martin, at 206-328-0050 for information.



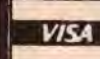
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ORGANIZATIONS

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M&M/Glass Menagerie hosted a champagne/hors d'oeuvres reception after the premiere of "Longtime Companion."

Group Notes

Madison Resource Ctr. Benefit

Sunday, July 15, 1990 the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) presents a Brunch & Concert to raise funds for the growth of MG/LRC's Women's and Men's educational video library. In conjunction with the Brunch & concert, MG/LRC will be holding a raffle, the proceeds of which will be used for the expansion and continuing improvement of its general services.

The current services of MG/LRC include the following: Management of a lending library of over 1000 Gay/Lesbian oriented books, magazines, newsletters and educational videotapes; production and distribution of a monthly calendar of Lesbian/Gay events of interest in the Madison community; a social activities group for 18 to 21 year old Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and friends; a reading group, geared towards increasing understanding between the women's and men's communities, and; production and distribution of **The Directory**, a 50 page guide to the organizations serving Madison's Gay/Lesbian community.



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The brunch & concert will take place at the Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson, from 11am to 2pm. on July 15. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old. The concert will feature Womansong and a number of local pianists, singers and poetry readers.

The raffle drawing will take place at 1:45pm with over 25 prizes, donated by area businesses, worth over \$600. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be bought from MG/LRC members or at the brunch & concert.

2nd Annual Miss Gay WI-USA

King Productions has announced the 2nd Annual Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant will be held Sunday, August 19th at the Marc Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee.

This years pageant will begin with a cocktail hour at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and the pageant to follow. All activities are scheduled to finish by 11:00pm.

Guest entertainers include: Cezanne, Miss Gay USA; Netasha Edwards, Miss Gay USA 1989; Tommie Ross, Miss Gay USA 1988; and the reigning Miss Gay Wisconsin USA, Tania Michaels.

Thirteen Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Preliminary winners from around the state will be competing for over \$2500.00 in cash, prizes, and bookings for the winner alone.

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The Gay Cable Network's new show, "Yellow on Thursdays" premiered recently, and the Triangle hosted a opening night reception and screening.

alone. Tickets are available from King Productions at 414-342-1466.

Jimmy King would like to clarify any questions people have concerning Wisconsin's Pageants. Wisconsin female impersonators have three major state wide titles to compete for. The first is the Mr/Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant held annually in November. This pageant is presented by pageant Productions. The second is the Miss Wisconsin Continental USA Pageant. This pageant is held annually in July and is produced by Miss Ginger Spice. The winner of this pageant goes on to represent Wisconsin in the national Miss Continental USA Pageant, held in Chicago. The third pageant, belonging to King Productions, is the Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant, (and its 13 preliminaries) annually held in August. The winner and first runner-up go on to represent Wisconsin at the national Miss Gay USA Pageant. None of these pageants were devised to compete with other pageants, rather provide Wisconsin's entertainers additional outlets for their formidable talents.

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MAP is anticipating more than 1,300 people to attend MAPfest '90 and are asking for support in making this event more successful than last years. Your support will make this event financially successful, as well as show support for people with HIV and AIDS.

MAP is seeking participants for booth rentals, where you can display information, sell food and merchandise, or offer games to play. The beer, wine and soda concessions will be operated by the MAP office. If not interested in renting booth space, but would like to underwrite the cost of putting on the event, such as renting equipment, sound and staging, tents, porta-potties, etc., your generous contribution would be much appreciated.

Booth rental costs are \$25. for an informational booth; and \$25 plus 20 per cent of gross revenue for a food, game or merchandise booth. MAP will provide electricity for booths that indicate such a need. A table and two chairs to go with your booth will be provided for an additional \$10 fee.

Registration deadline is July 20, 1990. If a registration form was not provided to your business/organization, contact Louise Searing, MAP Special Events Coordinator by calling (414) 273-1991 as soon as possible.

Trip to "Tempest"

GAMMA is planning a trip to Spring Green to enjoy the American Players' Theatre production of Shakespeare's *Tempest* on July 21st. Dinner in Frank Lloyd Wright-designed surroundings will precede the show. Tickets cost \$21.50 each; the show begins at 8:00pm. And is

open to all members of the Gay community. The dinner group leaves Milwaukee at 3:30pm. Deadline for tickets is July 6. Call Gene at 962- 7366.

For other GAMMA events that are open to the Community, see the Calendar in this issue of In Step, or call Bob at 963-9833.

GLAAD Pans "Bird"

New York, NY— Move over Andy Rooney, Mel Gibson's in the hot seat now. Actually, it's everyone responsible for the beauty salon scene in the blockbuster movie, "*Bird On A Wire*." The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is less than thrilled with Gibson's characterization of Matty, a 'swishy' homosexual hairdresser. Even more offensive, according to GLAAD, is the portrayal of Raun of Racine as the 'bitchy and malicious' salon owner. This very outdated stereotype perpetuates the 'freak show' representation of Gays that GLAAD is working to eliminate from modern media.

