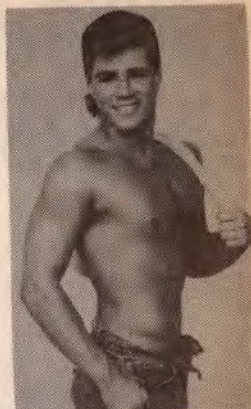
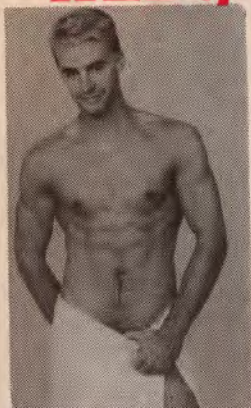


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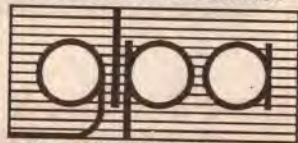
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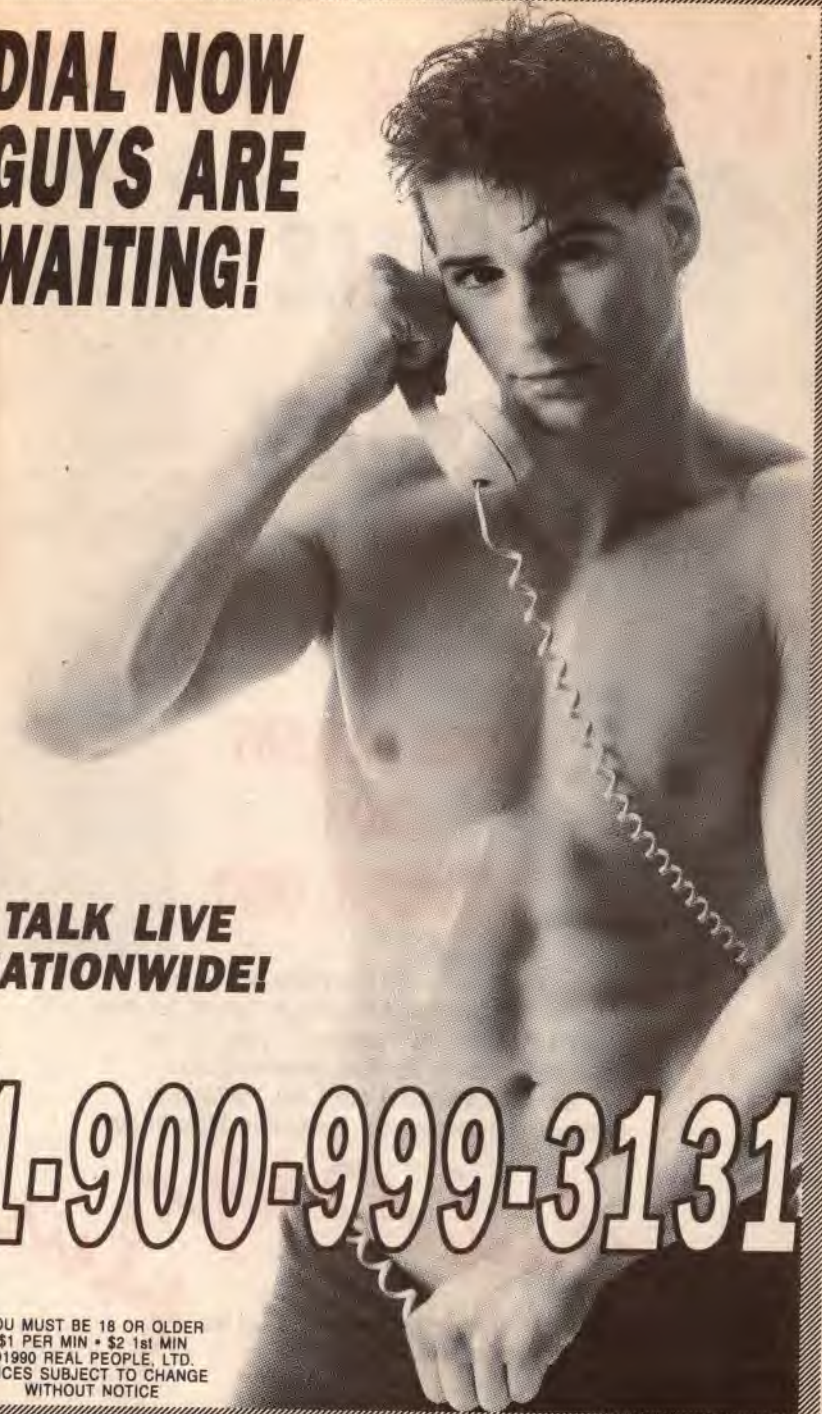
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The somber future of AIDS in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — A report released during a luncheon attended by over 250 community leaders on April 12 estimates over 12,000 people in the Milwaukee area will be infected with HIV/AIDS by 1995, with a cost to the community of \$181 million per year. Dr. June E. Osborn, chair of the National Commission on AIDS was the keynote speaker at the luncheon, and addressed "Meeting the Challenge of AIDS in the United States" which meshed well with the Project's report on the future of AIDS in the Milwaukee area.

The report, released by the Metropolitan AIDS Planning Project, was a year in the making. Funding for the project was provided by the US Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, the Faye McBeth and Milwaukee Foundations. Areas covered under the report include Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties. Over 150 leaders from the health care, business, social service, religious, civic, insurance, Persons With AIDS, education and arts communities participated in the planning effort.

The Milwaukee area population is 1.5 million people, which comprises 29% of the Wisconsin population. However, 60% of all HIV/AIDS cases in the state are found in these four counties. The report concluded that in 1990 there are already 8,121 persons infected with HIV in the area, with 225 cases of AIDS. 70% of those infected were white, with 30% among other racial groups; and 90% were male. In '90, the number of people who died of AIDS was equal to those killed in motor vehicle accidents or by homicide in the Milwaukee area.

The report suggests the face of AIDS will change dramatically between '90 and '95. There will be a decrease in the rate of new infections among Gay and Bi-sexual men and persons using blood products, and an increase in new infections among

men and women who are IV drug users and/or sexual partners of IV drug users. As the number of infected women increases, so will the number of infected infants through prenatal exposure.

Projections for '95 suggest that 12,600 people will be HIV infected, with 1,240 having full-blown AIDS. Projections also show more racial minority groups infected, as well as a doubling of the rate among women. The number of infected children and infants is expected to sextuple from 20 children in '90 to 120 by '95. The rate of new infections among Gay men were projected to decrease by 10% (most likely due to education and safer sex practices).

CONTINUUM OF CARE

Services now available to those with HIV were compared to those that will be needed or are presently unmet. Based upon interviews with People With HIV/AIDS the following gaps were detailed:

• **Medical Care Gaps** — early intervention and health promotion programs for those who are HIV positive, but still healthy; out/inpatient services for drug dependent HIV positives; outpatient mental health services; home health care, health aides, practical support services; in-home hospice care; and nursing home/long term care.

• **Support Services Gaps** — low income housing for those who have to quit or cut back on working and have less income; foster care for HIV infected children or whose parents are infected; pro-bono legal assistance; better care and services for incarcerated HIV infected clients; religious congregations willing to accept and minister to those with HIV/AIDS; more trained volunteers to offer services as a buddy, assist in shopping, cleaning, and transportation.

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HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CONCERNS

The task force identified the number of primary care physicians and hospitals currently treating people with AIDS and attitudes among care providers not treating people with AIDS towards treating People With HIV.

Physicians Currently Treating HIV —

The Milwaukee County Medical Complex currently serves 45% of all PWA/HIV's in the Milwaukee area, and there are 50 primary care doctors currently serving PWA/HIV's. Most physicians currently treating PWA/HIV's "got involved" because they saw it as their responsibility or because a patient developed HIV illness. Only a few doctors actively decided to serve HIV/AIDS patients. Physicians were primarily concerned with the time required to serve patients, and doctors serving the greatest number of HIV patients were concerned over the levels of reimbursement from Medicaid, Medicare and area HMO's.

Doctors Not Treating HIV —

Sixty% of primary care physicians currently not treating HIV are willing to if one of his or her current patients becomes HIV positive. 80% of primary care residents are also willing to treat those with HIV/AIDS. This provides a "base" of 860 doctors "willing" to treat HIV disease.

Those same health care providers indicated very few of them are assessing patient risk behaviors which are HIV related. Few of the doctors assess whether their patients have a chemical dependency, ask about sexually transmitted disease history, or ask about sexual orientation or history of use of blood products. They also don't routinely ask patients if they have had sexual contact with anyone in those risk categories.

Hospital Services — Fifty percent of area hospitals served HIV/AIDS patients in 1989, with the majority of inpatient admissions concentrated in one public and five private hospitals. Average length of stay for an HIV+ patient was 9.4 days, and 17.27 days for PWA's. Hospitalization was longer in the Milwaukee area than the national average because of lack of places to discharge patients, lack of provider experience, and lack of a case management system in '89.

Dental Care — Dental problems and HIV go hand in hand as the disease progresses. Access to preventative and curative dental care is essential to ensure proper food digestion and nutrition. Client access to dental services in the area is limited due to limited reimbursement for dental care and lack of listing of dentists actively willing to treat PWA/HIV's.

FINANCING AIDS

Task force findings indicate nearly 40% of people with HIV and 50% of people with AIDS will be reliant on public health forms of insurance by 1995. The cost of medical care increases as HIV disease progresses. The following projections are based on a report issued by the Governor's Technical Advisory Committee on AIDS:

- For healthy HIV positives, annual medical costs, currently projected at \$800 per year, will rise to \$1,288 annually by '95. Those costs include lab tests, monitoring, counseling regarding the illness safe sex or drug use practices, and staying healthy.

- The costs for ill HIV positives, currently at \$9,500 a year, are expected to rise to \$14,500 by '95. Costs include inpatient care, outpatient services, medications and serological monitoring.

• Treating patients with AIDS currently costs \$69,000 and is expected to raise to \$106,000 annually by '95. This includes hospitalization, outpatients services and drug costs. It does not cover other support or health services.

Treatment for PWA's currently costs 71% of the total costs of HIV disease, and by '95 will make up 83% of treatment costs. These costs do not include the costs of case management, prevention activities, counseling and testing or other special programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION

Based upon the Task Force's research, the Project detailed the following recommendations:

• Recruit additional area health care and social service staff for training in the treatment of persons with HIV disease, especially home health aids, nurses, respiratory therapy, primary care physicians, dentists and psychotherapists;

• Present health care providers expand level and type of services, including hospice, primary care, alternatives to long term care, foster care for children, pastoral care, substance abuse treatment, transportation and volunteer coordination;

• Develop low-income housing alternatives including single and family units, supervised living situations including group homes and facilities for persons with AIDS dementia;

• case management system be continued with a centralized administration and localized delivery of services;

• MAP's system should include information and referral, intake and assessment, care plan development, coordination, monitoring and follow-up, evaluation, data base management, and planning;

• Caseloads for individual case managers be maintained at 50 clients per manager composed of 35 clients with AIDS and 15 with HIV;

• The Milwaukee Medical Complex and privately funded agencies continue to play a major role in delivery of services;

• Educational institutions and professional associations should offer training, clinical support and practice protocols to area health and human service providers to increase the available pool of qualified professionals for projected needs;

• Collaboration between service providers and insurers with data collection and planning efforts to determine the effectiveness of care;

• Doctors, hospitals, HMO's, insurers, health centers, health departments and community based service agencies would work together to motivate other providers to assume future responsibility for AIDS care;

• That a consortium of providers and representatives of key institutions be convened to assume responsibility for coordination and implementation of programs to achieve these goals;

• The State of Wisconsin should increase Medicaid reimbursement rates on parity with private insurers and match increases already available for hospital and nursing home services;

• The State should increase future financial support for case management, AIDS drug reimbursement, clinical trials, prevention and dental care services;

• Private foundations, corporations and other funding sources should provide dollars to address specific service gaps which include: foster care for children affected by HIV disease; adult day care and respite programs; housing and volunteer coordination; substance abuse programs; early HIV intervention; targeted prevention activities; expanded legal services and implementation of planning project recommendations.

The report also outlined specific financing recommendations for the State of Wisconsin, Federal government, private funding sources and organizations serving persons with HIV disease. The recommendations were based upon the assumption that the Federal and State support for existing prevention, surveillance, counseling, testing and clinical trials programs will continue. However, the report anticipates that public funding will always lag behind the needs for expanded service delivery to address these concerns.

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Top — supporters line up for the Pride Committee's spaghetti dinner benefit inside St. Pius X church, while outside, Bottom — protesters, media and counter-demonstrators discuss the issue of a Catholic Church allowing the group to have the dinner.

Diners outnumber protesters 6:1

Milwaukee — Over 100 Gay/Lesbian supportive spaghetti eaters, plus Milwaukee Gay Lesbian Pride Committee (MLGPC) members attended a Spaghetti Dinner Pride Celebration benefit held at Wauwatosa's St. Pius X Catholic Church, while a dozen protesters picketed outside.

(News reports of 30 demonstrators were overly inflated because counter-demonstrators and media members outnumbered the protesters and the mainstream media obviously couldn't tell them apart.)

The benefit became an issue when WISN AM Radio 'personality' Mark Belling seemed to accuse the church of throwing a benefit for the "radical" Pride Celebration and also insinuated the church paid for promotional advertising in the Gay media on his afternoon talk show. (In reality MLGPC applied to the Parish Council for permission to hold the dinner, and when it was approved by vote, rented the space. MLGPC also paid for the ads in the Gay media.)

Belling spoke against the idea of

picketing the church when several of his audience members mentioned the idea. However, the idea took root and the protesters took issue with the church, as well as Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland. Some marchers held signs urging that the Vatican 'oust' Weakland.

Perennial anti-Gay protesters Robert Braun and Tom Phillips as well as several people marching under signs of the Conservative Catholic Forum made up the bulk of the picketers. Several said they were concerned parish members or former members of the St. Pius X congregation.

St. Pius X used to be host to Dignity, a widely spread Gay and Lesbian Catholic group, until the Vatican demanded their ouster from all Catholic Churches. Two years ago, Weakland said Dignity could no longer use the church property, but said he recognized the need for ministry to the Gay/Lesbian community.

The St. Pius X parish council then voted to establish its Gay and Lesbian Outreach Committee. The church holds a 6pm mass every Sunday that is open to everyone, but especially aimed at Gays.

The Spaghetti dinner was the second dinner benefit held there. A March Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner drew no protest. A Pancake and Porkies breakfast is scheduled at Pius on May 19. Stay tuned.

Lesbian minister keeps job

Milwaukee — Janis Doleschal 46 will keep her job as pastor of the Brown Deer United Church of Christ after a close 46-37 vote by members of her flock on April 14.

Doleschal's Lesbianism came to light about four months ago when parishioners found out she had her relationship with her partner of two years blessed by a local UCC minister last summer "in a covenant ceremony recognizing their fidelity to each other."

The UCC denomination has more than 50 so-called "open and affirming" congregations throughout the country that accept Gay/Lesbian ministers and church members.

