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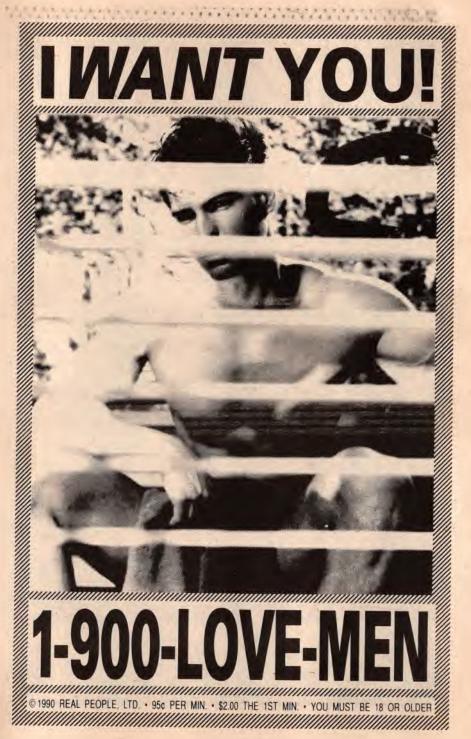
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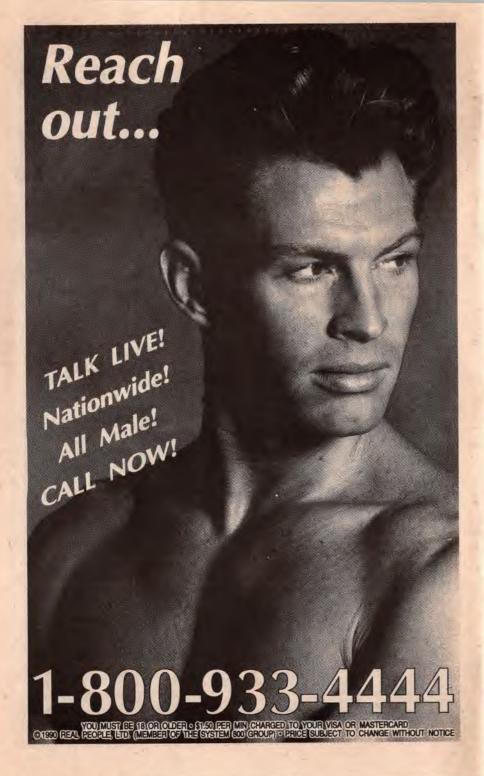


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Fed. Domestic Partnership Case Filed

New York [LLDEF] - In the first domestic partnership benefits case filed in federal court, the surviving Lesbian partner of a deceased AT&T employee charged the company with discrimination for refusing to provide her with employment benefits routinely given to surviving family members. Sandra Rovira, the surviving partner who is represented by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, claimed in a complaint filed Aug. 22 that AT&T's denial of benefits violates federal law which requires an employer to honor the promises it makes regarding benefits. Furthermore, AT&T's denial of benefits to Rovira violates its own company employment policy which includes protection against sexual orientation and marital status discrimination.

Rovira had been in a committed relationship for twelve years with Marjorie Forlini, who was an AT&T Sales and Marketing Manager from 1980 until her death from cancer in 1988. The two women shared a home for most of their twelve years together, and had formalized their relationship with a ceremony. For the last ten years, they together had raised Rovira's two children from a former marriage.

After Forlini's death, Rovira, who was the executor of Forlini's estate, applied to AT&T for its sickness death benefit, the equivalent of Forlini's yearly income. This benefit is routinely provided by AT&T to the surviving spouse and dependent children of employees in order to assist them with the loss of a wage earner. As

Forlini's surviving partner, Rovira requested the benefit for herself and her children whom Forlini had raised as her own. Yet, AT&T refused to extend the benefit on the grounds that Rovira and Forlini were not legally married and that the children were not Forlini's natural or adopted children.

"This case is a good example of a phenomenon that goes on far too frequently," stated Paula Ettelbrick. Lambda's Legal Director and the Lambda attorney handling the case, "Companies have passed policies that, in name. provide equal treatment for Lesbians and Gay men in the workplace. In reality these protections are seldom enforced and almost never translate into equal pay for Lesbians and Gay employees. Just as AT&T could not be allowed to pay sickness death benefits to white employees or only to male employees, they should not be allowed to deny unmarried Lesbian employees their right to equal compensation."

Lee Bantle, an attorney at Beldock Levine & Hoffman, who is working with Lambda on the case, noted, "The denial was blatantly discriminatory and violates AT&T's own promise to provide equal benefits to employees regardless of their sexual orientation or marital status. By denying this benefit, AT&T not only ignored New York City and State laws which protect against sexual orientation and marital status discrimination, but also the federal law which mandates that employers provide benefits promised to employees."

Wisconsin AIDS Walk Sept. 30

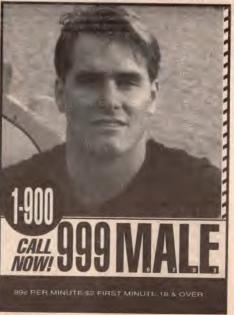
Milwaukee — The first Wisconsin AIDS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 30, along Milwaukee's Lakefront. Produced by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (M.A.P.), the Walk will promote community-wide awareness of AIDS and raise essential funds to address the challenges of the

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Registration and pledge forms are available at all local Kohl's Food Stores or by calling M.A.P. at (414) 273-1991. Prizes will be awarded in different prize categories based on the dollar amount turned in the day of the Walk. Sponsors of







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"The Wisconsin AIDS Walk will be the largest fundraiser and educational event for AIDS ever produced in Wisconsin," said Doug Nelson, M.A.P. Executive Director. "We are anticipating more than 2,500 walkers who, through pledges, will help raise a goal of \$175,000."

M.A.P. will receive 75 percent of the Walk proceeds to support AIDS prevention education programs, volunteer resources and support services provided to people with AIDS. The remainder of the proceeds will be disbursed to other organizations that provide AIDS services in Milwaukee and Wisconsin - Brady East STD Clinic Inc.; Green Bay's Center Project; Madison AIDS Support Network; Visiting Nurse Assoc.; plus Beloit Council on Substance Abuse, Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, Lincoln Neighborhood Center, Spanish Center of Racine, and the WI. Conf. of Churches/AIDS Pastoral Care Network.

Initial sponsors of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk include Aurora Health Care, Bank One, Miller Brewing Company, and Time Insurance Company. Others who have signed on as corporate sponsors include: Thelen Engineering & Assoc.; WTMJ Channel 4; Breezin 100.7 FM; First WI. Bank of Mayfair; Natl. Business Furniture; Milw. Co. Labor Council; Park Bank; Henri's Food Products Co.; and United Health, Inc. plus several others.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project is a nonprofit AIDS service organization of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. M.A.P. is dedicated to minimizing the effects of AIDS and directing its energies and resources to providing general and preventative education as well as offering support services for persons with AIDS and HIV infection, their families and friends.

Registration on the day of the Walk begins at 11am at Urban Park, just north of the Summerfest grounds. The Walk begins at 12:30pm with refreshments and entertainment provided along the route.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

More than 20 prominent community leaders will host a fund-raising breakfast the morning of the AIDS Walk benefiting the client support services and education programs of M.A.P.

"The religious, political and corporate leaders who are hosting the Breakfast and supporting the Wisconsin AIDS Walk reflect the broad base of community support we are now gaining in our efforts against the AIDS epidemic," said Nelson. "Their support symbolizes the commitment we will need from people from all walks of life if we are to effectively meet the immense challenges of AIDS that lie ahead."

The breakfast will be held at Professional Marketing Services, 2071 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee, from 9:30am to 11am. Participants are asked to make a \$50 tax-deductible donation to M.A.P.

Immediately following the breakfast, the estimated 300 people in attendance will be asked to join Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and Susan Mudd in leading off the the Wisconsin AIDS Walk.

ACT UP Drills Dentists

Milwaukee — "It's too risky," "I don't like wearing gloves," "We'll only clean your teeth." "Our carpeting keeps us from having a sterile environment," "We prefer not to." "If our other patients found out..."

ACT UP Milwaukee heard these and other excuses why dentists wouldn't treat HIV positive patients. Members of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power conducted a phone survey of 172 dentists after learning that the Milwaukee AIDS

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ACT UP Targets Dentists contd. from page 5

Project could only refer its clients to three dentists out of a thousand in the Milwaukee area.

Posing as persons who had tested positive to the HIV virus (thought to cause AIDS) who were looking for dental care, they found one third of the dentists discriminated by refusing treatment, claiming proper precautions take too long or cost too much. State law forbids such discrimination by health practitioners.

Some dentists claimed they couldn't take new patients, but when someone else called back without mentioning HIV, they were given an appointment. Many other dentists tried to discourage appointments by the HIV+'s by delaying it for an unacceptable length of time, or by charging outrageous fees. Many said they could not create a sterile environment for their patients.

"What would the general public think if they knew their dentists aren't using proper infection controls?" asked ACT UP member Karyn Teufel. "Almost all of the people infected with HIV don't know it. These dentists are already treating HIV positives without acknowledging it. They should be using precautions with all their patients!"

The suggested medical/dental universal precautions for HIV were originally implemented more than a decade ago to deal with hepatitis, another virus spread by blood and body fluids. An ACT UP news release said "the precautions are not difficult to fulfill. They are not new. They are meant to be used with all patients, because health care practitioners don't know the health status of all their patients.'

In the state of Wisconsin, there are no continuing education requirements that dentists must meet to keep their licenses or memberships in their associations. Only 50 dentists out of over 3,000 have taken the optional infection control class offered by Marquette Dental School.

According to experts, anyone who is HIV+ should have regular dental

checkups and cleanings every six months. The mouth is a major entry point for infections. If the mouth is kept clean, it can stem the spread of numerous infections. ACT UP referred to one patient who found that his blood counts skyrocketed when he finally had his rotting teeth pulled. His immune system could then concentrate on more important things than fighting his oral infections.

"If you keep getting hit over the head by the medical community, pretty soon you're just going to give up," commented one patient. Another patient, after being told that he would have to pay double for all the dental procedures, called his dentist back to cancel and told him he'd call a new dentist and not tell that dentist he was HIV positive.

ACT UP Milwaukee has sent letters warning dentists that they have been found to discriminate against persons with HIV and AIDS. A list of these dentists was given to Dennis McGuire, executive director of the Wisconsin Dental Association, at a meeting September 4. between ACT UP, the local dental association, the Marquette Dental School and their lawyer. ACT UP called the meeting to "demand the WDA take leadership in this issue which has not been fully addressed in the past." ACT UP's expectations of the WDA include: an acknowledgment of the problem of wide-spread discrimination and ignorance; informing and educating WDA members of state law, ethics, and universal precaution procedures; and a WDA commitment to cooperate with all relevant parties to bring a quick end to this problem.