Says Steven Asher, spokesman for GLAAD: "If black people no longer accept black characters portrayed as Stepin Fetchit and Jews are no longer depicted as big-nosed money grubbers, then it is time for Gays to demand the same respect. Until Hollywood presents a full range of Lesbian and Gay characters, the use of demeaning stereotypes such as those in *Bird On A Wire* is not funny."

Founded in 1985, GLAAD is the only national organization devoted primarily to discouraging stereotypes and misinformation about Lesbians and Gay men. GLAAD pursues its goal by organizing grass-roots responses to public bigotry and working with the media to improve coverage of issues that concern Gay people.

GLAAD is encouraging conscientious movie goers to write letters of protest to John Badham (c/o Triad Artists, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90067), director and co-producer of the Universal Studios hit and the movie's co-stars, Mel Gibson (c/o ICM, 8899 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048)



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Brian Barber [left] and Roger Remillard.

Roger Remillard

Roger Remillard left this world at 7:30am, June 21, 1990, nearly five years after being diagnosed with Kaposi Sarcoma, the cancer stage of AIDS. Roger and his life partner, Brian Barber (former Milwaukeean and well-known dancer from the Circus Circus) had been together nearly 10 years. They lived in Chicago until '88, before moving for climate and health care reasons to San Diego.

Roger had been an active participant in AIDS-related protocols sponsored by the National Institute of Health (NIH), at Bethesda, Maryland for practically the entire duration of his illness.

Roger may best be remembered for his catering business, Chicago's "Smart Parties," which he owned and operated for 8 years, until moving West. His clients ranged from North Shore socialites, to the average individual who wanted to entertain — nicely. That was Roger's forte: the ability to tie it all together and make the guests and host/hostess feel special.

Roger is survived by Brian; his parents, and two brothers all who live in the Manchester, New Hampshire area; plus friends from all over the country. Services were to be held in Manchester on Saturday, June 30; plus in San Diego and Chicago (dates not announced).

Letters

Dear Editor:

I am writing regarding Bob Moore's reply to Sister Dana Van Iquity. Bob, many of your points are well-taken. Politics are of primary importance. But let's not forget that we need the people on the cutting edge or the fringes — in any arena. Some are heroes, some martyrs, some crazy, and some just 'different.' Regardless, they stir things up and make things happen.

Moreover, don't think that people in general will be more accepting if Gays and Lesbians manage to guilt-trip/reject/hide/muzzle the more flamboyant types. Emphasizing the smallness of our difference won't work. It's been tried. People still go nuts. And too many of those 'political guys' are willing to fall over one another to win favor with a populace too thick to be in favor of protecting its own constitution.

All of us need to develop greater acceptance of human diversity. I don't pretend to know how to make that happen. But I do know that blaming drag queens for inadequate AIDS funding, or any of our other political problems, comes dangerously close to adopting the same tactics of oppression under which we have all suffered.

—Sincerely, Gregg Mulry

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The Arts

“Grand Hotel”

Review

by Kevin Michael

Tommy Tune has arrived once again on Broadway, this time with a musical version of the famous film **Grand Hotel**.

His concept is quite interesting indeed. He has fashioned the interior of the Grand Hotel using plexiglas and unique lighting. Columns made from plexiglas inwardly lit along with three beautiful chandeliers provide the set ever so beautifully. Also, a booth style sofa which runs around the exterior perimeter of the set provides the opportunity for the actors to become part of the set while not directly performing. Although the concept has been used in other shows, it works well here.

Michael Jeter, as Kringelein, the sickly bookkeeper, won the Tony Award this year at Best Featured Actor in a Musical. Unfortunately for me, he was out the evening I saw the show but I saw an adequate performance by former Milwaukeean, Chip Zien.

The Baron, usually played by David Carroll, now out of the show for medical reasons permanently, was played the night I saw the show by Mark Jacoby. Jacoby didn't have the right chemistry with Liliane Montevecchi, who played the aging ballerina role, made famous by Greta Garbo in the film. Thus, their entire romantic scene seemed more comedic than serious. (Presently, Jacoby can be seen in Chicago in the title role of the phantom in "Phantom of the Opera.")

Montevecchi didn't seem to work for me. Her 'devoted' secretary Karen Akers also seemed much too cardboard for my own taste.

Jane Krakowski, as Flaemmchen, the typist was quite good. She appeared in the role originally created by Joan Crawford in the film version. She gave an excellent performance even though she didn't win the Best Featured Actress Tony for which she was nominated.

Tune's concept and staging were certainly unique. His choreographed couple which circled through the piece reminded me of the ghost figures seen earlier in **Follies**. The show won two Tonys for Tune. The first as Best Director of a Musical and the second as Best Choreographer.

