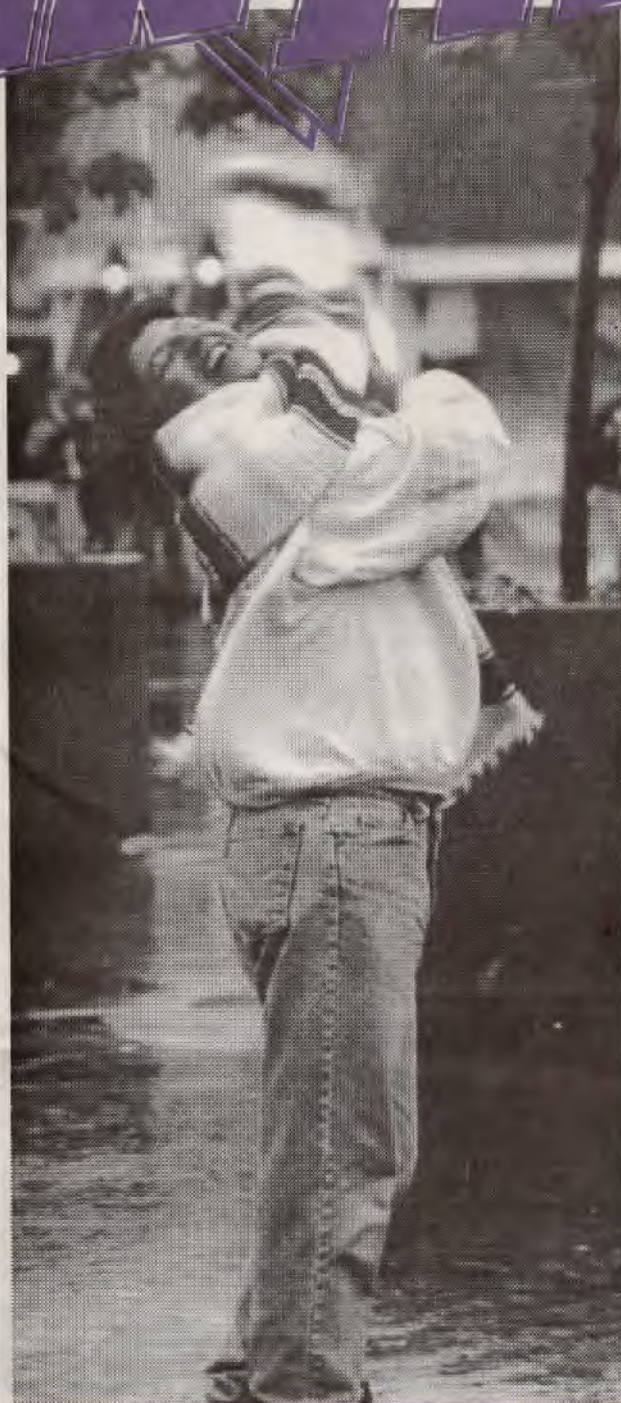


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News

by Jamakaya

Historic HIV/AIDS Vaccine Trial Begins in Wisconsin

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium (WARC) is currently screening and enrolling participants for the largest clinical trial of an immune-based therapy, REMUNE, in the history of the AIDS epidemic. Up to 50 HIV-infected individuals can be included in the trial, and officials at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) hope that number will be expanded to 100.

REMUNE was developed by Dr. Jonas Salk in cooperation with the Immune Response Corporation. Unlike the polio vaccine for which Dr. Salk is renowned, REMUNE cannot prevent a person from acquiring HIV. But its value lies in delaying or preventing the progression of HIV infection to AIDS. REMUNE does this by stimulating the activity of an individual's T-cells to attack HIV and thus keep it under control.

"This trial is significant because it involves a very different kind of therapy we haven't tried so far," Doug Nelson, ARCW's Executive Director told *In Step*. "REMUNE stimulates the immune system in a natural way to fight HIV as opposed to using drugs — with their many side effects — that try to block the replication of HIV."

"In this trial, the individual is given an inoculation once every three months rather than having to consume drugs every day," Nelson noted. "This makes the study less burdensome on the patient and more efficient from the researcher's standpoint. In addition, REMUNE therapy doesn't disrupt any current drug regimen the patient may already be on."

Research on the vaccine approach to slowing HIV progression is crucial, according to Dr. Brian Buggy, Chair of the WARC Scientific Committee and an infectious disease practitioner specializing in HIV/AIDS. "From the scientific viewpoint, this is going to be the largest and most important vaccine trial in the country, and if the vaccine approach is going to work, this is the study that will define it."

REMUNE consists of two basic components. The first is the inactive HIV that has been stripped of its outermost protein, called gp120. An advantage of using the inactivated

gp120-depleted viral preparation like REMUNE is that it contains most of the common HIV proteins that can be recognized by the immune system. By including most of the HIV proteins, REMUNE may help the body learn to respond more broadly to HIV.

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REMUNE therapy has been used in approximately 300 trial participants since 1987, with no adverse effects reported to date. Eventually, 3,000 people nationwide are expected to be enrolled in the study, which will track REMUNE therapy's impact on each person over a period of three years.

"We've been waiting a long time for this study," said Dr. Ian Gilson of the Aurora Medical Group. Gilson will be the principal investigator of WARC's clinical trial of REMUNE.

"We're very anxious to get started so we have more to offer than anti-retrovirals to our patients," Gilson said. "This treatment is shown to boost HIV specific immunity and will therefore show benefit to our patients."

"Enthusiasm for the vaccine trial is very high among physicians and individuals with HIV," said ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson. "Seldom has there been as much optimism on treatment options, and we are proud to be contributing to it by bringing the vaccine trial to Wisconsin. We are all hopeful that we are gaining ground against HIV."

To be eligible to participate in the REMUNE clinical trial an individual must be HIV-positive with a CD4 count of 300-549, be at least 18 years of age, and not have taken other investigational vaccines or immune-based therapy within the past three months. Individuals may be taking anti-retroviral drugs but must be taking the same drug and dose for the past three months. Individuals may not have a prior history or current AIDS-defining conditions except for Kaposi's Sarcoma.

Those interested in participating in the REMUNE trial should call Jacque Kaczinski at ARCW at 414/225-1578 or 800/359-9272. A brochure explaining enrollment, a list of participating physicians and other general information can be sent to interested individuals.

In addition to REMUNE, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's AIDS research program wants to screen and enroll HIV-positive individuals for two other clinical trials:

DELAVIRDINE ? 021: This double-blind, randomized study compares the responses of individuals taking varied doses of Delavirdine (DLV), Zidovudine (AZT), or placebo, 3TC and AZT.

People who are 14 years of age or older, are HIV positive, have a CD4 count greater than 200 but less than 500, and have not been on AZT therapy for more than six months, may be eligible for this study.

STAVUDINE PLUS DIDANOSINE: This is an open-label study of the safety and biological effects of Stavudine (D4T) plus Didanosine (ddl) in nucleoside-experienced HIV-infected patients with CD4 counts between 100-500.

People over 18, who are HIV-positive and have a CD4 count between 100-500 and have previous, cumulative nucleoside therapy experience of more than three months as monotherapy, may be eligible for this study.

For more information about any of these clinical trials, call Jacque Kaczinski at 800/359-9272.

Kitty Barber Gets Five Years Probation in Plea Bargain

Madison — On Wednesday, May 29, Dane County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Moeser sentenced Kitty Barber to five years of probation and 150 hours of community service for an incident last December in which Barber alleged-

ly led police on a high speed chase, brandished a gun and was shot multiple times by law enforcement officers.

The sentencing came after Barber was convicted of felony charges of fleeing an officer and second degree reckless endangerment and the misdemeanor charge of endangering safety by use of a weapon. Barber, who was present during the proceeding, pleaded no contest to the charges.

Judge Moeser also ordered Barber to continue participating in mental health counseling and stipulated that her probation could be lifted after two and a half years.

Gretchen Hincke, a psychotherapist treating Barber, submitted a letter to Judge Moeser outlining Barber's family



Kitty Barber

history of depression and alcoholism. She said Barber was despondent over the breakup of her long-term relationship with Karen Gorzler, had begun drinking again and was suicidal at the time of the incident.

Barber "accepts complete responsibility for her behavior," Hincke wrote.

The plea bargain which resulted in the probation sentence was hammered out by Dane County District Attorney John Burr and Barber's attorney, Dean Strang.

When asked where Barber would complete the community service portion of the sentence, Strang told *In Step*,

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"Most likely in Milwaukee. It is up to her and is subject to the approval of the probation agent ... but, she has some exciting ideas on what she may want to do."

The crimes, which drew front page headlines in Madison where Barber was attending the University of Wisconsin Law School, sent shock waves through the Gay communities in both Madison and Milwaukee.

Barber, 41, is a well-known figure in Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community. Since the 1970's she has been active as a singer/songwriter and political activist. Karen Gotzler is also a prominent Lesbian activist and business leader who ran unsuccessfully for a seat on Milwaukee's Common Council earlier this year. Gotzler is currently providing housing for Barber and assisting her in her physical and emotional recovery.

In Step contacted Barber for a comment after the sentencing. She expressed dismay at the media's handling of the chase and shooting incident and was reluctant to say very much. She did state that "unless you were there, you don't really know what happened."

She also wanted to convey the following message: "The Gay and Lesbian community is my family, and I want to thank them for all their kindness, support and generosity."

Barber faces additional surgeries to repair the injuries caused to her legs and abdomen by multiple gunshot wounds. Friends have established the Kitty Barber Trust Fund, P.O. Box 617, Milwaukee, WI 53201 for those who wish to help her with expenses.

United Methodist Church in Wisconsin Affirms LGBT Rights

by John Quinlan

Madison — By an overwhelming majority vote, representatives of the 525 congregations of the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin voted on June 1st to become a "reconciling conference." This puts Wisconsin United Methodists on record as being welcoming of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people.

It was the testimony of lesbian and gay people and supportive family members from throughout Wisconsin that made the difference at the church's annual gathering in Stevens Point, observers say.

Rev. Reistroffer spoke of her anguish in ministering to gays and lesbians "who have literally been pushed away from the doors of our Wisconsin United Methodist churches," and who have been victimized by hate groups and an increase in homophobic activity.

Jackson spoke of the importance of the United Methodist

Church in his own journey of faith, and the pain he felt at the age of 17 when he was asked to leave the church and never return. He also described recent incidents of anti-gay harassment in Madison perpetrated by the right-wing extremist group Wisconsin Christians United and others. (Among other things, churchgoers have had to walk through an anti-gay WCU picket line in order to attend church.)

The leadership of Wisconsin Conference Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader was also instrumental in bringing the debate forward. Rader has been outspoken in her support of LGBT inclusiveness.

Following the failure of the national United Methodist Church to move forward with a similar declaration at its annual convention last April in Denver, Strader was among the 15 bishops who signed a statement of conscience putting them on record against the national church's current stance.

Supporters of LGBT inclusiveness broke a six year silence in bringing the issue to the floor at this year's annual gathering of Wisconsin United Methodists. Previous debates had become bogged down by the arguments of the opponents of LGBT inclusion which had centered around issues of biblical interpretation.

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This year, however, delegates were acutely aware of the campaign of hate being waged against the LGBT community by forces of the Religious Right in the name of Christianity, and many felt compelled to take a stand. In the end, however, it was the stories of individuals and family members that made the difference. Observers say the final vote, which was by a show of hands, had anywhere from 75 to 95 percent of the delegates supporting the resolution.

With its decision, the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist church is on the cutting edge of change. Of the several dozen United Methodist conferences across the country, four have become reconciling conferences, all in the mid 1980's. (Two other conferences will vote on the issue later this year.)

The vote also reflects the spirit of a statement recently signed by seven leaders from a variety of religious denominations from throughout Wisconsin. "We urge our congregations to extend a caring welcome to gay and lesbian persons and their families," they wrote, "and to offer themselves as safe places for those who are persecuted or harassed in our society."

University United Methodist Church is one of two United Methodist churches in Wisconsin to have designated

itself as a "reconciling congregation." Its ministry to the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community dates back to the 1970's.

Many in Madison may remember Rev. Reistroffer for organizing an impromptu memorial service last February attended by hundreds of people in the shadow of the still-burning Hotel Washington. At the time, many in the community feared that the fire was the result of homophobia-driven arson, although that was subsequently ruled out.

