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COVER STORY

Our cover this week is by Sis, our newest columnist, who is a commercial artist in "real life." Our actual anniversary was February 9th, but our last cover was devoted to Valentine's Day — so our Anniversary cover was delayed till this issue.

InStep's premier issue, February 9, 1985 had the same general theme depicting the legs of two men and two women, stepping out over Wisconsin — and now that InStep's has "settled in" our own little niche — our two men and two women can "sit down for a breather."

We're looking forward to our second year, and hope you are, too.

NOTE:

This is our first issue using a new typesetter. If entire columns come out in slant, or all in bold — please be patient. (Don't let them fool you into thinking that it's the "typesetter's" fault, I'm just following Ron's speckling.) It'll take a little time to get all the bugs worked out — besides we can always blame it on the computer. (That's right, blame it on an inanimate object.)

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**Briefs**

**Wrap-Up Of AIDS Advances, Outlooks**

*New York via GNC — Rapid advances in the understanding of AIDS is raising hopes that the deadly disease will be soon conquered, researchers say.*

Researchers at the National Cancer Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital announced that they had found an antibody mechanism and the genetic code of the virus that neutralized the retrovirus believed to cause AIDS. "There has been more progress with this virus than with any other retrovirus in a short period of time," said Dr. James Curran, director of AIDS activities at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Retroviruses, types of viruses which have been known for some time to cause cancer and other illnesses in animals, have only recently become known as important causes of disease in man. Last year, researchers at the National Cancer Institute and the Pasteur Institute in Paris reported independently that they had found retroviruses that appeared to cause AIDS.

Now, said Curran, "AIDS is reasonably well understood. The virus has been discovered, and progress in understanding the mechanism and the genetic code of the virus is proceeding very rapidly."

In recent weeks, these advances have been reported:

1. A new drug, HPA 23, was developed in the laboratory. This drug is currently being tested on 34 people with AIDS.
2. A chemical used in many spermicide creams and gels on the market can kill the AIDS virus in the laboratory.
3. Researchers have isolated the exact spot where the AIDS virus attaches to certain white blood cells of the immune system.
4. At least two new anti-AIDS drugs have been found to be effective against AIDS, again based on laboratory tests. Human tests with one of the drugs, suramin, have begun, and tests with a second, ribavin, are scheduled to begin very soon.
5. The entire complement of the AIDS virus's genes has been isolated and deciphered and can now be produced in large quantities for study.

**New AIDS Drugs Seem To Be Effective**

*New York via GNC — An experimental drug that blocks reproduction of the HTLV-3 virus is believed to have caused the virus to nearly disappear in the blood of a young male with AIDS, according to Pasteur Institute scientist Jean Claude Chermann.*

The patient's treatment with the drug HPA 23 was discontinued a year ago. He is now well enough to return to school, said Chermann, who led the research. He said the drug is currently being given to 34 people with AIDS.

Luc Montagnier, also a scientist at the Pasteur Institute, said at the same symposium that studies of the genetic material of AIDS viruses have shown that the AIDS virus isolated at the Pasteur Institute and that isolated about the same time at the U.S. National Cancer Institute are the same virus.

Montagnier said a third AIDS virus identified in San Francisco differs substantially from the previously identified Pasteur and National Cancer Institute viruses. In the proteins that govern construction of the virus' outer coat, there is a 20 percent difference between the previously discovered viruses and the San Francisco virus, Montagnier said.

Vaccines are often designed to target substances on the outer coat of an infectious particle. When the outer coat varies from one virus strain to another, vaccination can be more difficult, Montagnier said.

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ing the organization in mid-April to assume a position in New York State government.

In announcing Apuzzo’s resignation, Board Co-Chair Francis Hanckel and Paul Vandenberg said, “Ginny Apuzzo has worked tirelessly for two and a half years strengthening NGTF and representing the lesbian and gay community nationwide as NGTF’s chief spokesperson. Her record of accomplishments is unparalleled. While we will miss her daily leadership, she leaves NGTF more effective than ever with ongoing programs of proven success, administered by highly dedicated and professional people.”

The Board will begin a nationwide search for a new Executive Director. To assure an orderly transition, Jeffrey Levi, NGTF’s Washington Representative, will serve as Interim Executive Director until a permanent successor is chosen.

New York Governor Mario Cuomo appointed Apuzzo to the states Consumer Protection Board, where she will serve as deputy director.

