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Briefs

US Tightens Blood Program Rule

Atlanta, GA (Milw. Sentinel) — Federal health officials tightened their anti-AIDS blood donor screening program Sept. 5, saying any man who has had sex with another man since 1977 should not donate.

The Public Health Service said the new restriction applies even to men who may have had only a single contact and who do not consider themselves homosexuals or bisexuals.

The department previously considered homosexual or bisexual men with recent sexual partners to be at increased risk for acquiring immune deficiency syndrome.

Blood and plasma collection centers have been using a two-phase screening procedure to decrease transmission of the AIDS virus through transfusion of blood and products.

AIDS Toll Climbs

In Wisconsin, 50 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed, with 26 deaths, according to the most recent update by the State Department of Health.

As of September 2nd, the National Center for Disease Control said they had received reports of 19,232 AIDS cases in the U.S. and 6,481 deaths.

National Bill Introduced, Again

WASHINGTON (GNIC) — According to the New York Native, a bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate that would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The bill is sponsored by Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.) and co-sponsored by senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Daniel Inouye (D-Haw.). A similar bill is under consideration in the House.

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The games' sports committee, chaired by Sara Lewinstein and Hal Herkenhoff, expect more than 5,000 participants for Gay Games II, compared with 1,300 in 1982. Tens of thousands of spectators from the San Francisco Bay Area and around the world are expected to attend the event. Opening and closing ceremonies are planned for Kezar Stadium, former home of the San Francisco 49er's.

Entry fees have been set at $20.00 per person, whether for an individual event or a team sport. Additional events may be entered for a fee of $10.00 each. Most sports have many age groups and some sports, such as track and field and swimming, have many different events. Complete information on how to enter specific sports may be obtained by contacting the Gay Games office at 526 Castro Street, San Francisco, California 94114 Telephone 415-861-8282.

"We are opening entries for the games now so people will have a chance to start to train, organize teams for teams sports, and raise money to come to the games," Lewinstein and Herkenhoff explained. Although the games are open to everyone regardless of ability, there will be a numerical limit for some sports due to the size of the facilities. We encourage everyone interested in participating to enter as soon as possible. Those who enter will be added to our mailing list and kept up-to-date about plans for the Games.

**Judge Resists Plea Deal For Pipe Bomber**

_Eau Claire, (Milw. Journal) Fifteen years in prison and 10 years on probation would not be enough to protect the public from Earl Steven Karr, a judge said Sept. 5 after Karr pleaded guilty to planting pipe bombs in Eau Claire, La Crosse and Milwaukee.

Karr, 25, pleaded guilty to five charges involving explosives in the three Wisconsin cities. He has pleaded guilty or is waiting to enter pleas to bomb charges in other Midwest states.

At the sentencing hearing, Eau Claire County Circuit Judge Thomas Barland said he could not agree to the sentence provided for a plea bargain, based on a report from a psychiatrist who interviewed Karr.

"This is not an arrangement that will adequately protect the public, which I think is a paramount concern in this case," Barland said.

Karr pleaded guilty to five counts, including possession of explosives, issued from Milwaukee and Eau Claire Counties; possession of explosives with intent to commit a crime; intent to cause bodily harm, issued in the injury of a Milwaukee woman on May 31, 1984; and endangering safety by conduct regardless of life, issued from La Crosse in connection with a pipe-bomb explosion at a church May 25, 1984.

Six bombs were found in La Crosse, one in Stillwater, Minn., six in St. Cloud, Minn., three in Milwaukee, two in Eau Claire and five in Chicago.

Under the plea arrangement, Karr pleaded guilty to charges in Stillwater and is scheduled to enter pleas in Chicago and St. Cloud later.

Barland postponed sentencing until he received more information and a psychiatric evaluation that defense lawyer Larry Ridgeway said would support the plea agreement. The judge said he wanted to make sure that the public was protected.