Dahmer Auction Averted; Eddie Smith's Family "Ecstatic"

Milwaukee — Real estate executive Joseph Zilber has apparently been successful in raising more than \$400,000 to purchase the remaining possessions of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer. This is likely to avert a public auction of the killer's effects to pay damages to the families of Dahmer's victims.

The sisters of Eddie "The Sheik" Smith, a Gay man killed by Dahmer, are "ecstatic" about the resolution.

"I'm glad these businessmen have come forward to end this nightmare right where it started," Carolyn Smith told In Step. Zilber helped raise the money for the effects to prevent Dahmer's gruesome legacy from being further exploited by collectors and to protect the image of the City of Milwaukee.

"The families feel like they've been through the ringer and that everybody's profited off their sons," Theresa Smith said. "I never was for the stuff being auctioned. I was the first one with the idea to buy off the possessions and destroy them. Dahmer's parents and I were trying to do that shortly after he was killed."

Dahmer was murdered in November, 1994 by a fellow inmate at the Columbia Correctional Facility in Portage where he was serving 15 life terms for the murders and dismemberments of 15 young men and boys. Because many of the victims were Gay and/or men of color, charges of racism and homophobia swirled around the Milwaukee Police Department for its handling of the murder spree.

"As far as any embarrassment to Milwaukee," Theresa Smith said, "I hope it stays embedded in their minds, not as an obsession, but let's face it, this happened for a reason and people can't just wipe it out. To forget it all would be like my brother and all those other boys never existed and we haven't learned anything from it at all."

Attorney Thomas Jacobson represents the families of eight of Dahmer's victims. After he gets his percentage, the money will be divided among the families. Carolyn Smith scoffed at the notion that any family members would "get rich" off their son's or brother's death. "There's no amount of money that's going to replace a human life," she said.

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Anti-Marriage Bill Moves Along Its Chaotic Path in Congress

by Keith Clark

Washington, D.C. — The far-right's proposed congressional anti-gay measure, known as the "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA), easily won approval of a House subcommittee by a largely party-line 8-4 vote, and is expected to reach the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote by early July. The Senate companion measure should be reaching the floor of the upper chamber at about the same time, Senate leaders said.

The measure, which would define marriage as the union of a man and a woman and effectively exclude same-sex marriages at the federal level, has left rights activists in a quandary since it was introduced in Congress earlier in May, quickly winning endorsements from the Republican leadership and the promise of President Clinton's signature if it passes Congress.

Clinton supporter David Mixner fumed on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" that the President's quick announcement that he would sign the measure was "an unconscionable position for him to take."

Mixner said Clinton's decision was doubtless political in his efforts to keep his popularity lead in the polls over anticipated Republican challenger Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas in the November election. "But this goes to the heart of everybody's civil liberties," Mixner said. "It deals with property rights, insurance rights, immigration rights, bereavement rights, and to deny us equal opportunity really makes us second class citizens."

In Seattle, councilwoman Tina Podlodowski, who is a lesbian, resigned as co-chair of Clinton's Washington state reelection campaign, but said she still supports Clinton in the upcoming election, an echo of the dilemma many gays and lesbians feel over an issue that most paid little attention to until it exploded on the national political landscape during the past year.

Podlodowski told the *Seattle Times*, "I'm still very supportive of the President but I believe it's important to show leadership on this. This issue speaks to a broader issue of civil rights."

In an interview with the *New York Times*, openly gay White House advisor Bob Hattoy said the President had been

out-manuevered by conservatives on the issue and said Clinton and his campaign advisers were more "homo stupid" than homophobic, saying that supporting same-sex marriage now is "a loser" politically.

"I just wish the straight white boys at the White House would educate themselves a little more," he said. "It's not that they're homophobic - they're homo stupid, and they don't know that the buzzwords they're using are the buzzwords the right wing uses as terrorist-dividing tactics and that the gay and lesbian community has a visceral reaction to."

Both the Human Rights Campaign and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force have issued several press releases in the past few weeks attacking DOMA and criticizing President Clinton's statements that he would sign the measure, but the Washington, D.C.-based civil rights groups have been unable to find many political allies willing to pick up their banner and publicly fight against the proposed legislation as it continues its rapid movement through both houses of Congress.

Anti-Marriage Laws Roll Along in U.S. - But One Dutch Treat

by Keith Clark

Springfield, IL — Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar signed a measure barring the state from recognizing same-sex marriages, whether legally performed in other states or not, making the state that first repealed its sodomy statutes over three decades ago the 10th U.S. state to prohibit recognition of same-sex marriages.

Meanwhile, in Michigan and Pennsylvania, similar anti-marriage measures won approval in their respective legislatures and the bills in each of the two states need only to have differences in the language of their upper and lower chambers worked out before being sent to the governors in each state for approval.

North Carolina's lawmakers, who are meeting in a shortened special session, have been trying to quickly work around legal limits on the types of measures it can consider during the session in an effort to enact a bill prohibiting recognizing same-sex marriages in the state that might be legally performed in other states.

Complicated legislative rules have slowed down movement on the bill, but there remains very little active opposition to the measure in the state legislature itself.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Preaches Tolerance, Unity

To find any good news in the same-sex marriage arena, activists had to look to Holland where the Dutch justice ministry announced it will be putting together a panel of experts to evaluate the possible impact of legalizing gay and lesbian marriages in the country.

The Dutch Parliament has already voted in principle to support full equality in marriage rights for same-sex couples, but the government has continued to resist full marriage status for gays and lesbians, arguing that the international consequences for the tiny European nation could be enormous.

The committee the justice ministry appoints will examine national and international laws and treaties that might be affected by such a move. It will have a year to prepare its report, including recommendations for legislation.

Los Angeles, CA — Dr. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, urged Episcopalians not to over-react or act impatiently as the church struggles with its position on ordaining gay priests, while the 10 bishops who had brought heresy charges against a retired bishop for ordaining an openly gay man to the clergy all but threatened to lead a schism in the church in this country.

In a sermon commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese, Carey warned Episcopalians against "walking away from one another" over the issue and said they must learn to get along with

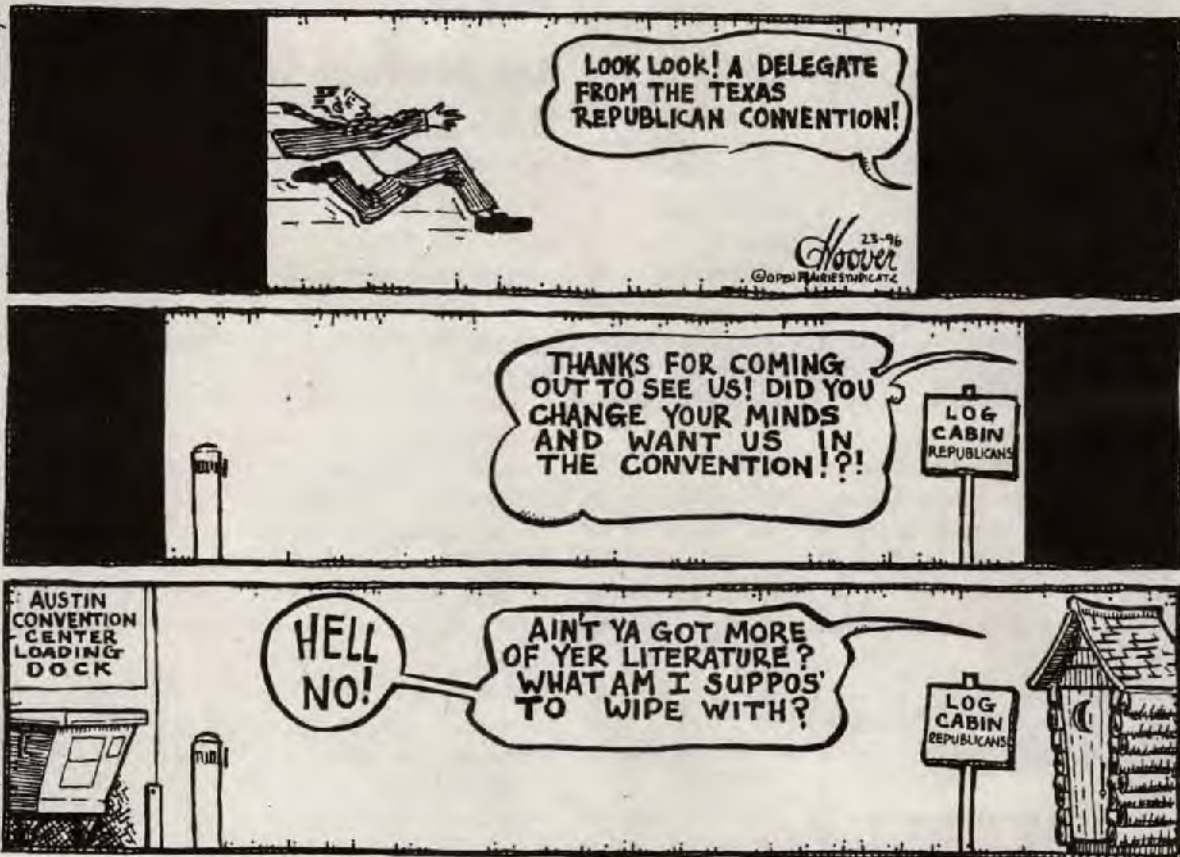
each other despite differences.

"We need to learn a new language - a language of acceptance and love of one another," Carey said in his sermon at the Cathedral Center of St. Paul in Los Angeles. "I don't mean by this we have to agree or accept the political correctness of our day. There will always be questions that have to be left hanging while we wait for fuller answers. What we must not do is walk away from one another."

Aside from the heresy trial in Delaware earlier this year, Carey has come under pressure from conservative Anglican clergy in Britain who have insisted that he condemn the previous Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Robert Runcie, who it was recently revealed had ordained priests he knew were gay.

But in Dallas, the 10 bishops who unsuccessfully brought the heresy

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charges against retired Bishop Walter Righter, warned that they would seek to get approval for new canon laws that would explicitly bar ordaining openly gay priests at the church's convention next year in Philadelphia.

The bishops also said they are forming an independent fellowship of Episcopal congregations in the U.S. that share their opposition to ordaining gay priests, a move that could portend a formal schism within the American church.

Texas Log Cabin Republicans Sue GOP

by Keith Clark

Austin, TX — The Log Cabin Club of Texas has filed a lawsuit against the state Republican Party after the Texas GOP nixed a booth at its state convention for the predominately gay and lesbian political organization and refused to sell the group ad space in the convention's program.

The Log Cabin lawsuit, filed in Travis County state court, charges the Texas Republicans with violating the organization's First Amendment rights, bias against the organization, and breach of contract.

The suit, which is slated for a hearing on June 7, asks for an injunction forcing the state GOP to sell the booth and ad space to the gay Republican organization.

Dale Carpenter, a Houston attorney and president of the Texas Log Cabin Republicans, called the state GOP's refusal to give his organization a voice at the convention "the first shot in a renewed culture war against gays and lesbians" and said it had "backfired."

Lester van Pelt III, a spokesperson for the state Republican Party, told reporters that Barbara Jackson, the state GOP's executive director, had made the

decision to exclude the Log Cabin Republicans because of the party platform's positions against homosexuality. "Sodomy is still a crime in Texas," van Pelt said.

Nonsense, say the gay Republicans, noting that the booth and ad space had nothing to do with sodomy.

"That is a ridiculous argument," Carpenter said of the state party's defense of its action, "a diversion to cover the fact that party officials don't want to permit a full and fair debate on the issue of equality for gays and lesbians. Obviously, no one is going to commit an illegal act in the booth."

Carpenter also pointed out that Texas' sodomy statute has in fact been declared unconstitutional by a state appeals court.

The lawsuit charges that the state GOP accepted and cashed a \$400 check from the Log Cabin Republicans for the booth space, but that on May 21 the state party refunded the \$400 payment and returned a second Log Cabin check for \$750 for the ad space in the convention program uncashed.

Carpenter says the party's actions amount to a breach of contract, aside from any of the politics involved.

Philly Bike Ride Dispute Settled

Philadelphia, PA — A dispute over charges of racism that threatened to mar the June 21-23 Philadelphia-to-Washington AIDS bike ride when organizers of the event agreed to give 25 percent of the money generated by the fundraising ride to the city's Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition for distribution to agencies serving primarily racial and ethnic minorities.