ACT UP also demanded a letter be sent to all the dentists in the state explaining the problem, state law, and the implications of unethical behavior. Among the eleven points they wanted covered in the letter was the threat of expulsion & of being reported to the state.

The WDA said it would not investigate any of the names on the list given them by ACT UP, but they would contact members who reportedly refuse to accept HIV infected patients with a reminder that it is illegal to do so. They also said they would not turn in dentists who are charged with

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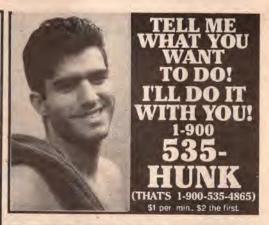
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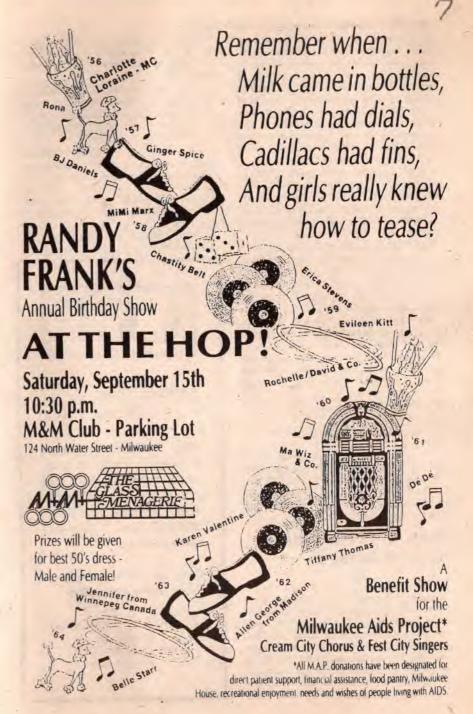
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discrimination by ACT UP for prosecution under the state law passed last April. They want a written complaint to be submitted by every person claiming to have been discriminated against. Once in receipt of such a complaint, the WDA would investigate it as an ethics matter, which, at most, could result in the revocation of an individuals WDA membership. It would not have any affect on the dentists right to practice.

The Greater Milwaukee Dental Association, which also attended the meeting, said it would decide at its September 12 board meeting what action to take with Milwaukee-area members charged with discrimination by ACT UP.

ACT UP Milwaukee has since met with an attorney to create such a form for those complaints, and it "is more than willing to help anyone submit them to the WDA, the state board of regulation & licensing, and the Attorney General."

ACT UP Milwaukee hopes to bring this situation to the attention of the public through continued mass media coverage. They also hope to bring it home to the dentists themselves through pressure from educated patients, perhaps confronting patients on their way to visit targeted dentists and educating them to ask their dentists what universal precautions they do or do not use and why.

If you have a complaint you would like to file, contact ACT UP Milwaukee by calling (414) 769-8708, or write them at PO Box 1707, Milwaukee, WI 53201. A third of our areas dentists are being allowed to ignore the law and it must stop NOW!

Gay Vet: National Guard Biased

The American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Foundation on September 5 filed an employment discrimination complaint with the Wisconsin State Personnel Commission on behalf of a Gay veteran, Richard Aries of Madison, who was denied employment by the Wisconsin National Guard. Aries, who was honorably discharged at the end of his enlistment term with the regular U.S. Army, was

informed by Guard recruiters that he would not be permitted to join the state national guard because of his sexual orientation.

Aries is represented by ACLU of Wisconsin Volunteer Attorney Patrick Berigan (who also handled Miriam ben-Shalom's case) of the Milwaukee law firm of Angermeier & Rogers.

Aries case comes under Wisconsin statues which prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. In addition, Wisconsin statues specifically prohibit the state's national guard from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, in spite of federal regulations requiring such discrimination.



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The ACLU said in a press release "The people of the State of Wisconsin have condemned the irrational, discriminatory, and harmful exclusion of Gay men and Lesbians from the national guard, and have expressed their confidence that the state's security interests will be fully protected by such employment policies."

In his 'Charge of Discrimination' form, Aries related his story: ''On July 11, 1990 I attempted to enroll in the Wisconsin State National Guard. Initially I spoke to a National Guard recruiter on the phone and told him of my experience as having been a former member of the regular army. The recruiter informed me there was a slot open with opportunity for advancement:

and that I would have the same rank I had when I was in the army."

Aries charge continued, "Later that same day I proceeded (to the Guard office in Madison) to speak further with the recruiter, whose name tag identified him as Sergeant Wiggins. During my conversation with Wiggins he noticed that I had been denied re-enlistment in the regular Army. He asked me 'Are you Gay?' and I told him I was. Wiggins than told me that the State National Guard follows National regulations regarding homosexuality.''

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Cop Gay Bashing Update

Outagamie Circuit Court Judge Dennis Luebke will decide by September 24 whether to bind over for trial Blanchardville police officer Brian G. Brown Jr., accused in a felony account of battery and disorderly conduct under the Wisconsin hate crimes law in the beating of 20 year old Brian Rochon of Kimberly in a July 27 incident in the parking lot of the Fox Valley Mall in Town of Grand Chute.

Brown's attorney, Gerald Boyle of Milwaukee has filed a motion to dismiss the charge because of an "insufficient complaint" in addition to a challenge of the constitutionality of the hate crimes law, which applies special sanctions for crimes prompted by race, national origin, sexual preference, disability or ancestry. Boyle annonced at Brown's initial appearance August 17 that he would file a motion challenging the hate crimes law. Brown was put on a \$1,000 signature bond and ordered to not have any contact with the victim at that earlier court appearance.

At the August 30 preliminary hearing, Rochon outlined the events leading up to the alleged assault (as detailed in In Sten issue 16, August 16-29). Brown along with several other students, were celebrating their completion of a Fox Valley Technical Institute police academy course by going to the Omni Lounge in the mall. Rochon and several friends were also in the club. One of the officers removed Rochon's hat, and later, one officer pushed him then called him a fag. When Rochon attempted to leave to avoid further homophobic confrontations, he was followed outside by a group of officers, one of them Brown. Rochon ran across the mall parking lot with Brown in pursuit. Brown then allegedly tackled Rochon, punched him in the face and kicked him in the ribs

The incident ended when a mall security guard broke things up, with Brown helping Rochon up saying "everything is cool" and offering to buy Rochon a drink.

Brown's attorneys said the complaint fails to draw a "nexus" or connection, according to the Appleton Post Crescent. between Brown's behavior and the alleged crime. They also argued the hate crimes law is vague as it relates to an intentional selection of a victim because of sexual orientation.

However, Outagamie County assistant district attorney John Des Jardins, was quoted in the Post Crescent as saying "The language is very clear. It's clear that Brian Rochon was identified with a preference."

Judge Luebke said it was not clear whether a defendant's belief of a victim's sexual orientation is sufficient for a conviction under the hate crimes law. He said jury instructions for the untested hate crimes law seem to indicate that there must be something beyond mere suspicion of a person's sexual orientation before a conviction could be returned. If the hate crimes charge is lifted from the case, it becomes a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

In another aspect of the incident, Marathon County deputy sheriff Thomas R. Peterson who was charged with disorderly conduct under municipal ordinances for his alleged abuse to arresting officers investigating the bashing, has resigned. Peterson resigned after a probe revealed the deputy "may have conducted himself inappropriately toward an investigating officer."

The third officer charged in the assault was Kenosha police recruit Michael B. Wilkinson, who was charged with disorderly conduct for alleged verbal abuse under the hate crimes law. His trial is scheduled for the middle of September.

In yet another development relating to the investigation, two Appleton police officers have received letters of reprimand in connection with alleged sexist and homophobic remarks made to police recruit training classes at the Fox Valley Technical College (the program the above officers were graduating from).

The two officers were part-time instructors at FVTC. The Appleton police department began an investigation into the charges against the instructors less than two weeks before the Rochon incident.



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P.O. Box 12292, 53212	265-8500	
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Cream City Foundation (CCF)	211 0101	
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P.O. Box 818, 53201	476-0808	
Gay People's Union P.O. Box 208, 53201	562-7010	
Gay Youth Milw. (regular peer group meetings)	302 1010	
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Kenosha 'Psychotic' Loose

The Kenosha News reported in late August that homophobe David M. Borkenhagen, a former surgeon convicted of two counts of endangering the safety of others by conduct regardless of life, skipped out on probation, He had been given a travel pass to Chicago to see his attorney. After meeting with his attorney, the man didn't return to Kenosha as scheduled.

The 52 year old Borkenhagen is 6 foot tall, weighs 200 pounds has brown eyes and grayish-brown hair. He is considered dangerous, assaultive and psychotic according to Kenosha police.

Borkenhagen was convicted in May of '88 for trying to run down three male students at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside campus. He reached out of his car and grabbed one of the males by his shirt and dragged him about eight feet before Borkenhagen s car struck a parked vehicle.

When arrested, Borkenhagen told Kenosha officers he had concluded the three males were "youthful homosexuals" just by looking at them. Borkenhagen testified during his trial he was provoked to annoyance and anger by a kind of "electromagnetic" homosexual aura exuded by his victims. He claimed this was the equivalent of assault and battery against him, so he retaliated.

Borkenhagen had been released August 14 after serving nearly 2 years of a 3 year sentence, and was on parole. The probation office said they had nearly daily

contact with him due to the nature of his offense. As part of his probation, the man was to cooperate with psychiatrists at the Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison. He twice failed to cooperate and was returned to Kenosha where in May of '89 his probation was revoked and he was sent to prison.

Navy Gunning For Lesbians

[NOW] — An internal Navy memo advocating further targeting of women for discharge due to homosexuality, was recently leaked to the National Organization for Women and Congressman Gerry Studds' office. The memo, entitled "Equal Treatment of Male and Female Homosexuals," was distributed to all commanding officers in the Naval Surface Forces of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and was sent to NOW and Rep. Studds by anonymous sources in Baltimore, MD and Norfolk, VA.

NOW president Molly Yard said of the memo, "Rarely is the public privy to such a clear example of the military's homophobic, sexist bigotry. Clearly, elements in the military still chafe at the success of women in their ranks. This directive uses the military's institutionalized homophobia to directly attack women in the Navy who are by the author's own admission, 'the Command's top professionals."

Department of Defense statistics show that for all the services combined, women are 3 times more likely than men to be discharged for homosexuality. This memo spells out more clearly than ever before the inherent sexism of the policy and its implementation.

