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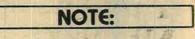
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COVER STORY

Staff artist **Tom Rezza** captured the gay spirit for Memorial Day as *InStep* salutes gay and lesbian veterans.

Also, keep in mind on Memorial Day Monday the observance of our brothers that are stricken by our most voracious enemy, AIDS.



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UWM ROTC

Milwaukee Sentinel/ University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee faculty members forced an appeal May 6 of the UWM Faculty Senate's decision to cut off enrollment in the university's Army ROTC program after July 1 because of an army ban on homosexuals.

The Senate vote would end the program completely in 1988.

A petition, signed by 222 faculty members, allows the ROTC to continue its programs without restriction until the issue is brought before the general faculty in September. Any senate action can be brought before the general faculty for approval when 25 faculty members sign a petition.

The final decision will be made by Frank Horton, campus chancellor.

About 150 students are in the Army ROTC at UWM.

On April 18, the senate voted, 32 to 7, to forbid ROTC enrollment after July 1, but allowed students already enrolled in the program to remain in it until 1988.

New Interferon/AIDS Test

(Milwaukee) — Researchers at the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee County Medical Complex have come up with a new test that they say is useful, because no previous test has been able to determine if a patient has AIDS.

The new test looks for a type of interferon in a patients blood, if it is found, the patient has AIDS. There are no false positive test results according to researchers.

The test is not the same as the "AIDS Antibody Test" being given at blood centers nationwide. The antibodies test cannot be used to make a diagnosis of the disease because the presence of antibodies does not mean a patient has AIDS.

Michael W. Rytel, chief of the Infectious Disease Section at the Medical College of Wisconsin said "The antibody tests are not helpful diagnostically or clinically. We now have a test that tells us a patient has AIDS. Many people don't understand that the antibody tests are meaningless. It only means a person has been exposed to the virus. It's good only for screening blood

donors."

With the new Interferon AIDS Test, and positive results, the physicians can then try to fight the opportunistic infections that attack AIDS patients. Interferons are substances produced by the body that fight viruses. The particular interferon in the test, called *alpha interferon*, is an unusual type, that shows up only in the blood of AIDS patients according to Rytel.

Ten patients with AIDS or AIDS-related diseases were involved in a study. One of those patients, who had ARC, or AIDS related complex, did not have alpha interferon in his blood. But after he developed AIDS, the alpha interferon was found.

Rytel also said the Medical College was doing clinical trials with experimental chemotherapy drugs used to fight specific type of pneumonia that often accompanies AIDS.

Another new drug is being tested for use against AIDS related diarrhea.

Wisconsin has 41 confirmed AIDS cases as of April 1st. Forty percent are from the Milwaukee area. 26 of the patients developed symptoms while living in Wisconsin, the remainder moved here after becoming ill. Of the 41 cases, 21 are dead.

CLU SPEAKS FOR TOLERANCE DAY

BANGOR, MAINE (GNIC) — A school district put "a chilling effect" on free speech when it canceled a Tolerance Day program to prevent the appearance of a lesbian activist, a Civil Liberties Union told the Maine Supreme Court in late April.

The state's high court heard arguments on a Maine Civil Liberties Union appeal that the Madison School District violated the First Amendment rights of lesbian Dale Mc-Cormick when it canceled the Jan. 25 symposium.

The MCLU argued the school board bowed to community opposition and "threats" to the safety of students.

A Superior Court judge earlier this year upheld the board's right to make such a decision, saying homosexuals in Maine have "no

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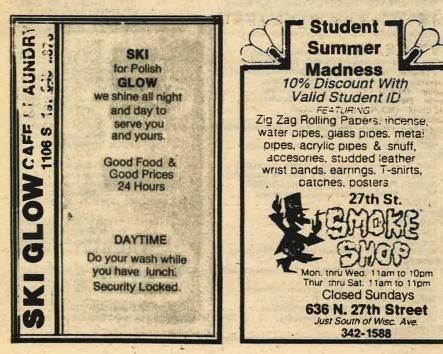


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judicially enforceable right" of protection against discrimination.

But, MCLU attorney Jed Davis told the Supreme Court, "Whenever speech is regulated due to its content because of threats you have a chilling effect.

"You cannot justify restricting First Amendment rights inside the school just because of the demands of the outside community," he argued.

The court gave no indication when it might rule on the case.

Tolerance Day was organized by history teacher David Solmitz, who invited representatives of a wide range of groups to speak so students could better understand their special problems.

GAY RIGHTS ACTIVISTS FILE SUIT TO RALLY Isolaido general

NEW YORK (GNIC) — A group of homosexual Catholics filed suit against the city recently in an effort to ensure a gay rally can take place in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral during the upcoming 16th annual Gay Pride Day March.

Police prevented the group from staging its rally in front of the 106-year-old cathedral on Fifth Avenue during two previous parades and have stated they will bar the group during the June 30 parade, the suit said.

Twenty-two members of Dignity-New York, a non-profit group of gay and lesbian Catholics, asked for a federal court order preventing police from stopping "a peaceful ceremony of prayer and hymn" on the public sidewalk in front of St. Patrick's.

By preventing the rally, the group said police were depriving them of their constitutional rights to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion.

The sidewalk in front of St. Patrick's was of "unique importance" to the rally by homosexual Catholics, the suit said.

The suit said they wanted to rally at the site to show they were members of the Roman Catholic church "despite the opposition from the Archdiocese of New York."

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The anti-Falwell protest brought out over 50 protestors against his presence.

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Officials at the police department and at St. Patrick's declined to comment.

Joe Zwilling, a spokesman for the Archdiocese, denied the sidewalk was closed at the request of the Archdiocese and said he believed the police had acted on their own initiative.

The defendants are Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward, the New York City Police Department and Mayor Edward Koch. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

Parade organizers also announced approval of necessary permits, and funding to paint a lavender strip down the middle of the streets on which the parade route follows.



Are rumors true that Milwaukee Mayor Maier is arming Milwaukee against attacks by Governor Earl?

GROUP NOTES

Milwaukee AIDS Project

The Milwaukee gay and lesbian community has organized the Milwaukee AIDS Project to meet the growing need for services and education on this fatal disease. The Project was started in December 1984, by the Brady East Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic (BEST), to provide services and information to poeple with AIDS and to provide education to both the gay and mainstream communities in the Milwaukee Area.

Over sixty volunteers (more are always needed) are currently active with the Project that is headed by Project Director Sue Dietz.

Activities include: A support group for persons with AIDs that meets every two weeks. Personal support services, such as in-home visits and assistance are provided by volunteers tor persons with AIDS. Fundraising events, foundation grants, and government grants and funds support the

work of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Advisory Committee offers education to Milwaukee area professionals and medical personnel on the latest AIDS developments. An Information Resource Committee researches medical, legal, and governmental info on AIDS, and a Public Relations and Education Committee operates a speakers bureau and produces informational pieces on AIDS and AIDS Prevention.

Current Milwaukee AIDS Project funding includes: a \$2,000 grant from the Cream City Association Foundation (CCAF), for educational materials. \$15,000 from the City of Milwaukee Health Department; \$18,730 from the National Conference of Mayors: a \$3,000 grant from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to provide personal care for persons with AIDS. Proposals are before the Wisconsin Legislature and Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for additional funds.