Barland ordered Karr back to the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter pending sentencing.
TExAS SODOMY LAW DECISION TO BE APPEALED

DALLAS (GNN) - The man who filed suit to abolish Texas' sodomy law said he will ask the Supreme Court to overturn a decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholding the statute that bans homosexual conduct.

Donald Baker, who claimed in 1979 that a state law banning homosexual conduct was unconstitutional, Tuesday said an appeal will be filed 'as expeditiously as possible.'

The Dallas computer services worker said he was both appalled and encouraged that the New Orleans appellate court ruling Monday was based on moral judgments, rather than legal precedents.

'What we find encouraging is that they laid aside legal reason and decided to base their decision on 700 years of moral tradition,' Baker said. 'I think this is going to ignite a response not only in the gay community, but among other minority communities."

In view of the strong objection to homosexual conduct, which has prevailed in Western culture for the past seven centuries, we cannot say that (the Texas law) is totally unrelated to the pursuit of implementing morally acceptable state goals, the judges said.

Danny Hill, district attorney in Potter County in West Texas, had asked the 5th Circuit to reverse the ruling of a Dallas federal judge, who had said the law banning oral and anal sex was unconstitutional because it violated privacy.

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Circuit to uphold the Texas law, and said he was pleased with the decision.

"I'm not a person who would impose my morality on anybody else, but there comes a point in time where we have to take a stand, and hold, jump in first and do what we think was right," he said.

Hill said part of his stand was based on a desire to stop the rapid spread of AIDS.

**Police Use Rubber Gloves**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CINC) - Police officers' use of rubber gloves as a precaution against AIDS while checking for underage drinkers at a gay bar has brought protests from gays.

'I was outraged, I thought it was totally ridiculous... It's totally unnecessary,' one young man said of the ID checks at The Downtowner Bar. He asked that he be identified only as Michael.

Police Chief Richard L. Dotson said officers were justified in wearing the gloves as a precaution against acquired immune deficiency syndrome. 'This is a common practice around the country.'

"When they make an arrest they have to search pockets and the groin area," said Lt. Howard Tingle, head of the unit that conducted the ID check.

Charles Fallis of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said 'there is absolutely no need' for police, firefighters or emergency medical technicians to wear gloves around people suspected of having AIDS. AIDS cannot be spread through casual contact.
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The Arts

Chicago Premieres


The Chicago premiere of Before Stonewall, first place winner in the documentary category at the 1985 Filmex film festival in Los Angeles, will open the 1985 Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival Friday, Sept. 20, at the Music Box Theatre 3733 North Southport Avenue.

A truly international event offering features from the United States, Great Britain, Spain, West Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, France, and Australia, the Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival plays a week's engagement through Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Music Box. Now in its fifth year, the festival is sponsored by Chicago Filmmakers, an independent, not-for-profit organization, and is recognized as one of the three major international, non-competitive showcases of films by and about gays and lesbians.

Joining Before Stonewall as highlights of the festival are the eagerly anticipated new motion pictures Buddies, the first dramatic feature about the AIDS crisis in America; Black Lizard, the 1968 Black Lizard stars Japan's most famous female impersonator, Akhiro Maruyama, as a ruthless jeweler in a performance that's part camp, part melodrama, and part Kabuki theater. The visually striking film will be shown Saturday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m.

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Graffiti

Dennis (Great Lakes): Missed you at the Club on Thursday. If still interested (as I am) try again on Fridays.

Jackie Oh: Wanna be friends?

Rochele Kelly: So please tell me, who's on top Mr Ed (Wilbur) or you?

Your Sister Barb

Rochele: We here you serve alot of Mc'Ds.

Barb

Jackie: The lights never looked better (ahem)

B.J. Lewis: Remember Madison and GMW. P.S. East Washington Avenue will never be the same.

Danny

Burning (Silence), a new 65-minute British film about lesbian mothers, shown on the opening night. Other films include: The Chocolate War, a film of a young man's affair with a transvestite, set within the struggle for Basque independence—the 1984 film features Spain's most popular television star, Ingrid Arias; and two British films about famous homosexual artists. Ken Hughes' The Trials of Oscar Wilde (1961), starring Peter Finch, and Ken Russell's The Music Lovers (1971), starring Richard Chamberlain as Tschaikowsky.