The bicycle marathon ride is expected to generate up to \$5 million.

But earlier in May a coalition of

AIDS organizations serving racial and ethnic minorities had criticized the fundraiser, charging that predominately white-run AIDS groups had excluded

them from sharing proceeds of the event.

The minority AIDS agencies had called for a boycott of the marathon ride and had threatened to stage a "die-in" at the event's kick-off from downtown Philadelphia.

Study: Better Predictive, Treatment Values in HIV Particle Counts

by Keith Clark

Pittsburgh, PA — According to a new study, doctors now have a more accurate way of predicting how long people infected with HIV will survive, thereby giving physicians better guidance in how aggressively to treat their patients at various stages of the infection.

Dr. John Mellors and a team of researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center have confirmed the relative accuracy of an extremely sensitive new blood test that counts the number of HIV viral particles instead of the current method, which relies on counting the immune system's CD4 T-cells.

"We found very strikingly that the amount of virus in the bloodstream predicted how individuals did," Mellors said. "The more virus, the worse the individuals did, by which I mean the shorter time to developing full-blown AIDS and dying."

The researchers analyzed blood samples from 180 gay men enrolled in a U.S. government study between 1983 and 1991. They found that 49 percent of the men with more than 36,000 HIV particles per milliliter of blood

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died within five years. But only 5 percent with just one-ninth that amount of virus died that quickly.

"The likelihood of progression increases directly with the level of AIDS virus in the blood," Mellors said. "So we have a pretty good idea based on our study what the expected survival of an individual would be at a certain level of virus."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Disease says the researchers' findings will let doctors make better decisions about when to begin which treatments and when to change to possibly more aggressive therapies.

"If some individuals have very high set points [HIV particle counts], even though their CD4 cells are reasonably OK, you might want to more aggressively treat those people because you know that you can predict they are going to do more poorly," Fauci said. "Whereas someone who has a low [HIV particle count], even though their CD4 count might not be all that high, you might want to hold off on aggressive therapy. So really, it's a step towards

using the steady state level of the virus much more as a tool both in prediction and in therapeutic decisions."

HIV Transmission Risk Seen in Oral Sex

by William Attewell

Washington — The virus that causes AIDS can easily infect individuals through the mouth, even when those individuals have no oral sores or bleeding gums, a series of studies in monkeys suggests according to a recent report in *The Washington Post*.

The new findings provide the first strong evidence that receptive oral sex puts people at risk of acquiring the fatal immune system disease.

Researchers and public health officials stressed there is still no evidence that casual contact, or even mouth-to-mouth contact such as kissing or sharing utensils, can spread the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS in people.

But they said the monkey studies, which involved a simian version of the

AIDS virus called SIV, offer powerful evidence that an oral dose of semen from an HIV-infected man can cause AIDS in another person if it comes into contact with tissues in that person's mouth, even if it is not swallowed.

The study indicated that, all other things being equal, oral infection can occur with virus doses 6,000 times smaller than those needed to cause infection via the rectum, the route of infection associated with anal sex.

"This study shows that people need to know that oral sex is not safe sex," Dr. Ruth M. Ruprecht, chief of a virus research laboratory at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston told *The Washington Post*. "This is important public health information that should be widely published."

Other researchers, however, noted that the monkey study was conducted under laboratory conditions using methods that are atypical of real-life human exposure patterns.

Earlier studies have hinted that receptive oral sex represented a risk for HIV infection, Ruprecht said. But many people have thought infection could occur only if the receiving partner had cuts or sores in the mouth. Many people, she said, assumed that oral sex was a safe alternative to other forms of intercourse.

Because of the lack of solid data, and a handful of reports in recent years suggesting that saliva contains compounds that make HIV less infectious, many people grew complacent about the risks of oral sex.

"There has been an unfortunate misinterpretation in some quarters that because epidemiological studies suggest it is easier to get infected by anal than oral sex, people think oral sex is in fact safe," said Anthony Fauci, chief of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "That is a fundamentally wrong assumption."

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Hawaii Democrats Make Pro-Gay Moves

Honolulu, HI — While many of the state's lawmakers grappled during much of the past year with the issue of same-sex marriage in a variety of efforts to prohibit gays and lesbians from winning what is expected to be a state court victory, Hawaii's Democratic Party made its position clear during its May 24-26 convention. The party's central committee adopted a resolution opposing any future "interference" by the state legislature or efforts to change Hawaii's liberal state Constitution in the court battle.

The Dems then went on to oust Linda Rosehill from the key post as its national committeewoman in favor to Amy Agbayani. Rosehill has been very active in efforts to block the possible legalization of same-sex marriages in the state; Agbayani represented the ACLU in testimony opposing legislative efforts to block same-sex marriages in the state.

Martin Rice, an openly gay Democratic Party activist, was also elected to a position as one of the committee's three vice-chairs as an executive board member.

Shifts in AIDS Research Funding

Chicago, IL — As a result of tightening federal budgets coupled with increased criticism of federal HIV/AIDS research efforts, scientists say government health agencies are allocating more research money to non-government scientists, and that more innovative, experimental research proposals may not get funded.

The National Cancer Institute's AIDS funding for the current fiscal year has shifted dramatically reports the journal *Nature*, with outside research program funds increasing from \$37 million last year to \$104 million this year. At

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the same time, NCI's internal AIDS research allocations dropped from \$102 million in 1995 to \$66 million this year.

At the same time, the *Health Care Quarterly* reports that as managed care

and governmental purse strings tighten, more experimental medical research, like the recent baboon bone marrow transplant of a person with AIDS, could come to a halt.

FDA Warns of Leaky Condoms

Washington, D.C. — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has warned consumers that some condoms manufactured in Malaysia do not meet breakage standards and should not be used.

The condoms, manufactured by Dongkuk Techno Rubber of Malaysia, are sold in the U.S. under several brand names, including: Pamitex, Magic, Black Jack, Maxi, and Ginza.

The FDA warned the abnormally high breakage and leakage of the condoms means they may not be effective in preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

'Homosexual Panic' in Colorado Springs

Colorado Springs, CO — Brice D. Miller has been ordered to face trial later this year on second degree murder charges in connection with the 1994 bludgeoning death of Robert W. Walton, a 50-year-old church deacon in an evangelical ministry.

Both Miller and Walton had been suspects in a 1992 robbery of a book and gift store where they had both worked at the time, although neither men were ever charged in the case.

Police say that 1992 link led them to Miller, who eventually confessed that he hit Walton in the head repeated with a large rock in the remote park where Walton's body was discovered.

Authorities say Miller, 23, said he hit Walton because the older man had made sexual advances toward him in the park.

Walton had worked at the Missionary and Christian Alliance, based in Colorado Springs.

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killing, only second degree murder charges were filed against Miller, and he is free on \$25,000 bond until the trial.

Miller is expected to base his defense on the panic and fear he says he felt at Walton's alleged advances.

Maryland High Court to Review HIV Attempted Murder Conviction

Annapolis, MD — The Maryland Supreme Court is reviewing the attempted murder conviction of Dwight Smallwood, who is infected with HIV.

Smallwood was convicted on the charge because of the 1993 rape of three women when he knew he was infected. He was sentenced to a life prison term in 1994 on the rape and attempted murder charge.

Smallwood's attorney says the conviction on attempted murder charges is a dangerous precedent for those in the state who know they are infected with HIV and have unprotected sex.

Sex Survey: The World's Full of Surprises

by Keith Clark

London — It was "good news-bad news" for the citizens of the new Russia as London International Group, one of the world's largest condom manufacturers, released the results of its third annual international survey of sexual behavior.

According to the LIG survey, Russians are the second most sexually active people in the world, led only by Americans.

"Our survey will explode a lot of myths about sex," said Pauli Jakobsson of LIG.

The study reports that based on surveys of 10,000 people in 15 nations, Americans have sex 135 times a year, trailed closely by the horny ex-comrades who succumb to Western bourgeois thrills 133 times annually.

The former Soviets also trailed the Americans in their self-centered view of sex, with 61 percent of U.S. citizens interviewed saying their own satisfaction was most important in sex. Some 42 percent of Russians said their own gratification was paramount, placing them next behind Americans.

Thailand came in at the bottom of the list in terms of frequency of sex, averaging just 64 times per year.

From a list of notable personalities those interviewed thought were sexiest, Australian actor Mel Gibson placed first, while U.S. President Bill Clinton fell about midway and Russian Prime

Minister Boris Yeltsin came in next to last, the unsexy honor of which fell to Poland's Lech Walesa.

Poles (presumably none of them eying Mr. Walesa) turned up as the most safe-sex conscious in the survey, with a full 13 percent of Polish respondents claiming they routinely carry condoms in their underwear, leading the Italians in their claims of having condoms on hand.

Canadians, somewhat surprisingly, came in as the most hostile to the idea of safer sex, while the Russians did little better, ranking 12 out of the 15 countries. Canadians, however, also ranked first as the world's most sensitive bed partners, with 51 percent saying satisfying their sexual partner was their top priority in bed.

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Group Notes

Counseling Center Offering Women's Support Groups

Milwaukee — The Women's Support Group Program of the Counseling Center of Milwaukee is sponsoring four different summer support groups beginning this month.

The More Space group is for Lesbian women who are comfortable with their identity. The group provides a safe environment for Lesbians to support one another and develop a network of friends. Specific issues will be decided on by participants.

A relationship group "Why Me?" will examine why some women feel dissatisfied and unsupported in their relationships. Topics will include expectations, trust, bonding, family issues, etc.

A Self-Esteem group will help members explore liking/loving oneself. Issues like self-confidence, security, autonomy and personal power will be addressed. Another Self-Esteem group will be designed specifically for African American women.

All these groups include ten evening sessions beginning in June. They meet at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett on the east side. To join a support group, call Cheryl Orgas at 414/271-2565.

MAP, CCF Thank "The Possum Queen" Contest for Donations

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation Board and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) have expressed gratitude to Rodney Stockel, this year's winning Possum Queen, and all who worked so hard in helping our community.

Stockel and his partner Rick F. Mankiewicz, along with Ballgame owner Rick Kowal, put in much time and energy and were able to raise over \$7,000 for our community.

This money was divided between Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) and CCF. With a CCF designated contribution given to the MAP Dental Clinic.

In addition, the 1996 Possum Queen Campaign donated over \$12,000 to Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) programs. \$6,000 will go to MAP's Wisconsin House, providing housing and support to people living with AIDS. \$3,247.88 will go to MAP's Loving Spoonful Food Pantry, providing food services for individuals and families affected by AIDS.

"The Possum Queen Campaign is always a fabulous and outrageous success," said MAP Executive Director Doug Nelson. "Nowhere in the country is there as much fun in raising funds for an important cause."

Nelson praised the Campaign leaders, participants and bars for raising more than \$40,000 since its inception six years ago. In Between, La Cage, Ballgame, Just Us, Karhy's Nut Hut, Club 219, M&M Club, Mama Roux, 3B's and Zippers have all made contributions which directly fund MAP's health and social services for individuals with HIV and AIDS.

Tammy Baldwin Launches Internet Homepage

Madison — State Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) has become the first State Representative with an internet homepage. The internet site contains information about the representative, the 78th District and current issues facing the Wisconsin Legislature.

"The homepage provides a wealth of information about state government and the substantive issues we're working on. We are frequently updating our homepage, so you will have access to timely information on state legislation," stated Baldwin.

The World Wide Web address for the page is: <http://badger.state.wi.us/agencies/willis/assembly/asm7B/>.

