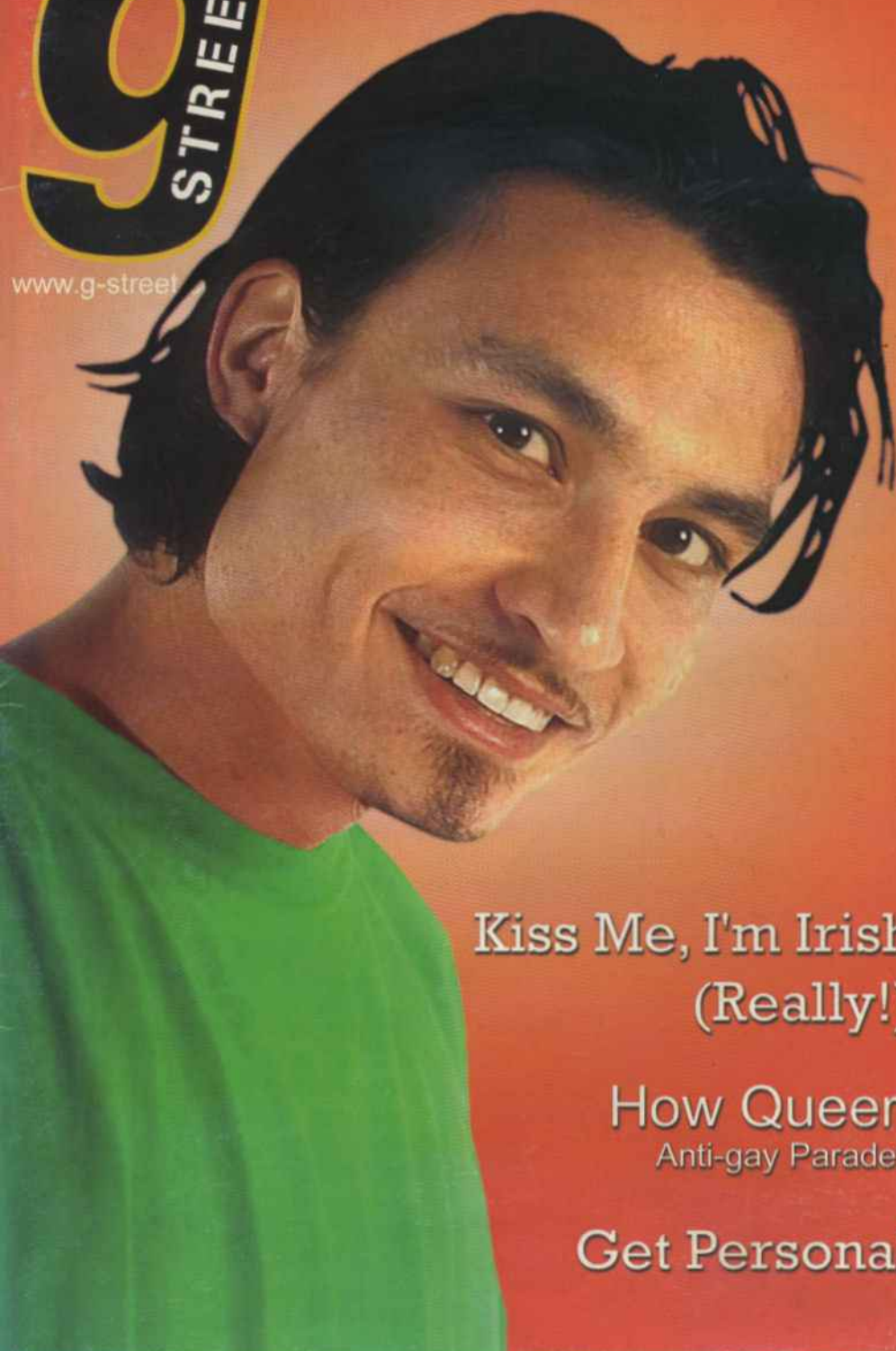


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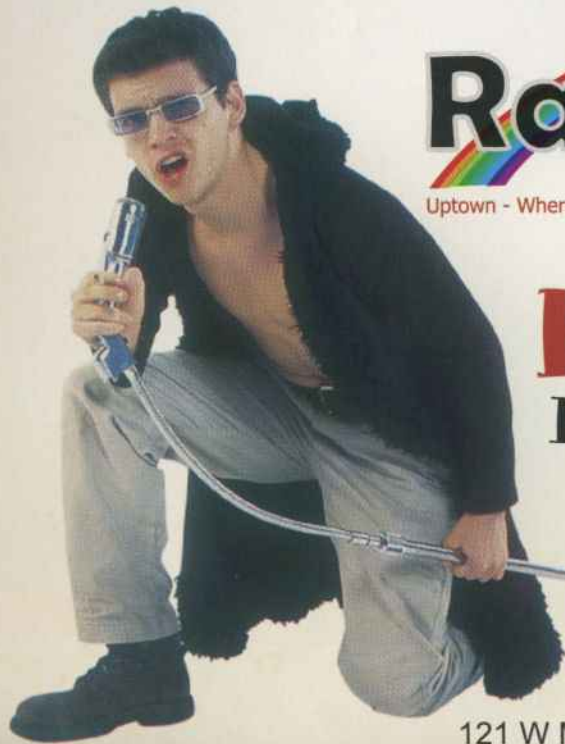
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The wonderful thing about March and St. Patrick's Day is that they mark the beginning of a new season. After a long, cold winter, I feel the need to be 'kissed' all over with sunshine and warm temperatures (among other things). And, while we're still a few weeks away from speedos and suntan lotion, there is a light (and heat!) at the end of the tunnel at last.

Like our cover boy, David, I am hardly Irish. Still, every year at this time I am reminded of the trials of ethnic gay people. The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade has long been a sore point in our community as it is the object of one of our most prominent civil rights defeats. Before the Boy Scouts controversy that preoccupies us now, there was the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

To this day, openly gay people of Irish descent are prohibited from marching in the annual event as a group. Consequently, politicians who seek the Irish vote march (or not) at their own peril. We are not a community known for tolerance in the face of perceived intolerance.

Each of us can lay claim to some ethnic identity. We are African or Norwegian or German or Polish or Chinese some other descent. For many, that heritage binds us to the families, traditions and customs we grew up with.

In that way, exclusion of openly gay people from marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade is a painful reminder of how many of us are made feel cast out from the families and communities where we grew up. That feeling is responsible for a lot of pain.

Still, freedom of association is one right I would not want to give up. It is an important constitutional principle that guarantees us the freedom to choose our friends and form our own organizations according to our beliefs. Without such protections, all minorities could find it far more difficult in a country dominated by straight, white, Christian men.

Isn't it time that the St. Patti's Parade controversy be put behind us. After all, everyone knows that a good Pride Parade beats it every time!

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Madison to Hire Gay Student Counselor

(QF) - On February 26, 2001, the Madison School Board designated a staff position to focus on making schools safer and more affirming places for gay students. In doing so, Madison joins the growing number of school districts across the country to create a full-time position specifically for gay students.

According to officials, the counselor will work within the district to assist gay students coping with harassment and assist them with their studies. The counselor will also work with district departments to make them more inclusive.