Two adults-only programs are: Pink Narcissus, a 1971 underground classic—long unseen in America, though greatly admired in Europe—that mixes poetic surrealism with explicit sexuality; and Erotic In Nature, an evening of new erotic video created by lesbians, for lesbians. A panel discussion, Lesbians and Erotica, will be held in conjunction with Erotic in Nature.

The panel discussion will include pioneering lesbian filmmaker Barbara Hammer, video producer Debi Sundahl, and others. Throughout the festival, selected short films and videos will be screened, including some special surprises.

The Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival returns this year to the 750-seat Music Box Theatre, located on Southport Avenue between Addison Street and Irving Park Road. Programs begin Friday, September 26, and run through Thursday, September 29, with screenings Monday through Friday evenings and additional Saturday and Sunday matinees. Admission prices are $4.50 for evening shows, $3.50 for matinees; single admission tickets are available at the Music Box Theatre box office the day of the show only. Admission to the opening night reception and the screening of Before Stonewall is $6; admission to the benefit screening of Buddies is also $6.

Chicago Filmmakers are funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Illinois Arts Council, and the Chicago Office of Fine Arts. Special support for the 1985 Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival comes from the Chicago Resource Center and the Playboy Foundation.

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Stephen Lehew — The Sheik of 'The Desert Song'

Stephen Lehew, the handsome, young, leading man who played the dual role of Pierre Breraz and the Red Shadow in the opetta 'The Desert Song' spoke with Arts columnist Kevin Michael, on his recent return to Milwaukee to appear at the Melody Top. Last season, he started in a production of 'Showboat.' In a most interesting dialogue he shared his views about Milwaukee, musical theatre and opera, his career, and his approach to a variety of other issues. He's a bright, charming, insightful man.

You've returned to Milwaukee for the second time. What's your reaction?

I always have a good time here. I think it's a quiet city. My living accommodations are very comfortable and the area I'm in is very pleasant. When I first came to Milwaukee last year, I enjoyed it. The audiences are very receptive. It was a wonderful time!

Last year's 'Showboat,' I felt was one of the best Bob Baker-George Bunt collaborations that had been presented at the Top. Any thoughts about this delightful production?

I like to work with directors who I feel trust me — who believe in me. I like to work with Bob. Because I don't place any limits upon myself, I'm not afraid to try things. I'm then able to extend myself — my emotions and feelings. You've done both opera and musicals. Which do you prefer?

I like them both. For the most part, I have the chance to play more leads in opera than in musical theatre. That's changing though because I found that I've gotten to an age where I'm no longer just the male ingenue. I'm crossing the bridge towards playing young leading men. But in opera, I've always played the young leading man.

Something that affected me as a brilliant piece of work is, 'Sweeney Todd.' I just did it last fall for Michigan Opera. The subject matter is weird, though. I think my favorite musical is 'Brigadoon' — it's a magical musical! If its done right and done sincerely — it still can be more people. As for favorite operetta, I love 'The Desert Song' and 'The Student Prince.' That's probably from an egotistical point of view, I love both roles.

For your dual role, you must change costumes frequently. How many changes are there and what's it like?

Eight times! But that's the magic of costume. It's not the number of times that I change, it's the amount of time that I have to get to the change done. Working those aisles and getting the changes down was a major ordeal! Golly, it takes a lot out of you! One of your quickest costume changes and then you've got to come back on and sing your biggest song in the show, the song that everybody knows and you do your best not to puff and puff and get through it. It's a physically demanding role.

One of Milwaukee's critics didn't pick up on the dual role of the Red Shadow. Does that bother you from critics?

I have an ego. Any criticism will bother me a bit. This particular critic didn't bother me because I totally disagreed with him. Criticism...

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Your Place's anniversary celebration counted down 20 years at the popular bar.