Third Annual LAMM-EF Lesbian Variety Show Seeks Talent

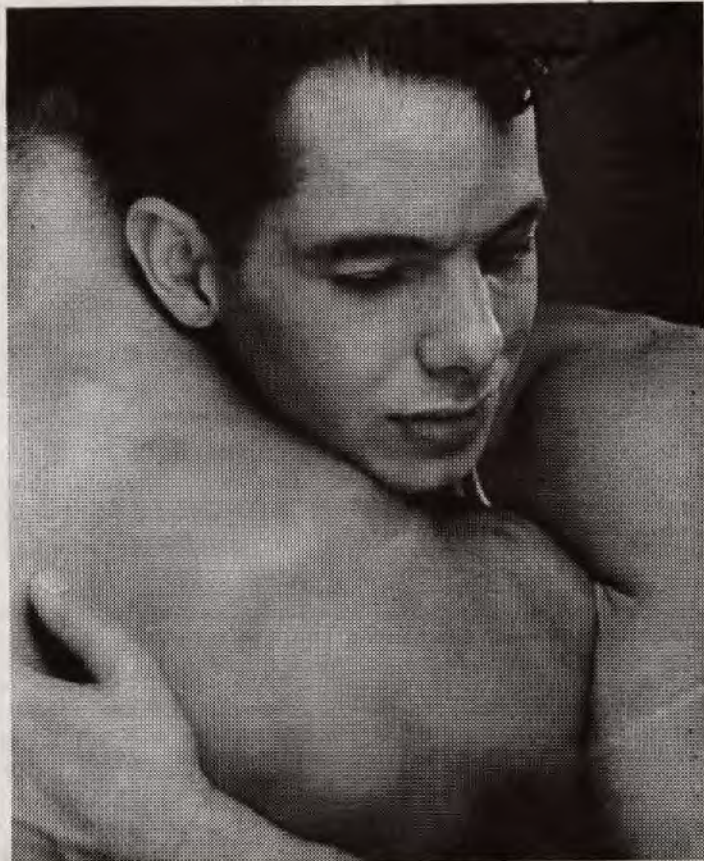
Milwaukee — Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee - Education Fund (LAMM-EF) is sponsoring the Third Annual Lesbian Variety Show. This year's event will be held at the Skylight Opera Theater on Saturday, August 24, 1996. Your help is needed to make this event a success. If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, do stand-up comedy, perform in a skit, or have some other hidden talent, we want you.

Those interested in auditioning must sign up prior to July 20, 1996. If you are interested in auditioning, or volunteering the night of the show, please contact Sheli at 414/264-2600.

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Group Notes

Milwaukee County Aging Task Force Report Includes Gay/Lesbian Elders

Milwaukee — At the May 31, 1996 meeting of the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging, the Department on Aging (MCDoA) announced the publication of its Report of the Task Force to Increase Access to Service for Underserved Older Adult Populations. Based on the findings of six (6) work groups: Native American, African American, Asian, Hispanic, Russian Jewish Immigrants and Gay and Lesbian Elders, the report reviews: how the department currently serves these populations, who in the community also provides services and, finally, what unique issues the Department must address in meeting the needs of under-served and minority elders.

Some common findings of the work groups include:

1. Increased funding is needed for

these services, especially those which allow older people to remain in their homes and their communities.

2. Bi-lingual service provision is inadequate.

3. Increased cultural sensitivity and competency is needed.

4. Acknowledgement that isolation is a problem of our elders.

5. Citizenship assistance is important.

Stephanie Sue Stein, Director of the Department on Aging, noted, "More and more, the persons we are asked to serve come to us with new and challenging needs. Where we can be more sensitive, where we can provide better services, where we can educate ourselves and others, we will do so immediately."

Copies of the full report, which contains a five page report on Increased Access to Services for Gay and Lesbian Elderly, is available to all who request it. The MCDoA is located at 235 West Galena Street, Suite 180, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For more information on the report, contact Irene Brown, Assistant Director at 414/289-6073.

Candace Gingrich at Chicago Pride Parade and Rally

Chicago — A 2pm kick-off time has been set for Chicago's 27th Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade to be held on June 30th. Special guest at the Pride Celebration will be activist Candace Gingrich. She will be participating in the parade and will speak at the rally following the parade.

The Parade will begin lining up at the corner of Halsted and Belmont in Chicago for the 2pm start time and will end with the rally in Lincoln Park in Grove #13 at 3000 N. Lake Shore Drive. For more information, contact

PRIDEChicago at 312/348-8243.

MAP to Host African-American Forum

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will host an African-American Community Forum on Saturday, June 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the DNR building, 2300 North Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee.

The purpose of the forum is to allow members of the African-American community a formal opportunity to provide input and feedback on MAP's programs and services.

"There is such a high incidence of HIV infection within the African-American community that a check-in with community members is an invaluable tool to MAP in the shaping of our programs," said Monica Pope, co-organizer of the forum and MAP's Director of Housing Services. "Our purpose is to hear what people have to say about the agency, about HIV and AIDS, and to learn from the information that is shared."

The African-American Community Forum is the second of three scheduled forums. The first, involving the Gay and Lesbian community, occurred last November. A third forum, for the Hispanic/Latino community, will be scheduled for later this year.

The forum will include informational presentations about HIV and AIDS and MAP programs and services, and will include a question and answer session with MAP staff.





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Grants Awarded: Jan. through May, 1996

PrideFest: \$5,000

Wisconsin Research Center: \$500 for costs to monitor religious-right anti-gay/lesbian governmental and social movements in Wisconsin.

Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc.: \$1,800 for Lesbian and Gay Programs.

1996 Great Lakes Film & Video, Inc.: \$2,000

Holiday Invitational Tournament: \$750

MAP Make a Promise Dinner: \$650.

MAP Dental Clinic: \$3,114 from Possum Queen winner and Ballgame Bar.

Thanks to our community's generous donations and workplace giving contributions, CCF awarded grants in excess of \$32,000 in 1995 to the following:

1995 Great Lakes Gay/Lesbian Film & Video Festival - UWM

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Fest City Singers: June Musical Production.

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SAGE: Senior Action in a Gay Environment.

MAP AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

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UJIMA: Operating expenses.

PrideFest 1995: Major sponsor since 1991.

Human Rights League (HRL) for Gays and Lesbians Milwaukee.

Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee - Education Fund.

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force: 21 scholarships to the October National Conference awarded courtesy of the Arnie Malmon Development Fund.

"Hate, Homophobia and Schools" UW Green Bay: An hour-long video and teacher's manual for viewing and discussion in schools.

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Group Notes

Mailing Address and Telephone Announced for LGBT Community Center Project

Milwaukee — The project to establish a Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual /Transgender (LGBT) Community Center held a steering committee meeting on Saturday, June 1, 1996 at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center and announced that we now have a telephone number: 414/483-4710, and a mailing address: PO Box 92722, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

At the June 1st meeting, each of the three established committees: Feasibility, Public Relations and Board Development reviewed their preliminary purpose, goals and job descriptions.

The committee continued its call for volunteers from the community. Volunteers of all types are needed and no special skills or training is required. The steering committee also encourages those with experience in group facilitation, social work, mental health counseling, youth programs, computer services, graphic design, grant writing, marketing, accounting, legal issues among others to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Community Room of the Eastside Library located at 1910 East North Avenue on Milwaukee's east side. The public is invited and this is a great time to come and offer your views as methods of operation, establishing of committees, executive board responsibilities, site location and procedures are being formulated.

A general town hall meeting to inform the community on the progress and direction of the LGBT Community Center is planned for Saturday, July 13, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 300 of the Milwaukee Enterprise Center located at 2821 North 4th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

MEMORIAL

Keneth Wenzel

Age 48, passed away March 25, 1996. Wenzel was a former manager of the Ballgame. A memorial will be held at the Ballgame on Wednesday, June 19th from 7pm to 9pm

Health News

ARCW To Hold Health Seminars

Milwaukee — ARCW (AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.) Clinical Services Department has scheduled two free seminars for individuals who are HIV positive and caregivers. Both seminars will be held at ARCW, 820 North Plankinton Avenue in downtown Milwaukee.

The first seminar, sponsored by Roche Laboratories, will be held Tuesday, June 18. Dr. Hershey will provide updated information on CMV retinitis, self assessment for CMV retinitis and treatment. registration begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. A twenty-minute videotape on protease inhibitors will follow the 6:00 p.m. presentation.

The second seminar, sponsored by Roxane Laboratories, will be held Monday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Matthew Lefkowitz from the Department of anesthesiology, Brooklyn, NY will provide information about Pain management and HIV. Dinner and a registration will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a one-hour presentation following immediately. Space is limited for both seminars. Please call Michelle at 414/225-1571 as soon as possible to reserve your place.

Older Lesbians Sought for Breast Cancer Study

Madison — Nurse researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are seeking Lesbians between the ages of 51 and 80 to participate in a large study aimed at understanding the best ways to promote women's use of breast cancer screening tests.

"Our overall goal is to identify the most effective information health practitioners can share with women who have not had breast exams or mammograms, the routine procedures we use to screen for breast cancer," said the study's Director, Dr. Diane Lauver, Associate Professor in the UW-Madison School of Nursing.

"In addition," said Lauver, "we want to identify barriers Lesbians may experience when seeking mammograms and breast exams."

"As with all women, Lesbians have a higher risk of breast cancer as they age," Lauver said. "However, Lesbians may experience a lack of sensitivity and may not be receiving information particular to their individual situations in their dealings with health practitioners, resulting in less care-seeking."

Lauver's team is enrolling Wisconsin-based Lesbians between the ages of 51 and 80 who have not had mammograms in the last 13 months and who have not had cancer. The confidentiality of participants will be strictly maintained.

Registered nurses will talk with study participants by telephone two or three times over the course of one year, requesting their views about and their experiences of any barriers connected with breast exams and tests. The conversations will run from 10-20 minutes. Volunteers will get \$15 after completion of the final phone discussion.

Eligible Lesbians interested in participating in the study should call the toll-free number 800/991-5539 and ask for the study on breast exams and tests. The breast exam study is sponsored by a \$956,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute for Nursing Research, as well as \$40,617 from the Office of Research on Women's Health.

St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry Starts New Support Group

Milwaukee — St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry is starting a new support group starting on June 25, 1996 for all men infected with HIV without regard to race, age, sexual orientation, physical disability or religious affiliation. The group will meet from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the group room on St. Camillus Campus. Please enter from the Court East Entrance (10100 West Bluemound Avenue).

The purpose of the group is to provide a safe place where confidential conversation can take place and supportive connections can be made. There is no cost to attend the group and drop-ins are welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Jeff Miller at 414/259-4664.



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VIEWPOINT

by Richard D. Mohr

“Power To The People” was a slogan that epitomized the radical 1960s and a whole style of politics — grassroots organizing of the masses directed at seizing power for the masses. Recently from within the Gay community, some leaders have issued renewed calls for structuring Gay politics as a grassroots movement. Some calls have unsurprising sources, like the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force’s think-tank director John D’Emilio, but others are shockers. Conservative Gay columnist Marvin Liebman has insisted that “to achieve our aims, we should learn the importance of local grassroots organization.”

Now there are only two things wrong with “Power To The People”: 1) Power and 2) the People. To a minority, The People can be deadly. Ask any Tutsi. Undeterred by this problem, John D’Emilio defends “popular grassroots movements” based on an argument from history: history teaches us that “mass protest and political organizing” is what works to establish what he calls “progressive change.” His evidence is the 1930s labor movement. But this very movement and the era it molded was a catastrophe for Gay people. As charted in George Chauncey’s *Gay New York*, the vibrant and visible Gay world that existed from the 1890’s to the early 1930’s — an era of High Republicanism — was annihilated in FDR’s labor-driven Democratically-dominated 1930’s. Gay visibility was an easy target for the family values espoused by the communist-inspired communitarian-shaped labor movement. The more grass-rooted that movement was the worse off we were. What is more, the flop of organized labor in the 1980’s and 1990’s should suggest that, the worth of its aims aside, grassroots politics is not even effective anymore.

CHANGING NATURE OF POWER

Urvashi Vaid has railed: “We enact our Lesbian agenda by building a movement for power. Why are we afraid of power? We surely will not make things more fucked-up than they already are.” Fear is not the problem. Rather, grass-rooters misunderstand both the value of power to Gays and the nature of power in the contemporary era.

The values that Gays are most deeply and frequently denied are those of dignity, respect, and equality, not those of happiness, well-being, and liberty. When Gays are subject to diminished happiness and liberty — when as Gay people we, for example, are bashed or lose jobs — this diminution is chiefly a vehicle for indignity, insult, and degradation: it says

Cultural Transformation

you are less than fully human, you are scum.

Power can get you liberty and maybe even happiness, but it cannot get you dignity and respect, any more than a gun held to a person’s head can command authentic religious allegiance. What gets us dignity and respect is raising social consciousness — and that does not occur through political actions analogous to a mass labor strike or a stampeding herd.