One such UCC open and affirming

church is the New Hope United Church of Christ on the southside that has a minister whose Lesbianism was known before that church hired her.

A UCC regional spokesperson was quoted in The Milwaukee Sentinel as saying "This appears to be one of those times when we can really test if the Gospel can speak to us in those ways. We hope that it can and it provides for those persons an opportunity for reconciliation." He urged the Brown Deer congregation to "work to reconcile its differences," saying the Gospel stressed understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Doleschal, 46, is also Milwaukee Public Schools interscholastic athletic commissioner, and she's been getting "100% support from MPS" in the church controversy. She warned school officials of the situation prior to it being made public by The Milwaukee Journal in a March 25 article.

According to the Journal article, Doleschal said "she hoped she might be able to provide some educational opportunities for students in the schools." The article continued "At least, I would be in the opportunity to be of assistance whereas other people in MPS who are Gay/Lesbian don't have the opportunity to do that."

Many of Doleschal's non-supporters have threatened to leave the church, move to different congregations, stop attending services until she is gone, and have complained that their church would become known as 'The Gay Church in Brown Deer.' Both supporters & non-supporters were quoted as saying "If she cared about the church, she should have resigned."

According to the Sentinel report, those voting against retaining Doleschal said they all voted against her because of her performance and manipulative attitude — not because she is a Lesbian. A complaint heard was that membership had declined since she had been minister, yet another said her relationship was the proverbial "straw that broke the camels back."

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House AIDS budget still falls short

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The U.S. House passed their version of the federal 1992 budget April 17, asking for \$188 million in AIDS funding over the President's budget request, but still falling far short of the total \$3 billion figure proposed by the nation's leading AIDS organizations.

"This certainly is a positive first step," commented Dan Bross, executive director of the AIDS Action Council. "Now we have to go through the appropriations committees. This is the first step in a long process."

The House budget resolution outlines \$2.1 billion in AIDS spending for the Public Health Service for fiscal year 1992, a \$188 million increase over the Bush Administration's \$1.95 billion budget request. Additional funding for the AIDS activities of the Departments of Defense, Education, Veterans' Administration and Labor over the Administration initial request are also in the budget resolution, but are normally not counted as part of AIDS spending package sought after by AIDS groups.

But even the House's higher figures on AIDS spending targets, AIDS lobbyists are arguing, are far below the amount needed to battle the epidemic.

"It's moving in the right direction," added Bross, "but with this, we're still not looking at full funding of the Ryan White CARE bill. I hate to sound like a broken record, but last year Congress declared AIDS a national emergency. But then last year they failed to fully fund it and they continue to fail to fully fund it."

The CARE bill (the Comprehensive AIDS Emergency Resources Act), passed by Congress last summer, channels federal funds to cities and areas hit disproportionately hard by the epidemic. The measure also funds a number of disease prevention and early intervention programs.

In the shadow of last year's congressional budget fracas, however, the bill was only given partial funding for fiscal year 1991, and, under both the Bush

and House budget plans, would likely again only receive partial funds in the coming year.

Over 150 public interest groups, mobilizing under the coalition banner of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS, have called on Congress to fund the Public Health Service's AIDS programs in fiscal 1992 to the tune of \$3 billion, emphasizing the need for full funding of the CARE bill.

Although the CARE bill is not mentioned by name in the House budget package, the resolution does contain statements noting the rising number of AIDS cases and the need for an adequate federal response.

In channeling more funds to the battle against AIDS, House budget committee members were limited by last year's budget agreement which barred them from taking money from defense programs and foreign aid to increase funding for domestic spending. Hence, in upping federal funding for AIDS, committee members were limited to reshuffling priorities in the Bush budget, taking funds from NASA space exploration programs to fund domestic matters.

Now that the budget has been passed by the House, the House Appropriations Committee, under the chairmanship of Rep. Jamie Whitten (D-Miss.), will use the proposal as an outline to set spending limits for each appropriations subcommittee.

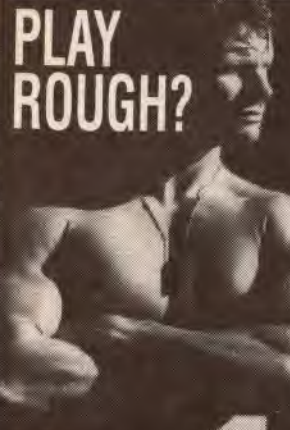
Once figures are outlined by the full committee for the Labor, Health and Human Services money bill, supporters of funding efforts to fight a variety of illnesses and those supporting prevention, research and patient care programs must compete for the available funds.

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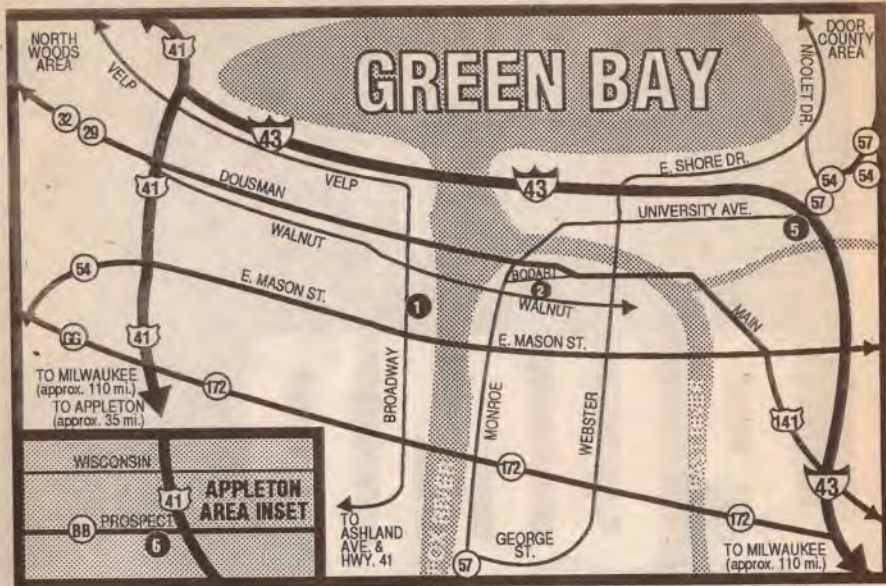
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by Rex Wockner

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The companies are Church & Dwight (Arm & Hammer); General Motors; Grand Metropolitan (Alpo, Burger King, Green Giant, Haagen-Dazs, Hungry Jack, Jeni's, Pearle Vision, Pillsbury); Pfizer (Ben Gay, Desitin, Unisom, Visine); Philip Morris (Birds Eye, Breyers, Brim, Chiffon, Cool Whip, General Foods, Jell-O Kraft, Lowenbrau and Miller Beer, Marlboro and other cigarettes, Oscar Mayer, Parkay, Sanka, Sealtest); S.C. Johnson & Sons (Agree, Glade, Johnson Wax, Off, Raid); Thompson Medical Company (Aspercreme, Dexatrim, Slimfast); and Toyota. These companies produce scores of other products with lesser name recognition.

The AFA was upset the **The Simpsons'** Homer got kissed on the mouth by a man. The group was distressed that **Doctor, Doctor's** Richard told his dad to "go to hell" for not accepting his Gayness. Richard also "hit it off" with Charles, a new office manager. In another episode, Richard "thanks God he's homosexual" after observing his straight brother's "desperate love life."

Cop Rock made the AFA list for presenting "outing" as a way to create "positive models for homosexuals." "Over My Dead Body" featured a Gay football hero and "made it clear that homosexuality is normal."

L.A. Law showed Lesbians kissing, made a "hero" of a Gay reporter who "outed" a Gay cop, and took the side of a lover battling for custody of his dying partner.

On **Thanksgiving Day**, daughter Barbara "and her Lesbian lover figure prominently in many scenes and in the general storyline." **The Hogan Family** plugged safe sex without noting that

avoiding Gay sex is the best protection.

Lifestories "subtly champion ed homosexuality in the story of TV newsman Steve Burdick's battle with AIDS." On **thirtysomething** two Gays were "portrayed as if their lifestyle is normal. At a party, Russell kisses Peter tenderly on the cheek and they embrace."

The Golden Girls was singled out for particular scorn by the AFA for the episode where Blanche comes to accept her Gay brother and his cop lover. **Gabriel's Fire** "promoted the normalcy of homosexuality" in an outing episode. A lawyer states that it is "acceptable to be Gay in America."

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The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has long urged Gays and Lesbians to write the same sponsors — to counterbalance the Christians' letters, which sometimes number in thousands.

Hate crimes data collection by FBI

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The Department of Justice, acting in accord with the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, on April 4 announced the beginning of their efforts to collect data on bias crimes, including those motivated by anti-Gay prejudice.

At a morning press conference at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's D.C. headquarters, Justice Department officials, flanked by members of a wide array of groups which included the national Gay and Lesbian Task Force, proclaimed that three months after the data collection effort began the program is now 'on track.'

"Not only do such 'hate groups' *contd. on page 14*

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commit outrageous acts of violence against our citizens," said Attorney General Richard Thornburgh in a prepared statement, "but they seek to engage in a concentrated effort to tear apart the moral fabric of our society."

Speaking on the new effort, FBI Director William Sessions mentioned that within the last three years, the Justice Department has indicted 189 defendants in 26 states for hate crimes. Of those, 129 have been convicted.

Staffers at the Department of Justice did not return a reporter's calls inquiring as to how many of those were anti-Gay crimes, but a staffer for the Task Force suggested that the number was likely low, if existent, because current federal civil rights laws did not presently include 'sexual orientation' among their mandates.

According to the Task Force's statistics on anti-Gay offenses, in 1990, 1,588 incidents of anti-Gay crimes were reported to anti-violence groups in six major urban areas alone, a 42 percent increase over 1989 numbers in the same cities.

In his statement, Sessions made repeated reference to the hate crimes bill's inclusion of sexual orientation and thanked the Task Force for its extensive work in documenting anti-Gay violence.

As a result of the bill, Session stated, the bias crimes data collection program "will be an integral part of the existing Uniform Crime Reports (UCR), in which 16,000 law enforcement agencies participate."

The UCRs provide standard uniform definitions of hate-crimes and objective criteria which are to be used to determine whether a hate crime has taken place.

The statistics collected through the UCRs then will be published periodically by the UCR Section, although Sessions and Gay activists agreed that any data collected will only show a small portion of the crimes that are actually committed.

"With the continued assistance of law enforcement, victims' groups, crime watch programs, and community and civil

rights organizations," Session said, "the Hate Crimes Statistics Act will result in the successful reporting of hate-related incidents and the effectiveness of law enforcement response to such crimes."

Saying that the FBI is 'committed' to the successful implementation of the program, Sessions added that the bill "will also increase awareness of the damaging and traumatic effects of hate crimes."

The collection of data on anti-Gay crimes, though, may be a more complex task than the program would suggest, said a key spokesman on anti-Gay violence.

Noting that participation by law enforcement in the program is voluntary, NGLTF anti-violence project director Kevin Berrill pointed out that currently very few states mandate the collection of hate crimes data, and of those, only six and the District of Columbia order the collection of statistics on anti-Gay crimes.

"We need for communities that are effected by hate crimes to unite behind efforts to promulgate hate crimes laws in their states and localities," said Berrill. "Only a handful do now, so it's going to be important for all communities at risk to pull together and lobby for measures to monitor hate violence in their communities, because right now law enforcement participation is still spotty."

Berrill also called on Congress to appropriate sufficient funds for the training of law enforcement personnel in how to identify, record and classify hate crimes.

"To put it bluntly," he said, "the battle against bigoted violence cannot be won on the cheap."

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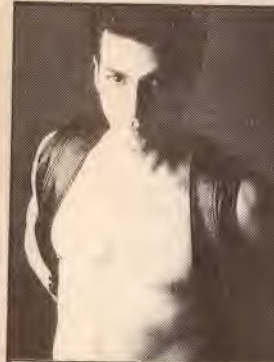
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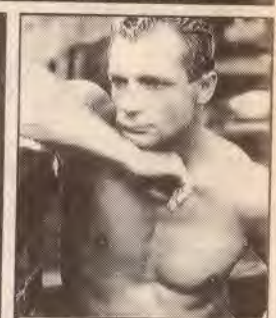
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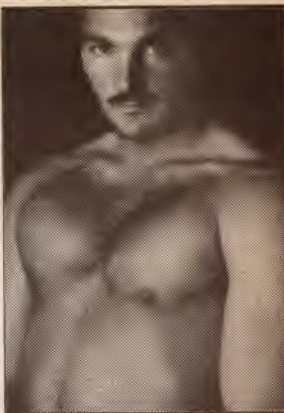


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7 SPIRITUALITY TONIGHT - Magazine Scheduled: A report on a New York lesbian who had a bizarre and politically-incorrect spiritual revelation, when a Cross dangling from the chain around her Catholic lover's neck kept bobbing in and out of her mouth during sex.

21 RESCUE 911 - (CC); 60 Min.

Paramedics administer emergency treatment to a gay man, suffering from a herniated salivary gland and uncontrollable drooling caused after he spent the night in a front row seat, watching hot, sweaty male strippers. Later, rescuers help straighten William Shatner's toupee which got knocked off in all the excitement.

5 THIS OLD HOUSE - Restoration

The This Old House crew renovates the home of cooking goddess Julia Child. In the first episode, Julia is rushed to the emergency room after Norm, the ace carpenter, playing a practical joke, switches her cream cheese with glazing compound. Julia spreads some on a bagel and gets sick all over a soufflé.

10:30

5 DOOGIE HOSWER M.D. - Comedy Child doctor Doogie is sued for malpractice after he unsuccessfully treats a man suffering from impotence with an Erector Set.

30 TWIN PEAKS (CC); 60 Min.

In a bizarre dream sequence, Agent Cooper mistakes a sugar doughnut for a sex toy and wakes up to find an empty Dunkin' Doughnuts box in his underpants.

13 YELLOW ON THURSDAY - Comedy For details, see the Highlight on this page.

HBO MOVIE - Science Fiction; 2 Hrs.

"Attack of the Giant Killer Drag Queens" (1954) After applying radio active mascara, female impersonators grow to a height of 100 ft., destroy Japanese train layouts and a cardboard cut-out of Tokyo. Nancy Reagan, Raymond Burr and Long Wang.

HIGHLIGHT

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Missing for over three weeks, this never before seen episode of Yellow on Thursday was found next to an old pair of Fruit of the Loom underpants in the sock drawer of executive producer, Bryce Clark. The hilarious half-hour episode features super-funny skits, commercial parodies and plenty of surprises. Yellow on Thursday cast; George Cabal, Joseph Rogan, Mike Westerhausen, Alan Kurth, Tom Livieri, Bryce Clark, Arlyn Kampen, Kristie Coryell and W.W. Wells III (30 min.)

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Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network

WCRC names executive director

Milwaukee — The appointment of Clifford A. Steele as Administrator of the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium (WCRC) was announced by Dr. Barry Bernstein, Chairman of the board of Directors April 9.

Steele, a West Allis native, most recently worked as Chief Administrative Officer of the Minnesota AIDS Project for 2 years, having served as Acting Executive Director for one of those years, overseeing the agency's statewide activities.

