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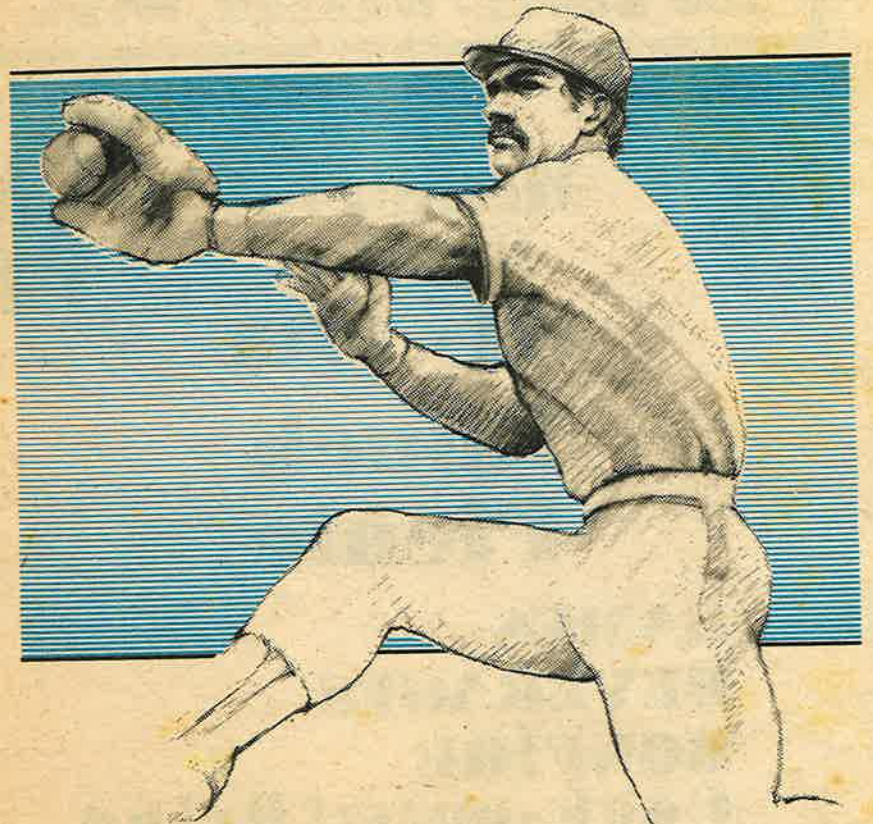
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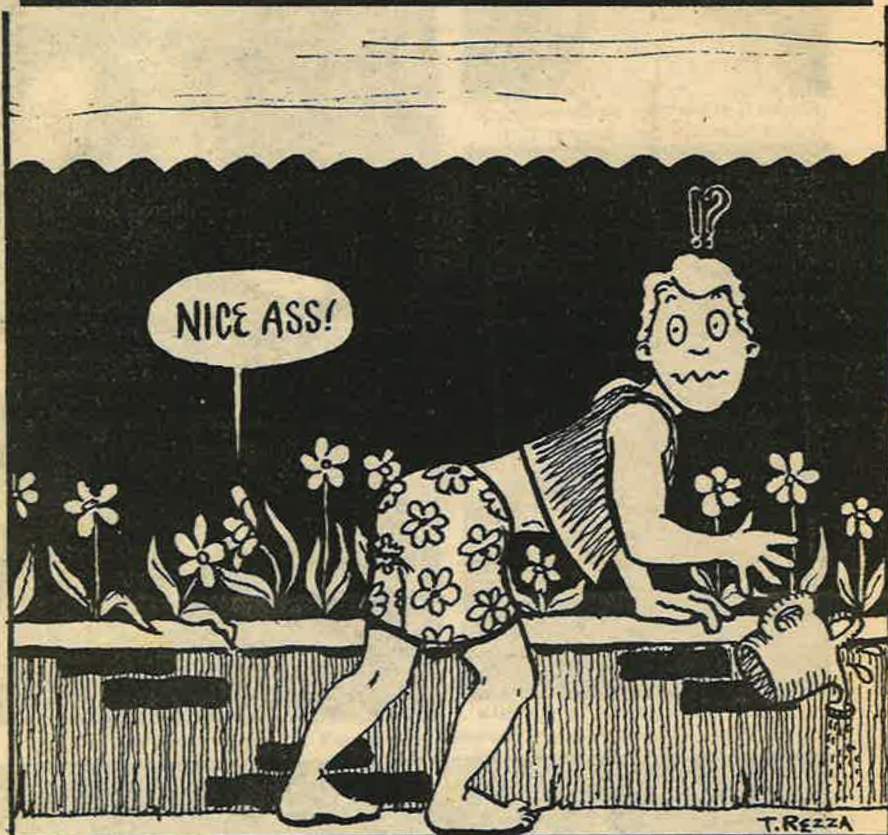
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WHAT'S UP FRONT?

Robert A. Uyvari's work again graces our cover this issue, with the theme of Softball '84. The original pencil drawing can be viewed on display at Milwaukee's Club 219.

Gay softball's premiere tournament, The Milwaukee Wreck Room Classic, hits Milwaukee with grand slam force May 24th through the 28th. (See pages 23 through 28 for more information, schedules, etc.)

Uyvari's work can be found in abundance in Milwaukee, Chicago, and San Francisco.

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Due to extensive sports coverage and space limitations in this issue, "Juicy Bits," "Lipstick," "Graffiti," and "Dear Davey" will return in the next issue.

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BRIEFS

Hart Signs On As Co-Sponsor Of National Gay Rights Bill

Calling the bill "a step forward on this nation's long march toward equality and justice for all our citizens," U.S. Senator Gay Hart (D-Colo.) has signed on as the ninth co-sponsor of S-430, the pending Senate measure that would prohibit job discrimination because of sexual orientation.

The news was first announced to gay groups nationwide in a release from Virginia Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force. Apuzzo attributed Hart's move to efforts in which the NGTF has participated.

GayLife

Methodists Retain Anti-Gay Stance

Delegates to the United Methodist Church's highest decision-making body voted overwhelmingly to retain the church position that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian life.

After nearly two hours of debate on the issue, which has polarized the church for more than a decade, delegates rejected several efforts to modify the language in its rule book, called the Book of Discipline.

The proposed modification would have softened the stance against gays and opened the way for a more mission-minded and accepting approach to them both inside and outside the church.

The following day, after four hours of emotional debate and parliamentary maneuvering, the church's quadrennial governing conference overwhelmingly adopted an explicit requirement for clergy of "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in

singleness."

the issue had been smoldering throughout the 9.4 million member denomination for years because of two cases, one in New York and one in Denver, in which avowed homosexuals were named to pulpits.

Although protesters had filed legal challenges, the church's highest court, the Judicial Council, had ruled that nothing in previous church law prevented appointment of homosexual ministers.

NGTF Urges New Funding For AIDS

In testimony before a House Committee on Appropriations subcommittee, National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia M. Apuzzo called for new funding for the government's AIDS-related activities in light of the recent announcement by the Department of Health and Human Service of a probable cause for AIDS.