We raise social consciousness of Gays and Gay issues in two ways — by making personal contacts and by revising culturally received opinions. The former is best done one-on-one. That we are everywhere and not, in the main, ghettoized

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means that one-on-one contacts hold out great hope for change. For eventually everyone will know first-hand that someone important in their life is Gay.

However, to avoid the “some of my best friends are...” syndrome, this strategy must be supplemented with general cultural reform. We have to tackle those matrixes of values and ideas (for example, stereotypes) that are so entrenched in society that they determine how the general population perceives and judges us. This engagement must be a cultural project, not a narrowly political one. Indeed consistent political progress will be made only when we change the general cognitive atmosphere and the effective feelings of the “common man,” constituted and driven as they are by bogeys and vestiges of taboo.

CULTURAL GROUND-SHIFT

Our ability to effect such cultural change is facilitated by the fact that in the current age power itself is increasingly configured in cultural rather than political or physical forms. Power as pushing and shoving has given way to power as lure and enticement. Power as repression and coercion has become power as regulation and manipulation.

Cyberspace is replacing physical space, and the television

has already replaced the gun as the chief means of social control. As a result, the rally, the union strike, and the town meeting are becoming as antiquated as the telegraph as means of both communication and direct action. But the good news is that Gays have or are quickly coming to have creative access to the means of cultural transformation — the media, even media empires, the arts even without the NEA, books, magazines, editorial pages, educational forums, talk-shows, movies, plays, computer networks, and religious study groups.

You would have to be dead not to have noticed that outside the political and legislative realms, the social and cultural climate for Gays has radically improved over the last few years. And already this cultural ground-shift is beginning to translate into political change. In last November's elections, we won in Maine against a particularly insidious anti-Gay state referendum drive and we won because the referendum's organizers could no longer count on unthinking, automatic visceral responses to Gays in a political fight that played out as a straight up-or-down vote on whether Gays are good.

To a large degree our hopes for continuing social and political progress lie along vectors of cultural transformation rather than with mass marches, telephone trees, leafletting, get-out-the-vote drives, and all the other debris of dated grassroots campaigns.

Richard D. Mahr is the author of A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights.

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The Arts

by Jorge Cabal

20th Anniversary Reunion of Century Hall to Benefit MAP

Milwaukee — Century Hall the eclectic theater, restaurant, tavern, favorite hang-out of Milwaukee's arts and entertainment community will have a 20th Anniversary Reunion held on Sunday, June 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Broadway Theater Center, located 158 North Broadway in the Historic Third Ward.

Century Hall was originally built in 1886 and was located at the corner of Farwell and North Avenue on Milwaukee's east side. The gothic architecture building came back to life when



Steve Cohen Blues from a 1976 Century Hall performance.

Century Hall was founded in 1976 by Max Samson and several other arts and entertainment enthusiasts. Century Hall thrived into the late eighties, drawing crowds from all walks of life.

The Hall was affectionately known for its unconstrained and expressive events such as the "Art Wangdangdoodle Festival Rodeo Jamboree Carnival and Carrot Roping with credibility," the "Folding Turkey

Follies," or "Private Parts, Public Places."

In 1988 Century Hall was lost to a rampant fire leaving Milwaukee Hall-less. No restoration or duplication was planned, until now.

To appropriately expose the energy and diversity once offered at Century Hall, four stages will feature a masterfully random display of performers including musicians, comedians, dance artists, poets, and other not-so-traditional entertainers.

Tickets for the benefit will be available prior to the event at a reduced rate, \$8.00 per person, through Harry W. Schwartz Book Stores, Milwaukee-area Exclusive Company outlets, the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office or they can be charged by phone at (414) 291-7800. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event for \$10.00. A \$5.00 ticket is offered to children 12 and under.

All proceeds from the Century Hall 20th Anniversary Reunion will benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), a service organization of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. The event is co-sponsor by: Survival/Revival Resale Shop and Arts

Action Committee of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Shepherd Express and WMSE.

Susie Bright to Appear in Madison

Madison — The Lesbian Avengers have announced that nationally-known writer and speaker Susie Bright will be appearing at the Concourse Hotel in Madison at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13th to promote her new book



Susie Bright

(co-edited by Jill Posener), "Nothing But the Girl: The Blatant Lesbian Image."

The book contains work from some of the most influential lesbian photographers in the world. Susie will be presenting slides of material from the book and discussing their relevance to lesbian life and culture. A book signing will follow her talk during which copies of the book will be for sale. Tickets are available at Room of One's Own, located at 317 West Johnson Street in

Madison, for additional information call (608) 257-7888; The United located at 14 West Mifflin Street, Madison, or phone (608) 255-8582.

34th Annual Lakefront Festival of Arts Set for June 14 - 16

Milwaukee — June 14th is the kick off of the 34th annual three day run of the popular Lakefront Festival of Arts.

According to Lori Bechthold, co-chairperson of the 34th Lakefront

Festival, "We believe the growing popularity of this festival in Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest gives the festival season a strong starting point."

William Warner, co-chairperson, also stated, "This year we were especially pleased with the quality of work presented for judging into the show and believe it points to the festival's growing reputation."

Out of 1,200 artists' submissions throughout the U.S. and Canada, 188 exhibitors were selected. The work represents a variety of styles and techniques in painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, photography, fiber, ceramic, glass, wood, jewelry and mixed media.

Lakefront Festival of Arts will be open to the public from noon to 7:00 p.m., Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 15, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 16. Admission is \$3.50 in advance and \$5.00 at the gate.

Christine Schutt to Reading in Shorewood

Milwaukee — Christine Schutt a Wisconsin native who makes her home in New York will read her first collection of stories, "Nightwork".

The stories in Schutt new collection have been described as "unsettling" and "uncomfortable", according to *Publishers Weekly* and "razor sharp", according to *Kirkus Reviews*.

Her stories are brief and deal with



Christine Schutt

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such conventional topics as family relationships but with an unexpected twist, like the story of a mother teaching her son to kiss. Christine Schutt does not mind being occasionally shocking as she explores night worlds in "Nightwork."

Schutt is schedule to read at 7:00 p.m. at Schwartz Bookshop located 4093 North Oakland Avenue in Shorewood. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

"Late Date With Sari" on LIFETIME Television

New York — "Late Date With Sari" Day of Compassion Special, airs Friday, June 21 from 11:00 p.m. to midnight ET/ PT. Hosted by sex educator and author Sari Locker, the hour long program brings together six HIV-positive women to discuss how the virus has affected their lives. It airs in conjunction with the broadcast industry's "Day of Compassion," on which TV networks and radio stations unite to increase HIV and AIDS awareness.

Shari Locker, author, lecturer and host of her own late night television series that deals with relationships and sexuality on LIFETIME, "Late Date With Sari," has a master degree in human sexuality education and has appeared in numerous talk shows.

The program is airing as part of the Fourth Annual "Day of Compassion," the single day when television networks and radio stations across the country unite to help increase awareness of and compassion for people who are HIV-infected or have AIDS.

This particular segment looks into the lives of six HIV-positive women who open their lives to discuss how the virus has affected their lives: Lynda who is 26, she and her HIV-negative husband successfully adopted a baby, Barbara who is 42, is a music industry professional who found out she was positive when her boyfriend became ill, Louise who is 55, an African-American great-grandmother, Valerie who is 37, married to a man who is HIV negative and Laurie at 31 contracted HIV from unprotected sex with a man who suspected he was HIV-positive, but kept it a secret from her. In the course of their conversation, the women share their stories of how they became infected and how years later they are still learning to cope.

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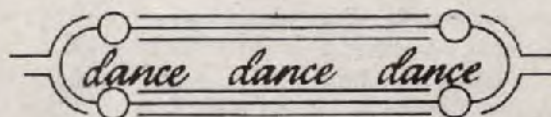
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Feature

PrideFest Weathers Cold, Damp Weekend Attendance Down from 1995 Festival

by William Attewell

Milwaukee — Despite months of painstaking preparation and a historic move to Milwaukee's Summerfest grounds, PrideFest 1996 couldn't escape an unseasonable stretch of cold, wet weather and saw its attendance fall nearly twenty-five percent from last year's attendance mark. According to PrideFest, the official attendance count for PrideFest 1996 was 9,628 persons.

Weather disrupted the festival at several points during the three-day run. Driving rain and low temperatures forced the Friday opening ceremonies and entertainment line-up to be moved from the PrideFest Main Stage inside to The Shepherd Express Rainbow Stage. County Executive Tom Ament, Milwaukee Police Chief Phillip Arreola and other community leaders were on hand at the opening ceremonies.

The Laser Light Show, sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, originally scheduled for Saturday Night

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—MICHAEL LISOWSKI

finally lit the skies late Sunday evening. Additionally, equipment problems associated with the weather forced some entertainment acts to cancel their performances.

Despite the weather, PrideFest attracted thousands of persons from across the Midwest. As the rains subsided Saturday afternoon, PrideFest saw the head count rise. The increase in attendance extended into Saturday evening, with a large crowd on hand for the fireworks display sponsored by Miller Brewing Company.

Michael Lisowski, who served as PrideFest Booth,

Co-ordinator stated, "Despite the weather, I think the festival went very well. For people to stick it out and come here with this weather, it really shows the gay and lesbian community wants to participate in, and celebrate this festival."

Unofficial crowd estimates by *In Step Magazine* indicate attendance at Sunday's Wisconsin Pride Parade to be on par

"The Pride Committee did a fantastic job under the worst possible circumstances"

—ERV UECKER

with last year's parade attendance despite a steady rain.

Protesters were present on a number of occasions through-out the festival but presented no major problems for festival goers. One group of protesters at the Wisconsin Pride Parade held up a sign which read, "Homosexuality is Sin." In response to the sign wielding protesters, PrideFest marchers brandishing umbrellas, shadowed the group down the parade route effectively blocking the offending message from general view with the umbrellas.

Parade Awards were given in several categories including Marching Group which was won by the ROTC Group from Chicago. In Between took first place in the Car Category, and M&M Club won for Best Float.

Sunday also featured the official presentation of The Community Service, Stonewall and Lifetime Achievement Awards given to Doug Nelson, Executive Director of The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), Dan Fons, activist and co-host of the TV's *The Queer Program*, Jamie Nabozny and his parents and PrideFest Co-Chair, Bill Meunier respectively.

The Brady East STD Clinic HIV Testing Tent conducted over 120 anonymous HIV tests over the three day festival, down slightly from the 1995 total. Erv Uecker of BESTD stated that a number persons came in to pick up results from previous tests.

According to Uecker, "The festival was wonderful despite

the weather, which sucked. The Pride Committee did a fantastic job under the worst possible circumstances."

Political activist, Karen Goztlar, who distributed surveys for the proposed Milwaukee Les/Bi/Gay/Trans Community Center indicted the festival was a success despite the weather, "I'm thrilled to see PrideFest on the

and Michael Lisowski of PrideFest as defendants.

According to court documents, Braun claimed he was told by PrideFest his application for a booth at the Festival was denied on the grounds that "Summerfest has a policy against distributing Bibles."

PrideFest attorney, John Prentice

"We had some real positive things happen with the Literature Tent. We had two full houses with Betty Burzon and Shelly Roberts.

—CARL SZATMARY

Summerfest grounds, I wish the weather was a little better. I think we owe a debt of gratitude to Bill Menuier for getting us this far."

Early reports indicate that nearly 2,000 persons completed the surveys for the proposed community center.

Dan Fons stated about PrideFest's move to the grounds, "I have to admit, I like it on the Summerfest grounds more than I thought I would. It is nice to feel legitimized by being here, even though I hate to admit that."

Carl Szatmary of AfterWords Bookstore and sponsor of the Literature Tent felt the festival went well despite the lower attendance and poor weather.

According to Szatmary, "We had some real positive things happen with the Literature Tent. We had two full houses with Betty Burzon and Shelly Roberts. Shelly Roberts was fabulous, very funny."

Bibles, Condoms and An Arrest

On June 5th, preparation for PrideFest was hampered after an temporary injunction was sought by Robert C. Braun, president of the Christian Civil Liberties Union against PrideFest.

The suit named PrideFest, Milwaukee World Festivals, Inc., Bo Black, executive director of Summerfest

told *In Step*, the suit was quickly dismissed, because Braun's group was actually denied space because there was no longer space available.

Braun was later arrested on Saturday at PrideFest and was arraigned and charged with disorderly conduct when he attempted to distribute Bibles inside festival grounds.