Santo Loquasto won a Tony for Best costume Design. Those of the Bellboys and the Telephone Operators worked ever so well to create a German 1920's hotel feeling. The Ballerina and the dancing couple too had effective costumes.

I was less than impressed with the
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Jock Shorts

For the third time this season, the showdown between Partners and Triangle was postponed on June 23 by wet grounds. The two teams are scheduled for a game on July 14, with the weatherman's cooperation. Partners won 2 games, while Triangle and Ball Game won their only game's scheduled. M&M Peanuts and Wreck Room split two games, while La Cage and C'est La Vie lost two.

M&M Bad Girls and Fannies continue to control the Women's Division.

SSBL Standings

As of June 23

(Not including Intra-Divisional Games)

Open Division

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Partners | 6 | 0 |
| Triangle | 5 | 0 |
| Ball Game | 4 | 3 |
| M&M Peanuts | 3 | 3 |
| Wreck Room | 2 | 4 |
| La Cage | 1 | 6 |
| C'est La Vie | 0 | 5 |
| Women's Division | | |
| M&M Bad Girls | 6 | 0 |
| Fannies | 4 | 2 |
| Station II | 3 | 3 |
| Nitengales | 1 | 5 |
| Jets | 0 | 4 |

SSBL SCHEDULE

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 07/07 | Upper Diamond |
| 12:00 M&M Bad Girls v La Cage | |
| 1:00 Station II v C'est La Vie | |
| 2:00 La Cage v Station II | |
| 3:00 Nitengales v Jet's Place | |
| 07/07 | Lower Diamond |
| 12:00 Fannies v M&M Peanuts | |
| 1:00 M&M Peanuts v M&M Bad Girls | |
| 2:00 C'est La Vie v Fannies | |
| 3:00 Wreck Room v C'est La Vie | |

SSBL SCHEDULE

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| July 14 | Upper Diamond |
| 11:00 Wreck Room v Triangle | |
| 12:00 Triangle v Partners | |
| 1:00 Ball Game v La Cage | |
| 2:00 Station II v Fannies | |
| 3:00 Nitengales v M&M Bad Girls | |
| July 14 | Lower Diamond |
| 11:00 Partners v C'est La Vie | |
| 12:00 La Cage v C'est La Vie | |
| 1:00 Fannies v Nitengales | |
| 2:00 M&M Peanuts v Ball Game | |
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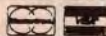
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show because the two strongest performers were out. Thus, I can't judge other than what I did see. I only wished I had seen Jeter and Carroll, as I have heard they were very good in their roles, but seeing is believing.

“Yellow On Thursday”

Review

by Kevin Michael

Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network (MGLCN), a committee of the Cream City Foundation provided Milwaukee with another contribution on cable the night of June 21st with **Yellow On Thursday**.

Though not technically perfect its first time out, the show has definite potential. It had some very fine sketches and for a premiere effort had some entertaining and educational moments also.

The opening credits with the yellow accents were fun to tie in with the show's title. In case you don't know, in previous schooldays, it used to be said that if you wore yellow on Thursday, you were Gay. Hence, the name of the show.

The spoof on Marquette's TV Commercial for “The Milwaukee School of Crusing” was hilarious. The “Mr. Bill” takeoff had some fun moments as did the entire sketch about looking for a roommate.

Areas for improvement too were evident. Personally I enjoyed the sketch on the blind date but the series of monologues one after another could have been more interestingly designed for a television audience. Also, the tempo of the dancers could have been in sync with the musical soundtrack in a dream sequence sketch but these are fine tuning areas this new company will attend to.

The program improvements needed boil down easily to one thing. Basically, the show seems to have too few people doing far too many things. A few people are writing, directing, acting, and editing the entire show themselves. Even Barbara Streisand's not an expert at everything she tackles, remember **Yentl** but that's

another story...

The company wishes help with scripting, talent (in any of the above mentioned areas) as well as actual video production (with required Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority training).

These people are to be commended with their initial show. It was enjoyable, worthwhile, and entertaining. If you have the time, talent, inclination, or any combination of the three, they'd be delighted to have you join them in this most worthwhile endeavor. besides it would be fun even if you don't look good in yellow!

“Vampire Lesbians”

Charles Busch's classic camp spectacular **Vampire Lesbians of Sodom**, which opened January 31st at the Royal George Theatre Centre, 1641 N. Halsted, Chicago, has been held over by popular demand to run through July 29th. Performances are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:15pm, Saturdays at 7:00pm and 10:00pm, and Sundays at 7pm. Regular ticket prices are only \$18.50 to \$24.00. Group Rate Tickets (8 or more) Call 312-784-4953. Single Tickets call 312- 988-9000 or 312-902-1500. Tickets are also available at Hot Tix and Ticketmaster. Running time: 2 hours, with one 15 minute intermission. **Vampire Lesbians** is now the longest running show in the history of the Ruggles cabaret at the Royal George Theatre Centre. We celebrated our 100th performance on May 5th and will celebrate our 150th performance on Thursday July 5th in the 6th month of our fun run. The New York production of **Vampire Lesbians** recently closed (on May 27th) after their 2000th performance (May 6th) after more than 5 years at the Provincetown Playhouse making **Vampire** the third longest running play in New York history, just behind **Grease** and **A Chorus Line!**



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Partner's Pride Prom '90 was one of the final fundraisers for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee. Some of the MLGPC Committee members are shown in the bottom photo with Paul and Jim of Partner's.

