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WRECK O Classic Invitational Tournament

Milwaukee

Friday, May 25th
Saturday, May 26th

Championship Games

Sunday, May 27th

288 EAST ERIE STREET
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Milwaukee Wreck Room Classic Softball Tournament
See Page 24
Memorial Sunday
May 27th
Ranch Picnic

GAMES
BEVERAGES
BONFIRE
Cook-outs: (Bring Your Own Food)

Call the bar for directions.
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 218.

Guy 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.

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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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.

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."

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...Continued on page 6
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.

Photos by Dave Iraci

Tuesdays: 7 pm — Closing
$1 Cover, 25c Tap, 75c Rail

Wednesdays: 7 pm — Closing
75c Tap, $1 Rail (No Cover)

Thursdays: 7 pm — Closing
Leather/Levi Night
Free Drink On The House

Fridays: 7 pm — Closing
50c Tap, $1 Rail

Saturdays: 7 pm — Closing
$3 Beer Bust, $1 Rail

Sundays: NO COVER!
MALE DANCERS!

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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 under investigation 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 inadequate delivery expected by some persons with AIDS before gaining access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI); and failure on part of some state disability determination offices to follow SSA guidelines for expediting applications for AIDS claimants. Philip Harper 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 784-2218 (in N.Y. state) or call 212/807-6016 (outside N.Y. state) to obtain 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.

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COMMENT

Dear Ron and Staff:

Your magazine is a smash! It certainly is a step up from what we had in the past! Quite a step up. Just keep up the good work as you have men and women cheering you on. The thing to remember: you aren’t going to please all the people all of the time.

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 issue.

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Lest and Found (W, D) 618 N. 37th St., 931-9194
M&M Club (M, W) 124 N. Water St., 347-1962
Mini Bar (M, G, S) 422 W. State St., 278-9196
Phoenix (M, W, D) 814 N. Second St., 645-9496
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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 was 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 question now is, "Is W. W. Wells III gay himself?" Personally thinking, I would say he is not. His writing of being gay himself? Personally thinking, I would say he is not. His writing of children's books, etc. shows he is not gay at all. 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.

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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 touch with the "gay world" by sending me your newspaper. Could you please put these messages in your graffiti section? It would be greatly appreciated.

Janette, Keesler AFT, 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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- Friday Fish Fry
- BBQ Ribs
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It don't have to be expensive to be good!
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Festival Records & Tapes ........................ 1109 W. Wisconsin Ave., 731-6622

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Acceptance (counseling/referral) .................. 731-4992

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Loft (Wm, D) ................................ 2320 University Ave., 468-9968
My World (M, L/L) .......................... 409 S. Washington, 432-9651
Napalese (M, W) .............................. 513 S. Broadway, 432-9646
Tris's (Wm) ................................... 121 S. Washington, 432-4664

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Books & Things .............................. 753 Lombardi, 499-5797
Paradise ...................................... 1122 Main St., 432-9448

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Dignity (catholic group) ....................... P.O. Box 2283, 54306, 497-0666
Parents & Friends of Gays ...................... 102 S. Ashland N.I., 54305

JANESVILLE (608)

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LA CROSSE (608)

Tattoo's (Wm, D) ............................. 1552 Rose St., 784-5833

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Emilly's (Wm, D) ................................ 508 E. Wilson St., 256-7104
Rod's (M, L/L) .................................. 636 W. Washington (rear), 255-0609
Sam's (MW, D) ................................... 1206 N. Regent, 256-3103
The New Bar (MW, D, V) ....................... 636 W. Washington (upstairs), 256-8785

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Cafe Palms ..................................... 1210 Williamson, 251-3900
Willy Bear ...................................... 196 S 2nd St., 273-7474

READERS:
Where's The Surveys?

Fill out your reader survey from the last issue (#7) and mail it in now... It will decide what shape In Step takes in the future.

Thanks!

This is it!

Welcome

Classic Ballplayers

- Open 11 a.m. Daily
- Cocktail Hour
  Mon.-Fri., 4-7 p.m.
- 1/2 Price Rail & Specials
- 50¢ Tap Beer Wednesdays
- Sat. & Sun.
  $1 Bloody Marys,
  Greyhounds & Screwdrivers.
  Hot Dogs on Sat.
My Summer Imaginings
by Mary

Sensitive Summer day,
more so than yesterday,
Builds up quietly
till feelings are revealed.
People today
different than yesterday.
Relationships vary
like the weather.
What we shared last eve
is lost to the past.
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.

Where's the beat?

MILWAUKEE
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M.A.D.

RECORD POOL

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JOHN PIRAINO
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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!) Heart-
beat 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 Watch-
ing 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 nev-
er 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 exact-
ly 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!

Coming in August...

Miss Gay Contemporary U.S.A.

WISCONSIN CONTEST

. . . follow in Step for further details.
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 lookout.