Previously he was Director of Personnel for DataCard Corporation, Director of Employee Relations for Leaseway Transportation and Affirmative Action Programs Coordinator for The Coca-Cola Company that President Carter appointed him to HIRE, a national committee established to work with major industries in placing Vietnam veterans in jobs. That year he was also elected an Outstanding Young Man In America, having been nominated by Dr. Terrance S. Hitchcock. Vice President, Human Resources at The Coca-Cola Company.

The Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium (WCRC) is a statewide organization of physicians caring for individuals with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. With the aid of state and private funds they will be establishing research



Cliff Steele was recently named Executive Director of the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium, which will soon be bringing experimental AIDS drug trials to the state.

programs on the cutting edge of the battle against AIDS. While there are 23 such organizations across the country, this is the only one which encompasses an entire state.

Physicians or other persons wishing more information about the upcoming projects should call or write Steele at 315 West Court Street, Milwaukee, 53212. The phone number is (414)273-1991.

State dept. will track abuses of Gays

by Rex Wockner

The man who writes the State Department's report on human-rights abuses around the world has agreed to include anti-Gay incidents if activists worldwide provide confirmable information.

The agreement by Tom Williams, director of the Country Human Rights Reports team, came at an April 9 meeting with three Washington activists — Michael Petrelis of ACT UP, Margaret Cantrell of Gay and Lesbian Watch, and Barrett Brick of the World Congress of

Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Activists presented Williams with 14 months of Outlines, a Chicago Gay/Lesbian newspaper with extensive coverage of international news, to document the extent of Gay/Lesbian human-rights abuses around the globe.

"The only mention of Gays and Lesbians in the 1990 report was a paragraph on Denmark's legalization of Gay marriage," Petrelis said. "I want them to improve this report as it relates to Gay and AIDS issues."

Graffiti

J.L.: I hope you had a wonderful birthday. **'The Kid' [Jo'dee's Intl.]**

Stuffy: The Repo-man can still find you in Cest La Vie's parking lot. **Your HMM-friends**

KKB: I Love You! **TLB**

Jim B: You started it, but I am going to finish it. **Laurie**

Nancy: I can bring you out of the closet, if you let me. **T.**

Sybil of Sheb.: Shame! Shame! Shame! You naughty little (big) boy. **Signed??**

To The Gang: How did you like your easter bunnys? **E. Bunny**

Christina [219]: You have a big 'ol zit on your butt! It's come to a (your) head. **Blue**

Lisa: You're still the same. You'll never change! **An old friend**

Bratee: Yes, I am interested. Let's have a drink some time. **...gales**

Rich S.: If you're interested give me a call sometime. **You know who**

Lisa: Burn the witch but invite 'Bob' to the seasonal festivities. By the way, I have tickets for the event, see me. **A true friend**

Todd: After 1 1/2 yrs. You're still the hottest man I know. I'll always Love you! **Tods DN**

Michelle Phillips: Love you and miss you. **Mama Cass**

Paul B.: Pay close attention to the ad in personals from Florida. **Keith S.**

Gene: I'm sorry. One day you'll forgive me. **Keith**

Damian, Steve, CJ, Cindy: What's the matter Soph ain't ya got a vase? **Love Keith**

CJ: Mayonnaise and aspirin what a concept huh? **-Love, Madonna**

Todd K. [Sheboygan]: You are a really sick mother! Why don't you grow up for once!!! **Guess Who?**

Sherlock's Home: Happy 10th Anniv. and hopefully more too come. **The gang of Sheb.**

To Dan M. [Sheb.]: Get a life? **A fan of yours**

Laurie: You're depressed — please get help. **Bob**

LW: Does Bob know you're Gay? **Sarah**

Lisa: I Love You. **Laurie**

Dear Work: (In Mpls) 11:30am (in Milw.) to work at noon. I won't be in today I lost my friend and just got up. I'll be in Cest La Vie till I find him. **Eric finds Mike**

Eric [Mpls]: Todds empty so we can have one more. Fill em up Craig. **Mike**

Todd [Mpls]: Beware of the landsharks. **Craig [CLV]**

Todd [Mpls]: When can we do it again? Poni, Craig, James, Stiffi, Rod, Randy, Rick the Dick, Marty, Brandon, Bob & Joni too! Mandi & Bouji. **Love Ya, hope to see you soon**

Dear Bob: Pay me — and we will go to our extasy land! **R**

Jim B.: Two can play at this game. Who died and made you boss? **Yours truly**

Beau: We've seen more of you in Male Pictorial than at the Club Lately! **Shaver and Slick**

Betty & Friends [Mint II]: Thanks for the wonderful party you gave me, and to everyone who pitched in with the food. I was glad to see all my old friends. Thank you all for the wonderful gifts. **Rosie**

Jimmy K. [Milw.]: Maybe I'm a porker now. But at least I wasn't a porker all my life!! **Jim J. [Sheb.]**

Brittney [Milw.]: I really feel sorry for you, that you are going out with Jimmy K. again! **A good old friend [Sheb.]**

Tim F: Call Walter B.



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Gays disrupt Cameron speech

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — A group of Gay activists on April 3 disrupted a speech by anti-Gay activist Paul Cameron which was being delivered to the George Washington University chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom as part of what was billed as "Straight Pride Day."

Speaking to ten members of the right wing campus group, the controversial ex-psychologist was to explain in detail a recent study of sexual behavior conducted by his group, but was only allowed to do so in part when, shortly after his speech began, approximately 30 Gay and Lesbian protesters began shouting various comments, chants and questions at him.

Most of the demonstrators were from the local direct action groups Oppression Under Target! (OUT!) and ACT UP/D.C..

After Cameron spoke for approximately 20 minutes on what he described as one of the "more disturbed groups in our society" and the "phenomenon" of homosexuality, the demonstrators briefly prevented him from going on by calling out.

"Paul Cameron, go away," they shouted, "racist, sexist anti-Gay."

"Straight pride. Straight pride," the YAF members countered, under the din.

Despite being repeatedly interrupted with questions and occasional combative comments, Cameron was able to conclude his talk and later entertained questions from the audience, all of which were posed by Gay and Lesbian audience members.

Also present at the meeting were representatives from the campus Gay and Lesbian People's Alliance, HRCF and the college's Gay alumni groups as well as openly Gay YAF founder Marvin Liebman, all of which asked pointed questions of Cameron but did not join in the disruption.

Cameron, who bills himself nationwide as an "expert witness" on homosexuality, runs the Washington, D.C.-based Family Research Institute, which is described on its letterhead as "scientists defending the family against sexual excess and drugs."

Based on his highly controversial views on homosexuality, he has been censored by the Nebraska Psychological Association and dropped from the American Psychological Association. In 1987, anti-Gay Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) officially disassociated himself from the ex-psychologist citing Cameron's "obsessive preoccupation with homosexuality."

Throughout his speech, Cameron compared homosexuality to drug abuse and alcoholism, arguing that it is a lifestyle based on activity which is freely chosen. Cameron suggested that if drug abusers and alcoholics, like homosexuals, argued that they were "born this way," American society would be inclined to extend civil rights protection to them as well, because Americans are "fundamentally good-guy oriented."

Cadet fights to complete training

St. Louis [LLDEF] — Relying on the Department of Defense policy that prohibits Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Gay men from serving in the United States Armed Forces, the Air Force commenced disenrollment proceedings against a Gay Air Force ROTC cadet at Washington University in St. Louis. In a March 6, 1991 letter signed by AF/ROTC Detachment Commander Col. Larry A. Rachey, the Air Force notified Robert S. Schwitz, a cadet who has been named to the Dean's List and is in the top 15% of his class, that the military was beginning proceedings to separate him from ROTC. Two days earlier, Schwitz had advised the Air Force that he is Gay, and that he wished to complete his ROTC officer training and "serve as an openly Gay man in the United States Air Force."

Schwitz, age 20, entered the Washington University AF/ROTC program on a full-tuition business scholarship in 1988. After receiving the letter from Col. Rachey, Schwitz contacted

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Bi/Wm - Seeks slim, smooth Black, Hispanic or Oriental TV in Milw. area to be my lover. I'm 41, 180 lbs and very affectionate. Will answer all. Photo and phone number appreciated. 501 W. Mitchell, Box 414, Milw., WI 53204.

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Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund to help him to prevent the disenrollment.

Schwitz, who has received excellent ratings as a cadet, stated, "I came forward out of a sense of duty and personal integrity - I will not conceal my sexual orientation and deny who I am in order so serve my country. My sexual orientation in no way compromises my fitness to serve in the United States Air Force."

"By informing the Air Force of his sexual orientation, Rob has shown tremendous integrity and courage, two key qualities that the military seeks in its officers," noted Lambda Cooperating Attorney Arlene Zarembka of St. Louis, MO.

"The Department of Defense's policy foolishly wastes enormous resources when the military invests in a cadet only to expel him or her on the basis of sexual orientation," added Mary Newcombe, Lambda's Los Angeles based Staff Attorney. "Rob is no less qualified to

serve now than the day before he came out to his commanding officer."

Schwitz was notified that, in addition to terminating his ROTC scholarship, the Air Force may seek recoupment of the more than \$45,000 in scholarship money it has expended on his behalf. In previous cases, the Department of Defense has dropped its efforts to seek recoupment involving Gay cadets. As Zarembka noted, "It is the height of hypocrisy for the military to terminate qualified cadets merely because they are Gay and then to seek repayment of tens of thousands of dollars."

Wi. community fund awards grants

The Wisconsin Community Fund in late March announced grant awards to 17 non-profit organizations working for social justice. It was the largest number of grants ever awarded at one time by the Fund.

The grant decisions were made by WCF's Community Funding Board, which is composed of community activists

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The grant recipients included three groups working in support of Native American treaty rights, as well as a coalition supporting treaty rights and opposing mining in northern Wisconsin.

A total of seven statewide groups were funded, including coalitions addressing the issues of universal health care, just compensation for child care workers, and solid waste disposal policies.

The total amount of grants awarded was \$35,000. Over the past nine years, WCF has awarded about \$325,000 to Wisconsin organizations working for social change.

The following Gay/Lesbian groups & projects received support in WCF's 16th grant cycle:

GALVANize — The Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) is an organization working to increase the visibility and community acceptance of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals. The major focus of the group during 1991 will be a march and week-long series of events designed to increase awareness and understanding of Lesbian and Gay issues.

Lesbian Parents Network — The network is a diverse group of Lesbians who meet monthly to address parenting issues as they relate to families headed by Lesbians. The group publishes a monthly newsletter and will be expanding its library of resource materials on Lesbian and multi-cultural issues for parents and children. The grant is for operating support.

Employer recognizes relationships

New York City (ACLU) — After lengthy negotiations, the American Civil Liberties Union and Montefiore Medical Center of New York City announced March 26 that the medical center is extending spousal benefits to the domestic partners of its Lesbian and Gay staff members.

With approximately 9,000 employees, Montefiore is the largest private business in the United States to recognize domestic partnerships of Lesbian and Gay

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MLGPC Newsflash

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PWA's sue AZT maker

by Rex Wockner

New York's People With AIDS Health Group filed suit March 19 against the Burroughs Wellcome company, charging that its exclusive U.S. patent on the expensive anti-HIV drug AZT was granted only after the company lied about its role in developing the drug as an AIDS treatment.

The lawsuit comes on the heels of a similar action in Canada, where a rival pharmaceutical company has challenged Wellcome's exclusive Canadian patent to the drug.

Both lawsuits charge that Wellcome took credit for the research that discovered AZT's anti-HIV properties when the research was in fact carried out predominantly by U.S. government scientists.

The U.S. lawsuit claims that Wellcome did not 'conceive, develop or demonstrate the utility' of AZT and, in its application to the U.S. Patent Office, failed to name the drug's true inventors, the National Institutes of Health.

The suit also names the NIH for its alleged failure to assert its legal rights to

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life and be responsible for their common welfare, including financial interdependence.

In addition, employees and their partners must file a sworn affidavit in which they declare that they are each other's sole domestic partner. To meet those requirements, employees and their partners will be asked to provide evidence, such as the following:

- Passports, drivers' licenses, designations for delivery of mail to prove they cohabit.
- Joint checking accounts, credit cards in both names, designation of each other as authorized signatures on their respective safe-deposit boxes.
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employees. The medical center decision covers those employees and their partners "who are unable, by law, to marry because of laws prohibiting marriage of persons of the same sex." Often domestic partner policies include the non-married partners of heterosexuals.

the AZT patent.

The U.S. and Canadian lawsuits follow a January expose by ABC-TV news which charged that "Burroughs Wellcome has rewritten history to protect its patent and control over the price of AZT."

According to one NIH scientist interviewed by the network, "We paid to invent (AZT) and now we've paid to buy it back. It's the healthcare version of the savings and loan scandal."

Wellcome has twice lowered the price of AZT, under pressure from AIDS activists. It costs about \$3,000 a year now, down from \$10,000. At each of its pricing levels, Wellcome insisted the high price offset 'research and development' costs on AZT and other drugs.

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Psych institutes to admit Gays

by Paul Varnell

In a striking departure from tradition, two of the nation's leading psychoanalytic institutes are stating that they will not exclude Lesbian and Gay applicants.

Chicago's Institute for Psychoanalysis and the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, Inc., have both moved recently to adopt non-discrimination clauses which include sexual orientation.

The actions are a departure from tradition because psychoanalytic training institutes in the past routinely excluded homosexual applicants, regarding Gays and Lesbians as poor candidates to become analysts. Just last year the American Psychoanalytic Association refused to adopt an official statement condemning discrimination against Gays.

The action by the Boston Psychoanalytic Institute was taken at the urging of the American Civil Liberties Union. James D. Marks, a Boston-based ACLU cooperating attorney brought the matter to the attention of the Institute, asserting that an explicit non-discrimination statement would "help remove the institutional justification that some members of the profession use to keep Lesbians and Gays from applying for training."

Dr. Elizabeth Aub Reid, the new President of the Institute agreed to add the statement to the Institute's application materials, but emphasized that it does not represent a change in policy.

"It merely puts into print what our practice has been," Reid said. "If this step makes it easier for other institutes to follow suit, so much the better."

Almost simultaneously with Boston, the Chicago-based Institute for Psychoanalysis initiated a similar policy change on its own.

The Institute's 1990 annual report, currently in press, will add sexual orientation, ethnic origin, and handicap to the previously listed categories of race, color, religion, sex, age, and national origin.

Daniel J. Peiser, the Director of Development for the Institute, said that the new Gay-inclusive statement was part of a general overhaul of the statement initiated internally last summer.

While the non-discrimination statements do not specifically say that Gays should be considered mentally healthy, Boston's Dr. Reid noted that psychoanalysts have been rethinking some elements of traditional analytic theory:

"Psychoanalytic view on homosexuality have changed considerably in the last fifteen years," she said.

"These things take time," Reid continued, nothing that "we have often been a leader in ongoing development of psychoanalytic understanding."