Sullivan, who now lives in San Francisco, is currently working on a eagerly awaited autobiography. His own life and brave spirit should prove to be even more fascinating and educating than Garland's.

From Female to Male, The Life of Jack Bee Garland is available from Woodland Pattern on Locust Street, Webster's on Downer, Peoples Bookstore on Farwell or by mail at \$10 postpaid from Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton Street, Boston, MA 02118.



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Books

“From Female To Male”

Reviewed by Eldon E. Murray

From Female to Male, The Life of Jack Bee Garland

by Louis Sullivan
Alyson Publications, Inc., 184pp.,
illustrated, \$8.95.

Milwaukeeans will have two good reasons for reading Lou Sullivan's biography of Jack Bee Garland, a woman who lived and dressed as a man from the 1890's until his death in 1936.

The first reason is that the author grew up in Milwaukee in a woman's body as Sheila Sullivan before undergoing successful sexual reassignment surgery to become the man that his psyche and mentality always had felt was right for him. This brave and difficult decision was even more challenging because few female to male transformations had been done at the time and because Lou not only saw himself as a man, but he firmly felt that his gender identity was that of a Gay man, which blew a lot of minds.

The second reason for reading this book is simply for the fascination and straight-forwardness of the story of Jack's life as a man in a woman's body. Aside from the fact that Sullivan is a very good writer who knows how to present the story, he, quite naturally, presents Garland's story with compassion because of the parallels to his own life. Sullivan, however, never once comments on his own life, but allows Garland's story to stand on its own merits. His research into Garland's life was exhaustive and sometimes frustrating for after San Francisco passed a law in 1903 which prohibited the "wearing of Apparel of Opposite Sex," Jack managed to step out of the limelight and to live the rest of his life in relative obscurity, living outside of the law without giving up his male identity.

It is not the purpose of this review to present an abridged version of the book or to relate the events of Jack's remarkable life, but suffice it to say that his lifestyle was not only daring, but adventurous and sometimes risky. Jack first gained notoriety when, as Babe Bean, he was arrested in 1897 in Stockton, California for "masquerading as a man," but was released when it became apparent that he had broken no law. The newspapers, however, had a field day telling the story of this 'curiosity' who wore boy's clothing with 'fourteen pockets.'

His charm and charisma won him a large group of admirers and he soon, because of his writing ability, earned a scant living as a writer and newspaper reporter using the by-line of Babe Bean. In 1899 he stowed away on a troopship heading for the Philippines in order to cover the Spanish American War from the front lines. He spent a total of about 10 months during 1899 and 1900 with the combat troops, always in male attire, being fondly known as Lieutenant Jack by his fellow soldiers and the Little Captain by the natives. His war correspondent stories appeared regularly in The San Francisco Examiner.

After the war he returned to San Francisco, assuming the name Garland (his mother's maiden name) after the passage of the 1903 law. Little is known about the remainder of his life, except for the fact that he served as a male nurse with the Red Cross helping victims of the 1906 San Francisco fire and earthquake. A certificate of commendation for these efforts was found among his papers after his death.

In addition to the chronicle of Garland's life, Sullivan has reprinted excerpts and illustrations from his newspaper articles, which give us a good look at Garland's unique views on men, women, babies, gamblers, the poor, etc., versus the conventional views of the late Victorians of his time. This book is fascinating and factual, as well as being one of the few well researched works on the historical aspects of gender identity; female to male in particular. Much has been written about male to female transsexuality, but little about female to male transsexuality.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Pride Week is over, and what a time it was... from Milwaukee's very successful 2nd annual parade and rally on June 16th to Chicago's 100,000 plus parade on the 24th. It reaffirms one's faith in the Gay/Lesbian community and all of our wonderful diversity. I'm charged up for another year... how about you?

This issue had an early deadline of 4pm June 27th, because we had to go to the printer a full day early (Sunday instead of Monday evening). To meet our printer's deadline, we had to have everything you read in this magazine input onto computer diskettes by Thursday evening, so our typesetting company could translate it all into photo-typesetting, and return it to us for lay-out/paste-up. So, if your ads or articles aren't in this issue, you must have missed our advertised early deadline.