According to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, or GLSEN, the move points to a trend in which public school districts are allocating resources to deal with pervasive anti-gay bias. Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Seattle are just a few of the growing number of school districts that have a full time staff person working on this issue. Madison marks the first district in Wisconsin to create such a position.

"This is an incredible victory for Madison's GLiB Talk

By Kurt Erichsen



In the balance

children," says GLSEN spokesperson Jason Rasmussen. "We're pleased that the MMSD is moving forward on this issue. The position is the product of a dozen years of intensive advocacy by community members, parents, and a dozen organizations. We look forward to partnership with the school district to end anti-gay bias in our schools."

Coincidentally, Judy Shepard, mother of slain University of Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard, will speak at the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union Theater on the night following the School Boards's action.

"I hope that Judy's story will remind us all why this position is so important," says Rasmussen. "Hate begins in school."

Shepard: Hate Must End

(QF) - Judy Shepard, mother of slain Wyoming college student, Matthew Shepard, was greeted to a standing ovation as she arrived to make began her remarks to more than 1,000 people at the Wisconsin Union Theater in Madison.

Shepard discussed the events surrounding the death of her son and the aftermath in "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard" as part of the University of Madison's Distinguished Lecture Series.

On Oct. 8, 1998, Judy and Dennis Shepard were awakened in the middle of the night while in Saudi Arabia by a telephone call informing them that their eldest son, Matthew, was in a coma after being brutally attacked.

Shepard spoke softly as she recounted how two men, Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson tied Matthew's wrists and ankles to a wooden fence with wire then beat and pistol-whipped Matthew and left him to die on the prairie that autumn night because Matthew was gay.

Shepard said that when she was travelling back to the US from Saudi Arabia, "All I could picture was Matt all alone for eighteen hours tied to that fence" I cried some more.

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How must that feel? How must it feel not only to lose a child, but to lose a child because of hate? He was hated not because he was the personal enemy of his killers or a threat to them in any way. He was brutally murdered because he represented something they didn't understand, and were afraid of.

Matthew died five days later surrounded by friends and family and that's when Judy Shepard's new life as a social activist began.

"I was not going to let those two men kill us as well," she said, "I'm on a mission now.

Shepard added that her mission is to follow through with Matt's dreams.

"We all want our children to be safe and happy, but they're not," Shepard said.

Judy Shepard also discussed the Matthew Shepard Foundation and her hopes that it will help stop the hate that killed Matthew by preventing other children from turning into another Aaron McKinneys or Russell Hendersons.

Lavender Employees Move Toward Union

(QF) - Twelve employees of Lavender Media, Inc., which publishes Lavender Magazine, a biweekly magazine based in Minneapolis, have signed union cards indicating interest in having the MN Newspaper Guild/Typographical Union-CWA Local No. 37002 represent them.

In addition to its President and CEO, Stephen Rocheford, Lavender has thirteen employees. On Jan. 31, the Newspaper Guild filed a Petition for Election with the National Labor Relations Board.

By law, a representation election must be held within 42 days of the filing. 50% plus one of Lavender's employees need to vote yes for union representation to pass.

In the case of a union election victory, contract negotiations would commence. The employees of Lavender would vote whether to accept the final contract or not.

If a contract is ratified, it is believed that

Lavender Magazine would become the first unionized GLBT publication in the U.S. (Xtra West in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada is a GLBT newspaper that unionized in 1996.)

Lavender's employees view the union as an opportunity to help strengthen the magazine.

According to Vicki Jedlicka, Creative Director of Lavender Magazine and a union supporter, "More than 16 GLBT publications have come and gone in the Twin Cities area. We at Lavender are dedicated to building this magazine into a solid business that will have staying power. Unionizing will provide a substantial building block to that end."

Jedlicka added, "Unionizing would show that the company, and the gay ss, is coming of age."

Rudy Renaud, Editor of Lavender Magazine, added, "This is a great opportunity for Lavender to substantially invest in its work force. A union will insure fair treatment for everybody, which would lend itself to more stability in our staff, and what could be better! Besides that, it's the cheapest investment they'll ever make."

"Lavender owes its very existence to the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender civil rights movement," said David Skillings, Assistant Ad Director of Lavender Magazine, "It's only natural for the employees to affirm our civil right to unionize. I'm proud of my co-workers for making this unprecedented move."

Act-Up Questions Funding of Pamphlet

(QF) - AIDS activists are questioning the use of taxpayer funds to promote religion, in a brochure - 'A Christian Response to AIDS' - produced and circulated by the District of Columbia's Administration for HIV/AIDS, a division of the Department of Health.

In what could be a prelude to upcoming debates over the separation of church and state, under President George Bush's 'faith-based initiatives,' the AIDS advocacy group ACT UP/DC forwarded the brochure to the

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of the National Capital Area for review.

"AIDS activists have long encouraged members of the faith community to play a positive role in HIV education, prevention, and care." states ACT UP/DC co-founder Wayne Turner, in a February 22 letter to the ACLU - NCA. "However, it is of some concern that this brochure, which promotes a particular religious viewpoint, is produced and distributed by a government body, apparently using public, taxpayer funds."

The controversial brochure was recently distributed by the DC Department of Health, from its booth at a city-wide health fair held last weekend at the downtown Convention Center. "No similar publications were available for Hindus, Muslims, Jews, Bhuddists, Pagans, atheists or other belief systems," noted ACT UP members.

The group has also sent letters to the Director of the DC Department of Health, Dr. Ivan Walks, and Ron Lewis, head of the Administration for HIV/AIDS, demanding a full accounting, including the total cost, funding source, and distribution plan for 'A Christian Response to AIDS.'

States Maxwell Lawton, a spokesperson for ACT UP/DC, "The religious are free to do social justice as a part of the spiritual call. Our government is formed to protect public health as part of its humanitarian responsibility." Lawton, who is living with AIDS, was the artist-in-residence under South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, where he created his renowned painting, 'Christ with AIDS.'

"Keep it seperate and it works. Combine it and we return to the past abuses." Lawton concludes.

An additional red flag for activists appears on later in the brochure, where readers are encouraged to organize their churches to lobby legislators for additional government funding. "Is this an appropriate use of taxpayer funds?" ACT UP/DC asks Dr. Walks and Mr. Lewis.

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Former Student Refuses to Accept Defeat

(QF) - A former University of Wisconsin-Madison student is continuing his effort to curtail student funding for controversial student organizations. After losing a major U.S. Supreme Court decision last year, UW-Madison alumnus Scott Southworth immediately returned to a lower court to argue that university policies fail to ensure that student segregated fees are distributed to student groups in a viewpoint-neutral manner as required by that same Supreme Court decision.

U.S. District Court Judge John Shabaz's Dec. 8 decision in Kendra Fry vs. the Regents of the University of Wisconsin ordered that the University of Wisconsin System revise how it allocates student fees to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling.

The regents responded by making modifications that included improved documentation of meetings, an extensive appeals process

and more specific criteria on how and why fees are allocated to student groups.