Psychoanalytic theory has traditionally regarded homosexuality as an impairment of psychological functioning. When the American Psychiatric Association voted in 1973 to remove homosexuality from the category of mental illness, many of the most prominent critics of that action were analysts. And the American Psychoanalytic Association has never followed suit. Until very recently no psychoanalyst ever acknowledged being Gay or Lesbian.

Death penalty in Gay-bash murder

by Rex Wockner

The Illinois Supreme Court March 28 upheld the death-penalty conviction of a murderer who killed because he hated Gays.

Richard Nitz, of downstate Carbondale, murdered 23 year old Michael Miley in 1988 when Miley went to Nitz's trailer to complain about Nitz's frequent harassment of Gays.

Nitz beat Miley with a baseball bat, then put Miley in the trunk of a car, drove him to a wooded area, shot him in the head, cut off his head, and then disposed of the head.

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Jock Shorts

Softball season starts April 27

The Saturday Softball Beer League kicks off its 14th season on Saturday April 27th at 11am. Games will again be played at Mitchell Park, behind the Domes. Ten teams will see action — Ball Game and Triangle, as competitive teams; Cest La Vie, M&M Peanuts, Partners, Triangle 2 and Wreck Room as recreational teams; and Fannies, M&M Bad Girls and Nitengales as womens teams.

A new feature this year will be that all players are encouraged to go to a designated sponsor bar from 4:30 to 6:30 each week. The purpose is to increase the camaraderie among players, to support the sponsor bars, and to help raise money for the league to send 3 teams to the world series. Frank Villarreal has been appointed to coordinate the fundraising efforts for each team.

Triangle has been designated the host sponsor for opening day, April 27th. The theme for the fund raiser is "The Bermuda Triangle Rescue." Reduced drink prices and other surprises are planned. On May 4th, the Ball Game will be the host sponsor. All players and fans of the SSBL are encouraged to support these events.

Plans for the 1991 Milwaukee Classic over Memorial Day weekend are well underway. Verbal commitments have been received from numerous teams throughout the U.S. and Canada. Classic T-shirts are available at most sponsor bars for \$10. More information on the tournament will be forthcoming as the Memorial Day weekend approaches.

Saturday Softball Beer League Schedule (Mitchell Park Diamonds)

April 27	12:00 Nitengales vs Wreck Room	Upper
	2:00 Fannies vs Partners	
	3:00 Ball Game vs Cest La Vie	Lower
	11:00 M&M Bad Girls vs Wreck Room	
	12:00 M&M Bad Games vs Triangle 2	
	1:00 Ball Game vs. Triangle 1	
	2:00 Triangle 1 vs Cest la Vie	
	3:00 Fannies vs M&M Peanuts	
	4:00 Partners vs M&M Peanuts	Triangle
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May 4	11:00 Ball Game vs Wreck Room	Upper
	12:00 Triangle 2 vs Ball Game	
	2:00 Nitengales vs Fannies	Lower
	11:00 Triangle 1 vs Triangle 2	
	12:00 Wreck Room vs Triangle 1	
	1:00 partners vs Cest la Vie	
	2:00 Cest La Vie vs M&M Peanuts	
	3:00 Nitengales vs M&M Bad Girls	
	4:00 M&M Bad Girls vs Fannies	
	Host/Sponsor (aftergame) Ball Game	
May 11	1:00 Fannies vs Nitengales	Upper
	2:00 Triangle 1 vs. M&M Peanuts	
	3:00 Wreck Room vs Triangle 2	
	4:00 Partners vs Triangle 1	Lower
	11:00 Fannies vs M&M Bad Girls	
	12:00 M&M Bad Girls vs Nitengales	
	1:00 Wreck Room vs Cest La Vie	
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Governor Of Illinois. Sex Deviate." Information in the file labeled Stevenson a "homo- sexual" (sic) and claimed he had a female nickname, "Adeline."

Nonsense, of course. Stevenson's case was "a completely unsubstantiated allegation that was bruited about in April of 1952," recalls Theoharis. "What happened was that the Bradley University basketball team (in Peoria) was under investigation and one of the members told an investigator that 'The two most notorious homosexuals in the state of Illinois are Adlai Stevenson and (then Bradley president) David Owen.'"

The plot thickened in 1990 when Seth Rosenfeld, a journalist with the San Francisco Examiner, read about Theoharis' research and started digging on his own. Rosenfeld discovered an interesting federal irony: the National Archives require that any governmental agency seek permission to destroy paper documents, and the FBI in 1977 asked for and received permission to destroy 99.5 cubic feet of 'Sex Deviate' files. In other words, the FBI claims that such files don't exist and never did, but Rosenfeld could prove that they once did only because they no longer do! "Massed files of that size could contain as many as 300,000 pages," comments Theoharis, who speculates that the destroyed files were capacious enough to accommodate thousands of American citizens.

If the FBI's secret files were just a pack of lies about prominent Americans, Sweet Adeline and his flamboyant sex life and so on, they might today seem harmless enough, more a reflection of Hoover's obsession with security and homosexuality than anything else. But as Oscar Wilde remarked, "The unfortunate thing about gossip is that so much of it is true." At the height of the McCarthy era, in 1951, the FBI's 'Sex Deviate' filecard program shifted into high gear. An internal FBI memorandum from that year announced plans to share the alleged 'deviate' status with private employers, including universities.

We don't know how successfully the gossip got passed around, but we do know that the FBI named names to George Washington University in 1954. Since

tenured faculty members can't be discharged on mere accusations of immoral behavior, any college teachers who would have been fired as a result of FBI gossip in the fifties were probably untenured-hence young-and so probably alive today. Perhaps some of the victims-if there are any-will come forward soon.

Gay activists are understandably outraged at the FBI's assumption that homosexuality constitutes enough of a threat to the republic to warrant surveillance tactics. Other Americans should be given pause, too: since the FBI lied about the 'Sex Deviate' files' existence, can we really be sure that the information in them wasn't transferred to computers in 1977, when the paper files were destroyed? And who's to say the Bureau still doesn't gather information that is equally irrelevant today?

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Among the key issues decided by the Supreme Court was the question of whether Nitz's self-professed hatred of Gays could be introduced as evidence of his motive for killing a Gay man.

The court concurred with the state's contention that bias against a group could be shown to be a motive for violence against a member of that group.

Testimony in the case established that Nitz regularly harassed Gays and once spoke of his Gay-bashing activities in a TV interview.

State Attorney General Roland Burris praised the Supreme Court's ruling, saying it "reinforces our firm belief that prejudice can never justify violence or murder."

"Studies have shown that the Gay community is the most frequent target of hate crimes," Burris added.

Gay credit card stampede

by Rex Wockner

The Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union is drowning in applications for the world's first Gay credit card.

No fewer than 3,500 requests have poured into Dallas even though most news reports did not carry an address.

"We're astonished at the response," said DGA Credit Union president Dan Wallace.

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"It's a wonderful position to be in," added DGA's William Waybourn, the man who thought up the idea of a Gay Credit Union.

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Gossip, American style

Essay by Allen Smalling

Who was the biggest gossip-monger in American history? It wasn't one of today's supermarket tabloids or TV journalists. It wasn't one of the Hollywood columnists of yore: Hedda Hopper in her heyday and Louella Parsons in her prime were pikers compared to this character, who amassed something like 300,000 pages about the intimate love lives of the American people over a 40-year period. Hint: we helped pay for it. It was our very own Federal Bureau of Investigation under then director J. Edgar Hoover.

From 1937 to 1977, the FBI ran a 'Sex Deviate' program that gathered hearsay about the sexual habits of prominent Americans such as Adlai E. Stevenson,

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. and columnist Joseph Alsop. In addition to files, the Bureau maintained an elaborately cross-referenced system of index cards to record who it thought was a 'Sex Deviate.' This paper-based system lasted well into the computer age: as late as 1970 the 'Sex Deviate' program came in handy when Richard Nixon asked Hoover for — and quickly got — a list of suspected homosexuals in the white House press corps.

We don't know this because the FBI admitted it — it never has — but because of some interesting accidents on the part of a Milwaukee history professor and a San Francisco journalist. Professor Athan Theoharis of Marquette University spent nine years and filed two administrative appeals under the Freedom of Information Act before the FBI would admit it had kept a file on Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic Party's presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956.

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Time has passed them by. At this point, even Cardinal O'Connor has passed them by.

Mere homosexuals drain us. As a community, we are weakened because of their inclusion among us. As a Gay rights movement, we are penalized. As people, we are insulted.

Frankly, I'm sick of hearing these people complain about the harm WE are doing to THEM by coming out. I'm sick of watching them treat those of us who are openly Gay as if we are not quite as good or successful or smart as they are. Mostly I'm sick of hearing how Gay groups demanding what should be ours inherently are an embarrassment. It is NOT Gay groups who are the embarrassment.

These homosexuals whine a lot about their right to privacy. And about appearances. And about how it would just break their poor old mothers hearts if their poor old mothers ever knew. Obviously, their mothers are not only poor and old; they must be pretty stupid, too (unless I miss my mark and there is absolutely nothing odd about a forty five year old child who hasn't mentioned having a date in twenty five years). Unfortunately, these people are exactly what they appear to be - shamefilled individuals who deny their heritage, and consequently, deny themselves. Ultimately, the entire Gay community foots the bill for their self hatred.

Frankly, I don't understand them. I don't understand how living with fear is better than living openly. I don't understand how being liked for who you are not is better than being accepted for who you are. And I don't understand how an independent adult can justify not coming out to their family on the basis of being afraid. Afraid of what?

Homosexuals who are ashamed of Gay people have to have an elaborate system for deluding themselves. One closeted Lesbian told me she was basically a heterosexual who just likes doing it with someone of the same sex. Isn't that rather like a vegetarian who just happens to eat meat?

It seems to me that homosexuals who aren't Gay aren't really much of anything else either. Well, they ARE an encumbrance. They ARE the main reason that the committee at New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade could safely turn their back on a few hundred of us (think that would have happened if every homosexual who marched in the parade had walked with the Gay Irish group). They ARE the impetus for the fundamentalist cranks who will work so hard again this year to knock down bills to protect our civil rights (how much of that money comes from homophobic homosexuals?). And sadly, they are sometimes the aunts or uncles of the teen-agers who commit anti-Gay hate crimes.

But then, these homosexuals embrace the homophobia that exists. After all, it's a validation of their decision to remain in the closet. And they have a greater tolerance for religious cranks and right wing fanatics than they do for people of their same orientation. They even secretly understand the REASON for Gay bashing. As one closeted guy remarked, "if you people INSIST on flaunting it what do you expect?"

I know 'Gay-hating' homosexuals are unhappy, insecure people who should be pitied but how much compassion can we, gripped by the terror of AIDS, have for a bunch of cowardly, self-centered jerks? How much energy should we, fighting for our right not to lose our jobs because of prejudice, devote to the successful attorney who just 'hates faggots'? How many tears should we shed because a closeted woman is simply going out of her mind with worry that her husband may find out about her girlfriend?

Should we shake our heads in despair when they lament about how an AIDS house will bring their property values down? Should we sympathize with them when they have to bear the ordeal of their families seeing dykes and queers protesting on the news? Should we follow through on our impulse to kick them in their dead beat, sorry asses? Now THAT works for me.



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Czech Gay marriage is serious

by Rex Wockner

Czechoslovakia's unlikely role as only the fifth nation in the world to seriously consider legalizing Gay marriage came about, in part, as the result of media coverage of one politician's foreign travels.

The other countries working on Gay

marriage legislation are the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. Gay marriage was legalized in Denmark on Oct. 1, 1989.

According to Gai Pied, Czech activists pushing for Gay marriage received a big boost last June when the foreign minister took a trip to Denmark. Czech radio/TV journalists accompanying the minister were fascinated that Gays and Lesbians get married in Denmark, the magazine said, and ended up planting the idea in the Czech public consciousness that equal rights for Gays and Lesbians goes hand-in-hand with democracy and Westernization.

The media reports coincided with the parliamentary candidacy of openly Gay Czech actor Jiri Hromada, who, although he did not win, further spurred debate on Gay issues at just the right moment. His campaign slogan, "Four percent of the people support candidate number four," evoked widespread fascination.

In fact, there was no word for 'Gay' in Czech until Hromada's campaign. Now one hears reference to "a four-percent movie," "a four-percent bar," etc.

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Czech activists have already succeeded in lowering the age of consent for Gay sex and decriminalizing male prostitution. Their remaining immediate goals are a national Gay- rights law, clarification of certain AIDS laws and the Gay marriage legislation.

South African students anti-sexism

by Rex Wockner

The National Union of South African Students adopted a motion during its recent conference in Durban committing itself to challenge all forms of heterosexism.

It is "the most far-reaching (pro- Gay statement) yet adopted by a non-Gay progressive organization in South Africa," according to the newsletter of the Organization of Lesbian and Gay Activists.

In other student news, black Gays and Lesbians at the University of Witwatersrand in Soweto have formed the Society for Homosexuals on Campus. OLGA said the group was inspired by last October's first-ever Gay-pride march in Johannesburg. An earlier group at the university, the Wits Gay and Lesbian Movement, petered out in 1987.

Meanwhile, OLGA has declared war on Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, following an interview in the magazine *Fair Lady*.

Tutu stated that he is "a libertarian through and through" but that he isn't ready to ordain "practicing homosexuals."

"People should not be marginalized and put into categories and made to suffer because of something they can do very little about," Tutu said, "(but) the church has accepted that the only arena where sex is right is in a monogamous marriage between two people of opposite sex."

In an angry letter to Tutu, OLGA "expressed its concern at what we respectfully submit is an inconsistency in his views" and demanded a meeting, according to the group's newsletter. ▽

View from a Room

by Nancy Lyn Define

Private lives, public lies

by Nancy Lyn Define

We all realize that being homosexual is not the same as being Gay. That the first is merely a sexual preference; the second, a complete lifestyle. There are a whole lot of homosexuals out there who have nothing in common with those of us who are proudly, openly, socially, politically, personally GAY. They are among our biggest detractors. And they strongly disapprove of our openness, our visibility and our political aspirations. These homosexuals feel no sense of loss for the two thousand year history that has been

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Well, because one bad sitcom with this premise is enough, I'll skip over the next several hours of sheer anxiety and hope-driven inventiveness and get right to the happy ending: we were rescued. By the mechanic, of all people, who **did** get to the car that day and was able to weld the broken thingumajig back together again and we met our friends who thought we had met with some terrible fate. We had: Several hours with my girlfriend's extended family.

But the real reason I've steered clear of the life of the Monks is that I am just as nervous as my girlfriend is about meeting, up close and personal, those folks who are a little farther 'out there' than we are. It is in such situations that my lifelong handicap of timidity fearfully pokes its twitching little head up. Sure, I'm fascinated by folks who are unlike myself — I majored in psychology, didn't I? Or wait a minute, was that because I was interested in folks just **like** myself? Anyway, the point is, despite my yearning to broaden my horizons, I don't have the chutzpah to go poking and prodding into other folks' way of life. What, exactly, am I afraid of? I ask myself. The unknown, I guess. So when I read, for instance, in a recent issue of *The Advocate*, about the Monks visiting a shantytown in Louisiana,

denied us. They feel no sense of pride for the amazing gains the Gay rights movement has achieved in little more than two decades. They feel no hope that future generations may have a little bit easier time of it because of what we are accomplishing. But then, a mere homosexual has no past. Well, unless you count the closet. A mere homosexual has no present. Well, unless you count pretending to have a sexual interest in the opposite sex while secretly cruising some sweet young thing at a wedding (the fact that the wedding is your own just makes it worse, honey) And I really don't think that mere homosexuals will have too much of a future. The parade has passed them by.