With the announcement that scientists had isolated HTLV-3 as the probable virus associated with AIDS, Apuzzo urged the committee, before it votes on the 1985 budget, "to ask the Administration to identify how much additional funding verification (of the discovery), testing (for HTLV-3), and development of a vaccine will require — and whether different levels of funding might bring speedier results."

The NGTF executive director said she was "hopeful and cautious" about recent developments relating to AIDS. "We hope that the research findings announced . . . by Secretary Heckler will indeed lead to confirmation that a cause for AIDS has been found. But . . . it is only the first step down a long road before the AIDS crisis is behind us. Until we are sure that an accurate test has been developed along with a vaccine and effective treatment, our vigilance and our efforts cannot cease."

Among the new areas of concern resulting from the HTLV-3 research Apuzzo identified were: verification that HTLV-3 is the cause of AIDS, requiring, most probably, an animal model that is costly and time-consuming; research into cofactors that play a role in susceptibility

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Emcee Ken warmed up the audience with a heartwarming song at 110!



Indiana's hot lesbian performer, Deanna,



Miss Elaine St. Jacques at 1101 West's King of Kings, Queen of Queens contest.



These were the contestants in the King of Kings, Queen of Queens contest at 1101 West. All in all — a damn good show.

Photos by Dave Iraci



Indiana's hot lesbian performer, Deanna, had the audience begging for more at 1101 West.

Melinda James, who was named the new Queen of Queens.



Miss Gay Wisconsin, Abby Rhodes, performing "Let's Hear It For The Boys"



Larry, the current Mr. 1101 West, was named the new King of Kings at 1101 West.

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or predisposition to the HTLV-3 virus; determination that the HTLV-3 virus is indeed the same as the LAV virus being investigated in France; and development of a vaccine. Apuzzo also raised questions about a blood test for HTLV-3 — how it might be distributed and whether the government would assume the cost of the test to assure its availability for all who need it.

NGTF called on the committee to set aside specific funds, channelled to community-based groups, for public education of persons at risk to AIDS. "Gay community groups across the country have made concerted efforts to pass on to individuals what is known that might reduce their risk of contracting AIDS," Apuzzo said. "With a little help from the government, our hard-pressed efforts could become much more effective."

NGTF And Social Security Commissioner Discuss Aids Benefits

Representatives of the National Gay Task Force and three AIDS service organizations met with the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, Martha McSteen, on April 30th to establish new channels of communication between that agency and the gay/lesbian community. NGTF Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo described this meeting as "part of

NGTF's continuing effort to educate the federal bureaucracy regarding the needs of persons with AIDS."

Among the issues raised by NGTF and the AIDS service organizations were inordinate delays experienced by some persons with AIDS before gaining access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI); and failure on the part of some state disability determination offices to follow SSA guidelines for expediting applications for AIDS claimants. Phil Gerber of the Dallas AIDS Information Project provided his own personal perspective as a person with AIDS and claimant for benefits: "Only after much frustration, and countless inquiries on my part, and only after I had to endure repeated requests for irrelevant information and a six month wait, did I finally receive benefits."

Persons with AIDS may call the NGTF Crisisline at 800/221-7044 (in New York state call 212/807-6016) to obtain basic information regarding the application process for benefits obtainable from the Social Security Administration. NGTF urges persons with AIDS and those who are disabled as a result of AIDS-related conditions to apply for benefits; those experiencing problems or delays should contact their local AIDS service organization or NGTF.

AIDS IS HERE

Wisconsin has eleven confirmed AIDS cases; four of them in-state cases, and seven out-of-state cases (who are being treated within the state), according to the latest figures released by the Wisconsin Division of Health.

Of the four in-state cases, two have died, while five of the seven out-of-state AIDS victims have died, according to Division of Health Medical Epidemiologist Dr. James Vergeront.

Dr. Vergeront also related there are ten other patients with AIDS Related Complex (ARC) — a term that defines patients with AIDS-like symptoms. ARC had been called "pre-AIDS syndrome." Nine of the ARC patients are in-state residents, and one is from out-of-state.

These figures are current through March 31st — the Wisconsin Division of Health releases updates quarterly. The next up date will be released July 1st. The present AIDS totals could be much higher than those reflected in this story. ◀

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Say, editors, how about covering our bars that offer entertainment? Every other issue do a page spread, maybe with a picture or two. There is some good stuff out there.

Another idea (just full of them, guys).

Have a roving reporter cover our restaurants (might get a FREE meal) — like who has noon lunches, the "house specialty," etc.

Another idea . . . Every other issue, introduce the owner(s), write an item (or two) about them, the bartenders and something about them. Introduce the readers to our bars, their owners and bartenders, oh yes, the waiters (and waitresses).

With our gay business people, you could keep your buns busy: don't forget to do an expose on your staff and self, Ron! (Really look for that article).

Once again, great job! Keep the presses rolling.

*The Bar Hopper
"Lance's Rich Aunt"*

Ed's note: If we know of an event in any of the bars, we usually do try to get there and take some pictures. It's impossible for us to be "everywhere" once in a while, so the best plan is to call us at 414/289-0744 at least a week prior and we'll talk about it. The possibility of the restaurant reviews will depend on the final results of the current reader survey. For anyone that hasn't done so yet, please fill out and mail the survey in the last is-

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sue. We'll be deciding future columns/features from those results. Both of us had thought about the series on the business owners before. When we got to thinking about the number of people we were looking at, it would be years before someone might see themselves in the paper. That might create some hurt feelings within the community. If it were possible to run everyone in a single issue, we'd probably consider it. Thanks for your letter — we're always open to suggestions.

Dear Editors:

In regards to your article, "Consider This — A Gay Primer," the article is not a very good primer. In fact, the article is not properly researched. I can, or anyone else, do better than that.

My big questions now is, "Is W. W. Wells III gay himself?" Personally thinking, I would say he is not. His writing from Gay Wedding, wedding gifts and rings, and last but not least gay anniversary is written in very poor taste. I can surely speak for all the gay couples. This

is purely a slap in our face.

I've know couples that have been together for around 25 years and longer. It sure makes me feel good. There is more hope for the gay couple. I sould know, I am on my 2nd anniversary. The events and gifts are better than you think. You have to live it together 'till death do us part.

So, come on W. W. Wells III. Find a lover and experience it. Then write your follow-up "Gay Etiquette — The Right Stuff."

Carl, Madison

Ed's note: Whoa!! Are the two of us the only two people in Wisconsin with a sense of humor (three counting W. W.)? As we've said in the past, we've got to be able to laugh at ourselves in order to better appreciate our lifestyle. Granted some of our humor is a little off-beat, but hopefully no one ever takes offense to it. We don't mean to ruin your day, but you'll probably be seeing more humor-oriented juicy bits in the future — the reader survey has been about 2 to 1 in favor of W.