Southworth's response to the university system's modified criteria, submitted by attorney Jordan Lorence, claims the proposed guidelines do not prevent student government officers from making decisions based on personal biases. Under the revised guidelines, Lorence claims, student government still has "unbridled discretion" over which groups are deemed a service. Service organizations are eligible for funding under the new guidelines.

UW System attorneys are reportedly frustrated by Southworth's inability to offer any suggestions to fix the system and do not believe that Southworth will be satisfied with any process the university puts in place.

The state of Wisconsin now has until March 5 to respond to Lorence's brief. Shabaz is expected to make a final ruling on the case shortly after that response is filed. Both sides have indicated they may seek an appeal if they are not satisfied with Shabaz's decision.

LGBT Rights Absent from Bush's Promise for America

The National Stonewall Democrats welcomed President George W. Bush's message of fairness for all Americans in his address to Congress and called on him to include gays and lesbians in his vision for America. The 50-minute address focused heavily on the President's tax cut and spent no time talking about social justice issues, such as women's rights, disability rights or gay and lesbian rights.

"President Bush will continue to try and avoid the difficult social struggles our country is facing," said Michael Colby, Executive Director of the National Stonewall Democrats. "We understand that silence on our issues is no longer acceptable. It is our job to keep the fight for equality at the fore front of the country's conscience."

Under the Clinton/Gore administration, gays and lesbians were part of the administration's priorities. In his final State of the Union address, for example, President Clinton referred to hate crimes and employment non-discrimination legislation. This is a stark contrast to Bush, who stated that he did not want to protect groups of people.

"George W. Bush is going to have a hard time ignoring the needs of LGBT Americans for the next four years," stated Colby. "Our community is going to organize and continue to push for a social agenda that specifically includes gays and lesbians. At this point, any benefits that wealthy gays and lesbians receive under Bush's tax plans are pure coincidence."

Bush's proposed 1.6 trillion dollar tax cut would mainly benefit the wealthiest 1% of Americans and would drain the surplus, leaving no money for programs vital to working families. Bush's tax plan will also unfairly prejudice LGBT Americans, particularly those with families who currently are not afforded the same rights and tax benefits that

heterosexual married couples receive.

"As long as my partner and I are excluded from the basic civil rights of marriage and raising children, I will always be a legal stranger to our kids," said Cindy Jordan, Deputy Director of the National Stonewall Democrats. "We deserve a President who understands that we are not seeking 'special rights' we are seeking fairness in every facet of American life."

The National Stonewall Democrats is the national organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Democrats, with over 20,000 members and 60 affiliated clubs across the country. NSD is committed to improving the record of the Democratic Party and educating voters about the vast difference that exists between the two major parties on issues of importance to our communities.

HRC Praises Bush Budget Increases for HIV/AIDS

The Human Rights Campaign today applauded the Bush administration's decision to increase spending in its proposed budget for key programs that will help people living with HIV and AIDS.

"We commend the Bush administration for increasing funds for research at the National Institutes of Health at a time when the AIDS epidemic is exacting an enormous toll on peoples' lives both nationally and globally," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg. "We look forward to examining the budget in-depth as more details become available. But the initial view of the budget appears favorable in certain areas."

However, with a \$2.1 billion increase for public health programs and \$2.8 billion earmarked for the NIH, some cuts will need to be made to other public health programs in order to balance the books, says HRC.

"We're concerned that there could be cuts to HIV/AIDS programs because the budget doesn't even mention HIV/AIDS programs within HHS," said Stachelberg. "There is no

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discussion of HIV prevention despite 40,000 new HIV infections each year, half of which occur in people under the age of 25. Nor is there mention of the Ryan White CARE Act, reauthorized last year with bipartisan support."

The administration's budget also calls for increases for Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS. This vital program provides shelter to people living with HIV/AIDS to help keep these individuals from being exposed to other life-threatening diseases, poor nutrition and lack of medical care, which can lead to premature death.

It is estimated that up to 60 percent of people living with HIV and AIDS will need housing assistance at some point in the course of their illness. According to the National AIDS Housing Coalition, one-third to one-half of all people with AIDS are either homeless or in imminent danger of losing their homes.

The budget also includes \$124 million more in funding for Community Health

Centers, which provide health care in medically underserved areas throughout the United States. These centers serve many clients who are living with HIV/AIDS. Additionally, the administration's budget offers more money to fight the international spread of HIV.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

Ashcroft Meets with LCR

In his first meeting with a civil rights organization, Attorney General John Ashcroft met today with the leadership of Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest gay Republican organization, at his office in the

keeping the faith

by Father Patrick Kelley

Well, dear brothers and sisters the Mardi Gras has come and gone and I'm sure that most of us had a great time with Fat Tuesday. Now we find ourselves at the beginning of Lent. Now for our family of LGBT people we don't think about Lent as something to observe. We think of Lent as something that we endured as children, if our families even observed Lent. In the thinking of most of us raised in Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, & Eastern Orthodox homes we thought of it as a time to give-up things we loved. No more candy, no more favorite television shows, a time of great "Thou shalt nots". And a lot more church services to attend. The contrary and more truthful reason for the Great Fast is not to give-up things but to put aside things that distract us from living our lives as more active and involved members of the larger community surrounding us.

Now how can this be you ask? Have you ever sat down and thought about all the time we as individual humans spend running here and there and everywhere and the amount of stuff we all have in our homes? We run to the mall, we race to get supper on the table, we drive like crazy to get to the video store to get a movie, we build big houses to keep all our stuff in and never think for a second "Why?" Lent is a time for reflection, a time to stop running around, a time according to the Proverbs of the Old Testament when we should:

"Be still and know that I am God."
(Proverbs 46:10)

I have this saying in my Icon corner where I sit and try to be still...mentally, physically, and spiritually. Some people have a prayer closet, a special chair, a place in the woods, a booth at the bar, it's not important where it is, but that you take time to observe stillness in your life. Try for one day to follow the words of our father among the saints: Seraphim of

Sarov..."Save yourself, and you will save a thousand around you." How does this apply to stillness? Stop! Be still and think for a second about the money you spend on fast-food, think about all the extra clothing you have, think about the time you spend in the pursuit of material things, think about the time you ignored that stranger or new face in the bar. Stop and be still and think about how you behave, think about how you react, think about what you can do. Here's a little guidance on how to have a Lenten season filled with brightness:

- ❖ Even if you don't make it a regular part of your life take time to pray to the Creator of all things.
- ❖ Spend time being quiet...no television, no radio, stereo, or even books just sit and be quiet for a few minutes everyday.
- ❖ After you've mastered quietness then take the opportunity to read a few pages from some edifying book.
- ❖ Now the tough part, the money you spend on a meal, take that and give it to the church or a charitable organization that feeds those who are in need.
- ❖ Take the extra clothes that you have in your closet and give them to a shelter, or take them to the Goodwill, Savers, Salvation Army, etc...Think of all the fashionably dressed people you'll see on the streets after you do it.
- ❖ Welcome the stranger, and that doesn't mean to just grope the new guy at the bar either. Take time to get to know someone else someone new.
- ❖ And probably the toughest thing of all for us as LGBT people...Go to a House of worship and participate in the Adoration, Prayer, and Fellowship of Community.