The incident occurred, after he was asked to leave the festival grounds and he lay on the ground refusing to move. PrideFest security called police and an ambulance was summoned and Braun was forcibly removed from the festival.

Following the dismissal of the litigation, reliable sources told *In Step*, that Summerfest attorney, Michael Kelly was adamant that there not be a mass distribution of condoms on the Summerfest grounds, and indicated that doing so would violate PrideFest's agreement to use the grounds and could

possibly result in the immediate shutdown of the festival. Kelly also indicated the violation of the rules would be taken into account when leasing arrangement were made for next year's festival.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of ARCW stated, "I was amazed that there was not greater enlightenment from the leaders of Summerfest and PrideFest about the importance of condoms to our community. It was not a difficult decision to stand by our principal that condoms are an essential part of our AIDS prevention message."

ARCW did not do the mass distributions of condoms as originally planned, but instead had them available them in bowls at their Outreach Prevention Booth, taped inside a brochure distributed outside the entrance to the festival.

The Financial Picture

At press time, it was not clear whether PrideFest 1996 would break even financially, much of the billing and receivables remain outstanding.

A financial statement from the festival should be expected with-in four weeks according to Christine Klein, PrideFest Treasurer.

According to Klein, "We could have had better weather ... but, the support of the community has been excellent. Even though it was wet and chilly everybody had a good time."



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Wednesday, June 12

Shake It Up (Madison) is meeting at Damon's restaurant at 8150 Excelsior Drive, the place for BBQ ribs & chicken, (608) 836-6466. Call Eric for reservations at (608) 258-1777

Thatcher Schmidt at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance begins at 8:30 p.m., there is a \$2.00 charge. For more information, call (414) 291-9889.

The Wolfe's Den (Eau Claire), Buck night! All rail drinks & bottled beer \$1.00. Begins at 7:00 p.m. to close. For more information call (715) 832-9237.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison), film circle is presenting "Muriel's Wedding." Is there a wedding in Muriel's future? Will she meet the right man? Will ABBA play at her wedding? Are there any gay characters in this film? Join us as we find the answers to these and other questions as we watch this entertaining Australian film. For more information, contact David at (608) 276-4040.

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing at La Cage from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information, call (414) 225-1502 or (414) 727-2144.

Funny Ladies, no not another Barbra Streisand, Fanny Brice movie, (Chicago). Mary Dugger author of "The History of Lesbian Hair", Lorjet Harper author of "Lesbomania, Tale From

the Dyke Side", and Ellen Orleans author of "Can't Keep A Straight Face, Who Cares if It's A Choice", will be appearing at Unabridged Bookstore located at 3215 N. Broadway in Chicago at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (312) 883-9119.

Thursday, June 13

LAMM Volunteer Night (Milwaukee). at LAMM resource center. For additional information call (414) 264-2600.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee) on cable channel 47, at 7:00 p.m. will have special guest Sheri Goldberg & Kevin Quader from "Rainbows over Sherman Park."

Reception for Qi Ette Tomilson (Madison): Sponsored by Shake It Up from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. will have reception/ welcome for the new director of The United at the Cardinal Bar. For more information contact Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

Shake It Up (Madison), at 7:00 p.m. will have the Rainbow Community Collective, a GLBT group, at the Wilmar Neighborhood House (old church next to tennis courts) 953 Jennifer Street. For more details, call Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

"La Chazz" at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd street. Performance is schedule to begin at 9:00 p.m., charge is \$3.00. For more details, call (414) 291-9889.

Men's Night at The Wolfe's Den (Eau Claire), drink specials available from 7:00 p.m. until closing. For more information call (715) 832-9237.

Friday, June 14

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Anniversary Run - "Shoot-Out at the J.O. Corral." Wreck Room, Hotel Wisconsin. Participants must register. Applications available at Wreck Room, 1100 Club, and Designing Men.
OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing at Just Us from 7pm to 10pm. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information, call (414) 225-1502 or (414) 727-2144.

Lakefront Festival of Arts (Milwaukee) Friday 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Featuring 150 artists, music, children's activities and food. \$3.50 advance admission, \$5.00 gate, free to children. Free admission to MAM and Copley exhibit.

The Ten Percent Society Society (Madison) for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends open to the university community is sponsoring "June Dance." The dance is schedule to begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Great Hall- Memorial Union. \$3.00 admission, DJ and cash bar. For more information call (608) 255-9449 (evenings), (608) 262-3763 (days).

S.A.G.E. High Tea (Madison): meets every Friday, 3:30 p.m. at Monty's Blue Plate Diner for "High Tea & Talk," every one is welcome to attend. For more information contact Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

GAMMA Fun Run (Milwaukee). A 30 to 40 minute jog through the fashionable east side, followed by a stop for eating. Starts at 9:00 a.m. at the base of the Water Tower. For more detail, call (414) 425-2146.

GAMMA Circle (Milwaukee). Social starting at 1:00 p.m. Meet others and enjoy the day. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

The Human Rainbow Project (Madison) Sponsored by GALVANize Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance. Be a part of Madison's first human rainbow flag at the Capitol Square at

2:00 p.m. T-shirts in "our" colors will be available prior to photo session and on sight. The commemorative shirts are just \$10.00. For more information contact Steve Starkey at (608) 251-6834.

Shake It Up: Canoeing (Madison) Crystal River's clear water for canoeing in knee deep and sometimes even less water; however, it's a wet dream always falling into refreshing water, beautiful vegetation, birds (herons), hunky boat boys, good restaurant & only 2 hours away up in Waupaca. For more details, call Dave Runyon (608) 241-2500.

"Wisconsin Society of Clinical Social Work Benefit" at the Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street, event begin at 7pm, suggested donation. For more details phone (414) 291-9889.

Katrina K & Company Drag Show at The Wolfe's Den (Eau Claire). For time and location call (715) 832-9237.

Sunday, June 16

CC Rae at Manoeuvres (Madison): Admission \$3.00. This Fox Valley Diva is Wisconsin's very own one woman show. For more information call (608) 258-9918.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison): features music in the afternoon. A very special program is planned for your entertainment on this Father's Day: a live performance of the robust and romantic Dvorak F minor trio, featuring Deric Bownds (piano), Larry Wu (violin) and Sigurd Midelfort (cello). For more details, call Len and Deric at (608) 831-5172.

GAMMA Great America trip (Milwaukee). An all day trip leaving at 8:30 a.m. For information call (414) 425-2146.

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra will feature Elizabeth Futral, soprano, Jard Van Nes, alto, along with MSO Chorus. Lee Erickson, director Mahler: Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection". Tickets range from \$14.00 to \$48.00. For more information call (414) 291-7605.

Shake It Up: Classical Music (Madison) will feature Deric Bownds, Larry Wu and one other will form a trio to play classical music at 4282 Twin Valley Road just off Middleton's route

14, about 3.5 west from the junction of Parmenter and University Avenue. For more information contact Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

Monday, June 17

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men Group (Madison): will meet to discuss other interests. We've had a great success with the bridge club and the film circle. If these activities aren't your cup of tea, let

us know and we'll help arrange other events. For more information, contact Bob at (608) 244-3351.

GAMMA Book Club (Milwaukee). Discussion starting at 7:30 p.m. For additional details, call (414) 425-2146.

"Poet's Monday" (Milwaukee): all open mike at the Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performances begin at 8:30 p.m., charge is \$2.00. For more details,

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Tuesday, June 18

The Queer Program (Milwaukee) co-hosted by Michael Lisowski and Dan Fans on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 47 at 7:00 p.m.

GAMMA volleyball (Milwaukee). Open volleyball tonight at Kern Park 7:00 p.m. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

Tuesday, June 18

Sheila Spargur & David Carroll: a musical open mike at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee). Performance is scheduled at 8:00 p.m., charge is \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Hickman/Feinberg at AfterWords (Milwaukee): Award-winning authors to appear starting at 7pm. For more information call (414) 963-9089

Wednesday, June 19

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Demetrius King at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee). Performance begins at 8:30 p.m., charge \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Thursday, June 20

GAMMA Camping (Milwaukee). A planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. for the camping trip this coming weekend. For information call (414) 425-2146.

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Thursday, June 20

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7:00 p.m. on cable channel 47.

Friday, June 21

"Spinnakoepeal Jive" C.D. release party at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee). Event begins at 9:00 p.m., charge is \$3.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Dining Out: Frontiers (Madison) at The Parthenon Rooftop Garden at 6:30 p.m. For more details, contact David Rutter at (608) 274-5959.

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GAMMA Fun Run (Milwaukee). A 30 to 40 minute jog through the fashionable eastside, followed by a stop for eating. Starts at 9:00 a.m. at the base of the Water Tower. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

Saturday, June 22

GALVANize: Baldwin Fundraiser (Madison). The Tammy Baldwin Fund raiser for the GALVANize pride march. Hosted by State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison). From 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 525 Riverside Drive, Madison. Come enjoy great schmoozing, entertainment, and food. A \$15.00 donation is suggested. Contact Steve Starkey at (608) 251-6834 for reservation.

Madison Gay Video Club, "Boy #2: Boys At Play" and "Ripe for Harvest." Show time is 8:00 p.m., for more details call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Sunday, June 23

The Gay Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee) will discuss "Gay Marriage: Worth the Fight?" Scott Evertz is co-chair of Action Wisconsin, a political action group for gay rights, will be there. For more information call (414) 271-2565.

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Years Ago in In Step Magazine

In the middle of June in 1986, *Deserts Hearts* was appearing at the Oriental, Navy Lieutenant Daniel Miller was convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer for having homosexual sex with two different seaman, Bunceton, MO elected openly gay mayor Gerald Ulrich to a fourth term, and the German province of Bavaria commemorated the reign and mysterious death of Ludwig II, whose passion for men was only exceeded by his love of building palaces. Here's what else was happening in June of 1986 in LesBiGay Wisconsin according to *In Step Magazine*...



Scene from "Deserts Hearts" appearing at The Oriental in 1986

walls of **Club 219, La Cage, Your Place, Wreck Room, M&M Club and Boot Camp.**

Police in Milwaukee cracked down on male prostitution with five arrests in mid-June. Police reports indicate one man pulled his car over to the curb in the **300 block of N. Water Street** where an undercover officer was standing.

Then, according to the report, "The suspect allegedly offered to pay an undercover officer \$12 for a homosexual act. The officer arrested the man after the deal was made."

Another man who was allegedly "harassing" the undercover officer was arrested for disorderly conduct.

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (NML) fought in court, two for 33 claims made by survivors of victims of AIDS against the insurer who refused to pay insurance benefits. The claims, which were made in New York State, were contested by NML on the grounds the disease was

Milwaukee mourned the loss of internationally known gay artist, **Robert Uyvari** with a memorial service held at **Villa Terrace** in Milwaukee. Uyvari, who died of AIDS, was a well known lifestyle artist through the midwest and San Francisco and his work graced the cover of **In Step** on a number of occasions. In Milwaukee, his work graced the

present in the victims before the insurance policies were purchased.

Black & White Men Together (BWMT) planned their fourth annual bus trip to the Chicago Pride Parade. The cost for a round-trip ticket is \$10.

In Club News...

According to **Ron Geiman's** Steppin' Out Column, the newly crowned **Mr. and Miss Gay Fox Valley** were **Tania Michaels** and **Peter** chosen from some hot competition at **The Pivot Club.**

The Dames went to sea again for a two night Cruise at **Your Place.** The show seemed even more polished, but the audience was a bit much, tossing firecrackers is rather tacky.

On June 18th, **La Cage** held the **Strip Search Finals** and the **Mr. and Miss Gay Kenosha Pageant** was held at **Club 94.** **Rod's** in Madison held a **Daddies Weekend** on the 14th with a hot tub on the patio and a production of "**Snow White and the 7 Tiny Inches.**"

On the cover for the issue were reproductions of four **Uyvari** covers which appeared on *In Step.*

—Compiled by William Attewell





INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

What's Not to Love?

What possesses a 10- or 11-year-old boy to appear on network television wearing a string of pearls and a feather boa over his sports jersey? Dennis Rodman, that's what or, rather, who. Dennis Rodman has Chicago under his spell. If an entire city can be in love with one man, that man, I think, would have to be Rodman.