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Mw	Mostly Man, Women Welcome
W .	Prefer Women Only
Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome
0/\$	Gay & Straight Mixed
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Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)	
P.O. Box 1285, 54305	
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P.O. Box 1062, 54305	437-7400

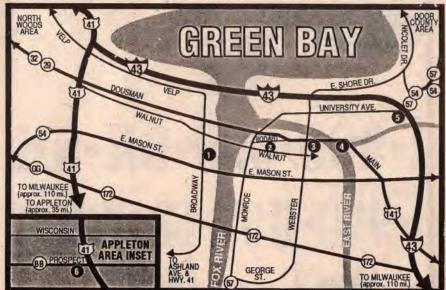
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1552 University Avenue 262-7330

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dig	inity Box 730, 53701	836-888
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Group Notes

MAPfest '90 Huge Success

Milwaukee [M.A.P.] — More than 1,800 people helped MAPfest '90 gross over \$23,000. The Milwaukee AIDS Project's annual fund-raising festival was held on Sunday, Sept. 2.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project would like to thank all of those who helped to make this year's festival a success!

Special thanks go to Ronnie Marks and the Milwaukee AIDS Project Fund-Raising Committee — Robert Archer, Steve Bahr, Tom Boll, Rick Fores, Bea McGee, Lynn Schmidt, Gary Steen, John Terhardt, Roger Uscila and Tom — for their work in organizing MAPfest '90.

Thank you's also go to Jack Schulz and all the food preparers, Church Lady; and staff, clients and volunteers of the Milwaukee AIDS Project who helped with set-up, clean-up, cooking and volunteering at booths; Bob and Fred for sound. And thanks to the Wreck Room, M&M Club, Jet's and the Triangle for financial support.

Thank you to the Skylight Opera for donation of season tickets for the raffle. Raffle winners are E. Phelps (the basket of liquor), Maryann Schaefer (Tandy computer), George Haman (Skylight Opera tickets) and Gwen Long (Grand Ave. gift certificate).

The performers on both stages were outstanding. Thank you to: Rufus and His Singing Machine; Bruce Woodford; Spanish Barflys; Any Title Will Do, Rhonda Moore Production; The New

Sunday Show, La Cage Productions; Win, Lose or Draw, Partners Productions; Chastity Belt & Friends; Stars on Parade, King Productions; Baby Jane Hudson, Friends & Sandy Beach, Miss Ft. Lauderdale; and Miss M with Her Cast of Celebrities, BJ Daniels, Ginger Spice, Ronnie Marks, Bouji and JJ (Miss M also donated her tips, more than \$350, to the Milwaukee House).

Grad Student Confab On G/L Studies

A group of UWM graduate students plans to host the first national graduate student conference on Gay and Lesbian Studies in the spring of 1991. The conference will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) announced approval of a request from the student group to provide significant funding for the event. CCF feels that this conference has excellent potential for increasing the awareness of college students of the realities of Gay and Lesbian matters. While some students continue to harbor strong feelings of homophobia, there is hope that conferences such as this can help to foster better awareness and understanding of Lesbian and Gay people.

Details of dates and locations of the event have yet to be announced. Support for the project has also been pledged by contd. on page 16

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Joey: Smile – you are on home video.

Jim H: Was that strikeout in Pit really the first of your career? The team

Pierre: You left me Sunday morning. (8-12) miss you, miss you, miss you. Please come home. Scott

Stackie, Stashta, and Randy: Missed you while you were away. Ha — anyways, Urg Urg Girl! Your butch sister

Sandy P: Hot cover! Let me know when you need a model.

Brigid

Bonnie: Happy 40th Birthday! Love, Janell

Marilyn: Please come to the third shift. Your all night girlfriends

Carrie & Staff: Congratulations on your one year anniversary. Nitengales is hotter than ever! Bonnie & Janell

Shannon: You're nice but I hope you "don't believe the hype." Lady B

Scott & Larry: Thanks for making my birthday so special! I appreciate your friendship. Steven

June: Thanks for coming upnorth for my birthday. Hope you had a good time.

Your sister, Wanda

T Salzieder: I never ever want to see another pull tab again. Then again, maybe.

Chuck: Most of us go to truck stops to cruise. Thank God there was one near by, otherwise I'd still be cleaning my car.

Frank

WR Spurs: Thanks for letting me be part of a great group of guys. Since next year's plans are uncertain, I'll always remember the Saturday afternoons, San Francisco and Pittsburgh.

Frank

Juanita: Your right- fielding was wonderful at the World Series. Your older sister commends you. Elena

Don't Be a Space Hog... 1 or 2 Graffiti Per Person Please!

Sybil: What's the matter, afraid your daddy won't approve? Your Mama

Ken: Chalk up your last fling for experience you don't need.

Me

Alvin: Sybil still has a soft spot in her cold cold heart for you and only you. Sheboygan

Wreck Room Spurs: Congratulations on a great team effort in Pittsburgh. Tom

Dennis: Happy Birthday, you old fart. S.U.C.H. Club

Dennis: Somewhere between 40 and Death??? Scooter and Shoyman

1995: When you were born, everyone in the delivery room waited in line to slap you. Happy Birthday, Luv. Still There Waiting

Faun & Patty: To you I owe my life. I love him alot. Vic

John: What I said above, is very true! Vic

Roger: Good luck with your new child bride. Cheers n' stuff. Jack

Mark [Racine]: Met you second time at Triangle, lets talk again. Please call. Michael

Joel: Happy Anniversary. Love, Rob

Tammy: Thank you for helping us with MAP poker. Teri & Shirley

T.K.: Loved working with you on our project, M.A.P. poker. Love ya, S.F.

To All M.A.P. poker players: Thank you for helping us raise \$540 for M.A.P.

Teri & Shirley

T.: Apparently you have no further use of my breed and caste. But of course, afterall, I'm inane and impecunious.

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the UWM Center for Women's Studies.

The Student Conference representatives may be reached through the UWM Center for Women's Studies at (414) 229-5918, or through the Cream City Foundation.

MAP Offers Spirituality Program

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project Spiritual Care Program will offer a six- week program on Creation Spirituality this fall. "New Thoughts on Relating to God: Creation Spirituality" will be held at the Milwaukee AIDS Project on six consecutive Thursdays from 10:30am to noon beginning Sept. 20. The program, led by John Gregg, will run through Oct. 25.

"Creation Spirituality," according to Gregg, is "an old attitude toward relating to God, and is now being 'revived.' It is not 'new age,' and it is not heresy. But some parts of the institutional church have tried to keep down this resurgence. Those persons who feel rejected by dogmatic religion may find this approach more congenial and comforting...and perhaps more personally challenging."

The six-week program, organized by the Spiritual Care Program at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, is for people who are interested in exploring and searching for better ways to relate to God.

Questions regarding the Creation Spirituality Program or Spiritual Care Services should be directed to Beth Hancock, S.S.M., case management coordinator, (414)273-1991.

"What If I'm Gay" On TV

Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation is sponsoring the TV show "What If I'm Gay" on Saturday, September 29th on Channel 36 at 10:30pm. The show stars Ed Marinaro (formerly of Hill Street Blues) as a high school counselor. The counselor works with three high school juniors, one of whom is admitting his homosexual preference.

MAP's Worship Svc

Milwaukee — Beginning Sept. 23, the Milwaukee AIDS Project will offer a monthly interdenominational worship service at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave., at 5pm on the fourth Sunday of every month.

The services will be held through 1990 on Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, and Dec. 30.

The services are open to clients and volunteers of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, their friends and families.

"For many different reasons, clients and others associated with the Milwaukee AIDS Project have felt ostracized from main-line religions. Recognizing this, the Milwaukee AIDS Project now provides a space for people to grow spiritually, to find and build a community," said Beth Hancock, S.S.M., case management coordinator at the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Questions regarding the worship services and other services offered by the Spiritual Care Program should be directed to Beth Hancock, S.S.M., (414) 273-1991.

Who, or What is "A Choice?"

Readers of In Step may remember seeing reference to the organization A Choice several times in the past, although that organization does not appear in In Step's Guide.

A Choice is a group of organizations that have banded together to coordinate fund raising efforts. All of them are too small, or for other reasons did not wish, to join the United Way's combined campaign program. The group is a federation of 13 diverse causes, including: American Civil Liberties Union; Citizens for a Better Environment; League of Women Voters; Jobs with Peace; Project Involve; Wis. Committee on Occupational Safety and Health; Wis.'s Environmental Decade; and our own Cream City Foundation.

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Couple Looking for Couples for friendship only. This ad ran previously in the August 2-15 issue with incorrect P.O. Box and zip. If you responded to that ad please respond again. GWM's both 29 enjoy camping, biking, concerts, movies and week-end get-aways. Write: P.O. Box 75012, Milwaukee, WI 53215-7512.

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GW Boy 25, Wants to be told what to do. Likes old sweaty jockstraps, and am very good in licking your boots clean. Also like to receive golden showers. Please respond to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 443, Foxlake, IL 60020 and let me serve you. Phone # get first response.

Graffiti

David G:I'm going to Love You to death! What can I say? Miss Simpson

Christina[219]:Pick your face up off the floor! Roger

Delmar: How many husbands is it this week? Wondering

Nitengales Staff: You made my 1st year Anniv. party very special & it was a night I will never forget. Love you all. Carrie

Mike M. [Racine]: Happy Birthday! I'd say it in sign language, but I'd probably embarrass myself.

Love, a slow learner

John: Are not my leaps wed and vibrant? Viva and Rhula take on ALL contenders!

Jim: You're my best friend. I'll Love you forever. Jay

Lovely Brittan: Oh, well. Oil of Olay and moisturizer work — sometimes. Love, Trish

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- Sharing cooking and food preparation is fine, but everyone should wash their hands first. There is no need to keep separate dishes or cooking utensils,

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giving campaigns. Large companies may invite A Choice to participate directly in their combined giving campaign. Employees whose employers participate in the United Way campaign may designate that their donations to A Choice; the United Way forwards the funds to A Choice. Some donors desire to designate their donations to A Choice because, to their employer, it would appear innocent and "straight" in its causes (unlike a donation to the Cream City Foundation or the Milwaukee AIDS Project).

The Cream City Foundation derives many benefits from its association with A Choice. The CCF is a full member of A Choice, serving on its Board of Directors. and sharing experiences in how to run organizations, events and programs. CCF also shares in the funds designated to A Choice in government and private combined campaigns. Thus, of any money designated or donated to A Choice in any of its campaigns, a portion ends up in our own Gay and Lesbian community, in addition to benefiting causes of the environment, legal rights, employee health and safety, crime prevention, and education.

So next time you read about A Choice, remember that, while not a Gay and Lesbian organization, it very definitely is an organization that works with, and benefits, the Lesbian and Gay community.

but it is important to wash them in hot soapy water between use.