Apuzzo has assured NGTF that she fully intends to be an advocate for lesbian and gay concerns, and that she may run for a seat on NGTF’s board.

Gov. Cuomo, a possible ’88 contender for Democratic Presidential nomination, has been offering Apuzzo jobs since he took office in Jan. ’83, according to his liaison to the gay and lesbian community, Peter Drago.

Drage “Virginia and the Governor has a long standing relationship which predates his run for governor,” said Drago. “He had wanted her as part of his administration from the start, but she felt she had unfinished things at the Task Force.”

Apuzzo said that personal family concerns played a considerable role in her decision to except a position in Albany at this time. “I am convinced that the staff and programs in place at NGTF will assure that the organization remains the most articulate voice for gay and lesbian Americans,” she asserted in a press release. “I pledge to find every opportunity to further the success of NGTF, and I ask you to continue your support of the organization in the coming year.”

Editors Note: Ginny has spoken on several occasions in the area, including a rousing speech I heard her give at UW-Milwaukee in a forum sponsored by Gay Lesbian Community at UW-M and the CCAF. We salute her achievements, and will remember her best for her appearance there and on the Phil Donahue Show, where she represented our community in a dialogue with Jerry Falwell. We are grateful for your ardent efforts, and we’re sure we’ll hear from you again.

Eyer Arrest Illegal?

Chicago — GayLife — The attorney who got mass-murder suspect Larry Eyer out of jail last February will once again try to get his client off on a technicality.

David Schippers told reporters last week he plans to argue that Eyer’s arrest for the August murder and dismemberment of 16-year-old Daniel Bridges in Chicago was illegal and that search warrants were defective.

Eyer, 31, a house painter, is the prime suspect in as many as 24 sex slayings of young men in four states, including Wisconsin. He is well-known in Chicago and Indianapolls gay bars.

Charge sheets have been filed in only one of those other cases, the August 1983 murder of Ralph Callas, Lake County (Ill.) Circuit Court Judge William Block last February threw out a motion to suppress evidence in the Bridges case, and reduced Eyer’s $1 million bond to $10,000 after ruling that police had illegally detained Eyer following a traffic stop.

Cook County Criminal Court Judge Joseph Ursic set a Feb. 27 hearing date for Schippers’ motion to suppress the evidence in the Bridges case.

The warrants in question were based on statements to police by two people who said they saw Eyer carry large, silver garbage bags to the dumpster behind his apartment — where Bridges body was found in large, silver garbage bags. Schippers motion contends the warrants were based “for the most part on uncorroborated hearsay” resulting from “hearsay statements, rumor, innuendo, irrelevant material, and plain guesswork.”

Assistant state’s attorney Mark Rakoczy said crime lab testing will not completed on the “mountain” of evidence taken from Eyer’s apartment and the dumpster behind it. That evidence reportedly includes Eyer’s bloody fingerprints inside the silver garbage bags and results of a sophisticated test with the chemical luminol, which detected spattered blood throughout Eyer’s apartment under a coat of fresh paint.

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National Institutes for Health from 6,500 to 5,000. It is not known how many AIDS-related grants will be affected.

**Governors Council Seeking Members**

The Governors Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues, has just completed its first two year term. They will meet with the Governors Office Council on Lesbian Issues, on June 4th to present a summary of their work over the past two years. The council members were originally appointed to a two-year term, which is now expiring. There are several vacancies and it is contemplated some present members will step aside, thereby creating additional openings.

Anyone interested should submit a resume (also listing involvement in gay/lesbian activities) to the Governors Office, Council on Lesbian/Gay Issues, 7663, Madison, WI 53707-7863.

**Resident Lover Loses $1 Million Bet**

Las Vegas-Journal A Texas gambler who put down a losing $1 million bet on a single roll of the dice because he was despairing over the loss of his male lover left a suicide note saying he wanted to be remembered as the "phantom gambler at the Horseshoe" casino.

The man, 33, was found dead apparently as the result of a drug overdose. Vegas police said he swallowed the contents of various capsules. He had lost his bet Nov. 16th at the Horseshoe Hotel and Casino. It was the largest single bet in Vegas history.

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Gays In the Marketplace

What's a woman to do? Here it is Valentine's Day, day of wine and roses, of lovers, of celebrating ties of the heart. So off I go on my trek in search of the appropriate card and gift. The gift itself isn't difficult. I'm fairly sure of her tastes and I've got a pretty good idea of what I'm after. But the card... well, that's another story.