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The words of Saint John Chrysostom for those who need advice on how to observe Lent & fasting:

"During this Great season of fasting. I would have you eat anything you want... meat, milk, eggs, fish, whatever your belly desire. And have you not consume your brother with hatred, malice, or envy."

With love, Fr. Pat

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What He Didn't Say

I listened carefully as George W. Bush gave his first nationally televised address to a joint session of Congress. The absence of a civil rights agenda in his speech met my low expectations for this administration.

Bush focused on his tax cut plan - much of which would benefit the upper one percent of the nation's income bracket. And he discussed his plans to channel tax dollars to religious-based initiatives, ironically on the very same day that news broke in Washington, D.C. about a pamphlet, printed and distributed at taxpayer expense, that told people with HIV/AIDS that "Jesus is our hope!"

Bush's speech was not an official "State of the Union" address - that will come next year. But given its prominence, it may as well have been one. And as far as federal activity is concerned, the state of the GLBT movement

is not good. Hate crimes and nondiscrimination legislation are stalled in Congress both because of the intransigence of the conservative House leadership and because of the lack of interest on the part of the Bush administration.

Some of the most devastating discrimination we in the GLBT community face is at the hands of our own government. The federal government treats us as second-class citizens and neither Bush nor his conservative colleagues in Congress propose to do anything about this.

While I listened to Bush's speech, I found myself thinking of two counties that quietly moved forward recently - Merrimac County in New Hampshire and James City County in Virginia.

With absolutely no fanfare or publicity, each county recently adopted a sexual orientation *news continued on page 10*



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WOW! What a month! For my debut in *g-street*, I had absolutely NO problem finding fun stuff to do and write about

Let me introduce myself; My name is Dena, and I live up here in the wonderful, wintry Twin Ports, or more precisely, Duluth, Minnesota. When the opportunity to write for *g-street* came up - being the social gal that I am - I jumped at it! So, here we go!!!

On February 3rd, I hopped in my family van with some friends and took a road trip to the cities to see the coronation for the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Ice Castles (ISCIC). What a night! The theme for the evening was "Cupid's Odyssey at Mardi Gras" and was the ballroom at the Regal Hotel filled with magic that night. Several courts from across the country and Canada were present to see the new Empress and Emperor crowned for the tenth reign of the ISCIC. It was a special treat to see Della Catessan and Philip Berglin take their victory walk at the end of the evening as the newly crowned royalty for 2001.

The talent in the room that night was overwhelming. Even as I'm typing right now, I have to take several breathers as I relive that night. Whew! Much to my surprise, during Philip's performance, I recognized one of our locals from the northland up on stage, dancing in his underwear. I usually don't make a habit out of staring at that sort of thing, but I couldn't take my eyes off of quiet, little ole' Andy up there in his all his glory. (Andy, how come you never showed off your "dance moves" up here at JT's or the Main Club?) I also ran into several performers who have graced our stages during our fab shows. It was so nice seeing all of the familiar faces supporting such a grand event.

The following weekend produced a wonderful surprise. As it turned out, the Main Club had a group up from the cities that performed a musical entourage of songs from the cult-classic, the Rocky Horror Picture Show. I was only able to catch bits and pieces of

the show but one time I turned around and the whole troupe were doing some sort of clothed orgy on stage. I am really disappointed that I missed the few minutes that led up to that! After that, we all chimed in and did the Time Warp, sang along as a performer belted out that it only took 10 minutes to make a man (this we already knew). Then we hooted and hollered while the boy in gold shiny underwear was grinding in the air. It was just one surprise after another!

Saturday, February 17th brought me to JT's Bar and Grill with Dan, the owner, and his wonderful staff! Brandi Chablis was hosting a drag show - which is always a great time! Some of our favorite locals were performing that evening, (one of which happens to be my wife!) and I even had the opportunity to meet a new queen, Jenny Talia. What a hotty! I hope she sticks around for more. Speaking of hotties, Jean, a hostess for a local morning radio show graced our presence at JT's that night. I haven't seen her around much, so I waved fervently across the dance floor to catch her attention and say 'Hi.' DJ Dale videotaped the show and, as I was sitting directly across from him, I think my grinning mug showed up during whole thing. (Sorry in advance to Dale and all those who watch his tape!) The evening wrapped up with the fabulous Brandi Chablis doing one of her wonderful Liza Minelli songs, "New York, New York" - a favorite in the northland. That led right into the final curtain call where the evenings performers were presented with beautiful roses compliments of Dan. JT's had a great crowd, as always, and WOW, what a terrific show! Can't wait to see what's next at JT's. With their anniversary right around the corner you can bet it will be something very special from Dan and crew. Hope to see you all there again, soon!

Speaking of drag shows, February was the month for them. The following weekend *news continued on page 23*

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by Judi Alf

February went so fast in La Crosse, this party girl's head is still spinning. My birthday party on February 3 at Player's was just a blast. The bar was packed with all my friends. Thank-you to Harold & gang for making my 39th (and holding) birthday a special event. Also, a very special thank-you to DJ Cory for playing my favorite "disco tunes". (Cory, I'm still "Stayin' Alive!")

Those "Heartless Bitches" really kicked up their heels on February 10 during their "Kiss This!" variety drag show at Rainbow's End. It was a monster success. Every number was just a scream - from "These Boots are made for Walking" to "Somewhere, Over the Rainbow" (Baby puppy "Sophie" stole the show with her special cameo appearance as "Toto!") Hats off to the girls! You put on one helluva show!

Player's "Read and White" party on February 14 was great fun. There were sweet-hearts and valentines lined up all over the bar. It was a special way to spend Valentine's Day (even if it isn't a favorite holiday of us single-types).

I'll never be able to say thank-you enough to everyone who helped make "Love for all the Animals" such a huge success. The whole weekend at Rainbow's End was phenomenal. It started with Karaoke on Friday night, a special Dance with DJ Cory and DJ Dale on Saturday and, of course, the auction on Sunday followed by a wonderful meal, compliments of Nutbush City Limits. When all was said and done, we had raised over \$5,000.00 over the weekend giving the Coulee Region Humane Association a total of \$4,000.00 and the La Crosse Avian Rescue, Rehabilitation and Adoption the remaining \$1,000.00. Everyone who contributed should know that your efforts went to benefit the animals; improving the quality of their lives and perhaps even saving a few. Gay La Crosse and supporters made my dream of helping these two charities a reality. I will always be grateful.

As for March, look out as this month promises to roar in like a lion! My Place bar will hold its "Better Late Than Never" Mardi Gras Party with food, fun and face-painting on hand on Saturday, March 3.

On March 16 & 17, the Red Ribbon Family Fund for AIDS Charities will blow into spring with their first fund raiser of 2001. The event is called "March Madness." On March 16, Peg and Rainbow's End will host a fun progressive/regressive happy hour all night. There will also be plenty of raffles, grab bags and fun on hand. You don't want to miss it! Then on the 17th Players will have a traditional Irish dinner including my own recipe for Mulligan Stew along with some other tasty treats. That's on top of the fabulous show they have planned for later. It's going to be a wild night!