• Growth of molds, fungus and bacteria in refrigerator, or kitchen or bathroom floors, tub and shower should be prevented. Household bleach (1 part bleach to 9 parts water) is a good disinfectant to use. Bleach kills HIV.

 People with AIDS-related disease should not drink unpasturized milk or eat unpasturized milk products as they can cause very serious Salmonella infection.

 When cleaning the bird cage, fish tank or cat litter box, people with AIDS-related disease should wear disposable plastic gloves or have someone else do it because these are sources of organisms that can cause serious illness in people with AIDS.

[Reprinted from Persons Living With AIDS Coalition News]

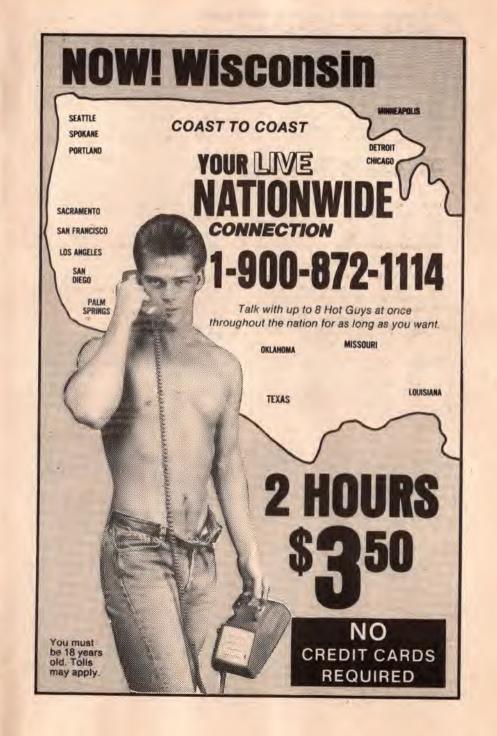
Unsafe Sex With PWA's Hastens AIDS Progression

Equal Times — Having unprotected sex with a person with AIDS seems to hasten the development of the disease in men already HIV-infected, according to a study published in the August issue of The American Journal of Epidemiology.

Researchers at the Netherlands' Department of Public Health and Environment followed 746 Gay men, 286 of whom had already tested positive for HIV antibodies. The study examined factors that contributed to the rate they developed AIDS.

The only factors that appeared to be associated with a more rapid progression were unprotected sexual intercourse with a person with AIDS and past cases of shingles. The report speculated that this hastened progression may indicate that HIV exists in a "more potent" form in people with AIDS.

The report indicated that shingles, characterized by painful blister-like eruptions caused by the herpes virus, may be the result of a breakdown in the immune system, rather than the cause of the breakdown itself.



PSYCHIC

A good Psychic can help you a lot with what ever questions and/or doubts you have about your job, your relationship, your goals. Gain insights to yourself and your life ahead, and what you should be doing with your life now. I have been in this work for 18 years and have clients around the world. Call 354-2788 after 4:30pm ask for Anthony.

PEOPLE

People Advertisers Please, can you 'tame down' some of your ads? You can say what you want by being suggestive must you spell it out in detail? Please remember In Step is distributed in non-Gay locations, including the library. If you really want to spell it all out in detail there are more appropriate sleaze-oriented publications. If things get any worse - we'll have to resort to strict quidelines & editing.

Are you someone who is looking for a person to share yourself with? I am 5'8" male, 52, very caring and understanding. Write: PO Box 1862, Waukesha, WI 53187.

Black Lite Room: I lay naked on a gym mat anticipating our weekly encounters. I am wearing leg cuffs, leather blindfold and cock ring. We're professionals who need to share a special discreet relationship, one, no one would ever suspect us to seek. I am late 30s, you are 40s, athletic, thick, strong, caring. Hot letter, phone, quick reply: S.P., Box 116 501 W. Mitchell St., Milwaukee, WI 53204.

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GWM, 40, total bottom. I need a butch top man (w/s okay!) Come and dominate me. I'm HIV positive. 5'10", 160lbs. Box 1830, Milwaukee, WI 53201

Into frottage or touching? Me too! Are you muscular? I could be also, with your help. GWM average build, 27, 160lbs, 5'11" Br./Br. seeks cuddlers 18-? Write to Box 1682, Janesville, WI 53547-1682. Non-smokers and photo appreciated.

Gay & Bi male, single, safe, seven shaved, cut, receives prolonged French, Greek, rectal massage, butt plugs, lite B&D. Desperate for live-in lover, male/female, young couple. I live just six miles North of New London, WI on Hwy 45. Call Jake at (715)752-3476. Keep calling, 8am-8pm weekdays, anytime weekends, let's get

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Stable, Attractive GWM 32, Blnd/Bl. 6', 170 lbs., honest, pleasant, romantic, outgoing, fun to be with. Seeks man under 35 for friendship, good times or possible relationship. Call 6-11pm or anytime weekends. (414) 769-0119, no blacks, fems or bald men.

GWM, 35, 150 lbs. Br. hair, blue eyes, good-looking professional, intelligent, humorous, discreet, likes new places, conversation, film/theater, bowling. Seeks friendship/relationship with similar sincere 25-35 guy. P.O. Box 692, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

Attn! Bears, Teddys, Chubbies and those who are attracted to the larger Gav male. A club for Gay men in Wisconsin who consider themselves as part of the above group is long overdue. As a social organization such a club would provide a setting for big Gay men, and those attracted to them, to meet and socialize in a mutually supportive atmosphere. If interested in organizing such a club write to: P.O. Box 4203, Kenosha, WI 53143. Attn. B.C.O.

In Memoriam

Michael R. Buchen

It was a very sad day August 29th when we friends were called and told that Mike had died of his complications due to AIDS. We knew it was a matter of time but hoped that the time would never come when we would hear that he was gone.

Mike Buchen was one hell of a great guy. I met him way back when we bartended together at Chucks Factory on Broadway and then I worked with Mike at the Baron when I managed the bar in 1978-79. He was not only a damn good bartender, he was a special friend.

I remember all the nice parties at Mike and Jim's house on W. Morgan and then I recall all the times Mike came to our house for our parties and dinners. He later met John and they became lovers and had a wonderful union. Both John and Jimmy took good care of Mike after he became ill. All of us should be so fortunate to have friends who love us that much to care for us until the end. I know the heartache that John and Jim feel over Mike's death but as they both told me, "He is at peace now" and I feel better.

Mike, it was an honor for me to be one of your pallbearers. I just hope that I was able to keep my emotions in check for that one day. I will miss you very much, we all will.

Keep a place up there for all your friends that you left behind. We will always love you and remember you. My group of friends will never be the same now that you are gone ... Take care pal.

> -Love, Your Buddy **Larry Giantomas**

Letters

Dear Editor:

The time is once again upon us when our employers (be they government or private) approach us and ask us to help them in their fundraising efforts for various causes. I encourage everybody to take a close look at what they're asking.

Whether your employer pushes United Way, or their own Combined Federal or State or private employer campaign, they all direct their money to "straight" causes - Boy and Girl Scouts, child support, etc. Some of the causes affect us of the Gay and Lesbian community as well, and are deserving of money. But NONE of these fundraising groups gives money to any Gay and Lesbian causes, directly or indirectly.

We, as Gavs and Lesbians, must direct our money where it will work FOR US. The best way to do this is by designating our contributions to the Cream City Foundation. This organization works for us year-round. It disburses funds to dozens of causes that we can't all be aware of or give to when they need it; the CCF is there to help. Your employer MUST accept your designation to CCF; United Way and others know of the Foundation and cooperate with it. But, the CCF doesn't have a name that is readily Gav-identified: your employer won't even know who you're giving to - but they will be glad you're giving; and so will you!

I hope In Step will continue to keep the Milwaukee public informed about the excellent activities, organizations, bars, and media in the Milwaukee area; we have much to be proud of.

> -Sincerely. J. Collins

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The Arts

Rep's AIDS Benefits

On Wednesday, September 19 at 7:30pm the Milwaukee Repertory Theater begins another season of benefit performances in the Stackner Cabaret for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Benefit performances in the last two seasons have raised a total of \$11,000 for MAP.

The first show of the season is Hoagy by Bruce Dettman and William C. Trichon. Enjoy the life, wit and songs of the incomparable Hoagy Carmichael, who has written such memorable tunes as "Georgia On My Mind" and "Stardust."

Tickets for the September 19 performance are \$12.00 and all seats are reserved. Tickets can be purchased at the MAP office at 315 W. Court Street, the MRT box office at 108 East Wells Street or by calling (414)224-9490. To enjoy dinner in the Stackner Cabaret before the show, call 272-1994 for reservations.

Future benefit performances are scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm on November 7, January 2, February 20 and April 10. Tickets for all shows are available now at the MRT box office.

Hoagy otherwise runs through October 21 and is an intimate musical one-man show, starring Billy Philadelphia, who will be making his MRT debut in this production.

Broom St. Denied NEA Grant

Madison's Broom Street Theatre has been denied funding by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) after receiving NEA funding for 17 years.

In a Milwaukee Journal article, officials for the 21 year old theatre group said they received a letter from the NEA rejecting their request for a \$7,500 grant because "the quality of your work no longer meets our standards." Some claim the rejection came because the troupe sometimes delves into "touchy subjects."

Theatre spokesman Rod Clark denied the groups productions have declined in quality, and said the move probably came from the NEA focus on bland, traditional artistic endeavors.

Rep Opens Season With "The Rivals"

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater's season opener at the Powerhouse Theater The Rivals, is a lighthearted English comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan in the same vein as She Stoops To Conquer. Central to the play is Lydia Languish, the wealthy and beautiful heroine, lovestruck with one Captain Absolute. Her aunt and legal guardian, Mrs. Malaprop. humorously misquides the matchmaking for her young niece. At the same time, she manages to confuse all with her creative use of the English language. Despite these obstacles, Ludia's and all other plots of love finally unfold successfully in beautiful period style. Directed by Associate Artistic Director, Kenneth Albers, The Rivals opened September 9 and runs through October 14.

Talkbacks will take place on Tuesday evenings: September 18, 25 and October 2, 9. There will be an interpreted performance for the hearing impaired on Sunday, October 14, at 2pm. Tickets range from \$5 to \$20. For tickets call MRT Box Office at (414) 224-9490.

Theatres Renamed "Next Act"

Milwaukee — Theatre Tesseract and Next Generation Theater are proud to announce their new name, Next Act Theatre, Inc. The new name is a combination of the two original names and expresses the next step forward for the newly merged company.

Their season opens on October 12, with an adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's classic book A Wrinkle In Time. Music for the production is being created especially for Next Act Theatre by Peter Buffett. The production is being co-directed by

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What does it cost, and what do I get?