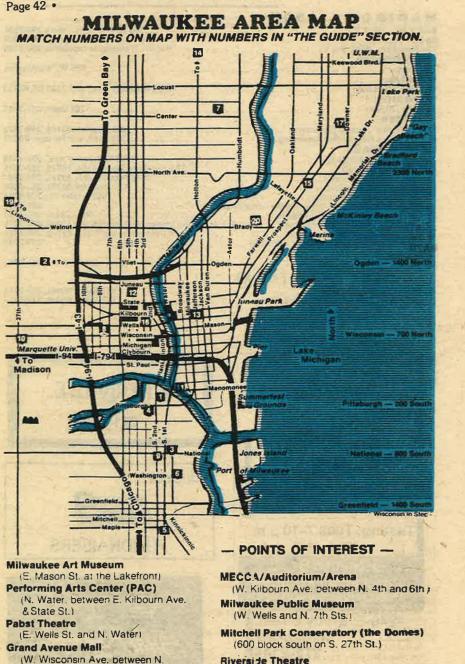
For information, referrals, or to make a contribution to the work of the Project, call 414-273-AIDS.

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AIDS/ARC SUPPORT GROUP

Persons stricken by AIDS are often left without jobs or other means of support. Community support programs take from several months to a year to take effect. During this time, victims often need financial assistance.

A group of individuals in Milwaukee, calling themselves the Luke Memorial Fund, had been assisting such individuals for some time outside of a structured group, and recently decided it would be best to acquire tax exempt status and a formal organization for any on-going program. After discussion with members of the Cream City — Association Foundation, it was jointly decided to incorporate this patient support program into the structure of the CCAF, as the Foundation's Special Project One.

As a result, a separate fund has been set up within the framework of the Cream City Association Foundation. It is part of the overall organization of the CCAF, but maintains its own bank account, books and records. Its administrator is empowered to draw out funds by check in amounts needed to cover the emergency living expenses of individuals diagnosed as having AIDS or ARC (AIDS-Related Complex).

In addition to the administrator, other individuals serve as volunteers assisting with this project. These persons help out by making initial visits to potential recipients to determine financial status, giving assistance to victims for shopping, or helping solicit funds for the Project.

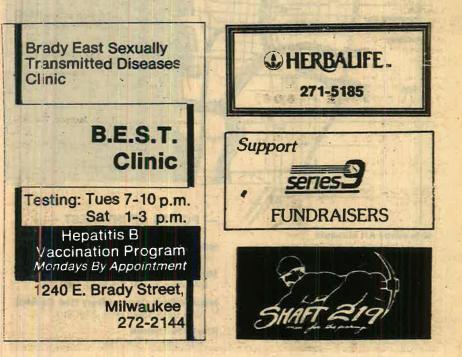
In the few months since formally set up, over \$1,000.00 in donations has been received for Special Project One, despite lack of a formal press release or an announcement-mailing to Foundation supporters. Further donations of volunteer time, and a donation of patient care equipment, also indicate the intense interest in this cause in the Milwaukee community. The CCAF is also working closely with the Milwaukee AIDS Project to ensure cooperation in this important cause. Donations for the Project of any amount are encouraged, an may be sent to the Foundation at Post Office Box 204, Milwaukee 53201.



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FIRST PWA HEADS TO WASHINGTON. **MORE VOLUNTEERS** SOUGHT

(Mobilization Against AIDS) Richard Rector, representing the People with AIDS **Caucus of Mobilization Against AIDS,** left San Francisco for Washington D.C. to present petitions to representatives of the President and Congress. Rector will head a delegation of People With AIDS and People With AIDS Related Conditions who will meet with elected officials on May 20th to lobby for a greater federal response to the AIDS epidemic. He will visit cities in New England and Canada to inform them of Mobilization's efforts, prior to his arrival in Washington.

"We need People With AIDS and People With AIDS Related Conditions and their family and friends from across the country to join us in Washington," said PWA Caucus Chair Dean Sandmire. "We must show that Aids is not confined to a few citles but is a national epidemic."

Thousands of signatures have been gathered in California and a petition drive is launched across the country. Petition efforts beyond California are not yet known although petitions are being circulated particularly through MCC Churches.

In other actions, Mobilization Against AIDS announced that the Candlelight Memorials in honor of Peiple With AIDS on Memorial Day, May 27, has gained international support. Besides some 40 cities in the U.S., other cities around the world will be holding vigils including London, Mexico City, Melbourne Australia, Toronto Canada, and Capetown South Africa.

Mobilization Against AIDS is a nonpartisan political group formed to secure an adequate response to the AIDS epidemic from the government. Membership is \$25.00 regular", \$12.50 low income", \$100.00 angel. (*PWA and PWARC may substitute \$5.00 and \$1.00 respectively). Mobilization can be reached at 335 Noe Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 or (415) 431-4660.





Sunday, May 19 Ken Burke & Larinda Kelly present Mr Midwest **GERALD EVANS**

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THE ARTS

"Sappho Understands: an Evening of Love and Roller Skates"

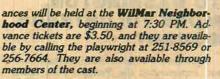
Ever wonder how long distance love is like shopping at K-Mart? Or how to exit from a live-in relationship without groveling? Or why love is as risky as roller skating without a helmet?

The answers to these and other questions will unfold on stage on Friday, May 24 and 31, in the premiere Madison production of "Sappho Understands: an Evening of Love and Roller Skates." Cosponsored by OUT! newspaper and the WillMar Neighborhood Center, this full-length comedy was writth in 1984 by Madison resident Nicole Bilotti.

Structured as a 'one woman show', **Sappho** (Sappho Arlene Understands) is an advice columnist, forced to go on the road by the editor of the financially shaky Lavender Ledger. Sappho's assignment is to explore the ins and outs of love, politics, and partying among the world of women, lesbians, and gay men. The play is highlighted by a cast of five women, who give life to letters from Sappho's mail.

Ms. Bilott is directing her play as an independent production, to encourage other independent women's theatre production phases, by individuals and organizations, has been tremendous. It was primarily the conviction that Madison provided a wealth of talent and cooperative organizaticns, which inspired the author to see her work performed.

Both the Friday, May 24 and 31 perform-



Milwaukee Mixed Chorus Forming

Enjoy singing? A mixed choir for gay men and lesbians is forming, and so far 25 members are involved. The choir is desperately in need of Altos and Sopranos. If you are interested in joining, contact **Ron "Rona" Thate** at the **M & M Club** (347-1962) as soon as possible.

The reason for forming the choir is for the **Gay World Series**, to do performances for events popping up, and to better serve the gay community. *Let's go Milwaukee!*

PERFORMANCE ART AT MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

Milwaukee performance artist Jon Erickson will present "THE (K)NOT: Subjection and Objection," a new work, at 7:30 pm Thursday, May 23 in the East Entrance of the Milwaukee Art Museum. Admission of \$5 to the public and \$3 to museum members will be charged at the door.

In Erickson's performance art works he often looks at how words and visual languages are used by different types of people to obtain power in society.