Critics have to truly question themselves. They should be able to say that this is what I feel about it as a piece but a certain audience might enjoy it. Every show should be allowed the opportunity to find its audience.

You were personally chosen by composer Richard Rodgers, to sing for the review, 'Rodgers and Hart.' What does it feel like to have someone select you to sing his music?

It was great! It was my first Broadway show, I was in awe. There were many questions that I wanted to ask but I was afraid to approach him. He was a very loving, pleasant man to this particular company. Then I was very shy. I'm not so shy anymore.

Also, you did a national tour of 'A Little Night Music' with Jean Simmons and the late Margaret Hamilton. Tell us about it.

I was fortunate. It was the first thing that I got after I moved to New York and that was major! Margaret Hamilton—what a wonderful... Continued on page 14.
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lady she was! An incredible human being.
She could bring out the best in anybody —
she really could!
I understand the show was directed by
Hal Prince, another Broadway bastion.
What was he like?

His Assistant, Ruth Mitchell staged it and
he came in the last two weeks to direct it. He
has an incredible reputation, a major string
of hits — artistic and critical successes. I see
him as a brilliant conceptual director. I think
that he has moments of genius in his
direction. He's cerebrally brilliant. I took his
direction and I was able to translate it so that I
was basically happy about it. I was intimidated
— he's a very intimidating man. I was
brought up in a school that directors are
always right and you have to do what they
say. I feel differently now.

If I asked you to address issues that face
gay people or to speak to us, what would
you share?

Fear is at root of every ill in the world.
People have to get over their fears in a
constructive way. AIDS is not a gay disease
but a human disease. Some people are
fearful of it because it gives them the oppor-
tunity to bring all their fears to the surface
and let those fears manifest themselves. The
Jerry Falwells of the world are nothing but
people who have a great deal of fear and who
have distorted the truth of Christ's message.
Prejudice, hatred, any of that... at the back of it... its all fear. I think first the under-
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(VENUS) You may find yourself smothered by people this week. Friends, children, parents or brothers/sisters will be the key figures competing for your time. Your feelings towards money will be low, and this will surface if they need financial assistance.

SCORPIO - OCT. 23 thru NOV. 21
(Pluto) Sudden changes in your health may appear. Any illness or problem that you have ignored may demand your attention now. Your best energy lies around your home, so entertain and relax there.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV. 22 thru DEC. 21
(JUPITER) Physical limitations or awkwardness may surface. If you like to show off physically, now is not the time! This will be a week to be low-keyed in every way.

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(SATURN) You will feel comfortable at home, so plan on spending time there. Love life shows promise, but your mate may show signs of being preoccupied.

AQUARIUS - JAN. 20 thru FEB. 18
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PISCES - FEB. 19 thru MARCH 20
(NEPTUNE) Friendships will be more demanding or unstable at this time. Unexpected plans or messages may arrive in this area. Look for important decisions to be made about your home.

ARIES - MARCH 21 thru APRIL 19
(MARS) Opportunities should crop up around your job. If not in the open, they are being discussed by those in power behind the scenes. You may want to consider some additional education.

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(MERCURY) Creativity is strong this week. Your ideas will be on the mark! Career appears to contain a bit of stress. Be careful of new people or unusual circumstances around your job.

CANCER - JUNE 21 thru JULY 22
(MOON) Relationships with family members may hold problems at this time. If you have brothers and sisters, there will be some tension between them. Your physical strength and health are at a low, so get plenty of rest.

LEO - JULY 23 thru AUG. 22
(SUN) Your partner may be more demanding than usual. Your attitude is enthusiastic with others at this time, so you may have a tendency to flirt or close that deal. Money matters appear a bit insecure.