For only \$20 at \$20 you get the contact information for the \$3 to men, respectively, who are your best matches from our current pool of members in your area. Also, your contact information will be "listed" for three months (with free extensions) for other members to contact you (unless you leave Step 2 blank). You will know of these matches only when they contact you.

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ComQuest receives numerous letters from members who have found lovers or who are otherwise quite pleased with our service. However, if you are not satisfied, you will receive a prompt refund of your membership fee. (You have 30 days to notify us and return your match printout).

How long will it take?

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OK, I'll try it. What do I do?

This is the hard part. But it can be fun, too. The questionnaire is on the reverse side of this page. Refer to the instructions to the right to complete Steps 3, 4, and 5. It is very important to read them carefully. If you don't follow the instructions we can't guarantee the results. If you need help call 1-708-991-0693 (9-5 CST, M-F). For additional application forms call 1-800-633-6969 (24 hours).

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Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word me beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one me under each category. Circle more than one me if appropriate.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word veto, no, ok or yes beside each and every item (including those by which you circled me) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle exactly one of these responses per item, as described below:

Circle yes if you prefer that description to be true of your match. This is a vote for a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle ok if you don't care one way or the other. This is an abstention—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as ok.

Circle no if you prefer that description not to be true of your match. This is a vote against—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle veto if you want no matches with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a disqualification and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no" We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 vetos to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, either . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, or . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as the breakers. Noes and yesses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled no. However, vetoes are exclusive regardless of category rank.

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Jonathan Smoots and David Cescarini. Performing in rotating repertory with Wrinkle will be Reckless by Craig Lucas, opening on October 18. Reckless will be directed by Jon Kretzu who directed Terra Nova for Tesseract several seasons ago. Both shows will close on November 4. Voice Of The Prairie by John Olive will be the third production of the season with David Cescarini direction. It opens November 15, and runs through December 2.

The second Milwaukee Theatre Festival will open January 11, 1991 with Next Generation Theater's production of Walt Until Dark by Frederick Knott.

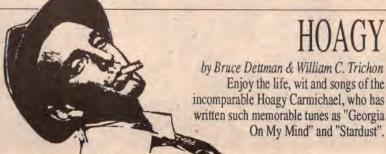
Sharon McQueen will produce and Jonathan Smoots will direct the final Tesseract show; the Milwaukee premiere of The Boys Next Door by Tom Griffin. Boys will close the festival with performances running February 1-3, 1991.

Another premiere follows in March with the U.S. premiere of Haven For The Disillusioned directed by Helena Dynerman. Haven is a cabaret style piece based on the writings and music of Bertoldt Brecht and Kurt Weil. It opens on March 7, and runs through the 24th. Closing the season will be Next Act's production of Taming Of The Shrew by William Shakespeare. Directing duties will be shared by Jonathan Smoots and David Cescarini with Mr. Smoots portraying Petruchio and Laura Gordon as Kate. The show will open April 11 and run through April 26th. contd. on page 22



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Performances will be held for the 1990-91 season at Centennial Hall in the Milwaukee Library Complex. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 278-7780.

'X' Announces Season

Milwaukee — Entering its 21st season, Theatre X, Milwaukee's internationally renowned theatre company, announces its selection of plays for its 1990-91 season. Three of the four plays presented this season will be part of the "Made in Milwaukee" series.

Milwaukee has been a source of inspiration for Theatre X's work; the "Made in Milwaukee" series recognizes the significance of Theatre X's home in the development of its original work. The "Made in Milwaukee" series gives local audiences the opportunity to view itself through the eyes of Milwaukee's own artists.

Celebrating its 21st year, this 1990-91, Theatre X season proves to be another exciting, provocative and stunning offering for Wisconsin audiences.

• Instinct, "Made in Milwaukee" series. By John Schneider, music composed by Connie Grauer. Runs September 30 to October 28 (previews September 27, 28, 29.)

After a 10 year break, Theatre X returns to the "American musical comedy" genre. Not since Theatre X's smash hit Schmaltz has John Schneider written in the form near and dear to this "music man's" heart.

Instinct casts an eye to the future while tipping a hat to the great musicals of yesteryear. Milwaukee audiences are sure to be delighted with the many familiar landmarks imagined 50 years from now. To preserve these landmarks, downtown Milwaukee becomes a prototype city under a protective dome covering called "plasteel." The inhabitants of this environmentally-controlled spec city are shareholders in the corporation which develop and sell the concept to other cities throughout the world.

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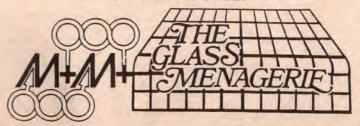
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· Dark Ride, By Len Jenkin, Runs February 17 to March 17, 1990 (previews February 14, 15, 16).

Dark Ride is a carnival ride of seemingly unrelated tales; a carefully constructed "house of mirrors" which leads the characters and the audience through a weird, dazzling and hilarious adventure.

· George F. Kennan Project. "Made in Milwaukee" series. Runs May 26 to June 23, 1990 (previews May 23, 24, 25)

George F. Kennan, diplomat, scholar, historian, statesman and one of Milwaukee's most illustrious native sons, is the subject of X's final production of the season. This project was suggested to Theatre X by Mayor John Norquist to honor the life of this great and controversial man. Theatre X will create an original play based, in part, on Mr. Kennan's current bestseller, Sketches From A Life.

This exciting Theatre X 1990-91 season will be presented at their home at 158 N. Broadway in the Historic Third Ward. Performances are at 7:30pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 8pm on Friday and Saturday and a 2pm Sunday matinee. Tickets range from \$8 to \$12 depending on performance night. For

more information call Theatre X at 278-0555

Antiques Show/Sale

A public event in the historically refurbished Grain Exchange Room will be held on Friday through Sunday, Oct. 5-7. when the Milwaukee County Historical Society stages its the 8th annual antiques show and sale.

The hours are 11am to 9pm Friday, and 11am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. A fee of \$5 gives patrons continuous admission for all three days. The location is 225 E. Michigan St., Milwaukee.

This show/sale is more than a chance to see antiques not usually found in Milwaukee, Because the dealers are chosen for their good taste, their expertise, and their willingness to share information, attendance can be highly educational.

The antiques show/sale is a major fundraising event for the Milwaukee County Historical Society. Proceeds help support museum exhibits, a research library, school programs, historic houses and other community activities aimed at promoting an understanding and appreciation of Milwaukee's rich heritage.

Freedom Band Audition

The Great Lakes Freedom Band of Chicago, Chicago's only Lesbian and Gay concert band, will audition new members for its 1990-91 concert season on September 23 at the Rodde Center, 4753 N. Broadway. Suite 1200. All instruments are needed.

Musicians are expected to prepare a 2-5 piece and will be asked to sight-read a short selection. Concerts planned for the season include a gala Second Anniversary concert in October and the first Gay and Lesbian "Sing It Yourself Messiah" including soloists with a score arranged for band (and audience) by Artistic Director Marvin J. Carlton.

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Week '91, the band and some special guests will celebrate "Our Musical Heritage." To schedule an audition or for more information, call Keith at (312) 472-6966.

Syzygy Video T's

SYZYGY's maiden non-pornographic Gay video, Jeff Hagedorn's Should Have Been A Love Song, needs walking advertisements who want to show off their hearts, and help a good cause at the same time. As part of their promotional campaign for their late September video release, Syzygy is offering the official cast and crew T- shirt for just \$7.50 including shipping and handling and Syzygy will donate \$1 for every shirt ordered to the Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA).

Syzygy is dedicated to creating Gay images specifically for Gay audiences, and this first video adapted from an International Gay Playwriting Award Winner is the first in their planned series of Gay themed videos. Syzygy believes a

healthy Gay and Lesbian press is one of the main tools we have to creating and maintaining our Gay identity, and is donating their \$1 margin on these fun and functional shirts to the GLPA.

The 50-50 cotton-poly blend shirts come in classic white with a red heart sporting a band-aid and red lettering. To order yours, simply send check or money order for \$7.50 to Syzygy, P.O. Box 3003, No. Hollywood, CA 91609. Please specify size (there's 3 — medium, large and extra large — yes, no small). The Should Have Been a Love Song videos are also available for the reduced pre-release price of \$19.95 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. California residents should add appropriate sales tax.



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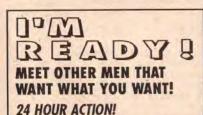
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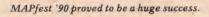
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Softball Wrap-Up

By Tom Salszieder

Except for several post-season tournaments, the softball season ended in Pittsburgh on August 25 as World Series '90 came to a conclusion.

Milwaukee was represented by M&M Bad Girls in the women's division, Partner's in the open (competitive) division, and Wreck Room Spurs in the recreational division. M&M played two close games against Washington D.C. and Houston, but could not pull out a victory. The Bad Girls probably won the 'partying' championship in Pittsburgh. Chicago won the women's division championship.

Partners lost a slugfest to Washington D.C. in their first game, then came back to defeat Toronto. In one of the better games of the series, Partners lost to Saloon Americans of Twin Cities 8-7. San Francisco's Uncle Bert's defeated Bistro of Chicago's MSA to capture the open division.

The Wreck Room Spurs fared better in the series. They opened with a win against Dallas; then lost to eventual champion Philadelphia. They came back to defeat host Pittsburgh and Chicago Stars, before losing a 7am (that's in the morning) game to Chicago North End. Based on its 3 win 2 loss record, the Spurs finished in a tie for 4th Place out of 19 teams. Philadelphia's Blue Parrot defeated Boston for the recreational Championship.

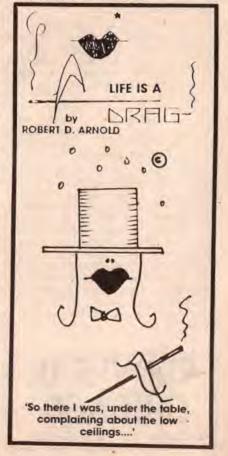
The 3 Milwaukee teams gave each other great moral support when their games did not conflict. The 3 teams all did Milwaukee proud.

My apologies to the 1989 This Is It team who represented Milwaukee in the open division last year. I erroneously had credited the prior Your Place team as Milwaukee's 1989 representative. Your Place had represented Milwaukee in the 1987 and 1988 World Series.

Touch Football

Touch Football for the fall season will begin at 2pm on Sunday afternoon. September 23. This GAMMA-sponsored activity will be held on the football field on the west side of Lincoln Drive about three-fourths a mile north of the Bradford Beach bath house. Bring your beverages, sneakers and old clothes. All jocks and fantasy jocks are welcome. Call Bob at 963-9833 if any weather questions.

Other GAMMA-sponsored athletic events for the whole community include volleyball on Thursday evenings; biking on Saturday noon, September 22nd; and touch football again on Sunday, September 30th at 2:30pm.



Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

It's the Summer wrap-up column... all those events from August 22 through September 5, deadline for this current issue. I can't believe Labor Day has come and gone so quickly. With a little bit of luck we'll have a nice, sunny, warm, September and October with rain-free weekends. Perhaps that's too much to ask for, but the weather gods and goddesses owe it to us for all the rainy weekends we had during the Summer.

Going back to August 25th we'll find that Rod's roasted a pig for the benefit of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), and Club 3054 had a tan line contest. Both events featured browned flesh and 'rump' roasts. Here in Milwaukee, Partner's threw an appreciation BBQ early in the evening in the garden. Later that evening singer/pianist Jay Brownfield entertained the sated customers.

Sunday, August 26th featured everything from the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee's volunteer 'thank you' picnic at Gordon Park, to Nitengale's 6th (nearly) all-women's show (B.J. and Tiffany only think they are real!) The show was kicked off with an hours worth of free champagne to get everyone 'loose.'

The highlight of the day was the Wreck Room's Anniversary '90 blow-out. The place was packed from 4pm until late night. Lots of great food, prizes and give-aways (the anniversary T-shirts are quite nice) were in supply to help the celebration sizzle. Congratulations to Bill and his very able staff, and here's to many, many more!

The 26th was also my 39th (!) birthday, which I spent working, doing lay-out for the last issue (poor me!). Thanks to all of you who stopped by my surprise party Monday night. As I said then, when you hit my age, it's no longer a day to celebrate — it's a day of mourning!

Club 219 Plus hosted the ever-popular Hunter and the Headliners male dancers on the 29th. Those boys keep proving over and over why they are crowd favorites. The next night 219 premiered their \$1.50 beer bust (from 9-close every Thursday) to go along with their 75 cent rail drinks (4- close every Thursday). Definitely a budget conscious party night!

The Triangle held another of their infamous tan line contests on the 30th. \$175 in prizes went out to the top three contestants. Twelve guys competed with Troy taking first place.

Nitengale's celebrated their 1st anniversary with a weekend of festivities from August 31 through September 3. They premiered their new music video system (featuring five screens), had lots of drink specials all weekend, give-aways, plus a invitation-only party early on Labor Day Sunday, followed by another party open to the public later that evening. The anniversary wrapped on Labor Day. Congrats to Carrie and her very able staffers. Remember, the first year's the roughest! (Love the new color scheme, by the way!)

M&M Club hosted cast and crew of "Les Miserables" for a cast party the evening of the 1st. The show had a very successful two week Milwaukee run at the P.A.C.

Bonnie Bitch dragged some of the La Cage cast of her Sunday night show up to Green Bay for a lively show at Za's. Those Green Bay people just love the old girl. By the way, Bonnie is soon back off to her home base in Arizona, in preparation for her fall/winter touring season. Milwaukee and Wisconsin Dells are her home port only in Spring/Summer. Word is a certain well-known Australian celebrity is soon to be back at La Cage...

The BIG EVENT of Labor Day weekend was the fifth annual MAPfest fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. The weather was most cooperative, and the crowds were big...all day long. From 2pm opening until 10pm closing, the grounds were full of people. At one point, when I strolled past the gate where you paid, over a dozen people were lined up waiting to get in (and I heard that's how it was all day long).

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The International Male dancers entertained at Club 219.

Last year's fest raised over \$16,000 and organizers were hoping to top \$20,000 this year (I don't know how they could miss)! Great entertainment; a very nice assortment of games, merchandise and informational booths; lots of food and drink; and plenty of people made for an exceptional day...all for a good cause!

Miss M reported over 500 burgers sold, and Jimmy King claimed over 500 ears of roasted corn were consumed. 20 percent of their sales go back to MAP, as with all other non-MAP sponsored booths and games. MAP gets to keep all the profits from the sales of all sausages, beer, wine coolers and soda plus from several of the games.

We'll have a full report on MAPfest as details become available from MAP. And as MAPfest wraps, get ready for the Wisconsin AIDS Walk '90, scheduled for September 30. MAP's full concentration will be focused on this event, one they hope will bring in more community-wide participation (my guesstimate would be that 85% of MAPfest-goers were Gay/Lesbian) and (hopefully) very BIG BUCKS from the BIG NAMES associated with it.

Club 219 Plus pulled in a huge crowd for a post-MAPfest party with the International Male dancers. People just didn't want the party to stop... I visited with Cheri Becker, who was in town sans Cindy (who was slaving away getting ready for Cheri's Birthday Bash on Labor Day Monday). We enticed the dancers up to our seats on the balcony with hefty tips for the beefy boys.

Meanwhile up in Chippewa Falls, Star's dance bar in the historic Sheely House held an open house night with a \$5 cover getting you all the drinks you could consume from 8pm until closing. Star's helps fill a void up in their neck of the woods, and I've heard nothing but good things about it. In the area? Stop by and find out for yourself!

Also celebrating a birthday on Monday was Bob Schicker (55 years young) at Jet's Place. All us nice people are Virgo's!

Up in the bay, hundreds attended the Green Bay Area Bar Association sponsored Labor Day picnic at Triangle •In Step • September 13-September 26, 1990 • Page 53

Names Quilt In Chicago

The Chicago Chapter of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, announces the return of the Quilt to Chicago. The Quilt will be displayed in Chicago over the Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 6, 7, & 8, at McCormick Place. The opening ceremony will be held on Sat., Oct. 6 at 11am. The displays will be on Oct. 6 from 11-7, Oct. 7 from 9-7, and Oct. 8 from 7-7. The closing ceremony will be held on Mon., Oct. 8 at 7pm. The theme of the weekend will be "Common Threads," expressing the universality of AIDS, while recognizing the Academy Award winning documentary of the same title.

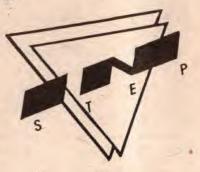
Chicago is one of five cities hosting a regional display of the Quilt during this weekend. Simultaneous regional display sites in the U.S. are: Houston, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC. The regional displays are being held in lieu of a single display in Washington, DC. The display is truly a regional effort, as Chicago is being joined by Cleveland and Cincinnati, OH; Detroit, MI; Lexington, KY; and Waterloo, IA; as the cities co-hosting the Chicago display.

Quilt panel workshops, sewing sessions when panels for the Quilt are actually made, will be held Sept. 15 & 22, (Saturdays) from 10-2, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 615 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago. Individuals who have been touched by AIDS are encouraged to use the Quilt as a means of expressing their feelings. Many roles are open to those who wish to become involved with the work of the Quilt. For more information on the quilt's activities or for volunteer information, call the hot line at (312) 472-4460.

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system against Gay, Lesbian or bisexual people will not be tolerated," said Ruth E. Harlow, a staff attorney with the ACLU-NJ. "These new rules send a very important signal to all New Jersey judges and lawyers that all forms of discrimination — including that against Gay people and the poor — will not be accepted."

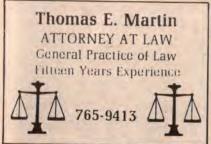
The amended portion of the Code of Judicial Conduct now says that "a judge should be Impartial, and should not discriminate because of race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, socioeconomic status, or handicap."

The new Rule of Professional Conduct includes the same protected categories and says that lawyers engage in professional misconduct if they "engage, in a professional capacity, in conduct involving discrimination... where the conduct is intended or likely to cause harm"

Court OK's HIV Testing For Nurse

A U.S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans has allowed a hospital to require that a licensed practical nurse submit his HIV test results before returning to work.

In an August 28 decision, the court ruled that the nurse, Kevin Leckelt, was covered by the federal law prohibiting discrimination against persons with handicaps. Because the hospital had a "reasonable suspicion" that Leckelt was infected, though, the court said it was justified in requiring him to submit his HIV test results.



During the trial, the hospital said its suspicion was based on Leckelt's history of other medical conditions, including syphilis, hepatitis and lymphadenopathy as well as the fact that he was "known to be homosexual."

"This decision sends a misguided policy message to hospitals," said Nan D. Hunter, an associate professor of law at Brooklyn Law School and the former director of the ACLU AIDS Project.

"If the court were truly concerned about patient safety, the last outcome they would want would be for that safety to depend on hit-or-miss use of HIV tests based on suspicion," said Hunter, who argued the case on behalf of Leckelt. "The only truly safe policy is to insist that all employees use universal precautions.

The Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had ruled in Leckelt's favor, agreeing with his argument that HIV testing was not necessary for insuring patient safety because of the minimal risk of HIV transmission to a patient and because Leckelt's job did not involve invasive procedures such as surgery.

The Court of Appeals, however, refused even to consider the civil rights office's ruling because it had not been presented to the trial court. The ruling, though, had been handed down more than a year after the trial concluded, Hunter said.



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Park near Baird's Creek from noon to 6pm. The bars supplied beer, soda and salad items, and asked their customers to bring their own meat. A very nice gesture on their part, and a great way for the big crowd to wrap the Summer.

Miss Gay Wisconsin and former 219 girl Mimi Marks came in 3rd runner up in the Miss Gay Continental Pageant held at Chicago's Park West Labor Day. Chicago's Channel captured the title after years of competititon in this very tough contest. Mimi did herself proud by even placing in the top 10 in her first year in the contest. To come in the top four in your first year of competition at Continental is unheard of. The crowd (full of many Milwaukeeans) gave Mimi the loudest of three standing ovations in the talent competition for her talent contribution (a mix by 219's DJ Kim Z of Madonna's "Sooner or Later" and "Like a Prayer") with 15 back up dancers and a candlelabra. set. The audience booed the judges when Mimi only came in 3rd R.U. Congrats Girl! (And to you, too Channel.)

Partner's premiered their weekly Wednesday 'Vegas' night on September 5, getting the crowds geared up for their December 6-9 'Visit Vegas' trip. Round-trip air, 3 nights in a hotel, a bus at the groups disposal plus lots of extras all for only \$390. per person... such a deal, check it out, they even have a savings plan available.

That brings us up to deadline time, but I do have hints and some gossip for you... if you need promotional items for your group or business, why not deal with Ric's Advertising Specialties? I get all In Step's promo stuff from him, as does the Wreck Room. Why give your business to the non-Gay jobbers when Ric's gives special discounts to Gay/Lesbian customers? Decals, bumper stickers, key chains, coffee mugs, hats, even New Year's Eve decorations. Check out his ad in the Classies 'Services' section of this issue.

Also, if you've thought about computer date matching, ComQuest has a double page ad in this issue's 'People' section of the Classies. It comes complete with an application and questionaire. It's a 'one-shot' ad, so now's your chance to find that man of your dreams!