We switched to this new system where we do all the input three issues ago, and it allowed us to do the late-breaking news and coverage we gave in last issue to Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and Rally. In the past, that would not have been feasible. And, lo and behold, we're actually getting to the point that we know what we're doing with this new computer system!

Going back to June 15th, the **New Leaf** held their Mr. Gay New Leaf contest and crowned Chuck as their titleholder. In Milwaukee, the **Oberon's** held their 3rd annual run weekend/anniversary celebration, Acorn III at the **Wreck Room**. That party lasted all weekend, and helped to provide a very colorful lead-off contingent for the Pride Parade on Saturday.

The full details of Milwaukee's Pride Parade were covered in the last issue, but I still have to compliment the community on doubling the size from last year's parade. Considering we had a constant drizzle that's amazing, and heart-warming. After all the negative talk last year (saying the Pride Committee wouldn't ever pull off a parade), this year offered a vast difference in attitude.

Thanks, and let's double it again next year!

The **Cream City Chorus** annual spring concert the night of the Parade, entitled "Tomorrow Belongs To Me," drew the Chorus' biggest audience ever. The emotionally-laden music was a perfect way to culminate the day.

It was a hot time in Racine at **Jo'Dee's** for their "Hot In Our City" show the 16th. It provided plenty of time for the customers to go to Milwaukee's Parade and get back home, dressed, and out on the town.

Sunday, June 17th was another busy day around the state... the **Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM)** sponsored their Pancake Breakfast at the Shorewood Women's Club as a fundraiser for LAMM. Meanwhile, older Lesbians were invited to **Silver Space** for a discussion and social gathering at the Counseling Center.

GAMMA 'did' Great America with all of them wearing red shirts, and then there were those who really got 'done up' in formal attire for **Partner's Pride Prom**.

Holiday Invitational Tournament '90 (HIT) held their annual Pie Toss benefit at **M&M's Patio** that afternoon, raising \$1,205 for HIT. There were three \$100 bids for Boo Boo, Rona and Al Thomas.

Another big benefit was held at **Rod's** for the **Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)**. The Bachelor Bid raised over \$3,500 in pledges for the six official bachelors, and several impromptu bachelors who donated their services for a price. Rodney reportedly drew over \$750 in bids! Great benefit for a unfortunately much-needed organization.

The **Pivot Club** was the location for King Production's Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA At-Large contest (for impersonators weighing in at over 200 lbs.). Four contestants competed with Dee Richards from Minneapolis capturing the crown, and Milwaukee's own Church Lady taking 1st runner-up.

... I told you it was a busy Sunday!

Tuesday the 19th saw the Wisconsin

get it over with. "Sandra Bernhardt is on Letterman."

Day 6 When he wants to try a new position in bed, call on your acting abilities to just barely conceal a look of terror, by pretending to be the teen star of a low-budget horror shocker.

Day 7 Burst through the door breathless, loudly sharing a major awareness which surfaced during your therapy session that you've suddenly realized you could never be truly satisfied with just one man.

Day 8 Throw a dinner party in his honor and invite all his friends. Be sure your attitude conveys what a dreadful inconvenience it is to entertain total jerks. Offer appetite suppressants to overweight guests. Later, drink too much and act terribly possessive, giving malicious looks to anyone who even talks to your lover and then unabashedly flirt with his ex-boyfriend or best friend's lover.

Day 9 Loose the cap to his favorite pen. Then carelessly toss his cherished silk shirt in the washer with the capless pen in the pocket, set wash cycle to HOT.

Day 10 Tell him he's turned you hetero, announce your engagement to a high

school sweetheart. Inform him you're going to have 10 kids and live like Michael and Hope from TV's **thirtysomething**.

Day 11 Take him to your therapist for a couple's session, introduce him by saying, "This is the slimy, manipulating, co-dependent jerk who we talk about every week."

Day 12 Announce if you are forced to spend just one more day with him, you'll have to be put on a 24-hour suicide watch.

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

12 Days to Freedom

A graceful withdrawal from an unfulfilling same-sex union, is a dilemma which has perplexed Gays for thousands of years. Most experts on same-sex relationships (usually any Gay man who has gone out with the same person for more than a week) agree the optimum method is to make it appear as though breaking-up were entirely the other person's idea. While our prehistoric ancestors could simply chase away a stale love with a club, modern man must use more subtle, dignified means. Just as freedom and independence quickly swept Eastern Europe, the following 12 day plan is guaranteed to deliver your liberty from an oppressive relationship.

Day 1 Coyly coax him into a love-making mood, then abruptly initiate a guilt-laden, hour-long discussion on his love/hate relationship with his mother. Hint: use lots of meaningless psycho-babble like, "You've got to stop stuffing your ambivalent feelings or you'll be repressed and continue to play old tapes in which I'm your mother and not your lover."