I don't really want a humorous card. My feelings now are running toward something more... serious, I pass over the generic-looking rack and finally come across the type of imagery I'm looking for. There sits in the third column... a beautiful, long, dark-haired woman. Slender, curving body lines, soft-looking skin, and wonderfully photographed... with her arms around a brawny, hairy... Oh well... so much for the card. After several more equally disappointing attempts, I leave the card shop empty-handed.

I decide to try the East Side shops, remembering that more well-rounded selections. Upon inspection of the current stock, however, the gay-oriented selections seem limited mostly to men's leather or drag queen scenes. The ones with the appropriate imagery are either masculine in message or have nothing to do with Valentine's Day. Even the once-proliferating gay card selection in an old standby gallery has dwindled to two racks of mostly male-oriented cards.

The clerks are busy, so I don't ask what happened. I leave and can only assume that the available selection of cards is in proportion to the amount being produced. The question forms in my mind, "where are all the greetings, postcards, and art oriented toward gay women?"

I know that here in Milwaukee, there is an abundance of talent in all the fine arts among the gay community members. I myself am very interested in producing (at some point in the not too distant future) my own line of cards and art aimed at the lesbian culture. But that takes lots of time and money for things like market research start up capital, proper equipment, etc. At this point in time, time and money are two things I'm not exactly overwhelmed with. However, knowing that a true need for this service exists would definitely boost my motivation to find some sooner.

I am wondering how many other women here would be interested in seeing this kind of greeting and art become available. Is there really a feasible market for this sort of thing in Milwaukee and other main consumer markets?

It has been proven time and again that the gay community represents a fairly substantial amount of affluence as far as we are concerned as a consumer group. This is not to say that we all are wealthy. But we are members of the buying public, and it's about time we made our presence known.

Like any other product, these types of items would be stocked if a real demand were proven. And once again, our apathy and passivity, as a whole, in making our needs known, has left us with the short end of the deal. There are some cards like this available from Paper Moon Graphics and a few other California based firms, but their themes are rather ambiguous—not specifically gay. Certainly, that's a nice, safe way to market, but it doesn't fill the needs of gays directly. The other lesbian-oriented cards that are available are only marketed at feminist operated bookstores that obviously due to location, can't serve everyone's needs... besides, Milwaukee's has closed.

1. For one, feel that if a line of cards, t-shirts, calendars, and other paper products specifically targeted at the gay buying sector were made available, I would patronize their manufacturers and marketers. This is especially true if these companies are gay-owned/operated. I will always make a buying decision to patronize gay establishments (provided I'm informed of this situation; besides, Milwaukee's has closed).

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Harvey Fierstein’s “Torch Song Trilogy” comes to Milwaukee’s Riverside Theatre from Feb. 26th through the 3rd of March. This poignant work is a must for all gay people to see: This work is a must for all persons to see!

The play consists of three one-act plays which span a six year period in the life of our gay hero — Arnold Beckhoff. The first, “International Stud,” explores the quest for love—not just an experience common to gay life, “Fugue in a Nursery” is the second which explores marriage and the depth of relational commitment. The final play “Widows and Children First,” looks at the need for family and bonding.

Though the plays have a gay life-focus, Arnold’s wants, needs, hopes, dreams, loves and pains are those of every person. We who are and what we are needs no excuses.

Fierstein’s “Torch Song Trilogy” is the first to have ever won simultaneously the Tony Award of 1983 (Broadway’s Oscar) for writing and starring in “Torch Song Trilogy.” His acceptance speech for “Torch Song” and as well the Tony he received for “La Cage Aux Folles” were marvelous where he specifically thanked his lover Scott, on national television no less. To quote from Jerry Herman’s lyric, it’s clear that “we are who we are and what we are needs no excuses.”

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His point cannot be better made. It is vital that the American culture understand that like other minorities, we have arrived! This is no small feat and yet, it is very real and very involving. Much sensitivity and real communication will help us be seen as persons not sexual stereotypes. "Torch Song Trilogy" and the recently televised "Consenting Adults" will help this awareness building within society.

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His point cannot be better made. It is vital that the American culture understand that like other minorities, we have arrived! This is no small feat and yet, it is very real and very involving. Much sensitivity and real communication will help us be seen as persons not sexual stereotypes. "Torch Song Trilogy" and the recently televised "Consenting Adults" will help this awareness building within society.