The Village People brought their act to Club 219 during Series 9 to a very appreciative audience.
Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

First off - Congratulations to Milwaukee's Wreck Room Wings on grabbing 2nd place team in the men's World's Series 9 held here in Milwaukee the week before Labor Day. Houston won the World Series tourney, with Boston's Women's team taking 2nd place in the separate women's World Series tourney play. San Diego's women won the title in this first gay women's world series of softball. Milwaukee once again proved to be an extremely hospitable host & we won plaudits all the visiting teams. Congrats to everyone associated with the Series 9 Committee & special thanks to Series 9 Co-Directors Ron Burbey & our own 'Jock Shorts' columnist Tom Salszieder.

The Village People did a rousing show at Club 219, mixing a blend of newer songs & their hits from the past. The appreciative crowd clapped & sang along to many of the People's older hits. Only 3 of the six are original Village People. The 'Leather Man,' 'The Indian,' and the 'G.I. are the only originals left, but the newer members all do a credible job . . . And there seems to be more 'gayness' mixed in their show. I think some gays had ignored the Village People after their 'we're not gay' fiasco a few years ago. But that attitude is gone & the People are definitely cognizant of their gay identity.

The 'downer' of the evening was when someone reported the club was 'over capacity' to the police & they & the city inspector showed up. But they didn't put a damper on the crowd's or the People's enthusiasm.

Bryan Murphy brought his 'alive from New York' comedy impression show to Wisconsin for a weekend at 1101 West, in Appleton. His impressions of Pearl Bailey and Tina Turner reportedly had the crowd begging for more.

Clay's now has Piano music on Sundays. Continued on page 19.
Gap's birthday party for Zaynie & Henry.

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As soon as you get this letter, go around your house and collect all your waste materials, including trash, garbage, used toilet paper, and yes even your own you-know-what. Pack it all into neat, reinforced bundles. Then, mail them C.O.D. to the last person on the list below. Make ten copies of this letter, adding an appropriate name to the bottom of the list, and send them to ten of your friends.

Don't break the chain, and act now. The planet you save may be your own.

Anita Bryant
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Prince
Boy George
Merv Griffin
Cap'n Crunch

Dear W.W.-There are things about me you don't know; things you don't understand; things you couldn't understand, things you shouldn't understand.

Pee-Vee Herman.
Juicy Bits

Letters - Part VI

Dear W.W.-I’m afraid the first time I had sex, I was scared, it was dark and I was alone. Just thought I’d let you know.
A reader, Madison, WI.

Dear W.W.-Boy, you’ve got some nerve, picking on people just because they stutter.
P. Pig, Hollywood, CA.

Dear W.W.-Hey, I’ve got a joke. Ready?
What should you do at a gay party? Give up? Sit down and keep your mouth shut. Get it?
Oh, nevermind.
Elmo Blintz, Kenosha, WI

Dear W.W.-I recently took a trip to New York City. One day while looking out over the harbor I saw it. I asked a passer-by what it was and he said it was a ‘fain’. Gosh, I knew there are a lot of us, but I didn’t know we had our own navy. I can sleep easier at night.
Johnny Hayseed, In the sticks.

Dear W.W.-I’m a bit confused. You see I’m just coming out and I want to get a fag hag. But, where do I get one? Can I buy one at Sears or do I have to place an order through a mail order business? And what do I do with one once I’ve got one? Are they like good luck charms or what? And why are they so fat and ugly? Are better looking ones more expensive? Also, some one told me that fag hags cause AIDS, is that true? Got to know!
Larry Weenie, Milwaukee, WI.

Dear W.W.-This letter has been around the world many times, and it brings good luck wherever it goes. Just another get rich quick letter you say? Wrong. The purpose of this letter is only to help save our environment by means of the ecologically beneficial principal of waste recycling.

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with a more traditional piano bar sound & a more contemporary sound on Wednesday’s with Steve Polifka.

Jackie Oh & I trekked to Madison Labor Day Sunday & Monday to help Cheri celebrate Back East’s 1st Anniversary. The hors d’oeuvres & beer were plentiful as DJ Doug Wells pumped out the beat for the dancing feet. The bar is about to expand into the building next door to add another dimension, and a pool table. Cheri & her staff of men are out to make the second year even better than the first.