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Comment

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W. Wells — and the majority rules around here. Before we forget . . . Yes, *W. W. Wells III* is gay (or at least he was the last time we strip searched him and saw that his butt looked like the Holland tunnel).

Dear Editors:

I would like to commend you on your excellent newspaper. It's about time that Wisconsin got down to putting together an excellent newspaper (magazine) that's "devoted to the Heartland's gays and lesbians." Thanks!!

Although I'm stationed in Mississippi, a good friend of mine keeps me in touch with the "gay world" by sending me your newspaper. Could you please put these three messages in your graffiti section? It would be greatly appreciated.

Janette, Keesler AFB, MS

Ed's note: Thanks for the vote of confidence — it makes all the work just that

much more easier to handle.

While we're on the subject of our little "chalkboard," we are often limited on space in the magazine and we run as many of them as possible. The volume of messages that we've been receiving has been far exceeding available space, so don't get discouraged if you don't see your message in a particular issue. Keep sending them in every so often as we do destroy all the messages after each issue. And don't forget about *OUT!*, the monthly newspaper out of Madison that focuses on Wisconsin — they are more news oriented than we are and you can contact them at *OUT! P.O. Box 148, Madison, WI 53701.*

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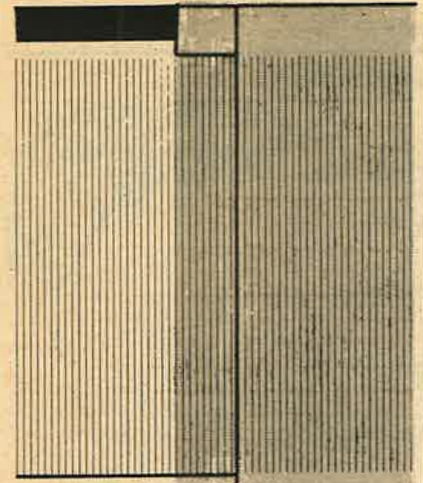
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My Summer Imaginings

by Mary

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What we shared last eve
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This Summer has me feeling
like loving
in all capacities.
Such an atmosphere
enlightens my senses
of thought, touch, and you.
As this warm breeze
now caresses me
I delight in imagining it
to be you.

Listen — night sounds speak
of life's continuous motions.
I drift in them,
dreaming again,
that moments we share
will not fade
like this evening's sunset.

How sensuous a Summer can be.
If I cannot have you
but for moments at a time,
I will turn to my Summer imaginings.



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thought provoking ballad *I Want Eyes*.
Techno pop and new music at its finest —
now, if the American airwaves give this
group a chance!

For all you Psychedelic Furs fans, *The Ghost In You/Heartbeat* (Columbia 12") is a must for your collection. Under the direction of Keith Forsey, the Furs are out with an effort to rival their past hit *Love My Way*. The energy level is turned up quite a bit and *Heartbeat* has to be the dance floor fave (and mine, too)! *Heartbeat* is more likely to have us sweating into the Spring and Summer with a rhythm that's much like *Planet Earth* meets *Blue Monday*.

Scoring big with *Somebody's Watching Me*, Rockwell is back with *Obscure Phone Caller* (Motown 12"), which is bound for the top. (Sure wish radio wouldn't play it so much!) Produced by Curtis Anthony Nolen and Rockwell, this one has no famous friends on backing vocals, but his mannered speech, bouncy beat and paranoid obsession are . . . well,

you figure it out. Certainly, a subject never touched on in song lyrics before. Sure hope Rockwell isn't as paranoid as he sounds!

Speaking of radio stations . . . M & M's *White Stations/Black Stations* (RCA 12") is a great dance-tempo editorial on exactly the issue the title suggests — oh, how I hate controversy. (M & M's is not the bar and used to be *Martha and The Muffins*.)

And finally, X's revival of the timeless *Wild Thing* (Elektra 12") surely has top 40 appeal — the long version has some jagged ups and downs, including a false ending. Check this one out.

Until next time, good luck ballplayers, have a good Memorial Day weekend, and enjoy the music!

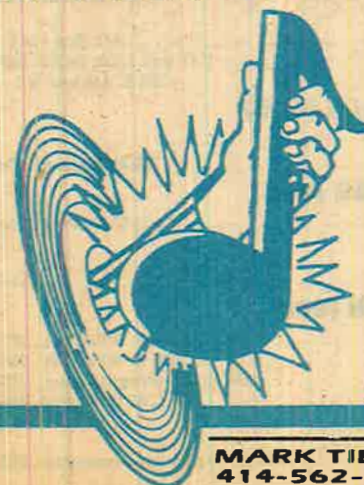
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DANCE STEPS

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Rocca Rocks!

by Kim Zweibohmer

John Rocca was the voice behind last summer's No. 1 dance smash *I. O. U.* by British dance kings Freeez. *I Wanted It To Be Real* (Streetwise 12") is John's debut solo performance. It was produced in London by John and mixed by Arthur Baker in New York. Using the same styles as in previous works, but "spicing" this one up, it is already at the top of the dance charts. John has already recorded most of his solo album, which is again

self-produced. It is due out this month — so be on the look out.

One of England's best imports are the four member band Lwel 42, who've released an LP on A&M Records titled *Standing In The Light*. Eight tunes were produced by Earth, Wind and Fire's Larry Dunn and Verdine White. Standout cuts include *Micro-Kid* (just released in a remix), *Living It Up*, *Standing . . .*, and the

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— M.A.D. Record Pool — DANCE TOP 25 —

1. **BORDERLINE** MADONNA
2. **NO MORE WORDS** BERLIN
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12. **BEAT BOX** ART OF NOISE
13. **DANCE HALL DAYS** WANG CHUNG
14. **WHITE HORSE** LAID BACK
15. **STREET DANCE** BREAK MACHINE
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Homosexuality: Social, Psychological, and Biological Issues

by Alyn W. Hess

Edited by William Daul, James D. Weinrich, John C. Gonsiorek and Mark E. Hotvedt. Published by the Sage Publications, Inc., 275 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Also available through National Gay Task Force (NGTF), they get a portion of the sales which helps our cause, too. The library call number to look for is 306.766.

This is an important book which has taken years for its team of editors to put together. It takes a wide look at all the various studies and views of homosexuality and weighs them carefully and then decides which views are proven and which do not stand up to careful scrutiny. Thus, this book is the basis for all future work and a must on the shelf for any lawyer, activist, or well-informed minister or other helping practitioner. What makes it so easy to use is that each of the 31 chapters ends with a summary of the points proven and those thrown out. So anyone can just skip to the end of each chapter and read clear, simple statements of where these editors think we're at. Then if you want to disagree, read the preceding pages and you can get the authors' reasoning and can see if they can convince you.

The book is the final report of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues — Taskforce on Sexual Orientation. It is divided into five major parts plus a conclusion. The first is an introduction of whom and what was studied and the social issues raised. The second part deals with mental health issues such as testing, and coming out.