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Clay: What will your drag name be for the "prom?" InStep

Chuck L.: You love the big muscle men - It's about time we ge: also of muscle ______ Gladys

Dick: You sure are the "Dick" of death. Yours Truly "B"

M.Z.: Is it true its raining men for you. Your Former

Chuck L: Gladys wants to see you do your thing. Silent Knight Joan Cruwford: Watch out mommie dearest, here comes "thy mother's keeper." Love Bette

Chuck: Where is the man of your dreams? I know!!... at Clay's Castaways. Boy Blue

Denny: Rumor has it the Rainbow Rubbers haven't been effective with Nicki, maybe you should try to get her spayed. No Signature Friend-Slut: My rear bumper is fixed, but only my front bumper was available for ramming! Remember, it's not a free home. Someone has already bought it. Allen

Friday Night Group at Clays; Earl, Paul, Ken, Kris, Rick: I'm sorry I forgot you. Bob Allen: How are George Webb's Foot Long Hot Dogs? Your Best Friend

Allen: Fin still pure innocent and could wear white at a wedding. Could you? Your Ex Friend from 1st Street

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Dennis: Don't your ads in the Northridge stalls work? Now, I see you're using the In-Step. Your Brother

Hunnyyyyyy: Where's my mommy??Timmy

Randal James: I greatly approiate the way you "JSED" me after the drive in. Hope you got your jollies! Terr - Bear

Rockford-P.B.A.: Hell of a weekend!!! Why not road trip north next? P.B.A. will be growing in the North! Come and give a hand. P.S. To Pretty Mess—Boris's manager is Cindy Lauper. Love Dave & Ivan Appleton

Connie & Jill: Congratulations on winning the trip. Goose Mickey for me!!! Katie I.

Donny: So, yours is the biggest out of all three.

J.R. (Castaways): Is it true your going to be a father, Molly's pregnant Janis Lee Clay Mike V: We hope by the time you read this, you aren't sick and tired of us already. The new Tenants!

To You: All the men I've had the pleasure of meeting. Thank you! Clay

Radar (Castawaye): How does it feel to be home again? Colonel Potter

Scott Free: If only you'd look harder, you'd find someone who really cares! Boo-Boo



Paul Phillips and Ron Romanovsky, "the best in gay cabaret," played to a packed house at the Finale.

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Gay Woman's Rebel Riders Motorcycle Club. Any lesbian woman wanting to ride with other lesbian women on brief trips to the country, other cities, camping, picnicing, partying. Just Having Fun. Contact Chris or Laura at this number (414) 285-3596. June 30th, Sunday, Bike Ride to Gay Pride Parade in Chicago at Lincoln Park.

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DJ Lon (La Cage): A job is earned, not inherited - I think it's time you earned yours. DJ Michka (Jo'Dees)

Missy (Racine): What have you been down on - I mean up to lately? Wondering

Thanks Miss M & Kelly: For a job well done. Let's get together and do a show. Judy, Jo'Dees

Does the Farm Party?? !!: Yes! It Does! P.S. Bring Tent and Wood No signature

Michael & DA: Was the Flip/Flop any better in D.C. than here in Milwaukee? Wel-**BWMT** Sisters come Back Home!!!

J. Chisom: Please Contact Ron At InStep (VIM) Very Important Message

Mukwonago: It's true, hypnotists do it Deeper and Deeper? Satisfied

InStep: 1-4-3 Means "I Love You." We've been saying it for 7 years. Connie and Jill Connie and Jill: Did Paul & Scott change their names? InStep

G.A.P. Gang: I love and miss you all . Please try to understand. Jane

B.C. (Castaways): Did your dick get in the wav? Clav

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Connie: 1-4-3!!! Jill Ricki: Next time I'll change the sheets at lunch! Feast all the way !!! Hungary. Dave

Dear "Ready But Not Rough": I'm sorry that its taken me so long to respond. But meanwhile I see, "Midnite" has ALL the answers. Listen to her if you choose, or otherwise, may I suggest that you look inward for the beauty, etc. you seek in women? Then maybe, you'll find your "real" woman. The irony of it is that she (SHE) is probably much harder to find than the "Outward Beauties" you seem in search of. Whatever you do, good luck in your ENDEAVORS

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Co-Worker: Perhaps you did something wrong to deserve my attitude. Don't expect it to change-especially when you don't even sign your name. Tonya Miss M: "JEALOUSY MAKES YOU BITCHY!!" The Storybook Sisters, P.S.: It's when they stop talking you have to worry!

George: Welcome back! The bar is lookin' good. Ron

Room-mate: Losing your job isn't as bad as going to court! Love, room-mate Becky: I hope you will still respect me, even

though you saw my wienie! Lingender-der-der

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Erickson examines how all sorts of languages influence our consciousness. Academic, romantic, street language and media language all reflect something about the way people are programmed to communicate. and how it influences the way we perceive our environment.

"THE (K)NOT: Subjection and Objection" will combine theatrics, music, film and slides while using a knot as an analogy of how languages intermingle within particular cultural sites

For additional information about this performance, call 271-9508.

GAY WRITERS FIGHTING BACK

(Alyson Publications - Boston) The best gay writers in the country are fighting back. To help combat the AIDS crisis, Alyson Publications and John Preston have collected thirteen stories that emphasize low-risk sex in Hot Living: Erotic Stories about Safer Sex. The anthology will be available in paperback at the end of May: royalties from its sale will be donated to Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc., a counseling and educational gropp based in New York.

"Our purpose for putting this collection together was two-fold," says John

Preston, the editor, "First, we wanted to overcome a sense of helplessness by attacking this plaque with our craft. Second, we wanted to show that safer sex is not duller sex. We've learned that all you need is a little imagination, and a willingness to experiment."

The contributors are all well established writers, and range from Samuel M. Steward, of "Phil Andros" fame, to Robin Metcalfe, a relative newcomer to the gay-male genre. And while a number of the authors have books published by Alyson Publications, just as many are first time Alyson authors.





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INTERVIEW LOUISA FLANINGAM-A LADY OF TALENT AND INSIGHT

The vivacious and multi-talented **Miss** Louisa Flaningam, came to Milwaukee thankfully with the touring company of "Torch Song Trilogy" at the **Riverside Theater**. No stranger to Milwaukee, she's received accolades and raves as Velma Kelly in *Chicago*, the M.C. in *Cabaret*, and young Belle in *Little Me* at our own Melody Top Theater. While in town with *Torch Song*, she shared with our reviewer, *Kevin Michael*, her thoughts and views about the play, gay life, and herself. As she shares them, you'll see that she's a woman of extraordinary insight as well as a marvelous talent!

You've played Milwaukee before. Did you think you were going to have problems there?

To be perfectly honest, I thought we were going to have a lot more problems a lot more places than we did have. We have not felt the heat as a cast. Perhaps promoters have been criticized with letters to the editor or phone calls to the box office. A lot of that we're not told about.

Did a lot of people leave the play here?

No, we were feeling that people were not leaving here. There are people who come to the theatre and don't know what the play's about. There are alot of people who think it's a musical! There's "Song" in the title you know. The first act is the hardest to deal with for an audience because right off the bat you're talking to a drag queen and a lot of people might not even know what that is.

You played Laurel, Ed's girlfriend, in the show. What is Laurel in the play?

I always laugh and say he's the female relief. Let me share this. I met this woman in Pittsburgh. She was the mother of twins, though she and her husband had separated because he was gay. She had seen the play the night before. She was touched by it. I asked her, "Was Laurel valid to you?"

by Kevin Michaels

"Very much so, she was more understanding than I was." Laurel convinces herself that everything's going to be fine. She loves Ed very much. At one point in the play she says that for once I'd like to be standing on sure ground when the blow hits instead of crawling around on my hands and knees like a baby. In other words, what she's saying is I want to take some control of my life. But when faced with doing that she goes right back to Ed. She makes fun of her psychiatrist asking her, "What do you want?" What does Laurel want? What's going to make her happy? Is this the happiest she's been in her life to be in relationships that are not good for her?