Rodney Scheel provided a limo shuttle back & forth between the Hotel Washington & Cheri’s Back East, providing a constant flow of fresh faces into the bar.

Jackie got to be the ‘assistant’ to Sacs at Rod’s annual parts party Sun. night, where 9 contestants displayed their ‘parts’ to the audience for their perusal. Only at Rod’s.

Rod’s is also expanding — a new room will open soon, offering something different to make up for the patio’s annual seasonal demise. Of course, for the dance & video afficionados there is always The New Bar, upstairs in the Hotel Washington. On the main level - The Cafe Palms continues to please palates with their lunches & dinners.

Thanks to all of you in Madison for a great weekend retreat. We needed the break! And don’t forget the Back East sponsored AIDS Benefit Picnic at Warner Park Sept 21 from noon till 8.

M&M Club in Milwaukee is now nearing completion of their remodeling. They’ve completely restructured some areas, and the new interior design is stunning. Really a beautiful job, bringing a whole new environment into this well established bar & restaurant. Don’t forget to let yourself be entertained with some of their weekly live entertainment & prepare yourself for their anniversary celebration this weekend.

The Finale had a chicken roast, Labor Day Monday afternoon & Fisted bartender Danny at his 22nd birthday that evening.

Your Place celebrated its 20th Anniversary with 2 days of festivities on the 7th and 8th.

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9th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Saturday, Sept. 21
- Cookout
  3pm-6pm
- Live Entertainment
  10pm-2am
- Door Prizes at 10pm

Sunday, Sept. 22
- Live Entertainment
  4pm-1am
- Free Tap Beer For Anyone Wearing any M&M T-Shirt from 4-6pm

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Saturday it was specials & drawings for prizes with a grand drawing for a color T.V. that was won by Rick & Dave (the little piggies). Sunday brought lots of rain for their cookout & a live band. (Why is it that there is always rain when the Y.P. has something scheduled outside?) But the show went on regardless.

The Boot Camp also celebrated it's 1st anniversary with an invitation only party. This Levi/Leather bar with a 'boot' decor is constantly making converts into new, steady customers. They've added another room since the bar opened a year ago. Congrats on 'the first' to Si & his staff.

We had rain & clouds for 3 days before La Cage's Tan Line Contest, but the tan lines were still evident on the men entering (see photos, next issue).

Christopher's & The Georgian Guest House in Lake Geneva has closed for the season, nearly a month earlier than usual. Chris tells me he was 'very disappointed' with the lack of business this summer, especially after he had invested $45,000 in additions & remodeling this spring. Most likely he won't open next year.

Next issue—pictures of Gayfest, and more!
Calender

Saturday, September 21
Back East (Madison)—AIDS benefit picnic at Warner Park at noon to 8 pm. Softball games, food, beer, DJ; all proceeds go to MASN (Madison AIDS support network).
Douglas Dunes (Michigan)—Western Michigan Gay Games.
BWMT (Milw.)—Membership/Rep meeting, at 7:30 pm. Located at 1240 E Brady St.
M & M's Anniversary Cookout—from 3-6. There will be live entertainment from 10pm-2am. Door prizes at 10 pm.

Sunday, September 22
M & M—Anniversary. Live Entertainment from 4pm - 1am. Also free tap beer for anyone wearing a M & M T-shirt from 4 6pm.

Tuesday, September 24
Back East (Madison)—A show with professional female impersonators, BJ Daniels, Holly Brown & Ginger Spice.
La Cage—Mr. La Cage contest MC, Candi Stratton, and special guest Schante'. 1st place is $500 cash & full sponsorship in the pageant.

Wednesday, September 25
Clay's—Steve Polifka's contemporary piano music, at 9pm every Wednesday.

Friday, September 27
Madison—Take Back The Night march. At the corner of Webster & King, 7 pm.

Saturday, September 28
Myma's (Fond du lac)—Grand opening, at 8pm - 2am. Midnight Madness. Champagne. Buffet, show and dancing.