One of England's best imports are the four member band Level 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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Homosexuality: Social, Psychological, and Biological Issues

by Alyce 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 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 heterosexual.

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.
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 Ann 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 Seafort 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 Kincade 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., Melody 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, ETC-Lite, Noodles Restaurant, 277-0187, Wednesdays through Sundays.

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


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

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.


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.

cook-out on patio, 2 p.m. on. 2-4-1 cocktails 2-7 p.m.

1101 WEST (Appleton): 2nd Annual Farm Party, camping, disco barn dance, bonfire. Call bar for more information 414/733-9839.

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 Moody Blues, John Denver, and the Pointer Sisters will also be headliners on the Summerfest '84 main stage. They 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 Pavilion.

State Representative Barbara Ulichny will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, May 3rd from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Art Center. The agenda includes 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!

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CUAV Volunteers Services For National March

Community United Against Violence, San Francisco’s safety patrol and anti-gay violence service has volunteered its services to provide and coordinate security for the National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights, Sunday, July 15th. CUAV is a city-funded community agency with an excellent reputation for monitoring large public gatherings such as the annual Halloween celebration and the Dan White release 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.

Consider This

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.

Whatever The Cause, Few Choose Gay Life

by Abigail Van Buren

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.
"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 8th 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; Beaters 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 Uyvari 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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This "yuk" of the week from Playboy: Doing decoy duty in a crackdown on male prostitution, the plainclothes vice
**Calendar — Special Events**

**May 17 - 30th**

**Thursday, May 17th**

**Volleyball/Gamma (Milwaukee):** Social volleyball action — UW-M Englemann Gym, 8-10 p.m. $1 members and guests. Hartford Ave. — across from Columbia’s E.R. Bring towel, lock, tennies and shorts.

**Holly Near Concert (Madison):** With Inti-Illimani, 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.

**Gamma Bike Trip (Milwaukee):** High noon, meet west side of Lake Park Pavilion 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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An 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 stationed 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 20, 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:

Attty. Gen. Bronson C. La Follette has received almost 3,000 letters protesting an allegedly blasphemous and pornographic movie that doesn't exist. "We..."
The Madison Gay Men’s Chorale will be performing *Apparebit Repentina Dies* by Paul Hinemith, along with choral works by Vaughan Williams, Ives, Tschennolkoff, 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 34th.

“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 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 Cohran will be taken up until May 22nd. 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.
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April 28th SSBL Results

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Your Place 19, Unicorn 5
Club 219 23, First Street 3
Club 219 28, Club Baths 1
M & M 17, Paradise 16
Shadows 16, Paradise 15

May 5th SSBL Results

Unicorn 14, M & M 9
Unicorn 26, First Street 1
Finale 7, C'est La Vie 0 (forfeit)
Paradise 18, Wreck Room 7
Paradise 23, Club Baths 3
Your Place 18, Club 219 8

...News and Announcements...

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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
date for details.

Skip your 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 dona-
tions, and of course, some cash buyers.

Green Bay's My World is having their
5th Anniversary the 19th and 20th with
darts and sheepshead 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 week-
ies" 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, s0000 much
happens and there are so many cook-outs,
picnics and parties that I won't even at-
tempt 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?

Something We
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Series IX
Sports Club
"Capture The Spirit"

This was the motto for Milwaukee's presentation to become the host city for
Gay Softball World Series IX in 1985. As you know, Milwaukee was awarded the
1985 series. Approximately 20 cities from the United States and Canada will
send their best softball teams to Milwaukee in August, 1985 to compete for the
championship. The World Series Committee of Milwaukee is dedicated to mak-
ing this tournament the best gay softball world series ever. To do this will re-
quire the support of Milwaukee's entire gay community. We need you to
"capture the spirit."

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,
phone, 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 playoffs. Information on other leagues associated with the
national organization will be presented when available. You will also be in-
formed 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 appli-
cation and mail it with $25.00 check/money order to Saturday Softball
Beer League, P.O. Box 62005, 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 gift certificate from Thinking of You will support the league as the weather warms 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 opening day, and hopefully more fans will support the league as the weather turns warmer. Opening day games saw 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 1 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 2 with two wins.

**Wednesday**

**Saturday Softball Beer League Off To Great Start**

by Tom Salzsieder

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 Hnienatz and posting of signs in the bars prior to the games, many fans attended the opening day games. A short opening ceremonies 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.

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 Rang-ers. There will be a roll-off to determine which team gets the third place trophy.
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 Bandidos of New York; Busters of Tampa; Raiders of Toronto; and, Gay 96's, Saloon Stallions, Saloon Thrillers, 18 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 Mitchell Park.

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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.
Wreck Room 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 26TH

SOFTBALL GAMES
Mitchell & West Milwaukee Parks 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES
Mitchell Park 2 p.m.

AWARDS BANQUET
Cocktails 7 p.m.
Dinner (entertainment to follow) 8 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 28TH

FAREWELL PARTY
Wreck Room 11 a.m. - ???