Day 2 Over your morning bowl of Frosted Flakes, casually inform him you've decided to change careers and become a female impersonator. Prove you plan on going through with it by pulling a vial of liquid eyeliner and syringe from a new rhinestone studded purse, roll up a sleeve and ask him to help find a vein.

Day 3 Force your lover to listen to a 3 hour

concert from your prized record collection (not available in any store).

Day 4 Enthusiastically tell him you're the new president of the Barbara Bush Fan club and must wear a strand of pearls the size of jumbo marshmallows everywhere you go.

Day 5 When he feels passionate and you're not, respond with a snide, dismissive laugh. When he takes off his underpants, point and snicker incessantly. Then tell him to hurry up and



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premiere of "Longtime Companion" sponsored by Wisconsin Light and In Step as a benefit for the Milwaukee Pride Committee. The Oriental Theatre event drew 564 people, raising \$2,538 for the Pride Committee. The only Pride benefit raising more was the Pride Guide which brought in over \$2,600. In future years, as the Pride Committee becomes more established, most of their money hopefully, will be raised by these large scale benefits that will become part of our social calendars.

Kudos to M&M/Glass Menagerie for the lovely champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception after the film. The banquet room was overflowing with people, and champagne.

Wednesday was the date for the Miss 219 Pageant. Four girls vied for the cherished title, with Dominique coming out on top. The next night at 219, was one for the boys, or should I say men... the French Canadian Dancers from Club Happy Tap in Windsor made another stop at the bar. This time they brought in three different specimens, oh, I mean dancers, for our perusal... love those Canadian (fig) leaves!

"Yellow on Thursday" the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network's [MGLCN] new half-hour, fast-paced comedy show, premiered on Warner Cable Channel 14 on the 21st. Keep your eye peeled for future broadcasts on MATA Channel 14, this is *contd. on page 36*

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La Crosse's Pridefest '90 was held at Goose Island state park.

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one you don't want to miss... the crowd at the **Triangle** for the premiere party can attest to that. Congratulations to In Step's own W.W. Wells III, who joined the show as a writer. His twisted sense of humor was obvious in the script.

The weekend of the 22-24 was another busy one around the state. I took a brief respite after the very busy schedule for the last three issues, and was out-of-town for the weekend. Friday night found me ensconced in my hotel room, but I did make a jaunt up to **Club 94** for a real entertaining evening. Many thanks to Bobby Hultman and his loyal staff at 94 for a most entertaining weekend... even if I did have to put up with the evil stares from a notorious local who happened to pick the same night for one of her rare appearances.

That weekend was also busy for the women... with Hurricane Production's presenting "Circus of a Queer Nature." The performance/dance art featuring local and New York artists was just one special event for the women, with "Dykes to

Watch Out For" the other. That LAMM fundraiser brought cartoonist Alison Bechdel to Milwaukee for her slideshow/presentation.

The **New Leaf** didn't have any women enter their Ms. Butch New Leaf contest (could it be the 'Butch' title was too confining/exclusive?)

Appleton's **Pivot Club** presented "Anything Box" recording artists, who sang several numbers including their current hit "Living in Oblivion."

Club 219 opened their all-new downstairs video lounge, **219 Plus**. It's not a leather bar anymore, Dorothy. Now it's a casual, quieter space to sit back and view videos, talk and relax. It goes well with 'Bobby's Birdland Deck.'

Rod's Orgasm simulation contest went over so well, they've decided to bring the best back for a reprise during their anniversary week festivities. Talk about performance art!

My photographer Doug and his better half David traveled to La Crosse that weekend to party at 4th annual Pridefest '90. The day-long picnic at Goose Island



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community is no different. The days of **The Well of Loneliness** are gone, and positive, affirming Lesbian literature is available for readers with a variety of interests.

Early Lesbian literature focused on coming out stories, and accounts of love quests. Today, mysteries, science fiction, true life adventure stories and, yes, traditional love stories, fill the shelves of progressive book stores throughout the country.

In Milwaukee, People's Books on Milwaukee's east side carries the most extensive collection of Lesbian and Gay literature. The staff is supportive, and is willing to order books and publications as needed. In addition, Harry Schwartz Book Stores and Webster's Books carry respectable collections of Gay and Lesbian books.

Those new to Lesbian literature must start with **Rubyfruit Jungle**, the classic novel by Rita Mae Brown. Brown is the noted queen of Lesbian literature, and has extended her market beyond the Lesbian community. Recent books have found

there way onto the Book of the Month Club selections, and that's acceptability. Beyond this classic, mystery fans will enjoy Kathryn V. Forrest, and those who enjoyed the film **Dessert Hearts** should read the original, **Dessert of the Hearts**, by Jane Rule. Rule has written dozens of books, and all are of high quality.

The great thing about books is that they can be shared, and those afraid to purchase Lesbian and Gay books in stores can consider ordering books through the mail. The ultimate accessibility without the fear and danger of a bookstore.