To All InStep Contributors: Thanks for all your efforts over the past year. You helped make this publication the finest of its type ever seen in Wisconsin. Ron GAP Gang: You (us?) kids are better than Dynasty! A definite alternative to Wednesday night TV. One of the gang George (La Cage): Remember a "chassy amulet" is extra good with sausage. Joe St. Louis Rick: Are you free yet? Call me. R.G. (This is it)

Alice Ann: Only a return to the stage will satisfy your fans. You’re imitation of Liz Taylor is nearly flawless. Those throat exercises must be working. Sister B

People: We’re becoming worried...are you bored? You’re bugging us this week with so few messages. Get out those pens and paper, girl! We want some action on this here page! They have to be in our office by February 27, 1985. InStep

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Review

The Fourth Man

The 4th Man is the story of Gerard, a gay writer who allows himself to be seduced by the bewitching Christine in order to get closer to her handsome and sexy young boyfriend, Herman. At first delighted with his own ingenuity, Gerard slowly realizes that it is actually Christine who is pulling the strings of this bizarre triangle. Haunted by premonitions of death, Gerard investigates the elusive Past of his mysterious and calculating woman and discovers that she is three times a widow, each of her husbands having died from grisly and untimely deaths. Gerard becomes convinced that he and Herman are caught in her web and that one of them is doomed to become the 4th man.

Dutch director Paul Verhoeven has created an audacious thriller that blends eerie mysticism, raunchy eroticism, wicked black humor and baroque horror. With two Academy Award nominations under his belt, Turkish Delight and Soldier of Orange, Verhoeven also directed the highly successful Spetters and has just completed Flesh and Blood for Orion. The 4th Man has won numerous prizes the world over, including the Special Jury Prize at the Avoriaz Film Festival and the International Critics Prize at the Toronto Film Festival.

The film is from the novel by Gerard Reve, a highly controversial, openly gay Dutch writer. It is startling to note that the 4th Man was loosely based on a true story. In addition to the fascinating characters and story, the film is stunning for its macabre atmosphere. The opulent art direction mixes sleek, contemporary elegance with dark, gothic trappings, and the cinematography by Jan de Bont (Cujo, All the Right Moves) is nothing less than breathtaking.

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Ex-Milwaukeeans living in Chicago include these two, (damn, can't remember their names) and Paul Smith — who is now working at B.J.'s.

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Steppin' Out

Steppin' Out . . . in Showshoes

Hope everyone had a loving Valentine's Day. If you don't have a lover, I hope you "loved the one you were with." Once again, the deadline situation doesn't allow me enough time to get photo coverage of any events after Feb. 13th, so those pics will be in the next issue. Also, this issue will be out on the streets on Friday instead of Tuesday (Milwaukee) because of our changing typesetters. Instead of having all the type back by Saturday, the 16th, I won't get the type until at least Tuesday, and our printers can either print InStep on Monday nights, or we have to wait until Thursday night, because of the other publications they print. Apologies, and let hope it doesn't happen again.

This is the first issue without my business partner, Dave Traci, who has moved to Palm Springs, Calif., with his lover, David Godfrey. They left Sunday, the 17th, so InStep is all mine now, but that's where the typesetting snafu came up — Dave used to do all the typesetting. Wish them both the best of luck and good times in California.

The night Julie Brown was at Club 219 in Milwaukee, Kim, George and I trekked to Appleton (during a snow storm) for 1101 W's Turnabout show. Plans were made ahead of time, and K.A. had to DJ, so in spite of the storm, we were determined to make it . . . and was it worth it! Just to see Apple-Daddy Ed and Andy in full drag! I must say this — Ed looked like a street toughened Grade C whore, and Andy should consider doing it more regularly. The rest of the employees donned dresses and did the show, while the regular entertainers worked the bar. It was all in fun, and raised money for Concerned's health clinic fund.

Speaking of Julie Brown, she is a dance music artist/comedian (what a combination) known best for her song: "Homecoming Queen's got a Gun!" Her live show drew a crowd of over 200 people on a snowy night.

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The Club Milwaukee has been stressing its workout program. Junior and J.B. demonstrate the improper use of the leg lift machine.

Bradley Babish (known to many of us as "Babs") celebrated his 30th Birthday at The Club — Milwaukee, where he is an attendant.