Do you think Laurel wants to "reform" Ed?

No, that's one good thing about her. I don't see that in the writing and I don't see that in myself in performance. There's not a put-down of homosexuality. She says, "All my friends are gay. I think I've gotten myself into a little bit of a rut." And, even that's not a put-down.

There's a lot of healthy things about Laurel. She's not a dingbat. What of our inability to see? The proverbial "You can't see the forest for the trees." Its very hard to be honest with somebody else but to be honest with yourself? Who isn't scared and frightened? We all want to be loved and accepted. Its also scary when its there in front of you. Is it going to last? In this day and age, I think we've lost the ability — the skill at having relationships.

What about Louisa?

It takes a long time for you to grow up and say, "Wait a minute!" What really WILL make me happy. There's a reason why people are misunderstood — because they're not making themselves clear. Communication is very important to me.

I have to ask this. You did "Pal Joey" with Lena Horne. What's it like working with her?

Its interesting. I worked with her for close to eight months and that relationship went through many changes. It started out with her not speaking to me, Lena is an incredible **Continued on page 14 •**

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STAR GAZING

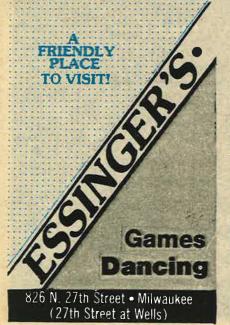
TAURUS — APRIL 20 thru MAY 20 — (VENUS) Your potential shines through! Backed up with previous periods of hard work, success appears just around the corner. Favorable comments abound.

GEMINI — MAY 21 thru JUNE 20 — (MERCURY) Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Plan carefully so as to ensure success in any new plans. Have alternative routes in mind to avoid failure.

CANCER — JUNE 21 thru JULY 22 — (MOON) Although success will come easy, so will failure in this period. Don't get discouraged. New job both challenges and gratifies. Personal problems are few.

LEO — JULY 23 thru AUG. 22 — (SUN) Be warned about commitments! Now is not the best time to make them unless you are relatively sure you can keep them. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

VIRGO — AUG. 23 thru SEPT. 22 — (MERCURY) The word of the month is change. Redecorate your workplace as well as your home. The effect will be stunning! Your efficiency will rise.



GayScope-via GNIC

LIBRA — SEPT. 23 thru OCT. 22 — (VENUS) Ahhhh . . . the tension is lifting. Watch for less friction between you and that certain someone. Your relationship will begin to stabilize.

SCORPIO — OCT. 23 thru NOV. 21 — (Pluto) Confusion is beginning to affect your lifestyle. Too many signals have you in a tizzy. A bit of advice — don't skip steps. It only leads to a faulty foundation that will trip you up in the end.

SAGITTARIUS — NOV. 22 thru DEC. 21 — (JUPITER) Get out your microscope! Too many things are passing by because of your unwillingness to take a good look. An honest person looks foreward to your critical eye. They will earn your trust.

CAPRICORN — DEC. 22 thru JAN. 19 — (SATURN) Pay attention to the pennies and the dollars will follow! I am talking about close attention. Correcting irregularities now will be highly rewarding in the future.

AQUARIUS — JAN. 20 thru FEB. 18 — (URANUS) A stranger comes into your life. Be warned. They won't stay long. But the lessons learned will be good for you. Visit your family.

PISCES — FEB. 19 thru MARCH 20 — (NEPTUNE) Get to work on that problem that has been hounding you for so long. Now is the time to put it behind you and move foreward. Patience in family matters is advised.

ARIES — MARCH 21 thru APRIL 19 — (MARS) Concentrate on your good looks. Don't neglect your eyes. Correct any problems you have been putting off. A grand summer awaits, so enjoy.





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What's your view of gay life?

I'm not in the gay culture but I sense that

there are two aspects. The backroom bar,

the promiscuous, quick-pick-up sort of thing.

Then to me, there's a much larger segment

of the gay culture looking for stable rela-

tionsps. I think there's more of that than

anyone knows. The backrooms for whatever

reasons get all the publicity. And I don't

think that speaks of the gay culture, its part

of it, but I am offended whenever people

think of the gay culture only in termof prom-

iscuity. One of the most stable relationships 1

have ever known were two men who were literally married for over thirty years. And, it

would have gone on longer had not one of

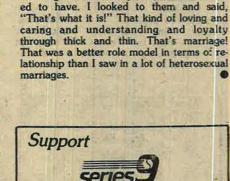
them died. They were a symbol to me of

what a good relationship was, of what I want-

woman and incredible talent. I am not going to make any judgements on her because I have not lived her life. I think that she has a lot of reasons to justify in herself a certain kind of bitterness. She wants her race to have more. Therefore, I was a token white in the show, Its an interesting experience to be on the other side. I learned a lot from it and I'm glad I went through it. And I think I went through it well and with grace, and came out not her friend but with her respect. And I respect her, because she has an ability to say, I was wrong. And that to me, is class and intelligence.

You've done three roles at Melody Top. Which is your favorite?

I'd have to say the M.C. in "Cabaret." It was one of the most extraordinary experiences in my life, in my career. How do you prepare for that? Its the only time on stage I did not recognize myself. I totally blanked out with the skull cap and the white face. There was nothing left of me.I don't know where the movement came from, the physicality. Something would take over and I felt I was truly working from my instincts. Something truly deep from my insides that I could not put any intellectual control on. I think "Cabaret" is a truly stunning piece. A wonderful example of musical comedy as a form of not only entertainment but of making an incredible statement. I saw the MC as the black cloud of the human soul that just hung there. That dark, lurking thing. The devil if you will, that we have to learn to keep under control - the greed, the selfishness. The M.C. does that and relishes in it. The music is very powerful and helps twist the gut with he theme of what its about



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DANCE STEPS

Hi, first of all, welcome back Kim — when can we "dish" again?

Lots came in so let's talk about it! Mark Sprio has a hot one titled One For You much better than In Stereo — good mellow flip also! Melissa Manchester "peed" for Mathematics — who's going to do her first? George Dranz has a good follow-up to Din Da Da with Bass Drum Ma Bass Drum excellent White Funk — I feel a video cumming! Would I Lie To You is much wilder than Sex Crime both by Eurythmice hotter dance tempo! Nona Hendryx should get a jay-walking ticket for Moving Violations — which I

thought was a waste of above average vinyl/anyone hear the album? How is it? For those summer break-dancers try Do the Roxanne (Dance) — cute rap on red vinyl but I don't feel a video cumming on this one! by Kim Zweibohmer

Jellybean Benitez has been getting his name on a few 12" he grandly remixed including Jet Set by Alphaville, and Emotion by Barbra Streisand, much better than he did with Madonna's Virgin. Last but not least Rick Springfield managed to put out a hot video for his tune Celebrate Youth at 118 BPM (Beats Per Minute) — it's something fund and nice to get off on! Well, space limits but read more in the house charts back to you K.A.