This is just a short introduction of the many things available in the Lesbian community. Needless to say, we have many more social and cultural opportunities available to women, both in Milwaukee and nationally.

We need to remember that when we gripe about the state of Lesbian life in Milwaukee, that we have the power to change it. Hurricane Productions, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Lesbians of Color, Grapevine, Midwest Productions/Icebergg Records, and others have made a commitment to quality programming of Lesbian culture in Milwaukee. Become a part of it!

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featured volleyball, games, dancing, beer, soda and food. There was also the chance to get away in seclusion for hiking, boating and whatever. This fun picnic gets bigger and better every year.

The weekend wrapped with several events, including **Jet's Place** 4th anniversary bash, with an afternoon of fun, food and lots of prizes. Congrats to Jet, Bob, Bobby and the rest of the staff on another fun year.

The **Triangle** loaded up their bus, as did the **Cream City Chorus** for a trip to Chicago's Pride Parade.

The Chorus won one of two judges special choice awards, which was one of five awards over all given out by the Chicago Pride Committee. Their float and auxiliary marching unit featured accordion players, tuba, drums and majorettes constantly replaying the only song they knew... the Beer Barrel Polka. Great idea, huge fun!. Over 100,000 people attended/participated in the Parade this year according to Police estimates.

Milwaukee has the potential of developing into the second biggest

Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade in the Midwest. Sure, Chicago had 100,000, but it took them 21 years to get that big... if we keep doubling every year, we could catch up pretty quick!

The **Pivot Club** hosted Ms Gay Wisconsin State and her "Pieces of Love" benefit show for the Fox Valley AIDS Project. Prior to the show featuring lots of special guests, there was an afternoon cookout as part of the benefit.

My early deadline prevents me from covering events after the night of the 26th, so that brings us up to date. After these last two 96 page issues, you may find this one slim at 80. Just think back to the years when we used to publish 32 and 48 page issues! Actually, we're kind of glad nothing big is happening, we've been going gaga around here since before Memorial Day and welcome the respite.




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Calendar

TUESDAY, JULY 3

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Hunter & The Headliners male dancers.

Rod's [Madison]: 4th of July Eve party & Grab box. Rhett "Butt" Butler look a like contest.

Nitengales: Celebrate with \$1 domestic bottle beer & \$1 slammers.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wreck Room: 4th of July drink specials.

Rod's [Madison]: Independence Day Celebration, Southern T-Dance, \$3 beer bust/BBQ 2-8pm on the patio. Trip to fireworks at dusk. Followed by the Fake Orgasm Contest (special edition).

Nitengales: Celebrate the 4th with our \$3 beer bash.

Ballgame: 4th of July picnic buffet served 1-8pm.

Club 3054 [Madison]: 4th Cookout at 5, Double beer bust.

Club 219: Independence day blow out with "Hunter & The Headliners" male dancers.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

Rod's [Madison]: 11th Anniv. Celebration, 2 for 1 & \$1.50 beer 4-7, Levi/leather night.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Rods [Madison]: 11th Anniv. Celebration 2 for 1 drinks & \$1.50 beer 4-7.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

6th Annual Unity Picnic [Eau Claire]: Riverview Park Island, noon-? Continues July 8. Music, games, beer, Soda, snacks, condiments provided, bring something to grill. \$3 covers both days & show. Ju-Di's Wildwood, DJ-10 to close on Saturday; Show & Dance on Sunday, 8-close.

Wreck Room: Castaway's Beer Bust.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: King Productions' Miss Gay Kenosha pageant, a Wisconsin-USA Preliminary.

Rod's [Madison]: 11th Anniv. Blow-out cocktail party 4-8pm with Hors d'oeuvres, dancing.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Pivot [Appleton]: King Production's Miss Gay Appleton pageant. A Wisconsin-USA preliminary.

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.

Rod's [Madison]: Full Moon Party.

Partner's: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous on site HIV testing from 2-6pm. Ever famous BBQ 3-7.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Country 2-step Night.

MONDAY, JULY 9

Partner's: Martini Club Pool Party, 5-?

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Club 219: Annual Miss Gay Continental Wisconsin Pageant, showtime 9:30. Special guests Miss Gay Continental USA 89-90. Florida's Lakesa Lucky & Miss Cont. Wisconsin 89-90, Atlanta's Paula Sinclair. Tickets \$7 advance, \$9 door. Table packages available.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

GAMMA: Brown Bag Lunch at the PAC's Peck Pavilion at noon to see "Kid's from Wisconsin."

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Milwaukee Trackers: "Storm the Bastille," meet at Miller tent at 9pm, 5K run begins 10pm from Cathedral Square Park. All skill levels, call Jim/Brian at 332-1527.

La Cage: Cora Mae's 9th Annual 21st Birthday Bash & Show. Special surprise! guest stars, and drink specials.