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable channel 4, 9pm. Nelson Mandela's speech in Oakland from July 1st, where he promised to return to the USA & take-up the cause of the American Indian.

GMYC: Club meeting at 8pm, M&M's, winter club planning & GMYC Seamen & Sailors bowling league meeting.

T.T. Tulip: 1st Anniversary Plant Sale, all plants 1/3rd off thru Sept. 30.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

GAMMA: Reception opening of the Russian Art Exhibit at Marquette's Haggerty Museum, 6pm. Call Bob. 963-9833.

Triangle: Happy Birthday William (Bill Wardlow), 10pm-12, free beer & BBQ.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Partners: 1 year Anniv. Weekend.

Napalese [Green Bay]: 8th Anniv. Weekend, 8pm tonight Jeffrey Jenning Live! Music by contemporary artists, \$1 cover, \$1 shots (8-close), edibles & DJ & dancing after show.

Women's Arts & Crafts Fair Organizing Meeting: Havlicek & Assoc., 823 N. 2nd St., 5:30pm, everyone interested please attend. Info call 778-1269, Julia.

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You want dirt? A certain downtown establishment most likely will be actively pursuing a Gay/Lesbian clientele in the very near future. It will NOT be a one-night-a-week thing, we'll be welcomed openly ALL the time.

A current Gay bar owner is looking for a new manager to take things over. He's supposedly offered the job to someone QUITE well known.

You'll notice the Mr and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant application in this issue. Don't forget, first applicants get preference (and only 10 contestants in each category will be accepted!).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Living Proof: Cable cast of Gay/Lesbian recovering Alchoholics & the role of Gay bars in Coming Out. MATA, Milwaukee cable channel 14, 6:30pm.

"At The Hop:" Randy Franks Birthday Celebration & Show fundraiser for M.A.P. Cream City Chorus & Fest City Singers, 10:30pm.

Partner's: 1st Anniversary weekend.

Napalese [Green Bay]: 8th Anniv. Weekend, drink specials, munchies, DJ & Dancing, \$1 shots, 9- close,

Ballgame: Back To School party, 4-midnight, 2 \$50 cash prizes, food served, door prizes, hourly drink specials.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Silver Space 2nd Anniversary: (older Lesbians group), Potluck picnic 1:30-3:30 in Hubbard Park (3565 N. Morris Blvd., Shorewood). 3:45 on, activities at Counseling Center (2038 N. Bartlett), sing-along, workshops, speaker, dinner out to conclude event.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: 8 year Anniversary, Join the celebration at 9pm with Ms CC Rae & a medley of talent. \$2 cover includes show, hors d'oeuvres, DJ & Dancing after show.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Mr. Gay Wi-USA Pageant, \$3 advance cover, or \$4 door. Applications from King Productions (414)342-1466.

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.

Club 219: Very special guest, Miss Erica Stevens, former Miss Gay WI returns from Hollywood for one night with The 219 Girls

Partners: 1 Year Anniv. Weekend.

M&M Club: The Comedy Singing Team of Neil & Adam, 9pm showtime.

Nitengales: Premiere of Packer Sunday, open for lunch & televised game.

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Dignity Case In Court

by Rex Wockner

A discrimination complaint by the Gay Catholic group Dignity against the Roman Catholic archdiocese in Minneapolis is moving through the city Commission on Civil Rights, with a determination due this autumn.

Dignity members say Archbishop John Roach discriminated against them based on their affectional preferences, in violation of city law, when, in 1987, he forbade the University of Minnesota Newman Center to renew the group's lease unless Dignity officers signed a statement affirming Catholic teaching on homosexuality.

In attempting to defend the archdiocese during an August hearing, attorney Andrew Eizenzimmer argued that the civil-rights commission had no jurisdiction over the Catholic church. The commission disagreed.

Eizenzimmer then argued that Roach's action stemmed from his vow to obey the Pope, who, in 1986, released a document denouncing — for the first time in Catholic history — the sexual orientation toward homosexuality, as distinguished from homosexual acts, which the church has considered mortally sinful for centuries.

Since 1986, Dignity chapters have been evicted from Catholic buildings across North America.

Roach himself testified before the commission, saying: "I was bound by this (papal) document... I really had no choice. I had to do what I did."

Liz Pierce, attorney for the Gay Catholics, said it was irrelevant who told Roach to do what he did; the fact, she said, is that the archdiocese violated a Minneapolis ordinance.

Pierce also argued that other groups who rent space at the Newman Center are not asked to pledge allegiance to Catholic teaching.

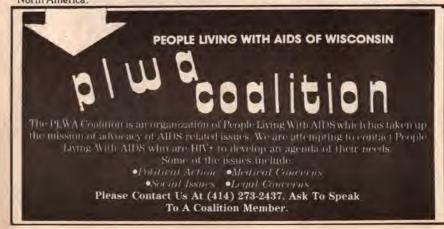
Dignity and the archdiocese were to submit final arguments in early September, after which the commission has 90 days to rule on the matter.

N.J. Bans Gay Bias

(ACLU) — The New Jersey Supreme Court has announced changes to the state's judicial and professional codes to prohibit lawyers and judges from discriminating against people because of their sexual orientation.

The changes, which were originally proposed by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, make the state's judiciary the first in the county to adopt antigay discrimination clauses for lawyers and judges. The new codes were published in the August 2 issue of the New Jersey Law Journal.

"The Supreme Court of New Jersey has declared that bias in the state's legal



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The happiest Gay man on the planet was a chubby and slightly endowed Florida man who mistakenly thought scientists had discovered a quick, painless cure for love handles in which the only side effect was an unexplained increase in penis size. His happiness was short-lived and he died two years later of a Twinkie overdose.

The record for the most personalities inhabiting one body belongs to a New York Gay man, suffering from schizophrenia, who had 97 different personalities. Doctors discovered his multiple personality disorder after dozens of jealous boyfriends incited a riot, all arriving at his apartment for a Saturday night date while the man stood transfixed in front of his mirror, trying on thousands of different outfits, unable to select just the right one.

The most passionate date ever recorded occurred on August 9, 1923 when two exceptionally horny Gay men had sex 67 times in one night. According to medical records, one of the men reported his crotch was so tender it hurt to walk against the wind for the next three weeks. The most anal retentive Lesbian on record was a Philadelphia woman who would neatly fold her clothes before engaging in foreplay, used a Rug Doctor to clean the mattress immediately after making love and insisted on taking out her date's garbage on her way out the door the morning after.

The largest non-nuclear explosion ever recorded occurred on Saturday, July 23, 1986 when a Gay man, attempting to achieve that natural look, applied five quarts of White Rain Styling Mousse to his hair, lit a cigarette and set off an explosion that leveled six city blocks. Tragically the man died, but his hair-do survived and the Defense Department is now developing a new lightweight, bullet-proof helmet using his technique.

Long before Issac Newton and the falling apple an Italian Gay man diagnosed the first case of impotence and defied the Law of Gravity, all in the same night, when he discovered he couldn't get it up for his boyfriend.

The most sightings of Elvis Presley in the last twenty years have been reported by drag queens with levels of eye shadow and mascara in their blood stream far exceeding the national norm.

The most optimistic Gay person ever born was Patty O'Furniture, who, after being asked out at the last minute by a gorgeous man, mistakenly believed he could go on a diet and lose fifteen pounds in five hours. The most tips ever received by a female illusionist was \$3,678 by a 860 pound Texas drag queen, doing her Roseanne Barr number, who was paid by customers to stop performing.

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

The Gay Book of World Records

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from W.W. Wells' latest book, The Gay Book of World Records.

The coldest Gay relationship on record was that of arctic explorers, Juan-Moore Tyme and Harry P. Ness, who perished in 1923 after reaching the North Pole. Rescuers discovered the Gay couple frozen stiff and speculate that Harry P. Ness was unable to free himself after his tongue froze to his lover's zipper during

foreplay and both died of 'indecent' exposure.

The strongest drag queen on record was 450 pound Bertha Venation. Venation also invented the jack hammer after discovering her six-inch spike heels exerted over 220 pounds of pressure per square inch and she was able to bust up an entire sidewalk in five minutes, when tap dancing. Sadly, Venation was sent to the electric chair in 1969 after she drunkenly stomped her lover to death while performing Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made For Walking" in

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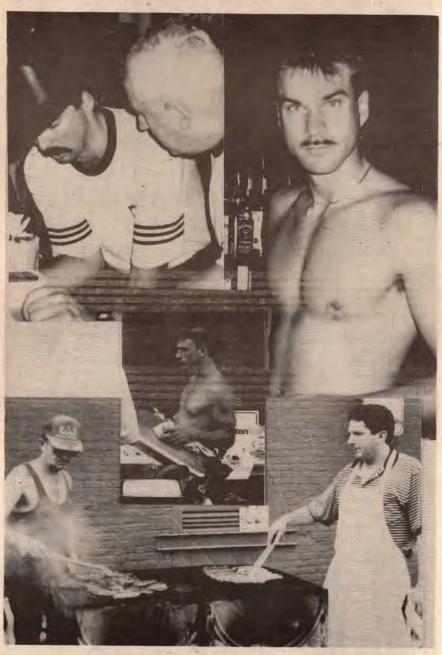
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The Wreck Room celebrated their anniversary with a day-long festive party.

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been together a long, long time. I wanted to know not only that such relationships were possible, but I wanted to learn their "secrets" as well. For surely, they must know secrets that my friends had not. Unfortunately, the couples I knew that had been together longest had just split up. I was certain that there were, somewhere, women much older than myself who had been together for years and years. But I didn't know who or where these women were....

In the meantime, a friend of mine, the mother of six grown children, celebrated her forty-eighth anniversary with her husband. "What's the secret of your long life together?" I asked her. She thought about it for awhile and then said, "Keep your sense of humor and never go to bed angry — even if all you can manage, until morning, is a handshake." I poured out to her my fears about the short lives of Lesbian relationships. She, in her turn, was convinced that the percentages of short-term relationships for Gays really weren't all that different from those of heterosexual couples today.

I was somewhat comforted by our talk, but I still yearned for some Lesbian role models. Then too, I had this habit of picturing myself in my friends' place, all of us in our middle years (not a wide-eyed baby dyke looking for new 'experiences' among us), on their own again after so many years with one person. It frightened the hell out of me! But in all truth, at least half of these women appeared relieved to be out of the relationship, happy, in fact, to have a life of their own again.

Though I suspected I wouldn't be nearly so well-adjusted in similar circumstances, that such acceptance was even possible helped calm me — that and the fact that I realized if I didn't stop obsessing about the future I was going to totally screw up the present.