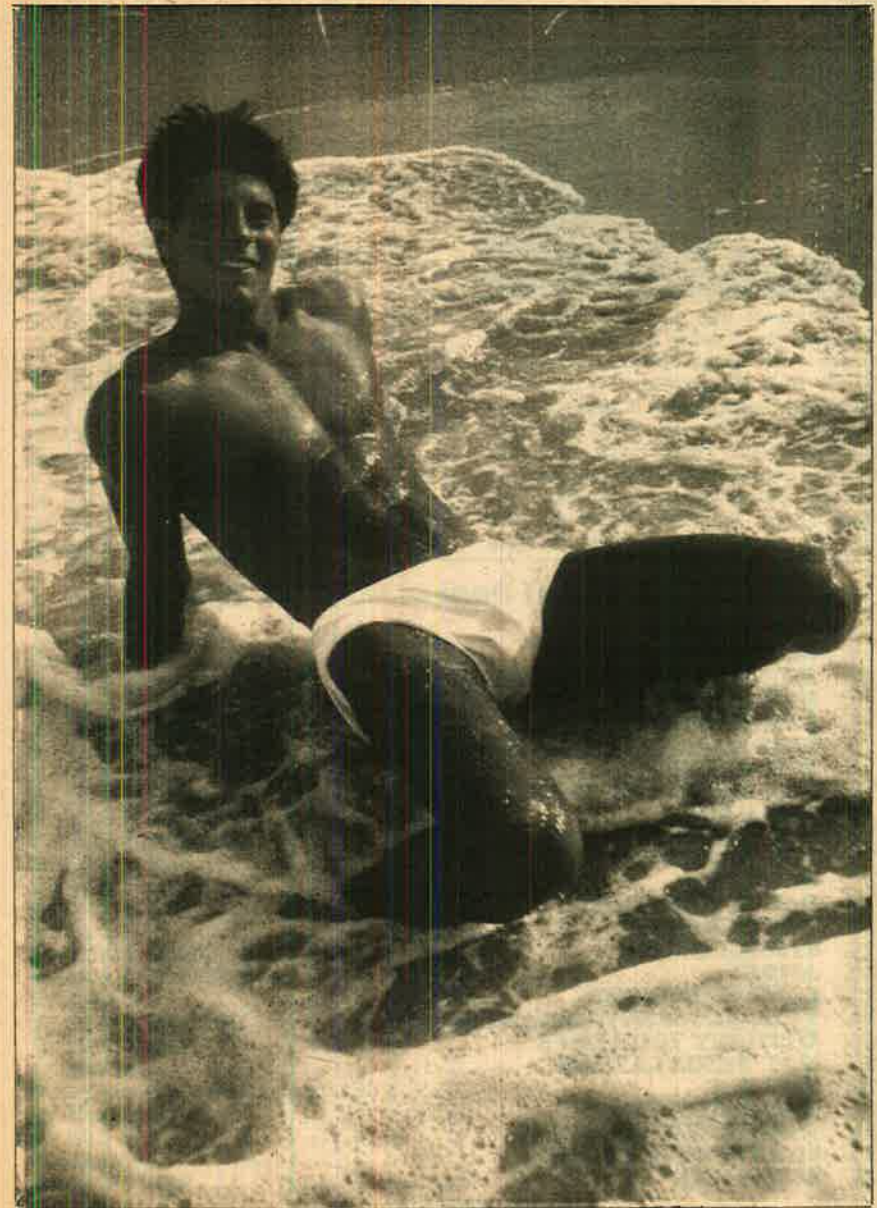
The third area taken up is biological, in which hormones and genetic causes are looked at and the value of homosexuality as a survival technique for the species. In addition, the question "is it natural?" is finally resoundingly answered YES, YES,

YES! — just as natural as heterosexuality.

The fourth section on life adaptations deals with our long-time gay relationships and our emerging new social situations. There were some local subjects who provided insight for one of the authors in this section, Jane Barclay Mandel, who is Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Practice at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She interviewed some lesbian mothers locally as part of her research for her chapter.

The fifth part of the book looks at the social and cultural issues such as constitutional rights, local laws, minority status and the 1979 riots in San Francisco the night that Dan White got away with murder after a trial. The conclusions of that chapter are very enlightening for all of us. Violence has its place in our movement. If we let our sense of justice get trampled on, then we too can be put down. But if we fight for our rights, we can better our lives and take some price in them and exercise control over who we are and how we're treated.

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The Arts

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The Milwaukee Symphony will perform two Pops concerts this summer at Alpine Valley in addition to the offerings performed at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Featured with the Symphony at Alpine Valley will be Sammy Davis, Jr. on July 10th and Henry Mancini on the 22nd of July.

Clavis Theatre will open David Mamet's *Life In The Theatre* on May 16th. Pulitzer Prize winner, Mamet penned the controversial *American Buffalo* presented this last season by the Milwaukee Rep.

Melody Top's 22nd season brings a veritable selection of soap opera stars to the domed theatre. Joining Miss Jo Anne Worley in *Gypsy* will be Kim Morgan Green featured as Nicole in *Another World*. Leaving Doug's Place and the cast of *Days Of Our Lives*, Bill and Susan Seaforth Hayes will be starring in *Oliver*. In addition, the Artful Dodger will be Bill Timoney, Alfred from *All My Children*. Starring as Joseph in the *Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will be Christopher Durham featured as Matt in *Capitol*. Returning to the Top after a wonderful performance in *7 Brides* will be Jason Kincaid seen as Sam in *All My Children*. Jason will star in *Bye Bye Birdie* as Albert Petersen. Our next column will feature an interview with Guy S. Little, Jr.. Melo-

dy Top producer, about his upcoming season and his experiences with the stars.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Zoo Story and The Bald Soprano in repertory, *Experience Theatre, ETCI-Lite*, Noodles Restaurant, 277-0187, Wednesdays through Sundays.

Translations, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, PAC, 273-7206, through May 20th.

Scorpions, Alpine Valley Music Theatre, 414/642-3945, May 26th.

Superpops: Regards to Broadway-, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, PAC, 273-7206, May 17th through the 20th.

Kool And The Gang, Alpine Valley Music Theatre, 414/642-3945, May 27th.

Johnny Mathis, PAC, 273-7206, May 29th through June 1st.

A Life In The Theatre, Travis Theatre, 272-1340, May 16th through June 3rd, Wednesdays through Sundays.

The Magic Of David Copperfield, PAC, 273-7206, May 21st.

Happy Together Tour '84 — The Turtles, The Association, Gary Puckett, Spanky & Our Gang, Eagles Club Ballroom, 271-7230, May 17th.

Rush, MECCA Arena, 271-7230, June 25th.

Liberace, PAC, 273-7206, July 11th through the 15th.

The King And I, PAC, 273-7206, August 7th through the 12th.

Gypsy, Melody Top Theatre, 353-7700, June 5th through the 17th. ◀

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PARKWAY THEATRE (Milwaukee): All-male films — all day. "Heatstroke" and "Performance".