Meanwhile Rainbow's End will be in high gear on March 17, when they present the

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tion nondiscrimination policy for county employees. In the case of James City County, this policy was enacted unanimously by a Board of Supervisors that is comprised of four Republicans and one Democrat.

While it might appear at first glance unusual that two counties in New Hampshire and Virginia would take such measures, they are hardly alone. More than 150 towns, cities and counties now have measures that ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and in some instances, gender identity. These entities range in size from tiny Sorrento, Maine, with a population of 355, to New York City, with more than seven million people.

And as we assess the state of the states, we see a flurry of state legislative activity - some bad, but more good - that demonstrates just how out of touch Bush and his conservative colleagues in Congress are when they ignore our needs.

As I write this, advances are being made in every part of the country in such areas as hate crimes, civil rights, recognition of GLBT families, domestic partnership benefits, education and safe schools, and health care. Examples of bills that have momentum and stand a very real chance of passing this year are:

****In New York, the New York Assembly passed the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act on a strong 113-33 vote. The bill now goes to the Republican Senate for a vote. If it survives, New York will become the 12th state to pass a civil rights measure that bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

****In Texas, both House and Senate committees have passed hate crimes legislation that would add sexual orientation to the state's hate crimes law and would make it more enforceable. If the bill becomes law, Texas would become the 22nd state to adopt hate crimes legislation that includes sexual orientation. While Texas acts on this important bill, *g-street*

Bush and the Congress sleep.

****In California, legislation is anticipated that would add gender identity to the state's anti-discrimination law covering employment and housing.

All in all, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is tracking 311 bills that could affect the GLBT or HIV/AIDS community in the 48 state legislatures that currently are in session. Of these bills, a slight majority are favorable.

Of course, dark clouds dot the horizon. Possible ballot initiatives that attack our community are taking shape this year in Houston, Dade County, Michigan and Washington. We continue to fight mean-spirited and anti-GLBT legislation that would ban same-sex marriages and, in some cases, same-sex civil unions, and would prevent gay and lesbian people from adopting children. We continue to monitor a determined and entrenched religious right political movement that sees anti-GLBT legislation and ballot initiatives as an organizing and fundraising tool.

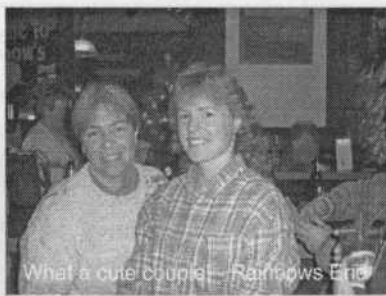
But with public opinion and the inevitable march of civil rights history on our side, we will make advances this year and the next and the year after that. And perhaps by the time that Bush seeks re-election three years from now, he will come to understand that he ignores the GLBT community at his own political peril.

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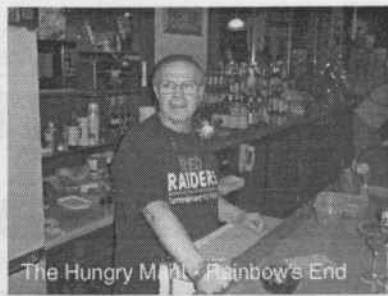
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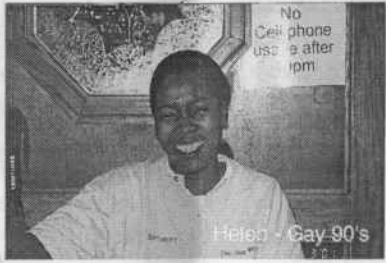
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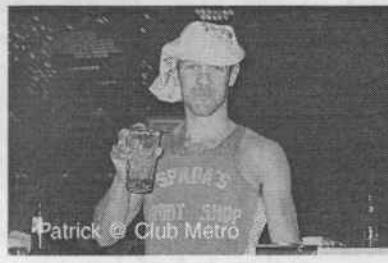
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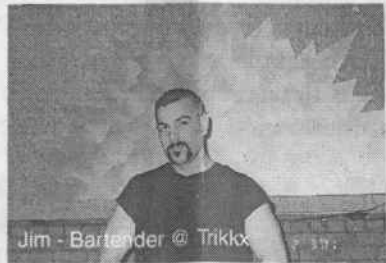
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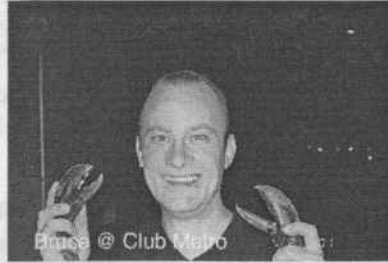
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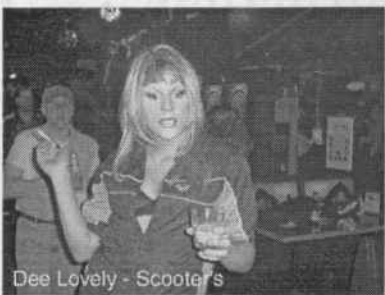
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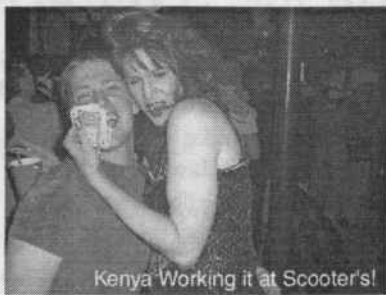
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q health

Crystal Meth: When It Just isn't Fun Anymore

Crystal use in the general community has soared in recent years, especially among gay and bisexual men. Why is crystal so popular?

Crystal methamphetamine, a form of speed, can be smoked, snorted, injected, mixed into drinks, and "booty bumped" (inserted in the rectum). It is more powerful yet less expensive than cocaine, and it lasts up to twelve hours.

Some people use crystal to work long hours. Others, including people diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder during childhood, claim it helps them to finish tasks and concentrate on one activity at a time.

The main reason gay and bisexual men use crystal, however, is to heighten sexual experiences. It is possible to have sex or masturbate for hours. Furthermore, it opens the door to sexual activities that people are ordinarily too inhibited to do.

Many gay men mistakenly categorize crystal (also called Tina or Crissy) as a club drug, such as ecstasy and special K. It is much more addictive and damaging, however, in spite of being a "party favor" of choice for many.

Physical Effects

Crystal stimulates the central nervous system. The result is greater alertness, decreased fatigue, and reduced appetite. Other effects include raised heart rate and blood pressure.

In the brain, the neurotransmitter dopamine is released in large quantities, with less being taken back up. The result is a flood of this feel-good chemical, which causes people to feel "high."

At the same time, the increase in blood circulation results in the ability for men to maintain an erection for long periods. Men who repeatedly stay hard for a long time, however, become unable to orgasm. The urge to come can become all-consuming and highly frustrating, and sex takes on a compulsive

by Dr. Jeffrey Chernin

quality. Even men with "crystal dick," those who can't get an erection at all, say that they can't stop having sex.

Meanwhile, the brain starts to rely on crystal for the release of dopamine. Users take the drug more often and in increasing amounts in order to get the same feeling and to avoid feeling depressed or exhausted. The cycle of addiction has thus begun.