IN STEP'S TOP DANCE HITS Column and Chart courtesy of Anthony Aiello, La Cage — RECORDS —

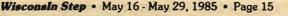
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TRAVEL

"When it's springtime in the Rockies" its as good a time as any to visit Denver, that great and fast growing metropolis in the mountains. Denver is known as the "Mile High City" and offers a natural high you won't be coming down from for awhile.

The Triangle, a leather and levi cruise bar at 2036 Broadway is nationally known. and nearly always packed. Another cruisy place where a lot of western, leather and uniform guys hang out is Mike's at 117 Broadway. The Den at 5110 W. Colfax has been here forever, and so have some of their customers. Two new bars are Mr. Bill's at 1027 Broadway and the Denver Detour at 551 E Colfax. The Starlight Lounge, which can best be described as a combat zone. maybe closing soon, which won't bother anyone except the hustlers who hang out there. Garbo's is a cabaret, and Oscar Wilde's gets a friendly neighborhood crowd. Two of Denver's busiest discos are located

in a remote section of railroad yards and



by Bob Damron

warehouses. **The Foxhole** at 2936 Fox Street gets some hunks, and has a large patio. Just across the street is **Tracks**. Both are wall-to-wall with people, especially weekends, but Tracks gets more of a mixed crowd. To get to them, take the 20th Street viaduct northwest from downtown, turn right at the first signal, then follow the crowd around for a couple of blocks.

David's Disco, at 314 E. 13th Street, has made a strong comeback and now gets the good looking macho preppies. Country and western fans flock to **Charlie's** at 7900 E. Colfax. Denver ladies like **Lipps** at 6300 W. Colfax or the older **Three Sisters**, locally referred to as the "six tits" at 3358 Mariposa. The **Cherry Creek Mining Company** features shows, and is best on Wednesdays. The **Grove** is the place for twinkles. Most Denver bars are open until 2:00 am, but by some strange quirk, close at midnight on Sundays.

B.J.'s Carousel at 1380 S. Broadway is practically an institution. It is good after-

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noons and has a cruisy cocktail hour. Dinners are fair to very good. The Den also features a good brunch, and a very promising looking new restaurant is the Warm Weather at Alameda and Bancock. For breakfast or snacks try the Broadway Cafe, Denver Sandwich Company or the Kitchen. Denver has some real good straight restaurants including the Apple Tree Shanty, Buckhorne Exchange, Cafe Promenade, Chad's, Colorado Mining Company, Dudley's, H. Brinker's, Little Pepina's, Lutz's, and dressing up, try the Chateau Pyrenees, Le Profil, Palace Arms, the Ouorum, or the Broker.

One of America's most popular and innovative baths is the **Ball Park** at 107 S. Broadway. Use the rear entrance and be sure and discover the cavers beyond the waterfall. **The Empire Baths** at 6923 E. Colfax has recently gone through a much needed renovation, and the **Midtowne Spa** at 2935 Zuni has a loyal following. The bar scene is so spread out in Denver, that it is scifficult to pick a convenient place to stay. You will need wheels no matter where you stay. On my last visit, I stayed at the Holiday

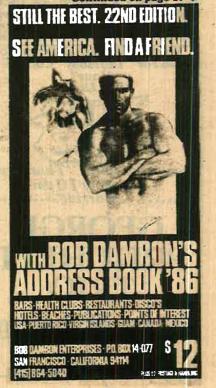
ay. On my last visit, I stayed at the Holiday JO'DEE'S EST. 1973 **Monday, May 27th** Cookout 7-? Weekend Specials 2139 Racine St.

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In-Colorado Blvd., and found that about as convenient as anyplace.

For leather, erotica, etc., try Mr. S. at 143 Broadway. There are several book stores and all male theaters such as the After Dark and Empress Theatre. For more details, get a copy of the forthcoming Address Book '86, or pick up The Guide, Denver's classy local publication. Also available at some bars are The Directory and Out Front. The area around the State Capitol is known as "Sodomy Circle: and used to be a great cruising area, however, it got so hot that it became sure suicide, and has mostly abandoned now.

Denver started out as a gold-mining "boom town," and now has a metropolitan population of one and a half million. Today's dramatic glass and steel towers bear little resemblance to the old days, and you might expect to encounter Joan Collins, Linda Evans, John Forsythe, or one of Dynasty's other stars just around the corner. If you are visiting for the first time, you may want to **Continued on page 17** b



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looking for a lot of support in the raffle and at the picnic. Raffle tickets are available rom any SSBL player. Another fund raiser for Series 9 will be an auction at the Wreck Room on Sunday evening, June 2 at 10 PM. If you have ANYTHING to donate for the auction, drop it off anytime at the Wreck Room. Donations of dinners and other services are also welcome. This is usually one of the biggest fund raisers, so let's all get behind this effort to raise money for Series 9!! Standings — May 4 **DIVISION 1** Paradise Wreck Room Wings Finale 27th St. Danceteria Club 219 0 Your Place 2 0 **DIVISION 2** Wreck Room Spurs 2 0 Hot Legs 1 Ball Game 0 1 M&M 0 1 0 LaCage 1 190 5 2nd St M .. + 273 747 A Trip **Puttin**' to the Arlington Races June 10th, Sign up now! on the Open 11 Daily Monday'- Friday Hits Cocktail Hour 4-8 p.m. 20401 Rail & Specials EVERY TUESDAY Wednesdays 45¢ Tap Beer Starting May 21st Saturday & Sunday \$50.00 \$1.00 Bloody Marvs \$1.25 GreyHounds & CASH PRIZE **Screw Drivers** Hot Dogs Saturdays 10pm Snacks On Sunday See Bartender for Details • 34 oz. Mug of Beer \$1.50 and Applications

Anytime

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JOCK SHORTS

SCORES - MAY 4

Wreck Room Spurs	25	La Cage
Wreck Room Spurs		Ball Game
Finale	18	Hot Legs
27th St. Danceteria	12	Finale
Hot Legs	15	M&M
Wreck Room Wings	20	27th St. Danceteria
Paradise	17	Your Place
Wreck Room Wings	12	Your Place
Paradise	33	Club 219

MAY 18

LOWER DIAMOND

- 12:15 Your Place vs. Club 219
- 1:30 Wreck room Wings vs. Club 219
- 2:45 Ball Game vs. 27th Street 4:00 M&M vs. Ball Game

UPPER DIAMOND

- 12.15 La Cage vs. Wreck Room Spurs
- 1:30 Paradise Books vs. Your Place
- 2:45 Wreck Room Wings vs Finale
- 4:00 Paradise Books vs. 27th Street

MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY — NO GAMES JUNE 1

LOWER DIAMOND

- 11:00 Hot Legs vs. La Cage 12:15 Wreck Room Spurs vs. Hot Legs 1:30 Club 219 vs. Paradise Books
- 2:45 Paradise Books vs. Finale
- 4:00 Finale vs. Your Place

UPPER DIAMOND

- 12:15 M&M vs. Wreck Room Spurs
- 1:30 Ball Game vs. M&M
- 2:45 27th Street vs. Wreck Room Wings
- 4:00 Club 219 vs. 27th Street

by Tom Salszieder

8 The 8th season of the **Saturday Softball** 0 **Beer League** opened on Saturday May 4 17 under sunny skies, warm temperatures, and 1 strong, gusty winds. **Paradise Books** and 14 the two **Wreck Room** teams, **Spurs** and 12 **Wings** were the only teams of the 11

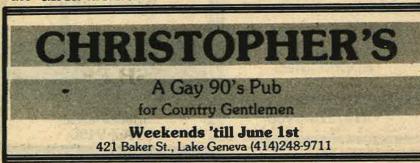
Wings, were the only teams of the 11 members of the league to end the opening day undefeated. The Spurs opened the season with a come from behind victory over LaCage Blue Boys, and then shut out the Ball Game. Hot Legs provided the closet games of the day, losing a one run decision to Finale, and then rallying for a one run win over M & M. 27th St. Danceteria

pounded out an easy victory over an undermanned Finale team. The Wreck Room Wings started slowly, but finally got their bats going to win going away from 27th St. Danceteria. The Wings then knocked off Your Place. Paradise Books rallied in the last inning, and then held off Your Place for a one run decision in their opener, and then easily defeated Club 219.