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I simultaneously thought, "Wow, cool" and "I wouldn't have the guts."

It's not just rural life that frightens me, though. Even my recent trip to San Francisco made me a little nervous. While I know that Chicago has its share of avant garde people and places, somehow our paths don't cross. But out there, in the Gay capital of the world, at the Gay and Lesbian writers conference, I was surrounded by all the types of people it takes to **make** a world — and I decided right then and there that, at heart, I am basically a provincial Midwestern gal.

So what it boils down to is, I'm just a tourist on the seamy side of life: I don't mind dipping my toes into the exotic or the out of the ordinary, but you won't catch me jumping all the way in. And let's face it, if I had **really** wanted to be a ramblin' kind of girl, I wouldn't have purchased something so hard to move as a house.

Nevertheless, as spring begins to make more and more promises of actually coming again some day, I yearn to hit the open road, to go visit the House on the Rock, the Potato Museum, that pyramid in upstate Illinois, the wolf sanctuary, Holy Hill.

Aw, c'mon honey! It'll be fun.

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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

Vacation plans

by Yvonne Zipter

My girlfriend and I have never been on vacation alone together. On the surface, it would appear that lack of money is the reason for this. And there is certainly truth in that. With both of us working in the not-for-profit sector (career tip: not the place to go for big bucks) and having purchased a house eighteen months into our relationship, money has not exactly been plentiful. But there are ways around that: like taking car trips and seeing the sights, sampling America one small piece at a time, visiting those out of the way places.

This appeals to me on some level — actually on several levels. 1. I like to drive. (Outside of Chicago particularly, where turn signals are more than just decorative.) 2. As a writer, the gestalt of the whole experience entices me: the possibility for a new world of tackiness opening up before us, the opportunity to observe the details of other extraordinarily ordinary lives, and the adventure of it all. 3. Such trips would provide my best gal and I with a huge store of shared memories, experiences, and misadventures: more food for laughter, the linchpin of our relationship.

Knowing this about me, you might think that the Monks — Jim Crotty and Michael Lane — are living my ideal life. If you don't know these guys, you owe it to yourself to get to know them. They have been traveling around in their RV since 1986, discovering America, Gay and otherwise, and reporting on what they find in their periodical *Monk*. These guys are a hoot. In one issue, for instance, they offered readers a helpful section for travelers called 'How to Talk AR-kan-SAW.' For instance, *sexist*, as in: "That Bubba is the sexist man I ever seen."

But to get back to me, Al Franken....So why am I not living that life? Or, at least, not taking that sort of vacation? Well, the

easy way out would be to blame my girlfriend, who despises long road trips — so much so, in fact, that she has made me promise that when we retire I won't run out and buy a Winnebago and beg her to come traveling with me. Damn. And I was hoping to head up the Lesbian contingent of the Streamliners Club. But, because I know that her main problem with long road trips stems from associating such trips with getting whacked with a snow brush by her father, I won't pin the rap on her.

Or, I could blame it on the memory of the last vacation we took, involving a three-hour drive. Now sit right down and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip...We set out not from a tiny port but from Chicago and not on a tiny ship but in my tiny car. We were on our way to meet some friends at a cottage outside of Saugutuck, Michigan, with a stop on the way to visit my girlfriends' family at their summer cottage. Cruising along the back roads after we exited the highway, I shifted into fifth. It felt like jello. I shifted back down to fourth. It seemed Okay. But when we slowed down for a stop sign, it was clear that all was not, in fact, well: the stick shift had become a free-floating object. Fortunately, right next to the stop sign was a small grocery store, into whose parking lot we coasted. Even more fortunately, there was not just a gas station but a good ol' fashioned service station across the way.

We walked over. We explained our plight to the attendant. "Oh, I don't know," she said, "The mechanic's pretty busy. I doubt that he could get to your car today." Then we talked to the mechanic. Remember: we are in Michigan. Rural Michigan. Just hours from Detroit. My car is a Honda. "Hmm. I don't know," the mechanic shook his head ruefully. "I doubt we have parts for your car. They might maybe have 'em over to Benton Harbor...Well, we'll see when I get a chance to look at your car. Might not be until tomorrow."

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doing so well. It was time for me to celebrate my friendships.

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If you have a friend who's working his butt off at the AIDS hospice, or if your friend has done a great job raising her children, or if you fondly remember a dazzling romance back in the summer of 1985, this is the time to tell those people what they mean to you.

If your friend is ill, take the opportunity to complete your relationship by saying good-bye and remembering the times you

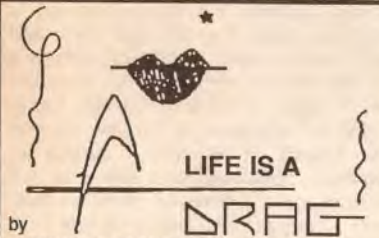
spent together: working, playing and sharing quiet times.

The time to celebrate our friends and our friendships is today. No one gets to read his or her obituary. Each of us is making a contribution; we need to know that others value it.

Why wait until it's too late?


Chuck Forester is the former national Co-Chair of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and Executive Director of San Francisco 2000, a goal setting program for the City of San Francisco, California.





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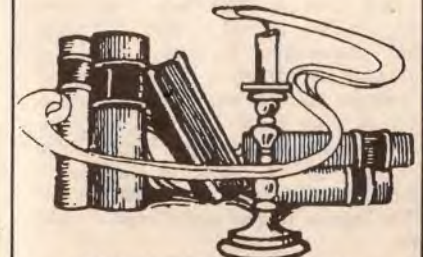
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Viewpoints

Celebrating your friends

by Chuck Forester

About a year ago, as I left a memorial service, I realized that the AIDS epidemic gives us the unique opportunity to honor our friends. It also occurred to me that doing it as a memorial service isn't good enough. I asked myself: "Why can't we tell our friends how much they mean to us while they are alive?"

I would rather hear from friends while I am alive, rather than speculating on what they might say in a posthumous tribute. I know I am not alone in this. I take things said at a funeral with a grain of salt.

Our days are filled with hard work and sorrow, with joy and fulfillment. Yet too often we forget to take pride in who we are and what we have accomplished. Too often we forget to tell our friends that their contribution means a lot to us. Too often we take them for granted.

I decided to let my friends know how I felt about them. I wasn't going to wait until they died.

The first opportunity was a birthday card. Normally I send Randy a card with a humorous comment. The cards are light and frivolous and reinforce the notion that birthdays and aging aren't really all that important. This time, I took a few extra minutes and wrote a short note to thank Randy for his many hours of fundraising for AIDS research. I said I appreciated his work and told him how important that was to our entire community.

The second opportunity came when Bill called to say that his lover Jim was very ill; he encouraged me to contact Jim. We had been close eighteen years ago and had maintained contact in the intervening years but saw each other seldom.

As I thought about what I would say to Jim, I remembered that he had been there when I came out. Eighteen years ago I had no idea that a Gay man could be so handsome and so comfortable with himself and able to deal with the straight

world on an equal basis. For me, Jim and Bill were a major revelation. Like most of us, I had never told him about those early impressions; it wasn't something you said to your friends. Now, I wanted him to know that his life was a bright light at a time when I was in the dark about putting my life together as a Gay man.

Still, I was uncomfortable about dropping by his house because those situations are awkward for me; I knew I would stumble for words. He would probably be a little uncomfortable if I said the things I wanted to say to him in person. I decided to write a letter.

I composed the letter. The first one sounded like a eulogy. Not good enough. I was writing to Jim, not his memorial service. I knew I had to revise the letter or it would be maudlin and uncomfortable. This was a final good-bye and my last chance to speak with him, so the letter had to be my best writing. This was a time for clarity and precision. That realization enabled me to speak to Jim with a honesty and openness that is usually missing even in the most personal conversations.

It took a long time finally to compose the letter because it had to be completely rewritten, but I worked into the evening because I did not want it to arrive too late. I hand-delivered the letter to Jim's house the next day.

He called a few days later to say that he was feeling better and thanked me for my letter.

As I held the phone, my first thought was relief at hearing his voice. The next thought was worry that my letter might be a little premature.

There was no need to worry. Jim knew what he faced and was prepared for what lay ahead. He said that my letter meant more to him than any letter he'd ever received. We had a nice talk on the phone.

I had done the right thing and vowed to write more such letters to people who have made my life richer. Those letters would go to people who were alive and kicking as well as to those who were not

Group Notes

MAP dinner raises \$29,000

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project's first major fundraising event of 1991 raised in excess of \$29,000 for AIDS care. More than 400 people attended the 1991 **Make A Promise** dinner, show and auction at the Pfister Hotel on Sunday, April 7, helping to raise an increase of 26 percent over last year's benefit.

"The generosity of all those who helped to make the Fifth Annual Make A Promise dinner a success will go a long way toward assuring that people with HIV disease receive the care and support they need," said Tom Boll, volunteer dinner chair for the event.

"We are profoundly grateful to the sponsors of this year's dinner — the M&M Club and Miller Brewing Company — and for their continuing support of the Milwaukee AIDS Project and its programs," said Louise Searing, special events manager at the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Fundraising Committee.

"It is personally rewarding to work with this wonderful group of people who volunteer their time, energy and talents in support of the Milwaukee AIDS Project," Searing added.

The volunteer Fundraising committee included the following members: Robert Archer, Steve Bahr, John Day, Stan Matschnig, Ron Marks (chairperson), Bea McGee, Lynn Schmidt, Michael Sessler, Gary Steen, Ci Stein, John Terhardt, Roger Usila and Tom Wayer.

"This year's silent auction, and the new voice auction conducted by Rep. David Clarenbach, were an outstanding success," said Steve Bahr, volunteer auction chair for the event. "We are thankful for the generosity of all those who donated items for the auctions as well as to everyone who participated by bidding on the items."

MAP would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who donated their time, services and expertise

which was essential to the success of the Make A Promise dinner: Orlando Alvarez, Steve Bahr, Tom Boll, Bulfinch Type A, Rep. David Clarenbach, Bill Drewek, Thom Ertl Franklin Press, Great Lakes Printing, In Step Magazine, Greg Leyba, Miss M, Ron Marks, Terry Miller, The Pfister Hotel, Jay Pfoehler, James Pickering, Paul Scalcini, Richard Sierlecki, Bob Stocki, Mike Oman, T.T. Tulip, Mike Vaughn, Kerry Webster, Wisconsin Light, and Kim Z.

"It was truly gratifying to hear so many positive comments from the audience about this year's fine entertainment," said Boll. "Many fine performers from throughout the Milwaukee area put on a great show."

Entertainers included John Clausen, Darcy Drexler, Sherri Sinist and Julie Hochmann, of the String Academy of Wisconsin; Paula Dewey and Colin Cabot; Ruth Schudson and Montgomery Davis; Melvin Rhyne and Barbara Roberts; Colin Brown, Helene Jenner, James Sampson and Diane Kachelmeier, of the Skylight Opera Theater; and Jessica Frankel.

Oberon's Acorn IV

Cocktail parties, fellowship, A leather shop, people events, and an outrageous run show featuring the 'Never to be Ready for Prime Time Players' will make up the Oberon's 4th Run Weekend in Milwaukee June 14-16.

Applications for the weekend of events are now available by writing: Oberons, Acorn IV, PO Box 07423, Milwaukee, WI 53207. Participants must be 21 years of age. Registration is \$65 without accommodations. Hotel accommodations are available for additional fees. Reservation applications should be available at your favorite 'home bar'.

The Oberon's are also looking for clubs to host cocktail parties during the leather-loving weekend of events.

Milwaukee PRIDE update

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) has mailed out parade and rally applications for this years June 15 scheduled parade/rally to potential participants. Under the theme of "Together In Pride" the parade will travel the same route as last year, and the rally will again be held in Juneau Park.

Besides the Parade and Rally, which will kick off Pride Week this year, instead of bringing it to a close as in past years, the Rally Celebration will include speakers, music, community group information tables, merchandise and a juried art festival. MLGPC wants to make this years event bigger and better than before, and can with YOUR participation.

If you are interested in Parade or Rally applications and guidelines, call the Prideline (32- PRIDE) and leave a message. Parade fees are \$15 for groups up to 25 participating members, and \$25 for entries with over 25 members. Rally tables cost \$15 for the space reservation and \$6 rental per table.

The Cream City Foundation has graciously given MLGPC two grants totaling \$2,165 to help defray costs for Pride Week festivities. That is but a portion of MLGPC's budget for '91, and the following fundraisers need your support and money to assure a successful event:

• **Gay Bucks** — MLGPC members are selling "Gay Bucks" which will be good for food, drinks and merchandise on the day of the '91 Parade and Rally and can be used afterwards for MLGPC merchandise and events. If you buy your bucks before June 14 you can get \$11 worth for just \$10. More value for your money, and such a deal!

• **'The' Raffle** — 'The Raffle' is MLGPC's newest fundraiser with tickets going for \$1 each or six for \$5. The Grand Prize is a 4 day/3 night trip for two to New Orleans (accommodations and airfare), plus \$100 in spending cash, graciously donated by Horizon Travel. First prize is \$250, second is \$100, and three \$50 third prizes will be awarded. Numerous other prizes will also be awarded. Raffle Tickets

are available now.

• **Benefit Breakfast** — A Pancake and Porkies benefit breakfast will be held Sunday, May 19 from 9am- Noon at St. Pius X Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue in Wauwatosa, cost is \$5. Two successful Benefit Dinners have already been held.

• **Pride Guide** — The Official 1991 Pride Guide booklet, with a full color cover is expected to be at least 24 pages long and will be distributed in late May. Advertising space is still available, ranging from \$250 for a full page to \$25 Directory Listings. Free Directory Listings will be provided free to those who spend \$50 or more for ad space. Call Havlicek and Associates at (414)271-5819 NOW to reserve space.

• **Pride Merchandise** — Everything from mugs to sweatshirts, bearing this years Pride logo, are available from MLGPC. See the order forms in this issue of IN Step. It's always best to order your merchandise then wait until the Rally, when your favorite items might be sold out.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Your time and energy are needed to make this years celebration better than ever. Call 32-PRIDE and volunteer today. If you're interested in participating on the Rally Committee, meetings are held every first and third Thursday at JC's Rainbow Bar at 7pm, call Larry at 271-9946 for more Rally Committee information.

Electrician needed — A certified electrician who will be willing to donate his or her services setting up the wiring needed for the Rally in Juneau Park is urged to call 32-PRIDE or Brian at 372-5556 to volunteer.

ENTERTAINERS — Performers for this year's Rally are still needed. If you would like to showcase your talents (unfortunately, we're not solvent enough, yet, to pay you) call the Prideline number. MLGPC thanks those entertainers who auditioned at Theatre X on April 15. They will contact some of you shortly to confirm your rally performance.