Sunday, September 29
219—Recording Artist Pamela Stanley, live in concert singing her hits. Starts at 11:30 pm. $5 in advance, $7 door.
Ballgame—Miss Ball Game contest at 10:30 pm. No cover, $250 in cash & prizes.

Tuesday, October 1
Wreck Room—Mr. Wreck Room contest at 10:30, judging.

Friday, October 4
Douglas Dunes (Michigan)—Oct 4, 5, 6 will be women's weekend.

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Legs team was a broken arm suffered by Kim early in the 3rd game. Let's hope the arm heals real soon.

The awards banquet was held on Sunday evening at the Crystal Ballroom of the Marc Plaza Hotel. Following dinner, Milwaukee City of Festival gay chorus provided the entertainment with a musical tribute to all participating cities. Dressed in tuxedos, the chorus was spectacular. Repeating a number done the last time Milwaukee hosted the World Series in 1979, Mama Rae did 'Somewhere' from West Side Story, as the audience all joined hands to show their unity. Participation plaques were presented to all teams with a team picture etched on the plaques. The first 3 teams for women and men were then brought to the stage to receive their trophies and individual medals. This concluded a fantastic Series.

Where does one start to thank everyone who helped make this tournament a success? It's practically impossible without forgetting someone, but start with Commissioner Ron Burbey. Much of the planning and details were done by him. Thanks to Miller Brewing Company for their $5000 contribution. It let us do many of the incidental things that helped make this tournament special. Thanks to the sponsors of the league who held parties for the teams they were hosting, the food and beer committee, the hospitality room people, drivers, runners, those who housed the out-of-town guests, those who made cash donations, and of course the gay chorus who provided great entertainment at the opening ceremonies and the banquet. You all made significant contributions to the success of the tournament.

Milwaukee—you've done it again.

GAY SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES 9, FINAL SCORES
New York 4 San Francisco 1
Dallas 8 Long Beach 1
Los Angeles 3 Kansas City 0
Houston 7 Atlanta 1
Toronto 12 Norfolk 2
Southern New England 11 Seattle 10
Twin Cities 8 San Diego 3
Chicago 14 Pittsburgh 8

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Boston's 1270 team, 2nd place Women's

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Series 9 is now history, but Milwaukee's gay community and the Saturday Softball Beer League once again showed the rest of the country a great time. Over 600 gay men and women softball players and fans from throughout the U.S. and Canada came to the annual Gay Softball World Series and 1st annual Gay Women's Gay Softball World Series. Some outstanding softball playing from both the men and women marked the tournaments. For the record, the Briar Patch of Houston defeated host Milwaukee Wreck Room Wings 5-4 for the men's championship. Last year's Series champion Gay 90's of the Twin Cities took 3rd place, followed by Chicago Redoubt. In the women's tournament, it took the San Diego Jammers 10 innings to finally defeat 1270 of Boston 6-4. Kansas City Birds of a Feather finished 3rd, while Houston defeated Dallas for 4th place.

Milwaukee's Wreck Room Wings followed a spectacular opening ceremonies on Wednesday (sky divers, gay chorus accompanied by a grand piano, and fireworks) with some late inning fireworks of their own to defeat Dallas 20-9. Rain washed out most of the games scheduled for Thursday, but when play resumed on Friday, the Wings were defeated by the Gay 90's of Twin Cities 6-3. Fighting their way back through the losers bracket, the Wings defeated Seattle on Friday, and Los Angeles, Southern New England, and Chicago on Saturday. On Sunday, it was a rematch with the Twin Cities, and on this day it was the Wings who avenged their earlier loss in the tournament by defeating the Gay 90's 9-2. Time now for undefeated Houston, but after the Briar Patch jumped off to an early 2-0 lead, the Wings battled back to go ahead 4-3. Houston rallied for 2 runs to regain the lead and held on for a 5-4 win. Houston was the champion.

In the women's tournament, Hot Legs staged several rallies to defeat Birmingham in 8 innings, but lost the next 2 games and were eliminated. A tough blow to the Hot Legs.

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