Fannie's "Sweethearts" Party had all the women hugging. . .

Photos by Ron Gelman
In between performing her 5 recorded songs, she displayed her zinging comic nature with a stand-up "Valley Girl" routine. Unfortunately, the photographer assigned to shoot the show in my absence decided to go roller skating instead (can you live?) and didn't call our backup photographer. Naturally — I have to take the heat for his poor judgement.

That same night Dignity, a group for gay Catholics celebrated its 10th Anniversary in Milwaukee with a special Liturgy. Also, in Racine, the stage lights were burning and Jo'Dees throbbed to the beat of a special Valentines show.

Etcetera...

The made for TV movie "Consenting Adult" lost 1st place ratings to the "Dirty Dozen" by one mere point on Mon. Feb. 4th. If you missed it — shame on you! "Adult" was the 7th most-watched show on TV that week. That means that alot of people saw the film — probably every gay person in the U.S.A. saw it, along with parents they were out to. I know I called my Mom right after it was over, and she was crying, so I knew she had watched it. My Dad and brother both watched the "Dirty Dozen" on the other TV — but kept running in during commercial breaks to catch glimpses of "Adults."

Thanks! to ABC for airing this film, and helping to educate the public.

Congratulations to 219 on their 4th Anniversary. It turns out that co-owners Tony and Del are celebrating their 5th "relationship" anniversary at about the same time. They had been together 5 years on Valentines Day, and the bars actual anniversary was Jan. 7th, '81. It was an exciting week of celebration with Alan Lozito (complete with a "Hollywood Search" light out in front of the bar), a Saturday night Mardi Gras costume contest and Australian female impersonator Holly Brown who does a live show. What a study in contrasts between Lozito and Brown! Both excellent live entertainers, Lozito doing more comedy/drama, and Brown doing the "gilty D.Q. Hollywood-movie-star camp" impersonations. The pictures taken after Feb. 13th will be in the next issue, so be sure to check 'em out then. By the way, Brown will return to 219 on Sunday, Feb. 24th, and will also be in Appleton at 1101 W on March 3rd.

Both Bob Schmidt / M&M and Wayne Bernhagen along with Matt (Wreck)
Tampa Bay

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Room. Your Place) are vacationing south of the border. Sources tell me they are all in Cancun, and so by the time this issue hits the streets they should be back showing off their tan lines. And as far as I know, they aren’t vacationing together, but then...

Hopefully you are aware by now that Milwaukee will be hosting the Gay World Series of Softball, World Series IX, late this August. That means lots of benefits for Series IX, and the next in the round of fundraisers comes March 3rd at the Ballgame from 2-6pm. There will be food and a mini- raffle, so stop in and contribute your share.

Word is that women from 7 different cities will be meeting at NAGAAs meeting here in Milwaukee next week, to talk about having the first "Gay Women’s World Series of Softball" here in Milwaukee in conjunction with the mens series. That would be just fantastic, and will focus national gay and lesbian attention on our city. Couldn’t hurt the city’s tourist image either — why can’t gays and lesbians travel here — must everyone go to either New York, San Fran, L.A., Key West or Dallas?

Don’t forget to get your ticket to “Torch Song Trilogy” opening at the Riverside Tuesday, Feb. 26th thru March 3rd. M&M is hosting a Cast Party for Torch Song cast and crew after their opening night performance. If you get to opening night, bring your ticket stub, and get a free cocktail, munch on some hors d’oeuvres and meet the cast and crew ‘close up’. I heard when Gentry in Chicago hosted a cast party, the players got into a sing along session when one of them discovered the piano. Get out and get your Torch tickets, too, by the way — they’ll be here in mid-March at the P.A.C.

Musical Bartenders Update: Doug from Rod’s is now at Madisons Back East, and Kevin, who had been shining shoes at the Wreck Room, is back behind the bar at the Phoenix.

We’re going to have to get professional chart making kits so we can draw little arrows from place to place to keep track of everybody.

Anyone know how to concoct exotic juice drinks? Some positions will be open soon for the Danceateria! (They’ve already got a well known DJ lined up.)

Happy ‘tails’ to you, and keep warm.

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Included are the 17 commissioners and other officers of the member cities of NAGAAA: Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Seattle, Southern New England, Toronto and the Twin Cities.