'lambskin' or animal membrane condoms may not.

While there may be some discomfort to using condoms, it can be overcome. Some feel that condoms take away too much of the sensation of intercourse, or that they are uncomfortable. Or that it is embarrassing to buy them. However, condom use is a matter of priorities. Protecting the health of you and your partner is the whole idea behind condom use and safer sex. The 'inconvenience' of condom use is a small price for enjoying yourselves safely.

Condom use requires a small amount of pre-planning, in that condoms have to be bought, put somewhere where they are within easy reach, and used correctly every time. Some tips:

• Anyone brave enough to take on the perilous adventure of intimacy in the first place can probably face the check-out clerk at the store. Remember, you are protecting your health so that you can enjoy life (and sex) for many years to come.

• Remember to keep condoms wherever it is you like to have sex. If that's the kitchen, try putting an extra sugar bowl on the table. You have a taste for doing it in the Chevy? Pop some into the glove compartment. (Heat, cold, and sunlight work to weaken latex, so the stashing one in the glove compartment or wallet isn't a good idea for more than a few hours. Purses or backpacks are fine.)

• Use a water-based lubricant (like K-Y Jelly or ForPlay). Forget the oil products like Vaseline or baby oil, as these degrade latex.

• For additional protection use Nonoxynol-9, a spermicide which is present in many lubricated condoms and many lubricants, and has been shown to kill HIV and other organisms in laboratories.

There are a lot of sexy things partners can do that do not expose you to the risk of STDs. A little imagination and a warm and willing personality can lead to scintillating scenes of satisfaction, and it can all be done safely.



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Ask the Milwaukee AIDS Project

Editor's Note: This question and answer column will become a regular feature of In Step. If you have a question you would like answered about AIDS, HIV, or other health issues, please send them to: Tim Kennedy, MAP, P.O. Box 92505, Milwaukee, 53202. MAP's Education & Training department will respond in this space.

When Do I, Or When Should My Partner, Wear A Condom?

Knowing when (and how) to use a condom is absolutely necessary for sexually-active adults. The rates of individuals infected with sexually-transmitted diseases (STDs) are sky-rocketing. STDs are becoming harder to detect and treat, and some are potentially fatal.

If you are in a truly mutually exclusive sexual relationship with someone who you are certain is not infected with an STD, you don't need to use a condom.

But remember:

- Some STDs, like HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, can take years to cause symptoms in someone who is infected; others may carry slight or no symptoms at all. This means that it may be difficult for you to detect an infection in your partner (or yourself) until its later stages, after its already done much internal damage.

- Although it's good to have some knowledge about your partner's sexual history, even this is of only limited help. Many STDs may go unnoticed through a number of short-lived romances. HIV, for example, often takes 5-7, and sometimes up to 10 or more years before it begins to manifest symptoms. Not everyone can accurately recount names and dates that many years back. Even if he or she can remember, it is entirely possible for your partner to have had sexual intercourse in the past with someone whose sexual or drug use history was unknown. Also, telling your partner about everything you've done in the past can be quite intimidating. The temptation to omit an

episode (or two) can be irresistible.

- The risks of carrying an STD come not from the groups one identifies with, but rather the behaviors one engages in. It's not who your are, or what you look like, its what you do.

So, when should you use a condom? Every time you have sexual intercourse, from start to finish, because latex condoms are the best protection against STDs.

Facts about STDs and condoms Most STDs are transmitted through the exchange of sexual fluids semen and vaginal secretion during vaginal, oral or anal sex. Condoms act as a barrier against contact with these fluids, and therefore the microorganisms that cause Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Chlamydia, Hepatitis and AIDS.

It is important to choose condoms made of latex, because these have been proven to keep out such organisms, while

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GALVANize meeting April 26

The Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) of Madison is planning a Lesbian and Gay pride march/celebration for October 5, 1991, the weekend before 'coming out week.'

GALVANize said it "exists to increase the visibility of Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals. Being visible, we create the opportunity to be understood. Acceptance, community and love grow out of this understanding. By marching together publicly, we promote acceptance of, and respect for, our diversity. We nurture community among ourselves, our families, friends and supporters. We celebrate and share our loves and our lives. We create a brighter world for ourselves and for future generations."

The second general meeting will be on Friday, April 26th, at 7:30pm at the UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., Madison, WI (Check today in the Union for room (TITU). Work will be done on organizing a fundraising dance for May 31st at the UW Memorial Union. Volunteers are needed to work at the MAGIC picnic which will be held on July 20th. Last year this was a big fundraising event for many Gay/LESBIGAY groups in Madison. Another item that will be discussed is the possibility of bringing part of The Names Project Quilt to Madison for the October 5th march. This meeting will also provide time for volunteers to find out more information about the following GALVANize Committees: Finance/Legal, Events Up To and During March, Fundraising, March/Rally Logistics, Media, Outreach/Education, Orientation/Training, Childcare. Access to a TTY phone line is also needed. Please call (608)255-8061 if you need childcare for this meeting.

For more information call (608)255-8061 or write to GALVANize P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI 53701-1403.

Unitarian's host author

Milwaukee — Even in liberal religious communities many Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people have voiced concern about not feeling welcome, supported, accepted, or affirmed. Some of these individuals stay in a lonely closet or drift away, depriving other members of their talents and abilities. The **Welcoming Congregation Program**, prepared by the Unitarian Universalist Association's office of Lesbian and Gay concerns, is a resource and teaching manual for congregations and people interested in providing a welcome atmosphere for Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals in their

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

World news roundup

This dramatic collection of news items, vigorously avoided by the mainstream press, but of mammoth interest to Gays and Lesbians, has been gathered from my news sources around the world.

Los Angeles — Singer, dancer, ex-pom pom girl and Diet Coke addict, **Paula Abdul** defended use of lip-synching on her last album citing that the voice of her idol, **Bugs Bunny** has been lip-synched for years and no one ever raised a fuss. The 'Wasklwy Wabbit,' vacationing with **Milli Vanilli**, took a wrong turn at Albuquerque and could not be reached for comment.

Bermuda — Citing it's shape as the internationally recognized Gay symbol, representatives of Queer Nation and ACT-UP claimed The Bermuda Triangle as the official Gay homeland during an oceanic expedition. The Gay rights 'Cruise-Ade' ended tragically, when a Princess Cruise Lines' ship, captained by an inattentive **Kathy Lee Gifford**, accidentally rammed the activist's vessel, sinking both ships. According to the Coast Guard, the last message from the doomed ships sounded like **Kathy Lee** trying to lead a sing-a-long, "In the Morning, In the Evening, Ain't We Got Fun..." In a sad note, **Regis Philbin** was not on board either of the ships.

Hollywood — Game show Czar and closeted Gay, **Merv Griffin** fired professional letter-turner, **Vanna White** after she spelled out "Merv is a Homo" during taping of Wheel of Fortune.

Cleveland — After the astoundingly successful introduction of it's new low-fat 'McLean' hamburger, McDonald's will attempt to tap into another market, when it introduces the 'McButch.' The new hamburger is directly targeted for masculine Gay men and served in a black leather wrapper.

Boston — Naughty New Kid **Donny Wahlberg** was arrested and charged with arson by International Police after he allegedly set fire to Kuwait's oil fields

during a drunken rampage.

New York — GLAAD 'outed' the **FTD Florist** after he sent **Merlin Olson** an obscene pick me up bouquet.

Washington D.C. — To avoid further controversy and fundamentalist backlash, The National Endowment For The Arts announced it will no longer fund controversial or Gay themed work. Instead, the NEA will only fund Starving Artists Sales, subsidize art sold at Sears and give grants to artists who paint those spooky pictures of **Jesus** where the eyes seem to follow you wherever you go.

Texas — **Charlie The Tuna** and **Flipper** were legally married in Houston after an embarrassed clerk of records mistakenly issued the watery couple a marriage license instead of a fishing license. According to the **Little Mermaid**, the damp duo met and fell in love when they were both caught in the same fishing net. **Mr. Limpit** served as best man.

Bagdad — According to CNN, Iraqi strong man, **Saddam Hussien** has the embarrassing problem of "Launching His Load" much too quickly. The report, miraculously cleared by the censors, claims an aide listening outside the bedroom door, overheard **Saddam's** wife say, "Nice shot, Scud Missile Head. You clean the quilt this time!"

Detroit — **Mr. Potato Headis** suing a Michigan housewife, claiming the woman accidentally circumcised him with a potato peeler while making German potato salad.

London — The first all Drag Queen volleyball team was banned from international competition and disqualified from a championship game after the team captain, **Patti La Plae Safely**, going for match point, spiked the ball using a pair of high heels.

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In Memoriam

Rev. Sylvia Pennington

The Reverend Sylvia Pennington, founder of Lambda Christian Fellowship and published author (**But Lord They're Gay, Good News for Modern Gays and Ex-Gays — There are none**) was called to glory on Saturday, April 13, 1991 after experiencing numerous health problems. Reverend Pennington was a Christian pioneer activist for the Gay/Lesbian community by her diligent and persevering ministry of God's love for all through her nation-wide travels and her books.

A local Memorial Service will be held at St. John's Community Church, 7265 N. Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee, on Sunday, April 28 at 3pm. For further information, please contact Rev. Gloria Hungate at 354-3979.



In Loving Memory of Michael Basset, 1959-1991.

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abused and so downright scared that she is incapable of recognizing or acknowledging what is happening right in her own home. She probably knows on some primal, unconscious level, yet has essentially lost the will or the ability to protect her children.

The irony is that these problem are frequently generational. Dysfunctional families create such intense shame that without proper treatment, victims become perpetrators. The cycle remains unbroken with each new generation inexorably repeating the same behavior patterns.

These patterns can only be stopped if the victim is able to come to terms with what happened and deal with the secrets and the shame. Then and only then can the victim truly become a survivor who is in charge of his/her behavior and his/her fate.

In an effort to help those who have reached out to me come to terms with their secrets and to do so by networking with other, I am willing to facilitate the formation of one or more support groups. If you are interested in meeting with others who share your problem, please contact me at P.O. Box 93044, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Maybe together we can achieve what you have been unable to alone.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who responded to my column — defenders, those very courageous victims and my critics. Frankly, I can't help but feel that I have opened a Pandora's Box. I fervently hope that my Gay brothers and sisters will assist me in my continuing efforts to permanently pry the lid from this 'box.' You can do so by dealing with your own pain or by preventing children from suffering that pain. Or, you can try to deny the situation. But the box is open. The secret is out!



The program's author, Rev. Scott Alexander, will present an introductory workshop called "The Welcoming Congregation: What It Is And How to Get Started," at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee, about how to get this initiative off the ground in your congregation on Saturday, May 4, from 10am to 3pm. There will be coffee served at 9:30am and lunch will also be available.

Come and learn how this program can provide the opportunity to help those of minority sexual preference feel welcome and how, in general, congregations can become more inclusive and overcome homophobia. The cost of the program is \$5 and registration is necessary. For more

information, please contact Andy Dunn at (414)962-7743.

Yellow on Thursday

Yellow on Thursday. A comedy television series with a Gay perspective, has announced April 25th as the premiere date for it's "Lost Episode." The never before seen program airs on Warner Cable Channel 14 at 10:30pm. Additional broadcast dates of April 28, May 2, 5, 9 and 12 have also been set for the fourth episode of the award winning show.

Segments featured in the "Lost Episode" include, "La Dolce Giorgio" a hilarious skit which follows an unusual cast of characters in their pursuit of a

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rising, young star at a swank Hollywood party. Giorgio is played by Jeorge Cabal with Alan Kurth as Antollini, a famous Italian director with a penchant for 'Flesh.' Other segments include, "Joe's Chat" a talk show with an original point of view featuring Joseph Rogan, a news update with W.W. Wells and plenty of commercial parodies.

The Yellow on Thursday cast is rounded out with the talents of Mike Westerhausen, Bryce Clark, Arlyn Kampen, Tom Livieri and Kristie Coryell. Yellow on Thursday is produced by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network which receives its funding from the Cream City Foundation.

Miss Gay WI-USA contests in May

King Productions, curator of the Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant, has scheduled five preliminaries during the month of May.

The Miss Gay Racine Pageant will be held Saturday, May 4 at Jo'Dee's in Racine. Miss Central Gay Wisconsin will be held Saturday, May 18 at Masquer's in Wausau; and on May 19 The New Bar in Madison will host the Miss Gay Capitol City pageant. May 26 will bring the Miss Gay Fox Valley pageant to The Pivot Club, and Club 219 will host Miss Ebony on Wednesday, May 29.

Contestants will compete in personal interview, talent, and evening gown. Applications are available from the respective bars or from King Productions at (414)344-7470.

In order to compete in this year's Miss Gay WI-USA Pageant, a contestant must be the winner or first runner-up in one of the 15 Wisconsin-USA preliminaries.

A total of 81 contestants vied for the title of Miss Gay USA in Atlanta earlier this month, with Wisconsin represented by titleholders from the WI-USA and Miss Gay Great Lakes pageants. Sable Channel of Atlanta was crowned winner and Tandy Andrews, a former Miss Gay Continental was first runner-up. "Our girls" all represented us well, with C.C. Rae

making the top 12 in talent.

King Productions also received the fourth award in four years for the Best State Pageant. King also announced this year's WI-USA contest will be held at the Marc Plaza for the second year in a row.

Chicago parade June 31

Chicago's 22nd annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade & Rally are scheduled for Sunday, June 31 along the same route as last year under the international theme of "Together In Pride."

The parade will begin lining up on Halsted in the east curb lane from Roscoe south to Wrightwood. At the 2pm stopoff, the parade will proceed north on Halsted to Broadway, south on Broadway to Diversey, then east on Diversey to Sheridan Road, then south onto Cannon Drive. The major changes from last year are that the parade will line up entirely on Halsted with the Halsted line-up extended further south to allow more space for added entries.

Those interested in sponsoring an entry are urged to contact the Pride Committee at (312)348-8243 as soon as possible for an application/registration form and outline of rules. Entry fees are \$100 for commercial (profit making) entries, and \$50 for non-profit groups.

A.A. roundup in Chicago

Chicago '91, will take place on July 19, 20 and 21 in Chicago, Illinois. This conference is sponsored by the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This is the sixth annual conference, and promises to be the best yet. Features of this year's event include a new location, the Congress Hotel (on fashionable Michigan Avenue) along with the usual array of speakers, workshops, festive dance and banquet, and recovering camaraderie. As is tradition, Friday night will have an original musical written especially for the event and performed by members.

The 20/20 segment also dealt with the myth of 'the perfect family.' This family, like so many others in which incest occurs, seemed to represent the all-American Dream. Not only was the father an FBI agent, he was also an expert on the criminal aspects of child abuse, particularly sexual abuse.

This is often the case. Many perpetrators work very hard at creating this myth. They are frequently seen as pillars of the community. No one ever suspects what goes on behind closed doors — when Dr. Jeckyl becomes Mr. Hyde! Thus, the victim dares not come forward (out of guilt and shame), even if he/she is able to recall the act. Is this broken, damaged victim going to be the one to destroy the myth? Would he/she even be believed?