Emotional Consequences

Even though most users say that they started doing crystal because it was

fun, many people in retrospect realize that they used crystal to cover up a painful past, unpleasant emotions, or internalized homophobia. Crystal also

becomes a way for many people to deal with loneliness.

With crystal, the emotional price tag can come quickly. The way one former user describes it, "troubles with cocaine have a way of sneaking up on you, but with crystal they pounce on you." Depression, irritability, and uncontrolled anger are just some of the costs.

What's more, long-term use of crystal, due partly to lack of sleep, can cause delusions. Beliefs such as, "people are looking through my window" and "people are following me," etc. are not uncommon. The good news is that once people stop using crystal, the delusions go away.

Crystal and HIV/Hepatitis C

Many people disregard safer sex while high. For people with HIV, even occasional use lead to undesired weight loss, depletion of nutrients, and lapses in medication adherence. These, combined with infection from different HIV strains, add up to a destructive impact on the immune system.

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Are the organizer's of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Boston and New York anti-gay? Or are they simply pro-Irish? You don't hear as much about the, now years-old, controversy that resulted in a U.S. Supreme Court decision that said the organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade do, indeed, have the right to choose what groups it will have march in their parade. That is why the Irish Gay and Lesbian Organization (IGLO) still practices civil disobedience every year at these events. Being a wee bit Irish myself, I'm torn.

I don't enjoy being excluded from anything based solely upon my sexual orientation but that is not happening here. Even as an openly gay man I can march and celebrate my Irish pride. Then, in June, I turn around and march celebrating my gay pride. No problem. The two events are focused on different parts of my life. I do not see any reason why the

by Current Conner

organization sponsoring a parade can not set their own criteria for marching.

Furthermore, I believe gay people suffer as a result for, in this case, we are the more likely to be viewed as intolerant. There is something disturbing behind the attitude 'it's got to be our way or you're going to pay' mentality.

Then there's that deep-down, nagging voice called empathy within that causes me to wonder how our community would react if a vocal anti-gay group wanted to march in one of our parades. Certainly they would be unwelcome. Most reasonable people in our community would be tempted to decline to have such a group march. And that should be their right. Just as it should be left up to the organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade to decide who will stand with them.

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Wisconsin Court Rules in Favor of Madison Partner Plan

In yet another blow to scattered efforts across the country to overturn domestic partner benefits plans, a Wisconsin appeals court unanimously upheld a Madison Metropolitan School District policy that provides benefits to "designated family partners" of district employees, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said Thursday.

Rejecting every argument against the benefits plan, a three-judge panel of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals for the Fourth District held that the school district has "the power to provide health insurance benefits to designated family partners, and there is no statutory prohibition against providing these benefits to these persons."

Lambda submitted an amicus brief, co-authored by Senior Counsel Patricia M. Logue and Staff Attorney Marvin C. Peguese, on behalf of the school district arguing that public sector employers have the power to and should offer partner benefits to their employees based on principled reasons and practical incentives.

"The school district's policy ensures that all families, including lesbian and gay households, get the basic protections they deserve, and that all employees are treated fairly. Moreover, this policy enables the district to recruit and retain the most qualified and talented employees," Logue said.

The court ruled in *Pritchard v. Madison Metropolitan School District* that the domestic partner plan complied with state statutes defining the district's policy-making authority and regulating health insurance benefits for public employees.

The court also dismissed an additional argument that the benefits plan conflicted with Wisconsin's purported public policy of "favoring marriage." In her 11-page ruling, Judge Angela B. Bartell wrote that it was

not the judiciary's job to weigh the social and political implications of how the school district exercises the powers granted to it by the state legislature.

Added Peguese, "This school district, like thousands of companies, state governments, and municipalities across the country, already offer domestic partner benefits. They recognize the value of treating all families, including gay couples, equally."

In Atlanta, Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Broward County, Florida, Lambda has helped defeat similar challenges brought by far-right conservatives who oppose health benefit programs for non-married families. Today over 3,400 public and private employers like the "Big Three" automakers, IBM, United Airlines, and J.P. Morgan offer domestic partner benefits.

The Wisconsin Light Returns in April

After months of speculation and rumour the *Wisconsin Light* will begin distribution throughout Wisconsin sometime in April. Jerry Johnson, one of the founders of the original newspaper, has confirmed that the *Wisconsin Light* will return to the marketplace out of office space leased from the Milwaukee Community Center.

Johnson has also confirmed that the *Wisconsin Light* will be structured as a non-profit organization.

While Johnson also added that the newspaper will return to its original format, no information about the publication schedule is available.

Wisconsin Light will join *InStep*, *Quest* and *G-Street* as statewide publications serving the gay community throughout Wisconsin.

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Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

"This meeting was another step in solidifying a working relationship with the Attorney General and the Department of Justice on civil rights issues and matters of concern to gay and lesbian Americans," said Rich Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans, who attended the meeting. "The Attorney General made clear again that he will enforce the law equally for all Americans, and that equal protection under the law means that no one will be left out."

LCR officials and the Attorney General discussed ways to work together on issues in the purview of the Attorney General, who acts as the nation's top law enforcer. In his confirmation testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Ashcroft stated repeatedly that sexual orientation will not be a consideration in Justice Department employment or appointments, that he would enforce all laws and regulations protecting gay and lesbian federal workers from employment discrimination, that the gay and lesbian DOJ Pride employee organization would continue

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was the anniversary show at the Main Club. For a while they weren't sure if the "show would go on" due to a HUGE snowstorm, but the queens styled their wigs and the kings strapped themselves down and the show did go on, regardless. The crowd even made it out and two dedicated Twin City performers braved the storm! Thanks again DJ and Nicki! I got roped into MC'ing for the show that night. I was really scared until I realized that, this way, everyone had to listen to me. What a power trip! (wink, wink, nudge, nudge....) The only downside was that I did not get a very good view of the show. All I got to see were the little butts wiggling back and forth - not that I always minded. Leroy (who was NOT there as

to meet and organize in the Department under his leadership, and that federal civil rights laws will be vigorously enforced.

"We look forward to being an ongoing resource to the Attorney General and his staff on a range of issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community, and the civil rights community," Tafel said. "This ongoing relationship sends a message to the nation that the Attorney General and the Bush Administration are serious about a commitment to equal protection under the law."

Those attending the meeting with Attorney General Ashcroft from LCR, in addition to Tafel, were: Robert Stears, Chairman of LCR; Bill Brownson, Vice Chairman of LCR; Robert Kabel, Chairman of the Liberty Education Fund; and Kevin Ivers, LCR Director of Public Affairs. Attending the meeting from the Department of Justice were David Israelite, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Mindy Tucker, press secretary to the Attorney General.

Log Cabin Republicans is the nation's largest gay and lesbian Republican organization, with state and local chapters nationwide, a full-time national office and a federal political action committee.

Heather White) made a special(?) appearance that night as he shed his shirt and ripped off his pants on stage and finished his number dancing in only black underwear and boots.

February was a fabulous month. I can never get enough of drag shows. My wife "Antonio" is grateful for that, as we spend most of our free time on the weekends either traveling for shows or shopping for "drag stuff".

Both JT's and the Main Club have a very busy month planned for March. You can find fun things to do every weekend if you just look. If you do miss something, I'll tell you all about it in April. Until then, we'll see you soon!