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES (Milwaukee): Premiere of regular Wed. night shows by "The Who's No Lady Revue".

THURSDAY, MAY 31ST VOLLEYBALL/GAMMA (Milwaukee): See May 17th listing. ◀

The Calendar

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PICNIC/VOLLEYBALL/GAMMA (Milwaukee): Social volleyball at the beach, picnic, Noon. Bradford Beach. Bring your own food.

THE NEW BAR (Madison): Special party, hors d'ouvres, 5-8 p.m.

FOX VALLEY PICNIC (Dykesville): B.Y.O. picnic at Red River Park, near Dykesville, WI.

ROD'S (Madison): Special BBQ

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One, two, three, kick . . . The La Cage Aux Folles grand opening party had a few surprises "Who's No Lady Revue".



THE ARTS

More This N' That

by Kevin Michael

The Moody Blues, John Denver, and the Pointer Sisters will also be headliners on the Summerfest '84 main stage. The will join other main stage acts: Al Jarreau, Linda Ronstadt, the Everly Brothers, and Huey Lewis and the News.

Rainbow Summer is back at the PAC! Over 80 events are scheduled from June 8th through September 21st. This year a sampler series of free evening events is being offered in addition to the free weekday noon-time performances in Pack Pavillion.

State Representative Barbara Ulichny will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, May 31st from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Art Center. The agenda in-

cludes the problems faced by those involved in the arts, what state government can do to promote the arts in our state, and ideas for more citizen involvement in the arts. See you on the 31st!

The Oriental Theatre will run a film series featuring the films of Alfred Hitchcock from June 6th through July 4th.

Yul Brynner will be featured August 7-12th in his memorable performance as the King of Siam in *The King And I* at the PAC. This lavish production with the delightful Rodgers & Hammerstein score was seen by this columnist in Chicago two years ago. It makes for a pleasant evening's entertainment.

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lease protest. According to Diane Christianson, CUAV Director, "this March is a significant event for the national lesbian/gay community. We are glad to be able to assist in making the National March successful."

The National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights is seeking sponsors in the amount of \$25, and supporting Angels in the amount of \$100. There are already a large number of sponsors, with a goal of 1,000 nationwide. If you would like to become a March sponsor or Angel, please send your donation to National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights, 2301 Market St., Suite A, San Francisco, CA 94114. For further information phone (415) 863-5005. Watch *In Step* for more details. ◀



Photo by Chuck Harrington

Abby Rhodes with the La Cage Aux Folles grand opening show, "Who's No Lady Revue"



After the show at the Phoenix . . . (l to r) Mandi, Jamie, Bouji, and Jennifer.

CONSIDER THIS

Whatever The Cause, Few Choose Gay Life

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: *I am terribly confused about this subject. Are homosexuals and lesbians born that way? If so, is it possible to detect it before birth or in the early stages and be averted?*

Nobody wants to be a homosexual today; it's a living death. If they are born that way, perhaps society would be more willing to accept them and treat them more humanely.

Please go into detail on this in your column because I am sure there are others who are just as confused as I am.

— HUMAN BEING

DEAR HUMAN: My consultant, Judd Marmor, a psychoanalyst who is one of the most respected authorities on the subject says:

"There is no single cause for homosexuality. People come to it in a variety of ways. A number of recent research studies strongly suggest that many homosexuals are born with a predisposition toward such behavior, which then becomes shaped and reinforced by environmental factors. In other homosexuals, environmental factors seem to be more important than inborn ones."

According to my mail, most homosexuals and lesbians are born that way and environment has little or nothing to do with it. (Why in a family of two, three, four or more children raised in the same environment is one gay while the others are straight?)

However, one thing is clear: The vast majority of gay people do not "choose" to become homosexual; their homosexual inclinations feel just as natural to them as heterosexual inclinations feel to straights.

The statement "Nobody wants to be a homosexual today; it's a living death" is

no longer true. In recent years, more and more homosexuals are "coming out," demanding their civil rights and in many quarters are living happy, productive lives without apologies or feelings of inferiority or guilt.

Although there are biblical injunctions against homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22), in recent years God-fearing, churchgoing Catholics, Protestants and Jews who are admitted homosexuals and lesbians have been made welcome in the churches of worship.

So, "detecting" and "preventing" homosexuality are not the issue. The issue is accepting homosexuals as human beings with the same needs for love, personal dignity and human support as the rest of us.

Homosexuals and lesbians are neither sick nor defective. And nobody "went wrong." They are simply a minority (approximately 10% of our population) that for years has been misunderstood and discriminated against by an unenlightened society.

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Ed's note: Not only did Abby write this beautifully worded response, which appeared in The Milwaukee Sentinel recently, but she had her secretary call us from Hollywood to gladly give us permission to reprint her column. Abby — the next time we're out that way we'd like to stop by and give you a big kiss! Please accept our gracious thanks for allowing us to share your column with our readers. ◀

STEPPIN' OUT

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"Athletic Supporters" Unite

by Ron Geiman

If it's Milwaukee Wreck Room Classic time — then it *must* be summer (almost). Yes, all you jocks, jockettes, and all you "athletic supporters" — it's the 6th Annual Softball Tournament — the nation's premiere gay sports event (next to the "Gay Games" and Gay World Series of Softball).

Joining seven teams from Milwaukee are: Bullets, Falcons and Pharr Library of Atlanta; Harrod's Hot Stompers, Loading Dock, Paradise and Sidetrack of Chicago; Griff's of Los Angeles; Partners of New Haven; Buddies and Badlands of New York; Baxters of Tampa; Raiders of Toronto; The Brass Rail, Gay 90's, 19 Bar and two teams from the Saloon all of

the Twin Cities.

Read all about the classic events on pages 23 through 26 of this issue. Thanks to two of Milwaukee's artists, Robert Uyviri for the cover art (the original pencil drawing is displayed at 219), and to Tom Rezza for the artwork on page 25.

Hope all of the out of towners enjoy their weekend with us — we're very proud to host them.

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MY WORLD (Green Bay): 5th Anniversary, 2-9 p.m. — Sheepshead tourney & outdoor cook-out.

BODY SHOP (Green Bay): Show, 9 p.m. — "Mardi & The Milwaukee Girls".

INTEGRITY/DIGNITY COMMUNION (Madison): Communion service for gays and lesbians — all welcome, 7:30 p.m. 1001 University Ave.

MONDAY, MAY 21ST

ALL-GAYS VOLUNTEERS (Madison): Training for crisis line, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Memorial Union. Call United at 608/255-8582. Also on May 23, 30 and 31st.

PARKWAY THEATRE (Milwaukee): All-male movies — all day. "Men of the Midway" and "The Brig".

THURSDAY, MAY 24TH THROUGH

MONDAY, MAY 28TH MILWAUKEE WRECK ROOM CLASSIC SOFTBALL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT: See pages 23-26 for stories, schedule, and calendar.