Several new cities including San Diego and Norfolk are expected to make application for membership at the spring meeting. If the applications are approved, teams from these cities would be eligible to participate in the 1985 Gay Softball World Series, which will be held in Milwaukee the last week of August. The pairings for the first round of games of the World Series will be drawn at the meeting. In addition, election for Commissioner and Treasurer of NAGAAA will be held to replace incumbents Bill Muldoon of Twin Cities and Tom Salzsieder of Milwaukee.

There will also be women from at least 7 cities coming to the meeting in Milwaukee to organize the first Gay Women's Softball World Series to be held in conjunction with the men's tournament. Good luck to the Women's group!

The last fundraiser for Series 9 was a success. The main raffle and mini raffles at the YP cleared over $900, after expenses. Thanks to all who bought and sold raffle tickets, and to the sponsors and others who donated prizes. The next Series 9 Fundraiser will be Sunday, March 3 at the Ballgame from 2-6pm. There will be food and mini raffles. Hope to see some new faces there.

The Saturday Volleyball League concluded on Saturday, Feb 9 with the YP team being playoff champions. The Wreck Room team came in second and GAMMA third. The players capped off the season with an awards dinner on Sunday Feb. 10th at the M&M. Trophies were presented to the winning team sponsors and ribbons to the winning players.

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**FEBRUARY 21 — MARCH 7, 1985**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd**

Madison — State Dept. of Agriculture & Trade Protection — 'BAN ON POPPERS' public hearing. 10 AM, State Capitol, Room 421 South.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th**

Club 219 — Sunday night show with special guest — The Batons' "fire dancer" China N.

1101 W. — "Bob We Care" Cancer Benefit Show.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th**

M&M Club — "Torch Song Trilogy" opening night cast and crew party after the play. Your ticket stub good for a free cocktail. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th**

N.A.G.A.A. — Spring meeting at the Marc Plaza Motel. Seventeen softball commissioners and other reps from gay softball teams across the U.S.

CCBA — "After Hours" at the Finale, 4-7 p.m.

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You LP. This one is Second Nature (MCA 12-inch) and is one of his best songs, with a genuine gospel feel. Produced by Hartman and Jimmy Lovine, and remixed by John Luongo this one should be a hit just like We Are The Young. (Did you know that Dan Hartman and InStep's own editor and publisher Ron Gelman went to school together in Harrisburg, PA?).

My fave pick of the week goes to Barbara Fowler's Knockin' On My Door (Profile 12-inch). Mid-tempo female vocals with a dub and instrumental on the B-side, this one definitely will go places — Eric Matthew produced and Shep Pettibone mixed! Until next time — stay warm!!

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From the left (with his back to the camera) is Chuck Cicirello (formerly of the Factoty I & II, and soon premiering the Danceateria), Dutchess (she's everywhere), myself, and my former partner David Traci. It was the birth of InStep, taken the night we distributed our premier issue back on Feb. 7th, '84.
Dance Steps

Diamond Life

Sade (pronounced shar-day) currently number one on InStep’s Dance chart has finally surfaced here with their new album! Diamond Life (Epic LP) already number one album in foreign countries is a must - maybe not so much for dancing but for listening. This new quartet built around vocalist Sade Adu, is already breaking fast with club and black radio programmers, proving a ready acceptance for this much-touted debut. Right now, the act seems long on image than substance, but the exotically beautiful Adu and the sultry dance-pop sound hold evident promise for video and radio alike. Standout cuts include Hang On To Your Love and Smooth Operator. Some new 12” discs to watch out for: Philip Bailey’s duet with Phil Collins, Easy Lover has been remixed and extended to make this a very impressive cut. Already a radio hit, look for lots of club action on this one!

Ashford and Simpson’s follow-up to Solid is the fantastic Outta the World (Capitol 12-inch). Very slick R&B backed with a nice dub - GREAT!

Dan Hartman has released another dance single from the / Can Dream About Continued on page 29.