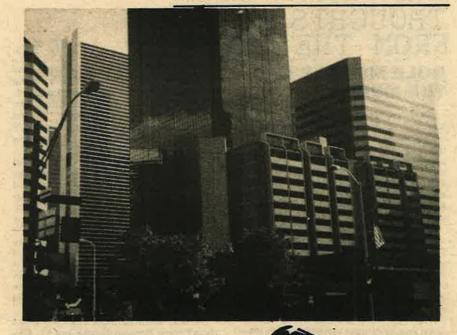
Mark your calendars to keep open the day of Saturday, June 15. The SSBL and

Series 9 will hold a mid-season picnic on that date at Mitchell Park Picnic area directly above the lower diamond. The regular schedule of games will be played on that date, and following the games, there will be a cook-out, with plenty of food and beer, and alot of FUNI! There will be a raffle, with the drawing held at the Picnic. Prizes include

a Video Cassette Recorder, Color TV, bushels of booze, and a clock radio. All the Proceeds from the raffle and the picnic will go to help support Series 9. We're running behind in our fund raising efforts, so we're



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see cruisy Cheesman Park, the State Capitol, U.S. Mint, Air Force Academy, Larimer Square, Molly Brown's House, the Royal Gorge, or the Rocky Mountains and Pike's Peak ski äeas. One of the songs from the show, The Unsinkable Molly Brown, was "Beautiful People of Denver." Believe me, they are there. When will you be??

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the **BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '86** — America's foremost travel guide — available soon at most better bars, baths and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$14.00 for your copy, (which includes packing and shopping) to BOB DAM-RON ENTERPRISES, Inc; P.O. Box 14.077; San Francisco, CA 94114. Also available is the SPARTACUS, International Gay Guide at \$22.00).





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THOUGHTS FROM THE LABYRIS **ROLE MODELS AND** THE MEDIA

Have you looked lately at any of the magazines aimed at the 15 - 30 age bracket female market? If so, you've probably noticed the "grabbers" on the covers - those short, catchy headlines used as a synopsis of the article content to lure buyers. Although these grabbers stop womewhat short of the sensationalism of the National Enquirer, they still tend to be either exaggerated or mislead-

A juicy headline promising "How to Divorce-Proof Your Marriage" usually leads the reader to a dull time inside stressing the virtues of "buckling under" to "your man's moods, desires and temperaments," thereby virtually guaranteeing that he'll be at least satisfied enough with you not to seek fulfillment of his "needs" elsewhere.

This misleading characteristic is not the worst quality of these headlines. Even when the headlines are truthful, they can be downright frightening. Just think of what is typical of many nationally-published and read mags: "Going All The Way — When Is It Right For You?"; "What To Do When He Says Goodbye"; "Recovering From A Lost Romance"; "Working Your Way To The Altar" ... etc., etc. You get the picture.

I say this is frightening for two reasons: One is that there are young people who read these magazines and these topics themselves are very sophisticated and aid in the crippling of wholesome, care-free childhoods that are so essential to a well-developed personality. The other is that I find it very distrubing that the media, which has such an enormous impact on everyone, especially these young people (who have not yet learned to think fully for themselves except in isolated instances), dwells so heavily on the outmoded "How To Get A Man And Keep Him" aspect of life. They leave little room for the development of alternative ways of thinking and living. Surrounded with hype such as this, not to mention the societal and peer pressure that has always been present, is it any wonder it's so damn hard for a newly-aware lesbian to come out of the closet?

The articles in these magazines are not the only culprits of this not-so-subtle undermining of what are probably already not the sturdiest of self images. Even the advertising carries the overtly prevalent message "Straight is Great . . . Not only that, it's the ONLY acceptable mode of functioning." You know what I mean - "Wear Contact Lenses -He'll Think You're Cuter!" What about those who already have a poor self-image about their need for corrective lenses, but are unable to wear contacts due to astigmatism or some other optical aberration? Lesbians are obviously not the only ones whose suffering this will increase. How about the "wear tampons instead of pads -- That way no one will notice when it's that time' of the month." (Because, face it, girls . . . that is one damn disgusting fact of life, and we men at the top of those ad agencies know that the rest of the men don't really want to know about it either!)

by Sis

Or, how about all those ads about what doesn't come between Brooke and her Calvins? I mean, who cares!? Big Deal!!! Sometimes I don't wear underwear either, but mine and Brooke's reasons are probably different. She probably never runs out in the middle of the week becasue she didn't get around to the laundry on Saturday. And with the complete lack of any excess flesh on those million-dollar bones, she probably also doesn't worry about that nemesis of fashion, panty-line. (It's a bummer - just ask the Underalls folks!)

Obviously, not everyone is going to take to heart everything they see or hear, but what happened to the responsibility of the media. Some teens are in a very critical stage of their development in their ability to relate and to cope in society, not to mention that their self-esteem is just beginning to really take form and is very vulnerable at this point.

I recently viewed a TV program in which the main plot was centered around the fact that a 16- ur old boy hadn't had a date in 3 months. This wasn't depicted simply as an enigma in the mind of the boy himself, but also in the eyes of his schoolmates, his mother, his grandparents, his teacher, even his

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The Spring show at the Ballgame

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principal! Then, of course, the stereotypically "nerdy" girl emerges on the scene as "falling in love" with him, and he settles for her, despite the fact that she is a mouseburger. This he justifies by telling her, I haven't had a date in 3 months, Amy. I'd have gone out with anything that didn't have a flea collar!" This said to her face.

THIS is family programming? PRO-GRAMMING is right! It programs the young males into believing that it's okay to be rughless and cruel to anyone, especially a girl, as long as they are "nerds" or are otherwise out of the socially acceptable mainstream. And it programs the young females into believing that they must be anorexically thin, with Farrah Fawcett hair, an Adrienne Barbeau bustline, and Christie Brinkley cheekbones to even dream about being attractive to anything but a moat monster.

Granted, the stereotypes have been challenged with some quality shows such as **Cagney & Lacey, Kate & Allie** (although it has its exasperating moments) and some segments of **Hill Street Blues**, which all portray women as being strong, both physically and mentally, intelligent and capable, as well as feminine and attractive. But it's still mainstream programming, making concessions to the prime time viewers' mentality by always giving the strong women either another woman to lean on for support (because a woman could not be strong singlehandedly) or, in a weak moment, reaching for a man's aid.