THURSDAY, MAY 24TH LA CAGE AUX FOLLES (Milwaukee): Special Classic Welcome Show by "Who's No Lady Revue", 11 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL/GAMMA (Milwaukee): See May 17th listing.

FRIDAY, MAY 25TH MADISON GAY MEN'S CHORALE (Madison): Chorale perform-

ance, 8 p.m., Tripp Commons (2nd Floor, UW Memorial Union). \$3 advance, senior & disabled; \$4 at the door. See Group Notes for more information.

ROD'S (Madison): Grand opening of Patio Bar, official opening of patio and dancing under the stars.

CLUB MILW. BATHS (Milwaukee): Memorial/Classic "Weiner Weekend" — Free hot dogs 4 p.m. 'till 4 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 26TH THROUGH

MONDAY, MAY 28TH FANNIE'S "FANNIE FEST" (Milwaukee): Memorial weekend — open at 4 p.m. Sun. & Mon. Outdoor fair, dunk tank, games, cook-outs, live music. Pig roast Monday afternoon.

SATURDAY, MAY 26TH CLUB MILW. BATHS (Milwaukee): See May 25th listing.

SUNDAY, MAY 27TH PENDULUM (Wausau): Jim & Greg's Ranch Picnic. Cook-outs (bring your own food), games, beverages, bonfire. Call 715/845-5955 for more information and directions.

CLUB MILW. BATHS (Milwaukee): See May 25th listing.

MONDAY, MAY 28TH MEMORIAL DAY FACTORY II (Milwaukee): 6-10 p.m. — Memorial day/going away party. Free tap beer & wine coolers for everyone.

CLUB MILW. BATHS (Milwaukee): See May 25th listing.

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THURSDAY, MAY 17TH

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HOLLY NEAR CONCERT (Madison): With Inti-Ilmani, Madison Civic Center (608) 249-7872 for more information.

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH

1101 WEST (Appleton): Prom Night — come in butch or fem drag. No cover. Crowning of Prom King and Queen — \$150 in prizes.

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH

S. S. B. L. (Milwaukee): Regular gay softball league play — games start at 10:45 a.m., last one starts at 5 p.m. All games played at Mitchell Park (behind the domes). See sports section for complete schedule.

plete schedule.

GAMMA BIKE TRIP (Milwaukee): High noon, meet west side of Lake Park Pavillion for a ride on the '76 trail. Call Bob at 963-9833 for more information.

OUT! AUCTION (Madison): OUT's Gala Spring Auction, 29 S. Mills St., 1-4 p.m. Donations welcome — goods or services, time or yourself. Bring lots of cash.

B. W. M. T. MEETING (Milwaukee): Meeting at 7:30 p.m., 1240 E. Brady St.

MY WORLD (Green Bay): 5th Anniversary — 9 p.m. on — Special drink prices, late buffet, lunch, and dart tourney.

SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

YOUR PLACE (Milwaukee): Softball Classic Benefit cook-out, 4-9 p.m. ▶ Continued on page 31

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officer was cruising in an unmarked car when a young man gave him the high sign, so he pulled to the curb and opened the door. "Care to date?" inquired the hustler. "For how much?" countered the cop. "If it's at your place for maybe an hour, I'd expect forty bucks." "That's fine with me. Let's go." No sooner had they gotten in the car than the vice man grabbed and handcuffed the hustler. "All right if you feel you have to do this," the latter reacted, "but I get ten bucks more with bondage."

Next . . . !

Raspberries to Boy George! If you're from Milwaukee and listen to radio very often — you've probably heard the parody of Culture Club's *Karma Chameleon*, titled *I'm A Milwaukeeans*.

"Americas favorite drag queen" is having his lawyers work out a compromise with radio station WBTT-FM, which has been airing the song. George's lawyers have demanded that the station stop airing the parody with the promise that they will try to get Boy George to approve the take-off.

In the meantime, the station has banned all of Culture Club's tunes. The parody is by Guy Herman and The Bubble Boys.

Now . . . a bitch from me. We've only gotten back 30 surveys — and we distribute 7,000 copies! That's pretty bad — all it will take is about 10 minutes of your time and 20 cents to mail it to us . . . is that really too much to ask? You'll find the survey in the last issue (#7) on pages 29, 30, and 31.

We are going to use the results of the survey to tailor our magazine's content to the majority's likes and dislikes. So, if a feature you like suddenly disappears — you have no right to bitch if you didn't send in your survey.

We've been surprised by some of the results, quite frankly — and I can't believe we've gotten a cross-section of our readers.

From *The Journal* came this interesting tidbit:

Atty. Gen. Bronson C. La Follette has received almost 3,000 letters protesting an allegedly blasphemous and pornographic movie that doesn't exist. "We

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have investigated the matter and found that no such film has been made and that there are no plans to make such a film," La Follette said in a statement Friday. The letters began arriving in January, asking La Follette to stop production of a movie that supposedly was to portray Jesus Christ as a homosexual.

That *must* have been planted by The Baptists or Posse Committas people!

Robert Sylvester, former president of the St. Paul (Minn.) City Council, who astounded many last year by announcing his plans to become a woman, has come home after a sex change operation in April. Sixteen months ago, Sylvester quit his job, changed his name and began living and dressing as a woman in preparation for the surgery. He legally changed his name on March 28, 1983 and he and his ex-wife, Mae, sent invitations to friends for a ceremony to "commemorate the departure of Bob Sylvester and the arrival of Susan Kimberly."

Kimberly is now happily looking forward to a new job in a mental health clinic

and hopes to start dating in a few months.

"If someone gave me a choice today — go back to being Robert, where he left off, with all the wealth and with no scars from this little side trip, or being a waitress at a truck stop in Williston, N.D. — there's no question I'd be on my way to Williston."

Kimberly returned to the Twin Cities after a trip to Trinidad, Colo, with his former wife for the operation. Mrs. Sylvester said she hoped her ex-spouse would find an intimate and loving relationship with a man.

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La Cage had a grand — grand opening last week, complete with a *Who's No Lady Revue Show*, champagne, and drawings. Randy missed the "pennies on the bar" total by only 7 cents — 27,980 was the exact number of the little buggers.

Don't forget the all male XXX movies at the Parkway (35th and Lisbon) are now every Monday.

Uyvari made it rain for *B. J.'s Anniversary Show* at 219 last week — hot staging. The blonde was brave — but just a

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B. J. and the entire cast from "Only The Brave Stay Blonde" at Club 219.

Photos by Chuck Harrington

GROUP NOTES

Madison Gay Men's Chorale Performance Announced

The Madison Gay Men's Chorale will be performing *Apparebit Repentina Dies* by Paul Hinemith, along with choral works by Vaughan Williams, Ives, Tschesnokoff, Jean Berger, Allan Sherman, Manhattan Transfer and others. The concert is Friday, May 25th at 8 p.m. in Tripp Commons (2nd floor, UW Memorial Union). Admission is \$3 donation for advance sales, senior citizens & disabled, \$4 at the door. Tickets are on sale at the Memorial Union Box Office, The Soap Opera (319 State St., Madison), and A Room Of One's Own (317 W. Johnson, Madison).