IN STEP’S TOP DANCE HITS
Chart by Kim Zweibohmer (Phoenix, Hotlegs, In Step)

1) Hang On To Your Love - Sade
2) Loveride - Nuance
3) Material Girl (Remix) Like A Virgin - Madonna
4) Come Inside - Fancy
5) Sidewalk Talk - Jelleybean
6) One Night In Bangkok - Robey
7) I Can Feel Your Love Slippin’ Away - Samson & Delilah
8) Smalltown Boy - Bronski Beat
9) Sugar Walls - Sheena Easton
10) Loverboy - Billy Ocean
11) Method Of Modern Love - Hall & Oates
12) The Mean All Pause - Evelyn “Champagne” King
13) Out Of Control - Evelyn Thomas
14) Edge Of The Razor - Stephanie Mills
15) This Is My Night - Chaka Khan
16) Heartless - Evelyn Thomas
17) When The Rain Begins To Fall - Jermain Jackson / Pia Zadora
18) New Attitude - Patti Labelle
19) Cool Out - Magnum Force
20) Easy Lover (Remix) - Philip Bailey
21) Erotic City / Take Me With U - Prince
22) Invitation To Dance - Kim Carnes
23) Bad Habits - Jenny Burton
24) Step By Step - Jeff Lorber Featuring Audrey Wheeler
25) Lovergirl - Teena Marie

— HOT PICKS —
1) Innocent - Alexander O’Neal
2) Lucky - George Kihn Band
3) Do You Want It Right Now - Siedah Garrett
4) Just Another Night - Mick Jagger
5) Friends - Ami Stewart
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1101 West's Turnabout Show "turned some heads." The staff did the entertaining, while the performers worked the bar. You try and figure out who they are. Photos by Ron Gelman

2. Develop Lots of Disgusting Habits. This route can cover a wide range of territory, so I will just mention a few of my personal favorites. Remember it is more important to develop more than one disgusting habit. The more revolting you can be the better. Let your personal hygiene slide—don't bathe, let your toenails grow really long and scratch his legs with them in bed, eat lots of adult foods and don't brush or gargle, or don't change your underwear. As one set of underparts wear out just put another pair on top. Eventually you'll end up with one complete set and lots of elastic bands around your waist.

3. Develop Bizarre Behavior Patterns. This technique requires more planning and forethought than developing disgusting habits. The idea is to start with acting really weird without letting on it is all really an act. You must be prepared to do odd things whenever he is around. I must warn you against doing weird things while you are in bed together. There is no telling what kinds of odd sexual fetishes your partner might enjoy. Among the things you can do: Start wearing bow ties that spin, hold lots of weird parties where you blindfold guests and stick their hands into a bowl of peeled grapes and tell them it is eyeballs, lick nine volt batteries, wear campaign buttons with no shirt, or buy a gross of prophylactics and use them as an expandable coin purse for hoarding Kennedy half-dollars or as disposable fart catchers.

I must say that I am in no way supporting the indiscriminate termination of romantic relationships, as they can be rewarding, growing experiences. However, if you find yourself wanting to exit an entanglement that has grown sour and all possible methods of reconciliation have been exhausted, you may find some of my suggestions a valuable alternative.

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“Breaking Up Is Hard To Do”

The graceful exit from an unproductive relationship is a problem which has perplexed man since his earliest cave-dwelling days. Modern male couplings often find one partner unfulfilled — seeking his freedom, but confused on how to go about a quick and hopefully painless parting of the ways. Most will agree that one of the best ways to break up is to make it seem as though it were entirely his idea. Unfortunately, most methods used in that area are uninspired and lack imagination. The strategic placement of signs of infidelity, such as book store tokens mingled with the spare change on the dresser, or a bottle of Kwell shampoo sitting in the bathroom where the Vidal Sassoon used to be, are tired and overworked. So I will attempt to shed some fresh insight on this ages old dilemma and present the “How To Get Him To Break Up With You” guide.

Disclaimers: Not all of these methods have been scientifically proven to achieve the desired results. Thus, I can take no responsibility for the outcome resulting from the use of this guide. In other words, if you try one and it backfires, I don’t want to hear about it.

1. Contract Some Rare and Exotic Disease. This method can work exceptionally well, if you can avoid the pitfall of him deciding to stick by you out of sympathy. The best course is to choose a disease which has really revolting symptoms, such as: New Fusnea Underarm Rot, Stichinosis, otherwise known as Black Butt, or Lingle’s Disease, an inflammation of the sweat glands which produces continual, uncontrolled perspiration. If your partner happens to be a size queen, a good bet might be the dreaded African Shrinking Penis, which is highly contagious. Naturally, I suggest consulting with your physician prior to choosing...
Ron, long time (and I mean long) bartender at M&M Club celebrated his 5th annual 39th Birthday Party at the bar with a show featuring Ron, B.J. Daniels, Joe Tarantino, Bo-Bo LaRue, Morris.

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