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Out at My Place they're having their own St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17, that you simply must check out, too. Then on March 31, look for to Paul & Randy's birthday party - also at My Place. Help the boys kick off a brand new year on their birthdays!

Now a word from this broad about Gay

Pride; you may think it is too early to think about but, in reality, it is just around the corner. La Crosse area gay organizations has begun planning our 1st Annual Pride Event to be held August 24, 25 & 26 on the banks of the Mississippi.. It's going to take a lot of preparations to get there and a lot of work on the weekend of. All members of the gay community are invited to help make this event a success. Planning meetings are being worked out but you may contact Jymmer Hitt at Under the Rainbow bookstore for more information. Make plans now to be gay and proud this August in La Crosse. It promises to be quite the party! And we all know that's just fine by me! After all, life's a party!

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Options for Treating Crystal Meth Addiction

Types of treatment include detox centers, inpatient and outpatient programs, sober living houses, and self-help groups.

Twelve-step groups include Narcotics Anonymous and Crystal Meth Anonymous. For people preferring a non-spiritual approach, Recovery, Inc. is an option.

Regardless of which type of treatment approach you take, you will need a lot of group support. That is because crystal is extremely addictive, and there are many obstacles to staying clean.

One obstacle to staying off of crystal is that there are many "triggers" for gay and bi men. External triggers include life

events, such as the loss a loved-one, disappointments, and unexpected changes. Other external triggers include bars or baths, community pride events, and seeing former drug-using friends. Internal triggers include uncomfortable feelings, romanticizing the "good old days," and internalized homophobia. Learning how to handle triggers is a major aim of crystal treatment.

Once in the throes of an addiction, most people ask, "How did I get here?" The more important question is, "How do I get to the next part of my life, the part without crystal?" Crystal does not have to control you, and it is possible, with enough outside support, to live again without it.

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20yo, 6', short blonde hair, blue eyes, 185#, gay muscular boy type looking a gay boy from ages 17 to 24 yrs old for friendship first and perhaps more. - professionalboy

CD LOOKING FOR FUN

Hi Guys! I'm a CD that loves to dress up for that special man. I'm 5'11", 179#, long legs and likes to be the submissive bottom. I will respond to anyone in the Eau Claire area. ~ lonelycd

FOX VALLEY

ONE-ON-ONE FUN.

I am a good looking male that is looking for the one to play around with. Spring is coming and I wish to have a nice guy to play with. I do not want a long term relationship. I am a closet person who needs to stay in for the time being. So if you are interested please write back. ~ wood

23YO GAY-PROFESSIONAL, PICS AVAILABLE

6'1", 210#, very clean cut, above average looks, short brown hair, blue eyed account executive looking for a man that is open to new adventures. I have a great sense of adventure both sexually and mentally. I enjoy the club scene. I love to ski in the winter and boat in the summer. If you are looking for a sex toy or friend to watch "Queer as Folk" with or just someone to chat with, I'm your man. I am very easy going and very open minded and would like the chance to get to know you! ~ probear

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GREEN BAY

RU A MUSCLEHEAD?

40+, 5'7", 150#, fit and ready to discreetly ride on a "Muscle-Coaster" Like showing off? ... Not a slave! But I can take it. ~ slut4muscle

DISCREET MUSCLE WORSHIP

Into MUSCLE! Hanging onto peaked guns - humpin' a six-pack while skewered on a rock-hard man. Let me take a ride on your "muscle-coaster" Safe, sane & DISCREET. Email me if in NE Wis. ~ biceplicker

MALE MODELS WANTED!

Photographer looking for male models 18-30. I am not a pro. It is a hobby. I will provide copies of photos free to model. I can also put them on disc. Nothing will be done with photos that the model does not agree to. ~ hornyenough

LA CROSSE

PANTY FETISH

27yo, SWM, bi-curious, enjoy dressing in panties, stockings, and women's lingerie, in search of others who enjoy the sensual pleasure of satin and lace. ~ ebeth

MADISON

20 YR OLD SAGITTARIAN LOOKING FOR LTR

21yo, 5'11", br/hz, gotee and a pierced ear. I smoke and drink socially. I have no tatoo's. Looking for some one to love. I'm warm hearted, caring, fun loving, open minded, sweet, honest, intelligent, romantic, witty and artistic. I am also self confident and loyal. I'm not looking for a "perfect" guy. I'm just looking for someone with the same attributes and interests (don't need all of them) between 21-29yo. Looks not that important. Send pic if ya have one. ~ sagitarian

MILWAUKEE

NEED AT LEAST 9 INCHES!!

38yo, SWM looking for huge meat in SE Wisconsin area. 9"+ minimum! Black or white, hairy or smooth, top or bottom, it doesn't matter as long as it's long. I'm 6'1", 190#, bl/bl, fit and masculine. Threesomes and more-somes ok too. Email me directly and we can talk more. Nowino2@yahoo.com ~ nowino

SEEKS DISCREET ENCOUNTER

Newbie, 34yo, seeks gentle hands and mouth. TEACH ME! ~ decker

ORAL/TOP NEEDS A PLAYMATE

Married Metro-Milwaukee guy ISO SGWM, 34-49yo. I am 6', 167#, br/bl,

smooth body, fit, trim and tanned all over. Looking for someone to share the pleasures only M4M can enjoy. I am sometimes a top but also very oral. Also enjoy cuddling, hugging, kissing, but this is all secondary to the physical enjoyments of our 2 naked bodies together. I would like to find that one person, where we could meet on a regular basis and enjoy each other for an evening or even overnite. oknowhi@aol.com ~ oknowhi

MUSCLE/MASCULINE ISO SAME

35yo, strong, solid, very masculine 6'1", 225#, br/gr, stache/gotee. Would like to meet another guy into lifting, sports, travelling, the outdoors etc I am masculine, discreet and expect the same. Friends are great, something more would be even better. Would like someone close to my size or bigger. NON-SMOKERS ONLY PLEASE ~ musclsweat

CUM AND GET TO KNOW ME BETTER

MWM, 46yo, D/D free. I enjoy the look of a man in panties, do you? I need you soon. If you need me and enjoy the same please hurry darling. Not much experience but you'll find me a willing and fulfilling partner. pullrightt@aol.com ~ chriscross

MINNESOTA

SEEKING A FRIEND

I have just come-out and am new to this. Looking for an honest person who can show a shy guy around. Please write me for more info! I would love to hear from you! ~ virginmpls

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I am basically just looking for a discreet, temporary sexual relationship. ~ lance222

GWM, MINNEAPOLIS

Looking for boyfriend or playmate. Drop me a line with pic/details and I'll respond with same! ~ jrmsp

SUPERIOR/DULUTH

LOOKING FOR YOUNGER MAN

I'm 38yo, 6', 215#, light brown hair, blue eyes, light brown hairy chest. I'm honest and have a great sense of humor. I love the outdoors - camping, canoeing the Boundry Waters, hiking up the north shore, hunting and fishing. I have my own house near Cloquet. I'm 100% gay but I'm discreet. I would like to find a younger man that's interested

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in friendship that may lead to sex and LTR. I love being a top but enjoy going both ways. I have a nice 7" cut dick. I love pleasuring a younger bottom man. ~ dmark

TWIN CITIES

NORMAL/AVERAGE SEEKS SAME!!!!