Just once I'd like to see or read a story in which the heroine (or at least a main protagonistic character) is a strong, gentle, professional woman or blue collar worker whose physical attractiveness is questionable when measured against mainstream standards, but whose virtue, integrity, and personal worth is all but irreproachable.

Young lesbians (and other developing young females) need better role models, realistic characters who embody more positive images of what these girls canlook forward to becoming. Male characters of this sort have never been lacking: Victor Hugo's Quasimodo; The Creature From the Black Lagoon; King Kong. It IS interesting to note, however, that the truly virtuous aspects of these characters were all brought into view through the female foil!





David stripped away

Todd

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The Wisconsin King of Kings is now Peter Steinfort, Milwaukee, and the Queen is Sass DuBois, of

Madison. The two were chosen after some intense competition at the pageant, held at 1101 West. Runnners up "King" category were Peter and Neal Island, while the runner-up Queens were Toni Clark and Melinda James. The show

moved really quick, and proved there are definately some talented men in this state.

The protest against Falwell's (as in Rev. Jerry) presence in Milwaukee for an annual Prayer Breakfast drew a crowd of a little over 50 representing a broad cross-section of Milwaukee activist groups. Many people would join in for a few minutes before going to their downtown offices. A table full of protestors, who had bought tickets for the breakfast, protested silently by standing up with backs to the podium during Falwell's speech. They were evicted, and refunded their ticket prices.

Miss M's series of monthly shows at the Ballgame, used as fundraisers for her Mr. and Miss Continental Wisconsin Pagby Ron Geiman

eant continued, with a Spring Show at the bar. I won't say anything about the Fairy Tale.

Correction! Last issue I mentioned Jazz Cocktail hour with the George Pritchett Trio at Grand Avenue Pub. The correct time should be 5pm-10pm.

Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips, nationally popular gay cabaret act, was in town for a show at the Finale. I left during intermission so I missed the hub-bub during the second set. Seems that Romanovsky and Phillips aren't used to playing in bars, and the noise level in the back got a little to loud for Ron, so he said something about not being able to take this anymore and walked out the door. Paul filled in on the piano for the next song, then went out and soothed things over before they'd come back in. The crowd was silent for the rest of the set. (ssuucch a queen!)

"As Is," a recently opened broadway drama about AIDS, was nominated for the Best New Play Tony Award. The story of two successful, articulate, doomed young Continued on page 22 \$



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So I went and bought a bottle of Grecian Formula but, before I used it, I called my hairdresser, Binky.

Binky said he'd be right over and take care of it lor me. Well, he took care of it all right, as he calmly explained that an occasional gray hair at my age was not unusual and that at 23 I was no longer chicken. NO LONGER CHICKEN !?! That's it, I'm ruined, washed up, over-the-hill. I always thought that getting old was something that happed to somebody else. I suppose I'll have to start lying about my age now.

I guess that now I've passed my prime, I'll have to start thinking about having a will drawn up. And the first person I'm going to write out of it is that good-for-nothing Binky. Gotta go I think my arthritis is starting to flare up.

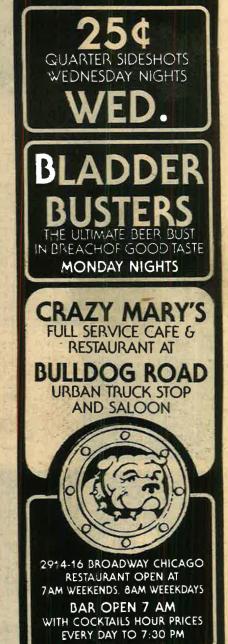
Dear Diary.

April 30, 1985 Called up Binky to remind him that he ruined my life and to ask him if he would like to go shopping with me. I wanted to look for a burial plot, but Binky said that I wasn't quite old enough to worry about kicking the bucket. At least not yet. Instead, I decided to go shopping for a new washer, since the old one has this nasty habit of eating socks.

Binky came over while I was eating breakfast. He mentioned that it seemed appropriate that I was having a bowl of Fruit Loops. Ha ha. Looked for a washer all morning, but couldn't decide. I was hungry, so we stopped at the Dairy Queen. Had a tutti-frutti cone and when I mentioned that I thought the oriental guy at the counter was kind of cute. Binky started calling me "Rice Queen." Then on the way back to the car, Binky noticed this "cute little swish" I have when I walk. He said he'd never noticed it before. My God! Am I starting to "swish" now too?! Finally picked out a washer. You guessed it. a Speec Queen. I don't know what's happening to me! Dear Diarv

May 1. 1985

Felt better today. I practiced walking to get rid of that "swish." Binky called and said he had ust the cure for my depression, a vacation. He said he got this great deal on a trip to a real exotic locale. I think I'll go. Maybe It's San Fransisco or New York. Anything would be better than the last trip he planned. Somehow I don't consider Cudahy that exotic. Maybe I'll write Binky back in my will.



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JUICY BITS

W.W.'s Diary

Dear InStep,

W.W. or as we affectionately call him "Wanda Lust," ran off with Binky, his hairdresser, for a couple of days of fun and frolic in beautiful Cudahy. Well, he called us up, between fits of passion, to ask us to turn in his latest article for publication. The only thing is I wish he'd keep his room as clean as his pot, we couldn't find it. Anyway, we did find his diary and figured that would be just as good as any of those stupid columns he writes, so we're sending you a couple of pages from it. Hope that's okay.

Sincerely,

W.W.'s Roommates

P.S. His room is really a mess. I mean, he's the only person I know who has to file an Environmental Impact Study before doing his laundry.

April 28, 1985

Dear Diary,

Went to Goodwill this afternoon to shop for a dress to wear to the "Come Dressed as



by W.W. Wells

Your Mother" party I was invited to Saturday night. I found this low-cut, basic-black number. It's a real knock-out! When I went to pay for it, the check-out girl gave me a real funny look, so I said, "Oh no, it's not for me, it's for my uncle." I didn't want her to think I was some kind of weirdo or some... thing.

Talked on the radio with Dr. Ruth "Sexually Speaking" Westhiemer about my problems. She told me to get rid of the gerbils and hung up when I explained what "felching" is. Last time I call her for advice!!

Found a pimple on my chin so I couldn't go to Park Avenue tonight. That's about it for today.

April 29, 1985

Dear Diary,

Trauma on top of trauma today. While doing my hair this morning I found it, my first GRAY HAIR!!! I freaked out. I didn't know what to do. I asked my roommate, he said if I pulled it out 37 would grow back in its place. Continued on page 29



Appleton's 1101 West hosted the King of Kings and Queen of Queens pageant

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men, is also a real look at how AIDS tears through a community to confuse love and guilt, passion and paranoia. The 90 minute production, written by William M. Hoffman, is a non stop act of exorcism and wicked humor, education and tender entertainment, terror and unexpected joy. The play was co-produced by The Glines (a non profit arts organization devoted to gay arts), and Circle Rep.

Thom Higgins, Minneapolis gay activist (best known for tossing a pie into Anita Bryant's face) has a cousin in Milwaukee who is hosting a reception for him Sunday, May 19 from 7-9 on the M&M Patio. Stop in and say howdy! (I say "let 'em eat cake.")

Attention Book Collectors (Men). 96 pages of full color photos of Australian lifesavers await you in "Down Under: To Glorify the Australian Lifesaver," a book coming from Salem House in June. Two of the lifesavers who appeared in the book, will tour the US during the month of June, so Watch Out . . . The Aussies are coming. "Dowr Under" captures the effortless ease and natural eroticism of the men straining through their exercises.