This seems strange to say in a city that also harbors such sports icons as Michael Jordan, Ryne Sandberg, and Frank Thomas, in a city that, like many cities, has raised its sports heroes to godlike status—although with someone like Jordan, who can score almost as many points himself on certain nights as some entire other teams, that's really not hard to do. And yet, Jordan has been featured on the Bigsby and Kruthers warehouse painting over-

looking the Kennedy Expressway for well over a year and he never once backed up traffic the way Rodman did when he appeared there.

This town is so love struck by The Worm, as Rodman is known, that they had to take his spellbinding image away. It is especially strange to speak of this love considering that Rodman is the only one among them who is often seen sporting makeup and jewelry and has been known to wear a dress.

I find this all oddly exhilarating, almost intoxicating. Here among us is a sports figure—featured prominently on daily newscasts and a regular on the local Sunday evening NBC sports show, arguably one of the greatest rebounders in all of basketball—who also just happens to be a cross-dressing, body piercing, tattooed straight man (so they say) who has taken up

the cause of gay rights.

How can you *not* love him? I think. He even dyed his hair pink to promote breast cancer awareness in honor of his aunt, a breast cancer survivor. But of course, the thing that makes all of this so bizarre is that, I am not, surprisingly enough, your typical Chicago sports fan. Sure I love him, but what's remarkable is that those beer-bellied, sausage-eating, cigar-smoking sports fans made famous on "Saturday Night Live" routines — the more typical Chi-town sports fanatics — also seem to love him. Go figure.

How to explain this phenomenon? Some sportswriter, when asked to explain the love affair between the blue-collar — and, dare I say, red-necked? — sports lovers in Chicago and the flamboyant Rodman, suggested that Chicagoans perceive Rodman as a "lunch-pail kind of guy": he goes to work everyday and does the job he was hired to do. Basically, in other words, he does the job he was hired to do—and does it well—and so the fans don't really care what he does off the court. Isn't that the sort of consideration gays and lesbians have been demanding for decades?

In some ways, I would argue, Rodman is the greatest, most effective spokesperson the queer community has ever had. He may not be the most articulate or the most politically informed, but because he is a highly respected athlete, when Rodman wears a pro gay and lesbian marriage t-shirt on a newscast, people notice.

And talk about gender bending! Rodman has taken traditional notions of what is appropriate and what isn't

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for one gender versus another and bent them in ways that leaves people stunned, shaken, amused — and thinking. Because here is a guy who in some ways is the definition of “masculine” — muscular, aggressive, athletically talented in a male-dominated sport, member of a multi-championship-winning team — who also incorporates elements of the so-called feminine into his decidedly public image. Most people among the non-queer have had little experience with deconstructing terms like “masculine” and “feminine,” with trying to figure out what such notions really mean, how they evolved, what functions they play in our lives; Rodman makes such people question, perhaps for the first time, what it means, for instance, to be “a man.”

Some people think that he's not a good role model, but I think that depends entirely on what role one is trying to model. If one is looking for a model of narrowly defined gender roles and narrow-minded beliefs about sexuality, then The Worm is not your guy. I have heard it argued that he confuses children (including his own daughter) with his cross-dressing.

But I myself am not convinced that having neat and tidy categories for acceptable dress and behavior based on your gender is a good thing; a little anarchy in this area seems like it could be a rather healthy thing: more room for everyone to be just who *they* are. And that is what Rodman does supremely well: embraces his individuality and dares to be different.

Supremely well, I say, because preadolescent boys—who are notable for their efforts to conform to their peers and to present themselves to the world as undeniably masculine and tough — have been known to appear on network television wearing traditionally female accessories — pearls and a feather boa — looking anything but macho, looking anything but like everyone else, looking, for all the world, like cross-dressers in the mak-

ing, like their hero, the masculine, the feminine, the outspoken Dennis Rodman.

Gay? Straight? Bi? Who knows. Good influence? Bad influence? Nothing but a media-grubbing celebrity? Who cares. All I know is, Dennis

Rodman is making the world a queerer place. And I definitely mean that in a good way.

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Smokin'

My first cigarette was when I was thirteen or fourteen. It was a Kool King that I swiped it from my eighteen year old sister. I will never forget the sensation that took over my entire body. It felt as if I were going to melt into the ground. I can't remember if I liked the feeling or if it made me sick but being a teenager I was gonna give it a try. I was the first of my group of friends to buy a pack and they all thought it was so cool. Back then a pack o' smokes set me you back a whopping '65 cents.

I am unsure of when I actually started the habit but I remember smoking right before school just to piss off the principal (it was a Baptist school and I didn't wanna be there ... it worked, four months later I was outta there). I remember sneekin' out of the house, pack of smokes, a book of matches and I was headed for a walk in the woods. I would have to stay outside for awhile so I wouldn't smell like ciggs when I slipped by my folks, headed for my bedroom. Later in

the evening (parents asleep) I would lay on the floor in front of the fireplace and blow the smoke up the chimney. So I smoked until I was twenty four. Not to piss anyone off, I guess it was just for the hell of it.

I quit because I couldn't figure out why I was smoking in them first place. I quit the day I bought my first "nice" car. It was a '79 Toronado in mint condition and I wasn't about to let anyone smoke in that car. My "other half" at the time wasn't about to kick the habit but he was very supportive in my effort. He even stopped smoking in the main part of the house for me.

Seven years later I was in a bar, probably a little "cock-tailed" and I lit one up. After all those years of not smoking I had made the first mistake. I didn't light up for about another week. That was my second mistake. From there it was all down hill. Because I really didn't want my family to



Oh, those Manouevres boys. Photo: Jamie



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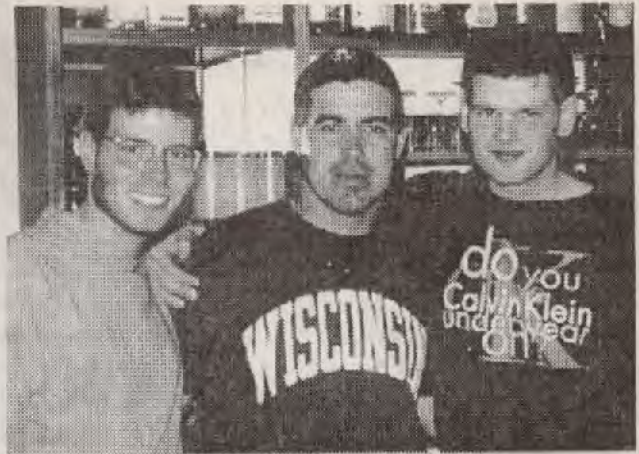
Havin' fun at La Cage. Photo: Jamie

find out, I was back to sneekin' out back to catch a grit. My sister lives above me so there I am, on my hands and knees in front of the chimney clean-out door blowin' smoke up the chimney again. I turn thirty two in a couple of months and I refuse to be a smoker at 32. I just hope it doesn't take buying new car to get me to quit again.

Have you heard enough about all that? Let's move on to the real reason I write this column.

The **Club 94 Folly Girls** got together for the **6th Annual Spring Show** May 18th. The **Folly Girls** could probably win a big-stiff-trophy for having the most creative and campy performers. From **Adeeda Little** dressed as a bed to **Samantha DeCarlo** performing **Eartha Kif**, the show is always entertaining.

The **Milwaukee Classic** once again hit this town Memorial Weekend. Boys with big bats and gals with big gloves converged on Wick Field for a weekend of softball. Yes, it rained again this year, no big surprise there. I talked to a few of the bar owners and according to them, there didn't seem to be as many people out-n-about as there were last year, probably due to crappy weather. **In Between** hosted their first annual **Tailgate Party**. The party was a kick-off



Havin' fun at Madison's new HOT spot, R Place. Photo: Jamie



Celebrating the good ol' days at Bs. Photo: Jamie



Crummy weather didn't stop the fun at the Milwaukee Classic. Photo: Jamie



Some of the boyz at In Between. Photo: Jamie



Some eye candy spotted at Club 219. Photo: Jamie

to a 5 day celebration with free brats and other goodies for all of those horn-steamy softball players.

B's had an **Old Timers Party** on May 25th. People that used to hang out at places like **Y.P.**, the **Finale**, **The Mint**, **The Factory** and other used-to-be popular stomping grounds, got together to reminisce about days gone by. **Bobby** told me they had a good late afternoon crowd.

Miss Fox Valley was held at the **Pivot Club** in Appleton, May 26th. A great crowd from all over watched as 3 contestants vied for the '96-'97 title.

After lots of hard work and great performances by all of the contestants, **Kierra Nichole** will be sporting the **Miss Fox Valley** tiara for the next year.

"Fierce competition" was the quote from **Patrick**, describing the 1st annual **Mama Boy and Mama Girl Contest** held at **Mama Roux** on May 1st. **John**, AKA **Jasmine**, now known as **Mama Boy** and **Jeanie**, now known as **Mama Girl**, where the most convincing, as they showed a very enthusiastic crowd how child like they can be, thus their new titles. By the way, how many times can YOU get the



Only the weather struck out at the Classic. Photo: Jamie

word **Mama** in one paragraph?

After my shift at **Triangle**, me and **Lady Gale** buckled up for a trip to **Madison Sunday**, May 2nd. Our first destination was **Manoeuvres** for the **Big Daddy and Paddy Cakes Show**. There was a huge crowd for the late Sunday show. For anyone who hasn't been there for awhile, the booths have been removed to provide more space to dance and more space to boy-watch with.

Our second stop was to check out the newest addition to the **Mad** town scene, **R Place**. **Lady Gale** joined staffers **Jason**, **Patrick** and co-owner **Dan** for an attempt at the **Hey Margarina Song Dance**. It was hilarious! Stop in and check out **R Place**, it looks like this bar could be a great place to hang out.

Next issue I will be able to tell you about the greatest **PrideFest** ever. I've been told that Mother Nature has been saving up all of the best weather for **OUR** weekend. Until next time think good weather and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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TONGUE IN CHEEK

by Kevin Isom

Casting the Role

I always saw myself in future relationships as a male version (emphasis on male) of Samantha in the TV show *Bewitched*, or as a male version of Scarlett in *Gone With the Wind*.

But when I got into those relationships I'd imagined, I found myself wondering whether my boyfriend ever expected me to play the role of Darren or of Rhett. And if so, how often? What percentage of the time? What if I encompassed a little bit of both roles day to day? Or what if I just preferred to stick with one and not the other? I didn't know what to expect, exactly, or what was expected of me.

The beauty of being gay, we always hear, is that we are not bound by the traditional roles assigned in heterosexual romantic relationships. Particularly given that, as a practical matter, many of the day to day aspects of the heterosexual ethic were forged over thousands of years of subjugation of women by men. God forbid, then, that I should ever have to "play the wife." But two husbands? Egads!

In the ideal, heterosexual romantic relationships are a wonderful thing. Who didn't tear up straight or gay at *Sleepless in Seattle*? (Though, once again, I saw myself as a male version of the Meg Ryan character. Is that okay?) Ideal let relationships exhibit equality, partnership, and sharing, at the same time that they provide culturally established roles for the parties to play. Nobody has to worry whether it's appropriate for the man to send the woman flowers.

In gay relationships, however, we're thrown in with little or no prior cultural schooling, into an amorphous twilight zone where no man has gone before and written a how to book for the rest of us to follow. I remember struggling with "Do I ask him, or do I let him ask me out?" (My own approach is that I'll open the door, but the guy has to walk through it; i.e. I can lead a horse to water, but I will not make him drink.) Or the ultimate in romance, having a boyfriend sing to me in a club in Paris. I felt incredible elation, and profound confusion. Some of the same feelings tend to persist throughout relationships, as we bumble our way along trying to find happiness. I suspect some relationships end because there isn't an established etiquette on dealing with he said/he said complications.

Which brings us back to Samantha in *Bewitched*. What's wrong with choosing the role of a male translation of Samantha? I'd keep the power, even if I'd be happy to give up

the housework and the part about giving birth. (Though trying to get each other pregnant might be a fun pursuit.) Likewise, Scarlett O'Hara couldn't keep up with me as her male version, but I'll bet my own Rhett would have fun trying.

I've always liked the Rodin sculpture titled "The Kiss." The sculpture has a woman in a man's arms, as she beckons him to kiss her, and he leans down to kiss her. His hand reaches beneath her back, as her hand reaches gently up to touch his face. The debate was always "who has the power, her or him?" She opens the door, he steps through it. My own view is that she has the power, possible because I see myself more in that role. Beckoning has power to it. But so does responding, without which beckoning would come to naught. Someone else might say that the man has more power, because he is pursuing, by bending to kiss her. Yet the pursuer only pursues because the beckoner has beckoned.