Tired of the games? The attitudes?? Me too!!! I'm a 36yo GWM, 5'9", 160# with dark hair and green eyes. I only believe in astrology when its convenient. I know lots of big words but can never think of them at appropriate times. I have convinced myself that coffee is a form of protein, since it's made from beans. If you ever get the feeling the world is 3 drinks behind, you and I are going to have a lot of fun!! ;) ~ mmeyer1

COUPLE SEEKING PLAYMATE(S)

Handsome bear and his good-looking partner are looking for playmates in the northern St. Paul suburbs. We are in our early 40's in good shape, height and weight proportionate, fun-loving, safe-playing guys. Seeking same, please respond, you won't be disappointed. ~ mnbear69

WISCONSIN

LOOKING FOR BUDDY JANESVILLE/BELOIT AREA

MWM, 43yo, 5'7", 143#, br/bl, 31" waist looking to meet other guys in Janesville area for some male fun! ~ rainman

BI-CURIOS 37YO

Looking to chat about any experiences and where to find others for safe encounters ~ riik70

LOOKING FOR HOT ACTION IN STEVENS POINT

Looking to meet other boys for fun. Write me and we can talk about whatever pops up. ~ utshac

TEASE ME AND PLEASE ME

I am a white male looking for fun and friends. I am new to the Racine area and would like to have someone show me around and around. If you can do what I seek then respond to me and we will go out and have a lot of fun! ~ new at this

MATURE, OLDER PROFESSIONAL SEEKS YOUNGER

Professional, 6'4", D/D free, discreet, 6+ cut. Wants to meet guys 18 - 40 for e-exchange and perhaps more. Enjoys travel, music, working out, community service, fine dining, romantic evenings tother with lots of body contact, warm,

sensual showers together and a good time in bed with no intercourse. ~ bigdude

SINGLE LOOKING FOR PARTNER

27yo, 6'4, 155#, 30 waist, br/br, smooth. seeking honest and caring guy who wants a monogamous relationship in time. I like to go shoot pool, darts and social drink (I'm not a heavy drinker). I like to go for walks, to the movies, rides. I am versatile. Seeking guys between 18 and 30. Email me at jasonambr@hotmail.com. ~ topgun

BORED IN SW WISCONSIN

Would like to meet some people in the SW WI area to get together with and just have fun. let's get together and have a bash. I'm a good looking, blond with blue eyes, 160#, 5'11". If you live in the Shullsburg area, look me up! ~ rustick1

NEW TO THE AREA. NEED....

a steady playmate! SWM, 43yo, 6'1", 155#, bottom looking for a guy or guys. Any race, bi, str8, married - for discreet play! Can host! Open to new ideas! Can send photo. Contact me directly at jacketboy6@yahoo.com chat/messenger ~ jacketboy6

MILWAUKEE

I live by myself on the East side of Milwaukee. I'm 6'1", 161#, brown hair, almost 8" cut, versatile. Find me on the web at <http://www.guystats.com/Milwaukee8/> or email me at hurricane@hotmail.com ~ hurricane

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SLAVE SEEKING MASTERS

I am white male, 35yo, 280#, 6', br/bl. I like have sex with men and women. I dream of having sex with a man and a woman at the same time. If you have the same dream let's get to know each other. ~ bruno

CROSSDRESSER LOOKING FOR OTHER CD'S

29yo, married CD is looking for other CD's for friendship, advice, dress-up times together and, if hot for each other, some sexual advances. I am smooth, fit and into hose, dresses and lingerie. Not into leather or slutty look - just feminine clothing. Not a pro and would like advice, friendship and maybe more. reoj70@hotmail.com ~ rebecca

KENDI

Looking for some fun in Central Wisconsin. I'm 5'8", 175#, br/hzl. Please write for more details! ~ kendi

SEEKING OLDER MAN

I'm a 23yo bi-male from Wisconsin Rapids seeking an older man, 45-60, to be my master and let me service your every need. I am submissive and like some lite bondage, role-playing and will dress up for you. Looking forward to hearing from you! Must be in Wisconsin Rapids area! ~ shyguy

SEEKING WOMYN

FOX VALLEY

LIVING LARGE IN A SMALL TOWN IS HARD.

Hello all. Quickly - I'm 28yo, 5'3", 119#, Cute! Cute! Cute! and very sexy (or at least I hear that all the time!) so why is it so hard for me to find someone who can sweep me off my feet? If you'd like to meet me and maybe hang out sometime and have a really, really great time, just e-mail me. I'm so up for making new friends. I live life to the fullest and love to laugh. Looking for an optimist - if that describes you, please respond. Oh yeah, if you want a pic just ask. ~ kiwikkitten

MADISON

IS SHE REALLY OUT THERE?

I can see her in the distance, beautiful as the setting sun on a winter afternoon, when the sky is alive with color. She is laughing, her head tipped back slightly as her hands reach up to gently tuck behind her ear the stray hair that has come loose to tickle her face. I can hear her laughter like music it floats across the wind beckoning me come closer.....Is she you? ~ femdyke69

CHASING THE AMERICAN DREAM

33, SWF, sft/butch pursuing dream of a wife, kids, a house, the SUV and the family sedan with the dog greeting you at the door after work. I'm looking for that special lady to help me complete the dream. I like to hike and camp, movies (rental or theater), long walks, reading, listening to music, riding motorcycle, and just cuddling and spending time with my partner. Interested, drop me a line. Talk to you soon :) ~ rescu

NOT2BLUE

Hello...I'm a 26yo GWF looking for friends and possibilities. I like movies, music, the outdoors and good company. If you're interested, drop me a line. ~ not2blue

MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE HOTTEST COUPLE SEEKING BI GIRL

She is 22yo, very hot, 5'5", 115# with long black hair. I am 25yo, 6'2", tall, dark and handsome. We are clean, discreet professionals. We are looking for our second 3 way encounter with hot woman (lesbian or bi or straight). We guarantee you that we are hot, sexy, clean and know action. ~ actioncouple

WISCONSIN

NEW TO THE AREA. SHOW ME AROUND?

Hi! I'm moving to the Oak Creek, Wisconsin area and I'm hoping expand my circle of friends. I'm a laid back down to earth person - not into games or drama. I'm 31yo, employed, and very diverse in my interests. Just so you know, I have a 6yo Chinese Shar Pei...(that's a dog). She's my only child so if you decide to be my friend, keep in mind that I am a package deal. Lesbians only please. Hope to hear from you! ~ packagedeal

LOOKIN' FOR LUV

I'm just looking for a girl to get to know and be friends first, and see where it goes from there. ~ shygal

ANGEL SEARCHING 4 HER WINGS

HI FEMMES & SOFT STUDS! I am searching for my wings. I am full of passion waiting to explode. I like to be pamper, touch, massage and to be treated like I need to be. I will give the same in return. A sense of humor is a plus along with a active lifestyle. I am not only looking for a special friend but someone I can relate to with intelligent



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