Our life together now is so wonderful the Lesbian Mertzes (with alternating Fred and Ethel days), leading a slightly shabby but ultimately happy life, hanging out with friends, the Lesbian Ricardos and their kid—that it is hard for me to believe that we might someday break up. Still, I know it's important for me to have some sense of reality while at the same time trying to find a balance between knowledge of that possible reality and fear of it.

I can't help myself from wondering, though, where all those lifelong Lesbian couples are. I yearn to hear their stories. I just know they're harboring some valuable secrets.

C 1990 by Yvonne Zipter

Young Women's Group

Milwaukee — A support and discussion group for young women 17-21 years old who are exploring their sexual identity or who are in the process of coming out is being sponsored by the Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

The group, called Insight, is a joint venture of the Women's Support Group Program and the Prevention/Education Program.

Insight will provide a supportive place in which to discuss topics like self-esteem, family and school life, coming out, sexuality, relationships and life planning. The myths and realities of Lesbian life will be explored and sessions will be geared to the particular needs and concerns of the women attending.

Participants are assured of confidentiality and an understanding environment in which to work out their feelings. Young women interested in Insight can call 271-3111 and ask for Kathy Herbst. Concerned friends who know women in need of this kind of support are encouraged to pass this phone number on to them.

The specific times and meeting dates of Insight will be arranged when the group is established.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Nitengales: Premiere of Monday Night Football, doors open 6pm, domestic bottle beer \$1.25, 50 cent tappers.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable channel 4, 9pm, "Real Eyes Realize Real Lies" with Jay Hathaway, on how the NEA creates second class citizens out of Gays & Lesbians.

Milw. Rep. Theatre: Premiere of third season of benefits for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Stackner Cabaret presentation of Hoagy. Tickets \$12, all seats reserved. Tickets at M.A.P., MRT Box Office or by calling 224-9490.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

M&M Club: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing, 8pm-12.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Partner's: Premiere of "The Spotlights on You" singing machine, 9-close.

Gay Biking Network: '76 Trail cruise, leave Noyes Park at noon, level terrain all skill levels, call Bob 963-9833.

M&M: The Comedy singing team of Neil & Adam, 9pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Bar Crawl Coming Chicago: 6 busses from Clark's JJ's, Badlands, Innexile, Temptations, and others. Leaves Chicago Noon.

2nd Annual Entertainers Against AIDS: "The Social Event" a benefit for the Milw AIDS Project. Held outside on the street beside Fannies. Female illusionists, comedy, live acts too numerous to mention. Doors open 1pm, showtime 2pm-? Tickets \$5 advance, 6 at gate, tables \$5 & \$10. Food, beverages, raffles.

GAMMA: Touch Football begins 2pm, field West of Lincoln Mem. Drive north of bathhouse. Call Bob 963- 9833.

Partner's: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 1-6pm.

M&M: The comedy singing team of Neil & Adam, 9pm. contd. on page 36



The Triangle tan line contest winners [L to R, rear]: Eric, 1st R.U.; Bob & Joe, tie for 2nd R.U.; owner Al Thomas; and winner Troy. [Front] Mary and Ta Ta Lamour entertained.

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else there is to worry about in life, as some point I could at least stop worrying about the "success" or "failure" of my relationship. Therefore, I relished meeting or hearing about couples that had been together 10, 12, 14 years: proof, that Lesbian relationships are not condemned to a lifespan of two or five years.

So, a couple of years ago, when two of my friends who had been together over 10 years split up, I was very sad. But, I rationalized, this was a fluke. My illusion of permanence was shaken but still essentially intact. However, as a fifteen-year relationship, a fourteen-year one, an eleven-year one, and an eight-year one ended the last year or so, I had to admit that my illusion was only that and

not much more. And so, not quite three years into my own relationship, ok, I admit it, I panicked.

I became obsessed with wanting to know about the early years of these long-term relationships: did they think, like my lover and I do now, that they were an excellent match, destined for a life time of shared love and experience? Or were there signs, even at the beginning, that there were serious flaws in their ways of relating? And what, for heaven's sake were those flaws? I was looking, basically, for some kind of relational Richter scale I could use to monitor our lives.

At the same time, I was hungry for knowledge of Lesbian couples who had contd. on page 48

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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

Breaking Up In The Middle Years

by Yvonne Zipter

Everybody has illusions of one sort or another — that men, as a gender, are good with mechanical things, that Gays and Lesbians are more ethical than others, that Jesus was a blonde with blue eyes, that George Bush is a nice guy — whatever. The thing about illusions is that you don't know they're illusions until you no longer have them. It's a little like the "black ice" of the Midwest: you have no idea that the road before you is sheer ice until your best view ahead becomes the one through your passenger's window. It can get pretty scary.

One of the illusions I've carried around with me for years like a well-worn blankie is that once a relationship has passed a certain mark — maybe 10 years or certainly by 15 — that's a relationship for life, a relationship that has "made it," that is safe from a break up. This delusion sprang from the belief that 10 or 15 years of commitment was proof enough that two people belonged together. And if two people had been together that long, clearly, if there had ever been any problem areas between them, these "obviously" must have been worked out.

Well, anyone with an ounce of life experience could see how flawed this thinking was - naive at best. All I had to do was to look at the endless heterosexual examples I had grown up with - both on TV and in real life - to know that people sometimes stay together for a lot of reasons that have little or nothing to do with love. And even people who do love each other change over time, and not necessarily in the same direction. And although I've practically made a career out of telling people that Gays and Lesbians are "just like everyone else," I guess I thought them somehow immune to the foibles that plagued heterosexual couples - albeit with problems uniquely their own in this homophobic world. Mostly, though, I believed the "safe after

10 years" theory because I needed to believe it.

Through my late twenties and early thirties, as each six-month-old (or less) relationship messily disintegrated before my eyes, I needed to believe this wouldn't be an endless cycle in my life. As a self-confessed serial monogamist, it has always been important to have one special person in my life with whom I can share my triumphs, my secret fears, the minutia of everyday life, my best and worst sides. I was, and still am, however, more interested in monogamy than in seriality. And I wanted to feel that, with everything

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Club 219: Presents a return of the French Canadian Dancers.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 9pm-12.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable channel 4, 9pm, "Women & HIV, a personal sharing by The Atomic Comic, Fran Peavey.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Jet's Place: A show for M.A.P., all proceeds to M.A.P., 10:30pm, \$2 cover.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Bier Stein VI: Beer Town Badgers sixth
Anniv. run weekend.

Dog Races: Jet's & Station II off to Dairyland, bus leaves 10:45am.

Wreck Room: Monthly party night, grand prize french racing bike.

"What If I'm Gay:" TV Show, Milwaukee TV channel 36, 10:30pm. Three high school juniors experience a friends "coming out", stars Ed Marinaro.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Wisconsin AIDS Walk: Milwaukee Lakefront. (See article in News section, this issue).

Bier Stein VI: Beer Town Badgers 6th Anniv. Run.

Community Leadership Breakfast: To kick off Wisconsin AIDS Walk, 9:30am. (See article in News section this issue).

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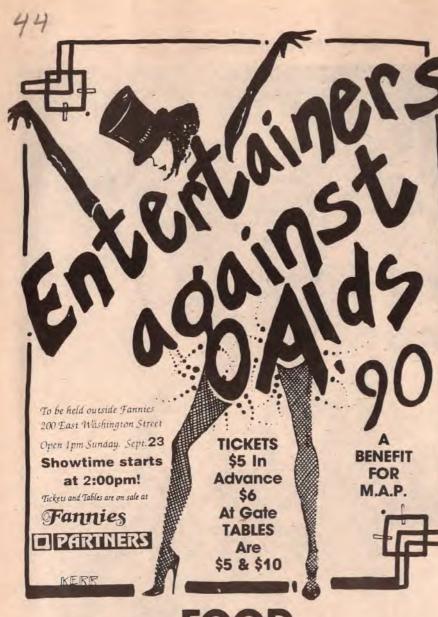
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Darla's View

by Darla Kashian

Fan mail! It's a rare enough occasion that I do notice, and really appreciate any critical analysis of my columns. For those of you who don't read In Step's letters to the editor, a recent column lamenting the lack of cooperation in the Lesbian community was the subject of a letter in response to s/m in the Lesbian community.

S/M is a debate that will continue at least for the next year. Since the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival in 1989, the acceptability of S/M has been a heated debate in the Lesbian community. It's a tough question, one that has divided Lesbians across the country.

This year, the organizers of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival determined, as a formal policy, to prohibit S/M women from participating in the festival as an organized group. The S/M contingent dropped flyers detailing their cause from an airplane over the main stage during an evening concert. Environmentalists, they are not.

Thousands of years from now, archaeologists will find these flyers and wonder what the big deal was.

The issue of S/M is similar to the Gay issue of cross-dressing and drag. Traditional Gays and Lesbians share concern about the public perceptions of Gay and Lesbian people. Many men and women fear that they will be judged based on the actions of others in our community.

These debates remind me of the history of the Lesbian and Gay community. Without these brave individuals, we would not have the few rights we enjoy today. Few remember the Stonewall riots of the 1960's, when New York City police raided a Gay bar for the last time. Drag queens fought back, and a riot with the NYC police department ensued.

We won as a community because a few people, hated in their own community, refused to take this ongoing abuse. Today, in large cities throughout the country, police departments undergo

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Nitengale's presented another of their shows.



Nitengale's 1st Anniversary was celebrated with an entire weekend of events.

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sensitivity training to learn to work effectively with Gay and Lesbian citizens. This is the direct result of the response of drag queens. Many resent giving credit where credit is due.

So what does this have to do with S/M? Well, I personally don't care for the levi leather look. Nor do I think Sadism and Masochism are choices I would make for myself, and I would hope most people would agree with me.

I do believe that everyone has a right to choose their expression of their sexuality as long as such sexuality is between consenting adults. This growing attitude in the Lesbian community rings of the types of oppression society as a whole wishes to impose on all Lesbians and Gays.

Today, Lesbians and Gays exist in a different life: one that includes civil rights in Wisconsin and Massachusetts, book publishing companies, music producers, record manufacturers, newspapers, and other effective reflections of our culture.

Legislation and Lesbian/Gay culture did not come from those of us who enjoy traditional jobs with high pay in the closet of corporate culture. Non-traditional literature, music and entertainment comes from those in our community willing to sacrifice the rewards of a closeted life.

We need to look towards those in our society who differ from the "traditional Gay." While drag queens and S/M men and women are in the minority in the Gay and Lesbian community, they take great risk in exploring their lifestyles. They are the extreme of all of our lives.

The right wing is just as happy to take all of our rights away, but most of us are afraid to stand up and demand our freedom. The more extreme members of our community are the only individuals willing to lobby our legislators, police officials, and media representatives. Acceptance will ensure equality for all members of our society.





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