Concern — Serving Gays In Northeastern Wisconsin

A new organization which aims to serve gays around northeastern Wisconsin is taking shape in Green Bay.

Chicago Parade Organizers Urge Early Entries

Chicago Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade organizers are urging businesses and organizations to register as soon as possible if they want to participate in the parade, set for June 24th.

"We have 20 entries so far," said planning committee chairman Richard Pfeiffer this week, "which is good, compared to the five or six we had last year at this time."

Pfeiffer said he hopes to duplicate or even better last year's record parade entries.

Orders for official T-shirts bearing the

"We're trying to reach out to people from Oshkosh to Wausau, and even to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan," says one of the organizers of Concern, a multi-purpose group that began forming in late 1983.

Stressing careful planning, Concern organizers currently are distributing a survey which they hope will help them determine the areas that the gay community most deeply feels needs.

Those interest should contact Concern at P.O. Box 1087, Green Bay, WI 54305.

OUT!

New Group At UW-Eau Claire Campus

An organization of lesbian and gay students on the UW-Eau Claire campus is rapidly attracting members.

Since beginning weekly meetings in March, the Gay/Lesbian Organization has tripled in size to some 30 members, according to Maggie O'Rourke. A first-year student from Wausau, O'Rourke has headed up a GLO drive to get the UW-EC library to subscribe to lesbian/gay periodicals.

The GLO is open to both students and non-students, though non-students don't have the right to vote. You can contact the organization through Maggie O'Rourke, 156 Sutherland, Eau Claire, WI 54701; 715/836-3646.

OUT!

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national gay pride slogan, "Unity and More in '84 — A Heritage of Pride" and the Chicago gay pride logo designed by planning committee member Chris Cothran will be taken up until May 23rd. The t-shirts will be distributed in mid-June. Cost of the T-shirts is \$8 for those who will pick up their shirts when they are ready, or \$10 for those who want the T-shirts mailed to them. Money orders should be made payable to the Pride Week Planning Committee and mailed to the committee at P.O. Box 14131, Chicago, IL 60614.

GayLife

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SSBL Standings As Of May 5th

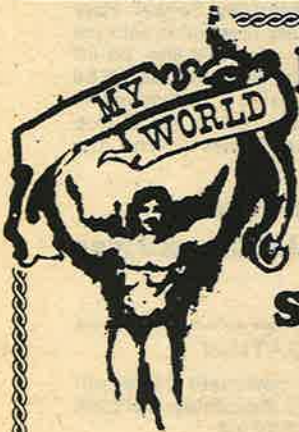
DIVISION 1			DIVISION 2		
	W	L		W	L
Factory II	4	0	Shadows	3	1
Finale	4	0	Club 219	2	1
Ball Game	2	0	M & M	2	2
Your Place	3	1	Paradise Books	2	2
Unicorn	2	2	C'est La Vie	0	3
Wreck Room	0	4	Club Baths	0	4
			First Street	0	4

April 28th SSBL Results

Ball Game 28, Wreck Room 2	Finale 19, Your Place 16
Your Place 19, Unicorn 5	Finale 34, Wreck Room 15
Club 219 23, First Street 3	Factory II 36, Unicorn 0
Club 219 28, Club Baths 1	Factory II 37, First Street 0
M & M 17, Paradise 16	Shadows 20, Club Baths 8
Shadows 16, Paradise 15	M & M 7, C'est La Vie 0 (forfeit)

May 5th SSBL Results

Unicorn 14, M & M 8	Ball Game 48, First Street 5
Unicorn 26, First Street 1	Finale 24, M & M 7
Finale 7, C'est La Vie 0 (forfeit)	Factory II 29, Wreck Room 3
Paradise 18, Wreck Room 7	Factory II 7, C'est La Vie 0 (forfeit)
Paradise 23, Club Baths 3	Your Place 19, Shadows 5
Your Place 18, Club 219 8	Shadows 19, Club Baths 13



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"Only The Brave Stay Blonde" at Club 219.

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bit moist.

All you volleyballers in Milwaukee can rejoice — GAMMA's Social Volleyball season kicks off May 17th. See the calendar for details.

Skip you prom because you were gay and wouldn't "play their games?" Now you can make it up for it at 1101 West's Prom Night on May 18th. Crowning of a King and Queen awards \$150 in cash prizes. Wear either your butch or fem drag (or both).

Those of you in Madison — OUT! is sponsoring a fundraising auction to fill their coffers on the 19th at 295 Mills Street from 1-4 p.m. They can use donations, and of course, some cash buyers.

Green Bay's My World is having their 5th Anniversary the 19th and 20th with darts and sheephead tourneys, buffets, drink specials and a cook-out on Sunday.

The Madison Gay Mens Chorale has a concert coming up May 25th at the UW Memorial Union.

Club Milwaukee will have "free weenies" all memorial weekend from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. . . . you could tie three or four of them together and . . .

Milwaukee women aren't forgotten memorial weekend — there is always the "Fannie Fest" with live music, outdoor fair, dunk tank, games, cook-outs, all culminating with a pig roast on Monday.

In Wausau, Jim and Greg from the Pendulum sponsor a Ranch Picnic with games, beverages, bonfires and cook-outs (bring your own food). All this happens Sunday the 27th.

On Memorial Day Monday, soooo much happens and there are so many cook-outs, picnics and parties that I won't even attempt to go into them here — just check the calendar of special events.

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I'll leave you with this quote from Great America Amusement Park's TV ad for its new ride . . . "If you're into water sports . . . get ready for the Whitewater Rampage."

Don't the Mormons own Great Ameri-

ca? Really — water sports at Great America — I wonder if you can jump to the front of the line if you're wearing a yellow hankie? ◀

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It is estimated that upwards of \$20,000 will be needed to put on this event. This will include costs for softball diamonds, trophies, banquets, printing, postage, telephone, transportation, and many other incidentals.

What can you do to help? You can start by joining the Series IX Sports Club. Annual dues are \$25.00. For this, you will receive a monthly newsletter during the softball season keeping you up to date on the Saturday Softball Beer League through the play offs. Information on other leagues associated with the national organization will be presented when available. You will also be informed on the results of other tournaments throughout the summer. You will be kept up to date on all important decisions made by the Series IX Committee. In addition, there will be several cocktail parties later in the season for all club members. All funds raised will go to the Gay Softball World Series IX Fund. The mailing list of the club will be completely confidential.

"Capture The Spirit" . . . Join Now.

Series IX Committee

SERIES IX SPORTS CLUB APPLICATION

To become a member of the Series IX Sports Club, complete this application and mail it with \$25.00 check/money order to Saturday Softball Beer League, P.O. Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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Wreck Room Classic

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Mitchell Park for this. Following the ceremonies, games will continue until 7 p.m. Saturday is an open night for the players to do what they wish, as the bars are open until 3:30 a.m. Some of the players will have to get to bed (alone) early as play resumes at 9 a.m. at Milwaukee Park only on Sunday morning. The tournament should be down to the final six teams, so the competition becomes mighty stiff on Sunday. The championship game is slated to start at 3 p.m., with the tie-breaking game played, only if necessary, at 4:30 p.m.