Incest is often accompanied by substance abuse and physical violence. Once the drugs or alcohol remove the inhibitions, havoc results.

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Reflections from the Joan Zone

by Joan Lawrence

Shameful secrets

I was very surprised at the number of responses and the depth of feeling which was expressed in regard to my column on pedophilia. I naively believed that everyone would be opposed to the practice and that it was essentially an innocuous column. Obviously, I was mistaken. Many of the negative responses were printed in the last issue of In Step; however, there were innumerable expressions of verbal support. Nevertheless, the column accomplished what I had hoped — it created a dialogue. People are now talking about this problem rather than just ignoring it.

As for the letters from 'Afraid' which many of the readers have seen and which Ron Geiman and Terry Boughner chose to respond to in the last issues of In Step and Wisconsin Light, all I can say is that I have no way of knowing whether 'Afraid' is a real teen-ager who was molested or if he is a crank attempting to do harm to the Gay community. I do wish he had shared his problems with those of us who could have helped him, rather than have launched what at times appears to be a vendetta.

But, long-term I do not believe that it really matters whether 'Afraid' is real or a crackpot engaged in name-calling. 'Afraid' represents countless young people who have been severely damaged by child molesters and who are truly afraid. So, even if all of 'Afraid's' accusations are false or at least inaccurate, one must still wonder what happened to him which makes him react in this manner. Perhaps this viewpoint casts me as the Queen Mother Confessor of the Concerned; but I am just that — deeply concerned about all the Afraids out there who are alone and isolated.

INCEST

One group which my column touched who have reached out to me are men and women who have been victims of incest. I was amazed and deeply moved by the number of strangers who shared their

personal sagas with me.

I first became interested in the subject of incest when I read Dr. Susan Forward's book, *Betrayal of Innocence*, which was published in the late 1970's. She became aware of the extent of this problem through her work with troubled adolescents. Her nationally syndicated radio show educated and reached hundreds of thousands of incest victims who had always thought they were alone.

In the last decade, our society has slowly begun to come to grips with this problem and now experts exist throughout the country. Incest victims are able to share what they once believed was just their shameful secret. Now with therapy and support groups, they can go from incest victims to incest survivors! They are no longer forced to live damaged lives governed by this secret and ultimately destroyed by it.

Unfortunately, this type of abuse is often so painful that the victim literally forgets it ever occurred. On Friday, April 12th, the ABC television program 20/20 aired a segment about an entire family of sisters whose lives fell apart many years later because of the incestuous actions of their father which happened at various stages of their childhood and which they all managed to block out. All of them experienced trauma and dysfunction. They were able to seek recourse in the Denver judicial system despite the fact that by the time they were able to recall the incest, the statute of limitations on the crimes had long expired. The Denver Court, in a landmark decision, ruled that the statute of limitations could begin as of the time they recalled the incest, rather than when it occurred.

This ruling bodes well for all incest victims who have been unable to seek recourse because they can't even begin to deal with the memories until they are well into adulthood.

So, if you even suspect that during your childhood, you may have been the victim of incest, investigate and seek help. You have nothing to lose but your pain!

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The registration price for Chicago '91 is \$35.00.

For more information write to: Chicago '91, 606 West Barry #196, Chicago, Illinois 60657. No prior registration is needed to attend.





Virginia Pultz, who had pastored New Hope MCC for three years, was recently ordained by the Holy Trinity Community Church. She does not plan on pastoring a church, but is available for counseling and Holy Unions [for more information call 258-5902].

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Club 3054 [Madison]: Free, anonymous HIV testing by Blue Bus Clinic, 9pm-midnight.

Yellow on Thursday: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm, "The Lost Episode."

Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc.: Movie Night, 1st run movie at area theatre, meet M&M 8pm. New members welcome.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Shamrock [Madison]: Free, anonymous HIV testing by Blue Bus Clinic, 9pm-midnight.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Goldie Adams hosts lip-synch.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Turnabout, performers work the bar, staff does the show.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Miss Gay Racine Pageant, a King Productions WI-USA preliminary, 10pm

Ballgame: SSBL Fundraiser/Fashion Contest 5-7pm; free tap beer 5:30-6:30; \$1 domestic beer, 1/2 price rail; mini raffles, prizes.

Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc.: Boat preparation party, help out preparing club boats for '91 season. New members welcome, meet M&M at noon.

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ZA's [Green Bay]: 2nd Annual Mr./Miss/Ms. Emerald City Contest, 9:30pm, \$2 cover. Applications accepted through this afternoon.

Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc.: Brunch at M&M at noon, bike ride along Lakefront 2pm.

MONDAY, MAY 6

Club 219 Plus: Ginger Spice presents the Miss Gay Continental Wisconsin Pageant, 9pm showtime. Tickets \$7 advance, \$9 door; \$45 package includes table & admission for food & a complimentary bottle of champagne. Guest stars — Miss Continental USA Chanel Dupree, Mimi Marks, New York's Monica Monroe & guest emcee Ginger Grant.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Men Aloud: Safe Sex Workshop presented by MAP. Games, videos, condom tips, 7 to 10pm, M&M upstairs banquet room. Call Mike Lisowski at 273-1991 to make reservations.

Jo'dee's Intl. [Racine]: Male Order, Male dancers from Columbus, Ohio, 11pm showtime, \$5 advance, \$6 door.

Spring HIT Bowling League Organizational Meeting: Landmark Lanes, 7pm, free bowling to follow. This league bowls every Tuesday at 7pm, for 10 weeks beginning May 14. For more info call Rick (482-1964) or Cindy (871-4735).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, featuring Real Eyes Realize Real Lies with Jay Hatheway on "Bush's New World Order."

Club 219: Male Order Revue. Male dancers from Columbus, Ohio. 11pm showtime.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Yellow On Thursday: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm, "The Lost Episode."

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Pivot [Appleton]: Male Order Revue, no cover, 11pm showtime.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

GAMMA: Hiking at Devil's Lake, call 963-9833.

Wreck Room: Oberons Club Night, 10:30pm. The evenings theme is "Maypole."

Nitengales: Softball benefit featuring comedian 'Poppy,' showtime 10pm, raffle & drink specials, \$3 cover.

Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc.: Great America Trip, meet at M&M's at 11am.

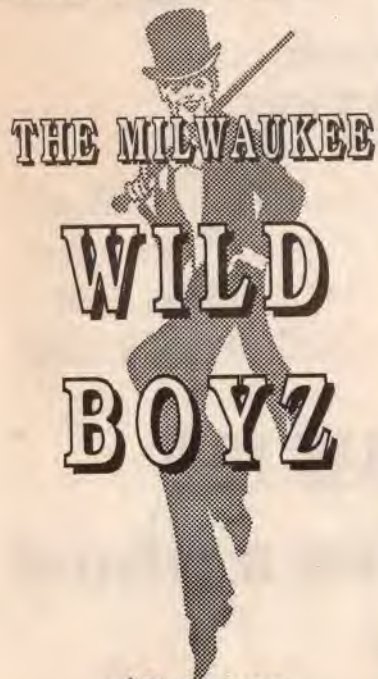
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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, BWMT Gay Men of Color AIDS Institute "The Scam of Multi-Culturalism in corporate America."

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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

Yellow on Thursday: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm, "The Lost Episode."

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

GALVANize [Madison]: General meeting, 7:30-9pm, UW Memorial Union, work session, prepare for Oct. 5th March. Call (608)255-8061 for more info.

10% Society Dance [Madison]: UW Great Hall Memorial Union, cash bar, DJ, for Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals & friends, free, 8pm.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Janet Planet hosts finals.

Station II: Boss Is Away Party, free tap beer 8pm-midnight.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Galano Club: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing 6:30-10pm.

M&M Club: Faron Evans.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Cream City Chorus 4th Anniv. grand finale, 10:30 showtime, \$5 admission. After - Release party for Poison Clan, give-aways after midnight.

Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc.: Club meeting & planning for '91 season. Meet M&M, 2pm, new members welcome.

Wreck Room: Monthly Party Night.

SSBL Opening Day: Gay/Lesbian Softball opening day, Mitchell Park diamonds (behind 'The Domes').

Triangle: SSBL opening day fundraiser, "The Bermuda Triangle Rescue," 5-7pm, free tap beer, 1/2 price rail & domestic bottle beer, 5:30-6:30pm. Mini raffles, no cover.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Yellow on Thursday: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm, "The Lost Episode."

MAP: MAP Monthly Interdenominational Worship Service. Village Church, 130 E. Juneau, 5pm.

Queer Shopping Network: Southridge Mall, food court, 2pm.

Walkers Point Cabaret & Cafe: "Dinner & Destiny" Dinner & Numerologist/clairvoyant Beverly Kay, with guest Miss Joey. Dinner at 6, show at 7. \$10 includes both. Reservations call 384-7999.

New Hope Metropolitan Community Church: Welcomes two internationally renowned UFMCC elders. Rev. Don Eastman will speak at 6:30 worship service regarding International AIDS Outreach. Rev. Jean White will also speak on challenges Gays & Lesbians face in foreign countries. A Wisconsin MCC Brat Fest will be held during the hospitality hour following service. All welcome, no charge. MCC meets at Kenwood United Methodist Church on corner of Kenwood & Prospect. For more info call 442-7300.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Club 219: BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing from 9-12.

The Flirtations In Concert [Madison]: A fundraiser for MASN, Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Avenue, 7:30pm, tickets \$12 at the door.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Pride Rally Try Outs- Dancers, Singers, Lip Sync artists, musical acts for Pride Rally. Audition at Club 219, 11 p.m., MC'd by Tiffany Thomas.

4 Star Fiction & Video [Madison]: 10% of sales today donated to MASN, open 10am to midnight.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, featuring BWMT 1990 Natl. Conference workshop on Gay Men of Color AIDS Institute (part 4).

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Leaded Shade II: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 8-11pm.

GAMMA: Deadline for \$25 deposit on Memorial Day Weekend canoe trip down the Lower Wisconsin River. Call Bob 963-9833 for info.

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Health

Monthly AIDS cable series

The Physicians Association for AIDS Care (PAAC) will launch a new monthly AIDS cable series called HIV Update in Chicago on May 9th. According to Gordon Nary, PAAC's executive director, the series will be available for syndication to approximately 70 top television markets throughout the United States. The syndicated version of HIV Update will be coproduced with local PAAC chapters and PWA organizations in targeted cities. Funding for the coproduction in New York, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, and Washington D.C. has been provided by Janssen Pharmaceutica. PAAC is currently in negotiation with sponsors for other select cities.

The host of this innovative series will be Dr. Richard McDonald, a Chicago physician in private practice and the medical director of the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, the largest PWA service organization in the midwest. Dr.

McDonald is a former journalist and a frequent guest on PAAC's AIDS Television Network (ATN). Many of the features on HIV Update are re-edited from the ATN telecasts which are broadcast by satellite to approximately 750 hospital and Red Cross sites throughout the United States and Canada. Special features will be coproduced for specific cities in which the series is carried.

Each program will feature a monthly AIDS news update by Dr. McDonald who will also introduce various program segments which are targeted to healthcare professionals, persons with HIV disease, and the general public. HIV Update will focus on current standards of clinical care, as well as a variety of social, economic, and legal issues affecting access to appropriate healthcare.

The May premier will feature a panel discussion by a panel of PWAs on their experiences with various drugs for the

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management of thrush. Other topics include a documentary on special issues affecting black Gays and Bisexuals with HIV disease, a report on the role of vitamins and minerals on the immune system, and a demonstration of liquid nitrogen therapy for Kaposi's sarcoma lesions.

For syndication and Co-production information, contact PAAC at (312) 222-1326, FAX (312) 222-0329.

FAACTS provides info

A newly formed group in Berkeley California, FAACTS [Facts on Alternate AIDS Compounds and Treatments] has assembled information on fifteen topics, focusing primarily on compounds that are currently available and in use by individuals.

What FAACTS uniquely provides are full-text reprints of original medical journal articles as well as abstract summaries of other recent literature from database searches in MEDLINE and MBASE, among others. Despite the technical nature of some of the articles, a careful reading will provide useful information to most parties.

As the slow pace of the development of new drugs to combat AIDS continues, many individuals have turned to non-mainstream alternatives. Information from existing sources on many of these compounds is rather sketchy, non-existent, or in the form of unauthored reviews and was usually of poor copy quality. It is often easier to get the drug than information about it!

FAACTS as an organization exists completely through volunteer efforts, with donations of time coming from information retrieval, drug development and AIDS research professionals.

A two volume, 700 page binder set is available that covers over 14 topics. Individual topics are also available.

Please call (415)548- 9654 to receive more details and an order form. All inquiries are strictly confidential and all material is sent in unmarked envelopes.

AIDS Fund offers grants

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Foundation is inviting applications for funds from the Wisconsin AIDS Fund for '91-92. Proposals are due at the Foundation offices on or before Tuesday, April 30, 1991.

Funds available for awarding are \$40,000, with a range of grants from previous funding cycles of \$258 to \$12,000. Total monies disbursed through April '91 are \$111,782.

Organizations concerned about AIDS should direct any inquiries regarding the fund or proposal requirements to James Marks at the Foundation (414) 272-5805.



Sheboygan's Sherlock's Home celebrated its 10th anniversary with a day long party and buffet.

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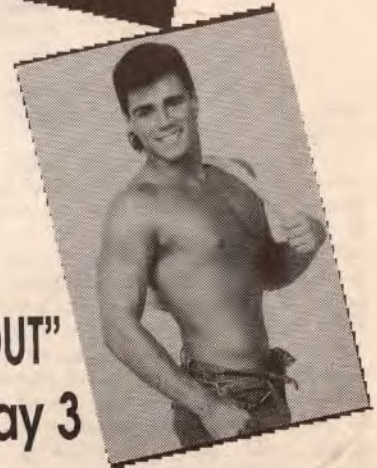
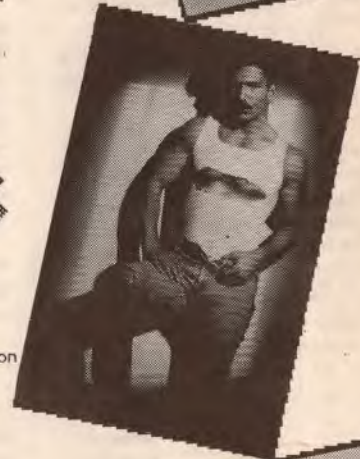
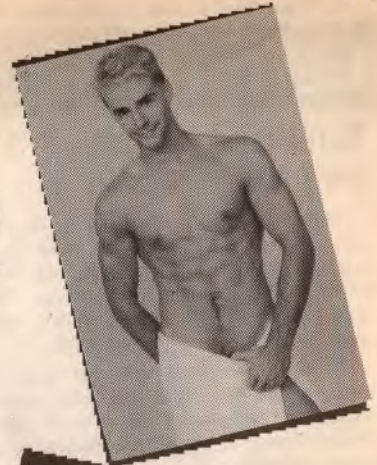
Za's hosted their Emerald City Ball the other weekend in preparation of the upcoming Mr./Miss/Ms. Emerald City contest.