Chicagos' Laffey and O'Hara did a weekend gig at M&M Club recently. Glad to see cabaret entertainment is finally coming to Miiwaukee. The last few months have brought more and more live lounge music, as well as pop/dance music artists to town. Along with Milwaukee's newly announced Theatre District, it goes hand-in-hand with the arts/music renaissance happening here. (I just can't wait to see the REP's first play in their new Powerplant theatre.)

Douglas Dunes in Saugatuck (Douglas), Michigan is in full swing (and praying o the gods for more early springs, *I'm sure.*) Those of us that haven't been there for a year won't recognize the place. They've tripled the size of the dance bar and moved it to the main level. They now have 55 rooms, the pool with bar, deck with separate bar, as well as the restaurant "Sir Douglas."

Don't forget about **Christopher's**, a gay nineties pub for 'country gentlemen' in Lake Geneva is in it's newly built extension on the **Georgian Guest House** (421 Baker Street). The Guest House is also open for bed and breakfast. Stop in and say Ron from *InStep* sent you.

Be sure to scan the Northern Wisconsin

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Chicago Hosts NAGVA Volleyball Tourney, Mr Leather, Dems Clubs

A big Memorial Day Weekend awaits you in Chicago, as the windy city plays host to the North American Gay Volleyball Association (NAGVA) Annual International Tournament, May 23 thru the 27th.

Over 50 teams, from 27 cities, including Rods Pigs from Madison, and Milwaukee GAMMA from Milwaukee. NAGVA III is cosponsored by Lite beer from Miller and the Chicago Gay Athletic Association, and this will be the largest tourney ever held.

Many of the parties and events planned at the bars will be open to participants from not only the volleyball tourney, but also those in town for the International Mr. Leather Contest, as well as an annual meeting of representatives from the National Organization of Gay Democratic Clubs.

Thursday, May 23r	- Welcome party
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	Registration for Volley-
	ball at Sidetracks, Halsteds, Christoph-
	er Street, Irene's
	Diamonds. 4-8pm.
	Welcome party
	at Trianon.
Saturday and Su	inday — Volleyball
I STATISTICS	games, 8am-6pm.
	All games played at either University of Illi-
	nois Circle
	Campus, and St.
1 18715339131 381	Ignatius School; both
	on Roosevelt Road.
Sunday, May 26	- Volleyball Awards
and the second second	Banquet, 8:30pm,
Mandan Man 07	America Congress.
Monday, May 27	- Farewell Brunch, 2pm, Redoubt.
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For last minute information, or detailed listings, pick up a copy of either Gay Chicago Magazine, or GayLife.





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CALENDAR

Saturday, May 18

Christophers (Lake Geneva) — Grand season opening of the new addition to Georgian Guest House, housing the new Christophers Pub, open weekends only thru June 1st.

Wreck Room — Castaways M.C. -Spring Beer Bust, 4-7pm. \$3 all you can drink, snacks provided.

Mint — celebrating 25th year Anniversary today and tomorrow at 3pm.

Sunday, May 19

Mint — celebrating 25 years of glitter and glamor at the Mint, 3pm.

1101 West (Appleton) — Ken Burke and Larinda Kelly present Mr. Midwest, Gerald Evans.

Tuesday, May 21

Ballgame — Premiere night of weekly "Puttin' on the Hits" Contest. 10pm, \$50 cash prize.

Wednesday, May 22

LaCage — Strip Search finals, \$500 1st prize. Hosted by Steven Ried and Danyale Thomas, with special guest Schante. \$1 cover, call for table reservations.

Friday, May 24

Rod's (Madison) — Grand opening of the Patio, shot specials, Live DJ.

Saturday, May 25

Castaways — Prom Night. Formal attire requested, but not neccessary. Vote for your favorite Queen and King.

Rod's (Madison) — Beach Party on the Patio, live DJ, wear beach attire for a free drink.

Sunday, May 26

Club Milwaukee — Michael's Fruits, Flakes and Nuts party (bon voyage), 6pm wee hours.

Hot Legs' -

Fashion?/Dance/Leather/Lace Show, 10:30pm, Cover without courtesy card.

Your Place — Memorial Weekend Garden Party. 4.8pm,-complimentary plants to first 100 patrons.

Douglas Dunes (Douglas, MI) — Pamela Stanley live in concert:

Rod's (Madison) — Pool Party on the patio, live DJ, no cover. Buffet, Tan Line Contest.

1101 West (Appleton) — Mr. and Miss[•] 1101 Peter and Toni present their farewell show.

Napalese (Green Bay) — 1st annual Mr. and Miss Fox Valley Pageant, by King Productions. Applications available at the bar, or LaCage in Milwaukee. Winners will represent Fox Valley area in Mr. and Miss South Eastern Wisconsin Pageant in Milwaukee in July.

* Milwaukee bars open 'till 3:30 a.m. the night before a holiday'

Finale — Memorial BBQ Bash, hot dogs, brats, burgers, 4-7pm.

M&M - \$3 pitchers of beer, all day long!

1101 West - (Appleton) — Memorial Day Picnic on the Farm, BYO Everything, Noon on. Call the bar for directions to the farm.

Jo'Dees (Racine) — Memorial Cook-out, 7-?, weekend specials.

Rod's (Madison) — Special LUAU on the Patio.

Saturday, June 1

Douglas Dunes (Douglas, MI) — both the 1st and 2nd, annual Dunes Antique Show. Sunday, June 2

Wreck Room — Series IX benefit auction, 10pm - on. Drop off donated items.

1101 West Appleton) — Mr. and Miss 1101 West 85/86 Pageant. Applications available at the bar.



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guide section in the rear of *InStep* for other state resorts, inns, and campgrounds. And if there are any more out there-let me know!

Hot Legs World Series of Softball IX Benefit raised over \$300 for the fall event. Fundraising is a little behind projections, and Milwaukee has got to pull together and give a little to support this 'high visability' event. Many national publications (gay and lesbian) will focus on Milwaukee this fall for the Series, including the Women's series for the first time. (*PR! PR!*)

The individual team benefits continued with the **Wreck Room's Wings** raffle/fundraiser, that drew a nice crowd. Will this be the team that will represent Milwaukee in the World Series? *Tongues are wagging!!!*

You can tell it's getting to be summer when thoughts turn to Arlington Park. The Ball Game — and Grand

Avenue Pub are both sponsoring bus trips to the races in Illinois, that include the bus trip, cocktails, and food. Contact them dividually for more info. And they're off!

Best Chest in the Midwest nite continues on Wednesdays at **C'est La Vie**. Doff your shirt, and quaff free tap beer. Got that? Doff and Quaff (did I really write that?)

If you're contemplating Chicago for a day — consider a day over Memorial Day Weekend, when the Windy City plays hosts to NAGVA Volleyball Tourney, Mr. International Leather 1985/86, and Annual meeting of Gay Democratic clubs cross the US. Stop in and introduce yourself to one of our Chicago advertisers: Sidetracks, ShowCase One, Gold Coast, Touche, BullDog Road, and the Bijou Theatre.

Be sure to read over all the calendar of events. There's lots of stuff to do, and plenty to keep you occupied over Memorial Day Weekend.

Those were the memories....



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