The awards banquet will be held in the **Crystal Ballroom of the Marc Plaza Hotel** on Sunday after the games. Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. and a steak dinner at 8 p.m. A limited number of banquet tickets will be available to the public for \$20 during the tournament. Tickets should be purchased early to ensure a place at the banquet. The drawing for a fund-raising raffle will be held during the banquet. Prizes include a round trip air fare to Houston for one for the **Gay Softball**

World Series in August or \$200 cash, a 19" color TV, a bushel of booze, and a \$50 gift certificate from **Thinking of You**. Tickets are available from ball players, at the games, at the Wreck Room and Your Place, and before the banquet. The awards presentations will follow dinner and an entertainment segment. Following the banquet, players can party as the bars are once again open until 3:30 a.m.

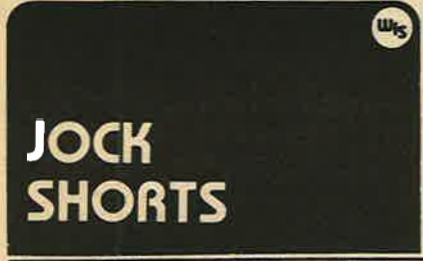
On Monday morning and afternoon, Memorial Day, a farewell reception will be held at the Wreck Room, as the players bid their goodbyes to the many new friends who they have made (is this the right word?) during the weekend. Wreck Room Classic VI will then become pleasant memories as the players return to their home cities. ◀

Additional housing is needed during the tournament for the players and fans. If you have any available couches or beds during that weekend, please contact housing director Ken Kurtz at 273-0494 as soon as possible.

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Opening before one of the largest turnouts in several years, the Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) launched its seventh season on Saturday, April 28th. Thanks to some hard work by the opening day committee of **Rona** and **Jim Hunicutt**, and posting of signs in the bars prior to the games, many fans attended the opening day games. A short opening ceremony was handled by league Commissioner, **Ron Burbey**, and TV celebrity **Bobby Rivers** threw out the traditional "first ball." 18 free cases of beer, donated by the league, were consumed by the players and fans as the weather got warmer throughout the day. Over \$100 was raised for the 1985 Gay World Series Fund through mini-raffles, handled so capably by **Uncle Al**. Prizes for the mini-raffles were donated by league and non-league sponsors. Special thanks to the following who donated prizes — **Ball Game, Club Baths, Club 219, Factory II, Finale, First Street, M&M, Paradise Books, Shadows, Unicorn, Wreck Room, Your Place, First Street Cafe, and Phoenix**.

It was great to see so many people out for opening day, and hopefully more fans will support the league as the weather turns warmer. Opening day games saw

Saturday Softball Beer League Off To Great Start

by Tom Salzsieder

some surprises, but many of the favorite teams were winners. Who would have thought that **Club 219, M&M** and **Shadows** would be tied for first place in Division 2 with two wins, but that's what happened. Those were three might happy teams after their games. **Factory II** and **Finale** got off to a good start in Division 1 with two victories, with the **Finale** rallying for 11 runs in the last two innings to nip **Your Place** in their first game. The **Ball Game** won their only game handily. The tough luck team of the day was the **Paradise Book Store**, who while looking impressive in their new uniforms, lost both of their games by one run.

Beer and soda will be sold at the games each week, with the proceeds going to the 1985 Gay World Series Fund.

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Congratulations to **E&R Machine** with **Artie, Glen, John, Dick, and Paul** for their first place finish in the Sunday Night Bowling League. **M&M Studs** finished second, with a tie for third between the **Blue Gardenias** and **Wreck Room Rangers**. There will be a roll-off to determine which team gets the third place trophy ◀

May 19th SSBL Schedule — Mitchell Park (behind Domes)

10:45	Club 219 vs C'est La Vie	—
12:00	Your Place vs C'est La Vie	M & M vs Club 219
1:15	Wreck Room vs Your Place	Unicorn vs Paradise
2:30	Paradise vs Shadows	Finale vs Unicorn
3:45	First Street vs Shadows	Ball Game vs Club Baths
5:00	Factory II vs Ball Game	Club Baths vs First Street

May 26th — No Games Scheduled — Wreck Room Classic Softball Tournament —

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Milwaukee Wreck Room Classic Softball Tournament

by Tom Salszieder

26 gay softball teams from throughout the United States and Canada will converge on Milwaukee over Memorial Day weekend as the 6th Annual Milwaukee Wreck Room Classic Invitational Softball Tournament takes place. Seven teams from Milwaukee's Saturday Softball Beer League — Ball Game, Factory II, Finale, M&M, Shadows, Wreck Room, and Your Place — are joined by Pharr Library, Falcons and Bullets of Atlanta; Paradise, Loading Dock, Sidetrack, and Harrods Hot Stampers of Chicago; Griff's of Los Angeles; Partners of New Haven; Barbary Coast Buddies, and Badlands of New York; Baxters of Tampa; Raiders of Toronto; and, Gay 90's, Saloon Stallions, Saloon Thrillers, 19 Bar, and Brass Rail of the Twin Cities. There will be a new winner this year as last year's defending champions — Wreck Room Chaps — have disbanded their team.

Teams will be greeted upon their arrival on Thursday, May 24th by a welcome

reception at **Your Place**, 813 South 1st Street after 4 p.m. Players will pick up their packets and T-shirts at that time. The games will start on Friday morning at 10 a.m. at two sites — Mitchell Park, 27th and National (behind the domes) and West Milwaukee Park, 50th and Burnham. Games on Friday will continue until 3 p.m. The Wreck Room will host an invitation only champagne party on Friday evening for the players and their guests at 10 p.m. Invitations will be in the packets.

Softball will continue on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at both parks. There will be a break at 2 p.m. as all the teams return to Mitchell Park for the opening ceremonies. At that time, all the players will march onto the field with the banners for the playing of the Canadian and American National Anthems. This is always one of the highlights of the tournament, so make your plans now to be at

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Wreck Room Classic Softball Tournament

— Schedule Of Events —

THURSDAY, MAY 24TH	WELCOME RECEPTION
Your Place (pick up packets)	4 p.m. - Closing
FRIDAY, MAY 25TH	SOFTBALL GAMES
Mitchell & West Milwaukee Parks	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 25TH	CHAMPAGNE PARTY
Wreck Room	10 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 26TH	SOFTBALL GAMES
Mitchell & West Milwaukee Parks	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 26TH	OPENING CEREMONIES
Mitchell Park	2 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 27TH	SOFTBALL GAMES
Mitchell Park	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 27TH	AWARDS BANQUET
Cocktails	7 p.m.
Dinner (entertainment to follow)	8 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 28TH	FAREWELL PARTY
Wreck Room	11 a.m. - ???