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Letters

Reaction to column and letters...

I feel compelled to respond to Timothy Scott's letter, printed in the April 11-24 issue of In Step. In this letter, Mr. Scott makes some distinctions between Gay men and women. So, this is for Mr. Scott and others who share his viewpoint.

Not all men choose sex over love, for some of us love and sex are equally important. Some men don't think about sex endlessly, at seventeen, twenty-seven or thirty-seven.

But also, some women do choose sex over love. Some do think about sex every second of their waking existence.

You accused Ms. Lawrence of doing just what you did, you spoke for women and you spoke for all men as well. This smacks of hypocrisy to me. By criticizing you, I also don't completely vindicate Ms. Lawrence for her column. It was unjust on some points, informative on others.

But, Mr. Scott, please don't speak for me or any other Gay man (or woman) with absolutes sexuality or anything else. There are no absolutes. It does a community of such diversity a great disservice.

— Sincerely,
Kirk Stark

In reference to the 'discussion' of pedophilia the following thoughts and feelings:

- Are we not capable of having an informative and even intelligent discussion of any issue without reverting to hyper emotionalisms (much of Ms. Lawrence's Reflection, IS Vol 8 Issue 5): or personal attacks which undermine the person of an author (letters by Dan Fons and Timothy Scott, IS Vol. 8, Issue 7)?

- Mr. Fon's letter is superb, he carefully points out the major problems with Ms. Lawrence's article, except that he took the next step to undermine his totally valid points by attacking the author's intentions and person.

- Mr. Scott's reflection's of his desire for sexuality at age 15 and his friend's at age 14 are quite correct. Males do mature at different ages. (I am not touching the female issues here at all, I will leave that to my women friends.) At the age of 23 when I was a high school teacher, a 16 year old student came on to me so hot and heavy it took every ounce of discipline I had to neutralize the situation. I had done nothing that I was aware of to encourage it... I was a high school religion teacher in a Catholic school.

- When America starts getting honest about sex, the issue of pedophilia will finally be identified for what it is "abuse of a person who is unwilling and undesiring" and will apply based on that truth itself and not age. As Mr. Scott points out, the age of consent is some countries is 14-16. Of course we can't even deal with alcohol well is this country — damn our protestant fore bearers!

- As a high school freshman I had sex with peers, but clearly desired older students, yet we all know the consequences of laws today which try to maintain that a 17 year old needs as much protection as a 10 year old.

- I know the feeling of being rumored to be a pedophile. When I worked in California it was rumored that I physically assaulted a 10 year old. That rumor was enough, even though there was not one shred of evidence (not to mention not one iota of truth) for me to lose my job because of fear of the employer. Anyone who knows me and my sexual predilections knows damn well that there 'ain't' no possibility of truth to my being a pedophile.

- And, not more than one year ago on one of the 'Gay' computer bulletin boards it was being stated that I had been arrested and served time for being a pedophile... I found out about it by accident and had to threaten to sue the operators of the bulletin board before the trash was shut off. There were many other totally unsubstantiated stories as well.

- Ms. Lawrence is a very talented person. I enjoy reading her column.

Congratulations to Sheboygan's Sherlock's Home on their 10th Anniversary. Gordon and his crew celebrated the occasion with a big anniversary party complete with a buffet. Here's to many more!

Gay/Lesbian Awareness Week at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was in full swing at my deadline, and on the heels of those activities, **Flaunting It**, the first national graduate student conference on Gay/Lesbian studies, was set to occur. Some exciting speakers and events were scheduled, so I hope you participated in some of the offerings.

Mass Pageant Productions scheduled their Miss Black Gay Milwaukee contest, their second preliminary for the Miss Black Gay America pageant, for April 18 at **La Cage**. That was past my deadline, but pictures should appear in this issue.

The **Wreck Room** and **Ces't La Vie** had to cancel their scheduled benefit shows for MAP and the SSBL respectively when they found out they couldn't get a special event party license from the city. Neither bar has a cabaret license, but had thought they'd be covered by the special party permits the city offers, especially for benefit performances. However, the city says the permits (bars are allowed 10 per year) only covers bands, and allows the customers to dance, not the entertainers! They'd have to get a full cabaret license (which are expensive and difficult to get) to hold any shows in which entertainers dance or perform. With the recent increased police activity in the bars, neither owner wanted to be on the wrong side of the law (even if it is stupid).

That's it for this time, until next issue Play Safe!



The Midwest's women's dance troupe, 'Exposed To Love,' caught the attention of the crowd at **Leaded Shade II**.



Basia and Bambi Sherelle vied for the title of Miss Black Gay Milwaukee at Mass Pageant Productions contest at La Cage. Basia was chosen winner.

is an AIDS benefit project. The video is retailing for \$19.95 and was released April 9 by 6 West Home Video. Pick up a copy of the video or the CD. Simply incredible!

Milwaukee's own (and now a national comedian featured on Showtime and numerous comedy specials) Tony Deminico wowed the crowd at Appleton's **Pivot Club** April 10. Tony's impersonation of Pee Wee Herman is flawless.

Over 100 supporters ignored protesters and showed up for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee's (MLGPC) Spaghetti Dinner benefit on April 12. WISN-AM radio talk show host and Gay community bad-mouther Mark Belling tried to make a big thing out of St. Pius X "hosting" a benefit for MLGPC. A grand total of less than 15 protesters showed up with tacky signs urging that Archbishop Weakland be ousted for allowing the church to host the event.

MLGPC rented the space after the Parish Council voted to allow the event (Belling made it sound like the church sponsored the benefit for MLGPC). MLGPC paid for the ads promoting the event (Belling made it sound as if St. Pius X paid for the ads). If Belling is up to this kind of B.S. already, I can't wait until Pride Week rolls around in June.

The **Cream City Chorus** celebrated its 4th Anniversary with an awards banquet in the Park East Hotel on April 12 and their Anniversary Concert on April 14. They'll wrap up their festivities with appearances this weekend in Green Bay at Za's and at the United Federation of Metropolitan Community Church Great Lakes District Spring Conference.

The **Napalese Lounge** brought back The L'Armay Brothers, magicians and illusionists (not female illusionists, dummy) for two shows April 12 & 17. The guys went over so well when they last booked them, they were back by popular demand.

Za's hosted Baby Jane and Company for a show on April 13, while in Kenosha, **Club 94** presented female Elvis impersonator, Stoney. The next evening piano/song duo Kristi K and Jeff Stoll swooned the crowd at **Station II**.

However, please Ms. Lawrence, please don't fall into the Joe McCarthy syndrome. Unless you have not merely impeccable sources, but people who are willing to file public charges, and you have verified these with the possible offender, please don't perpetuate rumors, of which the Gay/lesbian community is FULL! From my 11 years of leadership in the Gay community here I've found that there may be 10% validity in things that are rumored here.

• I am very offended by Mr. Fons suggestion that In Step "screen your columns for such anti-queer garbage." NO! Let us have a free forum of open discussion. ENOUGH of this Politically Correct (PC) garbage. The only way we can mature as a community is if we treat each other with respect (not making personal attacks) and are willing to let go with totally open discussion.

— Most sincerely,
Ralph F. Navarro

On 'the coalition'...

Ms. Lawrence is incorrect in her column Reflection... Vol. 8, Issue 6 when she stated, "Cream City Foundation, of which I am now Vice-President, started out as a Gay white male foundation..." Unless someone changed my racial and ethnic history when I wasn't looking, and since I am the founder of CCF, CCF, from the very beginning had a man of color. It's founder is a Hispanic Gay male.

However, I do strongly agree with her that you build a coalition with a commitment to insure equal representation of the broad base. We must not wait for the ideal or nothing will ever happen.

I also agree with her that The Coalition, which I have been a part of building for 11 years (this history of which we seem to always wish to ignore, to our detriment), must pursue the general goals she suggests. Why create something that someone else already has created?

The focus, as she suggests, should be the enabling of each group to fulfill its purpose for the needs of the many, not trying to create a super organization. We should bring in our best and most able

people.

And, the only way we will be able to achieve what she suggests (correctly) is if people stop presuming bull shit is truth and we begin to judge people by not what they say (only) but by what they do. We have too many vital needs to be involved with childish competition or even more dangerous, character assassinations.

— Sincerely,
Ralph F. Navarro

Pride...

Well it's tax time again, but more importantly, its just 2 months to the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay/Pride Parade and Celebration at Juneau Park.

Many people seem to think that the Pride Celebration just appears out of the blue. Nothing could be further from the truth. There have been between 10 and 15 people working on the Pride committee many hours every week since our annual meeting last September. There have also been many volunteers working at various jobs since then. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of these people who have put in literally thousands of hours of their time.

Right now is the time when we are most in need of your support. We expect between 3 and 5 thousand people at Juneau Park this year. We will need approximately 100 volunteers to fill 2 and 3 hour time slots for the day of the Celebration. The only other requirements will be to attend 1 volunteer orientation and a job assignment meeting before June 15. We also need volunteers on a ongoing basis. Even if you only want to volunteer 1 hour a month, I promise we will give you something to do and that we will have fun doing it.

As much as I hate to say this, President Bush is right. We need a "thousand points of light" giving of themselves to their community. You are one of those points of light, and we need you now.

In closing, I'll leave you with a quote from Margaret Mead: "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

—Gary Wells
President, MLGPC (414) 32-PRIDE

The Arts

17th women's music fest

Thousands of women are expected to attend the 17th Annual National Women's Music Festival, the longest-running of all women's festivals, scheduled for May 30-June 2, 1991 on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University.

Mainstage performers include singing legend Odetta, Ronnie Gilbert of the Weavers, Libby McLaren, Rhiannon, Kay Gardner and the Sunwomyn Ensemble, singer/songwriter Ann Reed, comedian Marga Gomez, reggae artists Casselberry-Dupree, former Vice-Presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, and the women's band that brought the house down at last year's fest, Two Nice Girls.

This year, the National Women's Music Festival presents its first theatrical production, an outrageous musical comedy called **Dos Lesbos**, which promises to be a 'laughter survival kit.'

More than just a music festival, the Bloomington event includes Spirituality and Writers conferences, this year featuring award-winning author Marge Piercy **Woman On the Edge of Time** and Afro-American ritualist Luisah Teish **Jambalaya: The Natural Woman's Book of Personal Charms and Practical Rituals**.

A panel discussion on "Women's Sexuality in the '90's" will feature Susie Bright, editor of **On Our Backs** and author of **Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World**, as well as June Reinisch, Director of the Kinsey Institute.

There will be film and video screenings every day of the festival and dozens of workshops focusing on Performers/Producers, Classical and Acoustic Music, Women of Color, Women's Health, Fitness and Sports, Older Women, and Women and Money.

Almost 100 merchants and craftswomen from across the United States will display their products and artwork as well.

A Thursday night dance promises lively

two-stepping music while the Louisville women's band Yer Girlfriend will play at the Saturday night dance. Afternoon Performer Showcases will introduce local and regional performing artists to a national audience. Leah Zicari, Melanie DeMore and Cathy Winter are scheduled so far.

Sometimes referred to as the 'other' festival to distinguish it from the outdoor event held in Michigan each August, the National Women's Music Festival is held largely indoors in campus buildings and concert halls. Dorm space and meal tickets are available as are easy access to local stores, restaurants and hotels.

The Bloomington community is most hospitable to the thousands of women who gather here each year, and the campus itself has lovely wooded areas to retreat to and explore.

For those attending the festival, a 24-hour support service is available for women in recovery, and all events are wheelchair accessible, with special headsets, seating and interpreters for the hearing-impaired available at Mainstage concerts. Childcare is offered to those who pre-register.

A four day pass entitling participants to hundreds of concerts, workshops, films and dances costs \$105 before April 30, \$120 afterward. Passes for only one or two days of the festival are available at lesser rates.

The deadline for mail pre-registration is May 15th. For further information and a registration form, please write to: National Women's Music Festival, P.O. Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206, or call (317)636-7382.



you an arm and a leg for cover and cocktails for the same caliber of entertainers!)(Crooner Faron Evans returned last weekend, and headlines this weekend as well.)

The Oberons hosted their monthly beer bust at the **Wreck Room** that same weekend. The Oberons are gearing up for their Acorn IV run weekend scheduled for June 14-16. See an Oberon for details and a reservation form.

Speaking of leather... Green Bay's **Argonauts** held another in their continuing series of benefits for Center Project Inc.'s emergency fund. This fundraising party was held at the **Napalese Lounge** for a change of pace and place.

Over 400 of us helped the Milwaukee AIDS Project raise over \$29,000 at MAP's annual Make A Promise Dinner. The dinner was moved to the Pfister Hotel Grand Ballroom for the first time which proved to be a wonderful idea. The food was great, the room was wonderful and the hotel offered plenty of space for pre-dinner socializing and a separate auction room. Entertainment by members of various professional Milwaukee theatre groups was exceptional and well received.

Honorary auctioneer for MAP's first voice auction, Rep. David Clarenbach also announced he would be running for U.S. Rep. Scott Klug's seat in '92. He'd make a great voice for our causes in Washington, and if elected, would surely join Rep. Jim Moody as the only Wisconsin co-sponsors of the U.S. Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights bill.

One of the biggest hits at the MAP dinner was blues singer Paula Dewey, and if you liked her style, I might suggest stopping in at **Cafe Melange** on Saturday nights. You can catch her and an 8 person song and tap dance revue with the John Schneider Orchestra every Saturday night. Great stuff!

I know I've mentioned the "Red, Hot and Blue" compilation that's been available for several months in your favorite record stores, but now it's out on video. Red, Hot and Blue features some of today's top performers and their interpretations of Cole Porter songs, and



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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Well, no blizzards buried my garden, but the temperatures certainly haven't cooperated in making anything bloom. With all the April showers we've been having May flowers should be very plentiful.

An update on the 219 Buns bust fiasco... all those charged met with the City Attorney on April 5, who decided after a review that none of the charges were going to be dropped and gave an April 18 date to plea guilty/not guilty. Those involved that I've been able to talk to are going to plea not guilty and take it to court. 219 owner Bobby Lyons is also going to fight the 11 charges the bar and his bartenders received. Should be an interesting court case!

Za's became Oz on April 6 for their 2nd annual Emerald City Ball, complete with show, a screening of "The Wizard Of Oz" and ballgoers dressed in green or other Oz attire. (I'm green with envy that

our Fox Valley photographer, Angie, got to attend and I had to work!) A separate Mr./Miss & Ms Emerald City contest will be held in May.

Women came from miles around to be "Exposed to Love" at the **Leaded Shade II**, when the bar hosted the Midwest's number one female dance revue. The place was packed and the women loved it. Stephanie, our back-up photographer, had the honor of treating the dancers to dinner and escorting them around town. She tells me she behaved, but knowing her, I wonder...

M&M Club hosted the return of the fun-tabulous comedy singing duo, Neil and Adam for a week of entertainment April 6-14. If you didn't catch them this time, keep your eyes and ears out for them the next time they're in town. M&M always offers great cabaret entertainment, and with no cover... such a deal! (Unlike in Chicago, where it'll cost

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