Partner's: Ted's Birthday party, 10-close.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

The New Bar [Madison]: MAGIC weekend, doors open at 4, meet the Madison Invitational Volleyball players.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Free Beer at 9pm.

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Nitengales

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Darla's View

by Darla Kashian

Lesbian Culture!

Culture, as defined by the **American Heritage Dictionary**, is a style of social and artistic expression unique to a particular society or class. In the Lesbian community, we share a unique culture that continues to grow, and each day, is expanded by the creativity in our community.

Culture in the Lesbian community always starts and ends with our heritage in the "women's music" business. In the early 1970's, Meg Christian and Cris Williamson founded Olivia Records, the first Lesbian - feminist record company. Today, Olivia Records, and now Redwood, Icebergg, and Ladyslipper Record Companies are engaged in the business of bringing Lesbian music to millions of women world-wide.

Our community has grown since Meg and Cris began singing. Today, we have a variety of cultural opportunities available to us, but because of homophobia, many do not know of the cultural opportunities available to Lesbians nationwide.

The Lesbian community has developed a strong community rooted in the women's music network. Initially, women's music meant folk music - a woman and her guitar. Today, lead by new artists, women's music now includes rock 'n roll of Tret Fure, classical music from Musica Femina, new age music with Kay

Gardner, and pop-dance from Amethyst of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Perhaps the best source of information about Lesbian life in the United States is the national publication, **Lesbian Connection**. Now, in their 13th year, this quirky publication offers an excellent overview of the Lesbian community.

Quirky, because **Lesbian Connection** arrives folded with approximately 10 staples holding the pages shut so that postal workers in even the smallest towns won't know. In addition, the women of LC have maintained their commitment to support Lesbians readers regardless of financial ability. Subscriptions to the publication is "\$18 - more if you can, less if you can't." It's the only publication that will continue to mail to you even if you can't afford it. (for subscriptions, send \$18 +/- to Ambitious Amazons, PO Box 811, East Lansing, MI 48826)

Each month, LC publishes the names, addresses and phone numbers subscribers who are willing to be Contact Dykes. In towns throughout the country, dykes (me, too!) agree to be listed so that travelers, people moving, or women new to the Lesbian community may contact a new friend to establish a base for Lesbian activity. We receive about 8 - 12 inquiries each year as a result of the Contact Dyke directory.

Literature has always been a strong part of any culture, as the written word is proof of our history. The Lesbian

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SATURDAY, JULY 14

MAGIC PICNIC!

MAGIC Picnic & Volleyball Tournament: Brittingham Park, noon-7pm, \$7 donation for food & beverage. Donations benefit Madison area Gay & Lesbian organizations.

The New Bar [Madison]: MAGIC Weekend party, \$2 cover, doors open 8pm.

Rod's [Madison]: MAGIC Party, doors open at 4, gigantic beer garden party, dancing, \$1.25 taps, \$1.50 shots, \$2 cover.

Club 3054 [Madison]: MAGIC day, open at noon, drink specials all day/night.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Rod's [Madison]: MAGIC wrap-up, opens at 6am with eye-opener specials, with Karlotta. \$3 beer bash, cook-out on the patio 2-8.

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center [Madison]: Raffle, Brunch & Concert to benefit MG/LRC's educational video library. Cardinal Bar, 11am-2pm, \$5 donation for adults, \$3 for children under 12.

The New Bar [Madison]: MAGIC Weekend. After The Bash, Come To The Ball, doors open 7, \$1.50 juice drinks.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Open at noon, \$1.50 juice drinks, plus beer bust.

MONDAY, JULY 16

Club 3054 [Madison]: Now see them in the flesh! French Canadian Male Dancers, showtime 10:30pm.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous on site HIV testing from 9pm-midnight.

Triangle: Bus trip to Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha. \$5 includes transport, entry fee, racing form, tip sheet & reserved seat. Bus leaves Triangle at 6pm, returns at midnight.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Miss Gay Wisconsin At-Large benefit show.

GAMMA: Miniature golf outing, Johnson's Park, 7350 N. 76th St., 7pm, informal dining out after.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing on-site from 4-8pm.

ZA's [Green Bay]: 1st Anniv. Weekend, Grand Finals Lip Sync, complimentary champagne 9pm-10pm.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Full Moon Party. Best Underwear contest at midnight, happy hour prices all night.

Nitengales: Janet Jackson Party, chance to win free tickets, give aways, \$1 Slammers.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

M&M Club: Peanuts fundraiser, BBQ on the patio.

ZA's [Green Bay]: 1st Anniv. Weekend, King Production's Miss Gay Green Bay WI-USA Pageant, \$3 cover.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

The New Bar [Madison]: Miss Gay Capitol City, WI-USA preliminary contest.

ZA's [Green Bay]: 1st Anniversary Champagne & Buffet in the Beer Garden. Volleyball, music. Opens early at 1pm.



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