Does it matter? Pursuer/ pursued. Beckoner/ beekonee. The roles are helpful, the roles are natural, the roles are equal, whether it's man and a woman, a man and a man, or a woman and a woman. After all, they step through the door together.

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After each team played 2 games on Saturday, they were split into two categories. The top 11 in the "American" League and the remaining 12 in the "National" League.

The teams played a double elimination format. In the American, Club 219 avenged an earlier setback by Roscoe's of Chicago, and defeated them twice to take the American title for the second year in a row. Shooters of St. Louis finished in third place.

In the National, The Ballgame Rangers were undefeated going into the finals, but Uncommon Grounds of Minneapolis withstood a furious rally by the Rangers to force another game.

Ballgame came back to defeat the Minneapolis team and capture the title. The Rangers had finished second last year. M&M of Milwaukee, after losing its first game in the double elimination, won four games on Sunday, before losing in extra innings to Uncommon Grounds and finished in third place for the second year in a row.

The awards banquet and ceremonies were held on Sunday evening after the games at Harbor Lights on Milwaukee's lakefront. Winning teams received their awards and special awards were presented to tournament director, Joe Appleman and a sports-team award was given to the New York Buddies.

The Buddies, after a rough day on Saturday, came back to win two games on Sunday and almost a third game. The Buddies team has been coming to Milwaukee for the tournament since 1980 and has never won a trophy.

Milwaukee Women's Softball for June

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's favorite Lesbian softball teams continue their season at Wick Field diamond # 4 each Friday evening through June. Wick Field is located at N. 49th and W. Vliet Streets on Milwaukee's west side.

On June 14, The Other Side plays Full Moon at 6pm, Grapevine battles Jo Cat's Pub at 7pm, Cherry's faces Just Us at 8pm, and Station 2 plays LAMM at 9pm.

On June 21, it's Grapevine vs. LAMM at 6pm, Jo Cat's Pub vs. Just Us at 7pm, Full Moon vs. Station 2 at 8pm, and Cherry's vs. The Other Side at 9pm.

On June 28, LAMM plays Jo Cat's Pub at 7pm, Station 2 challenges The Other Side at 7pm, Grapevine faces Cherry's at 8pm, and Just Us battles Full Moon at 9pm.

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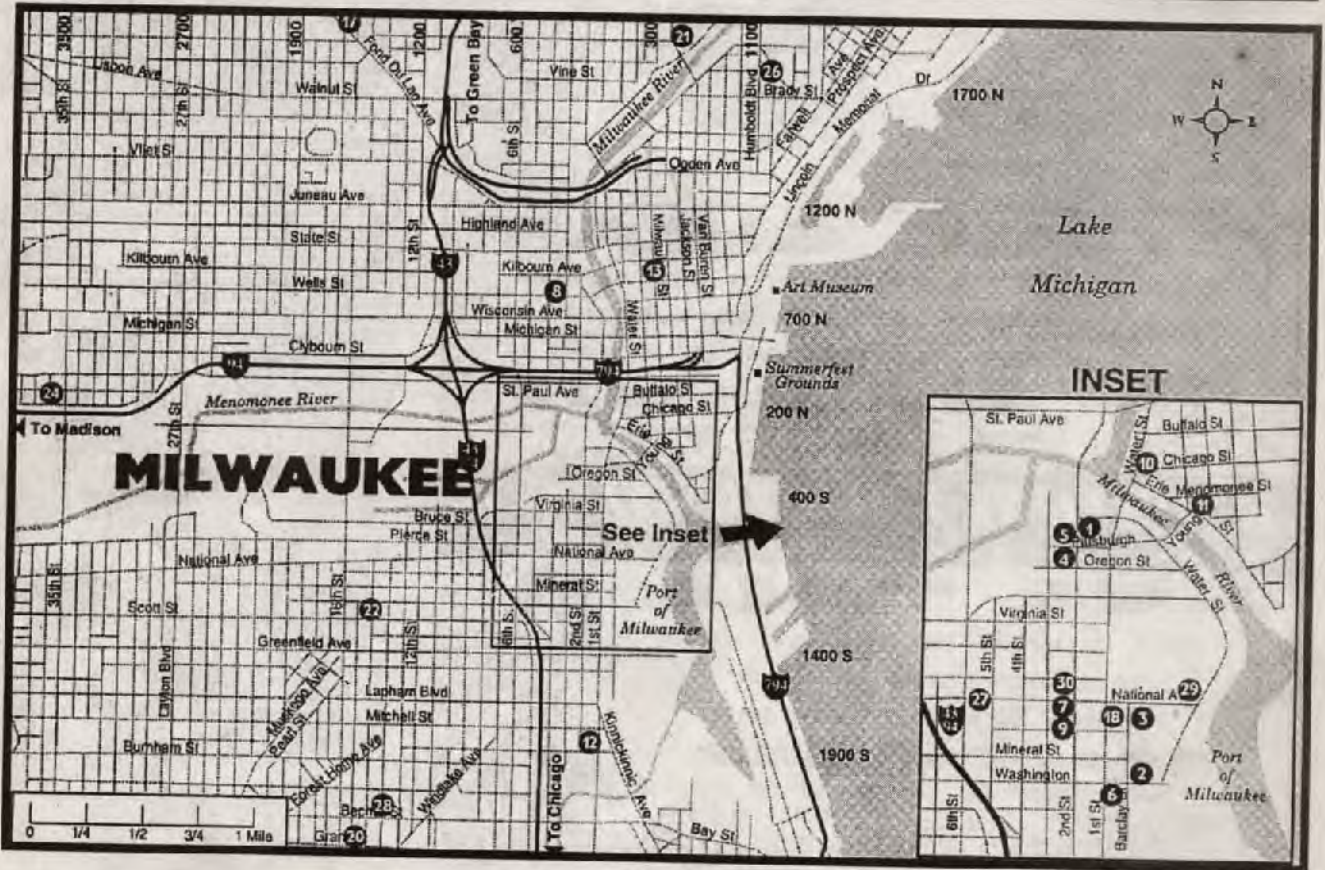
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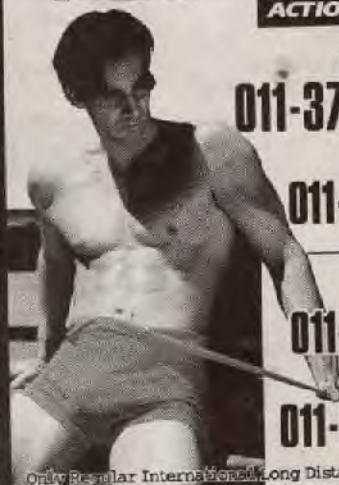
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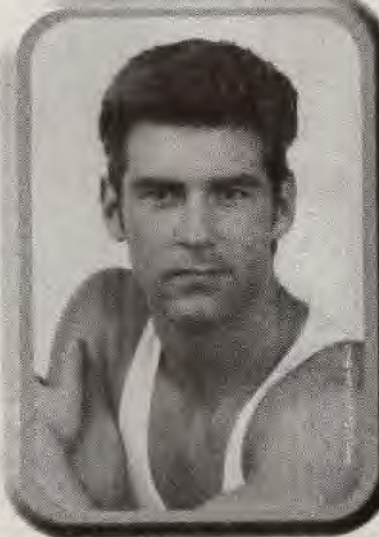
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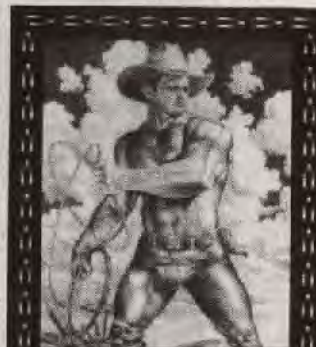
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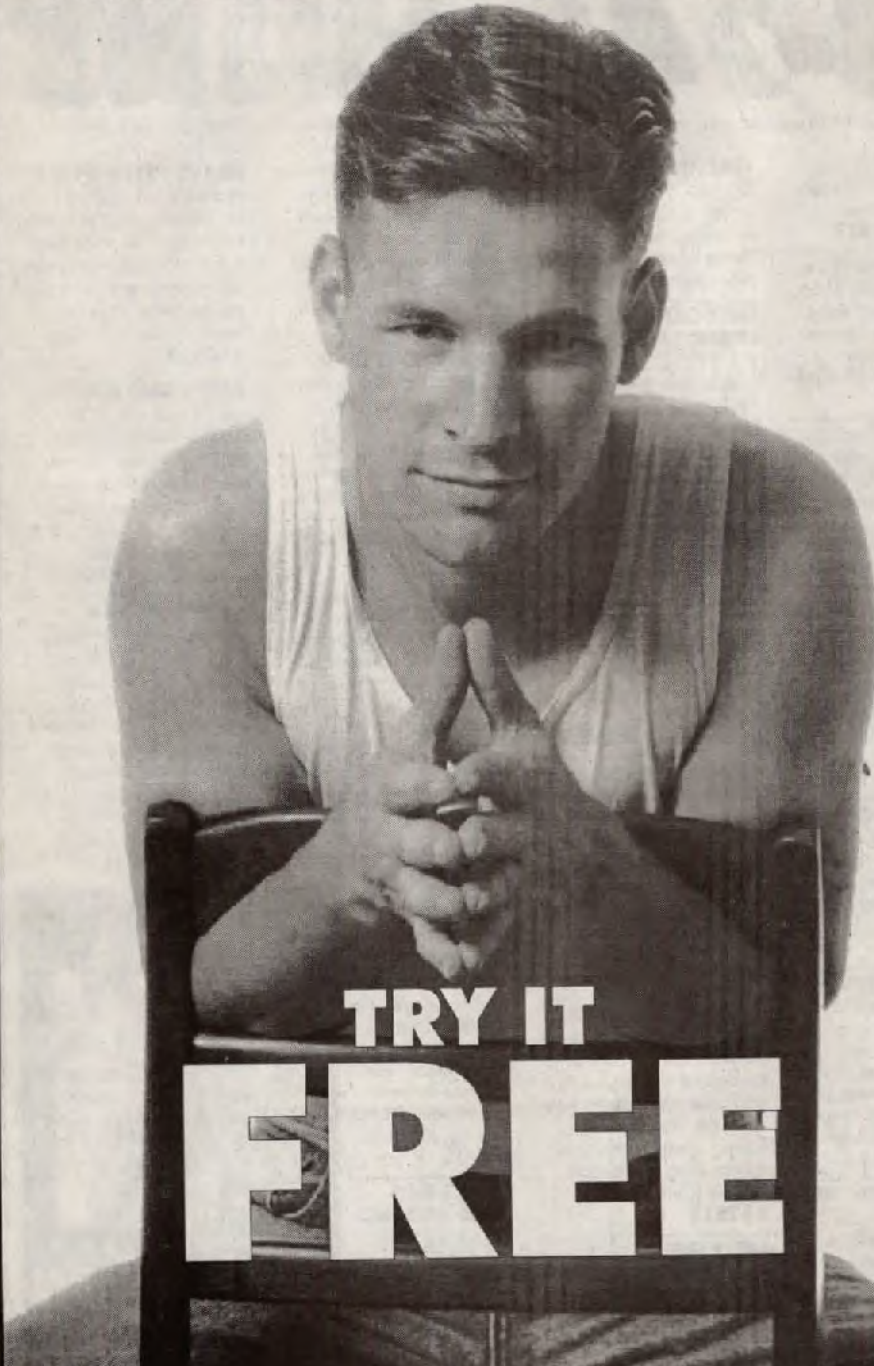


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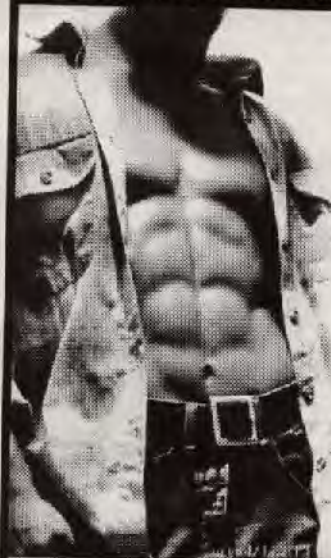
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



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