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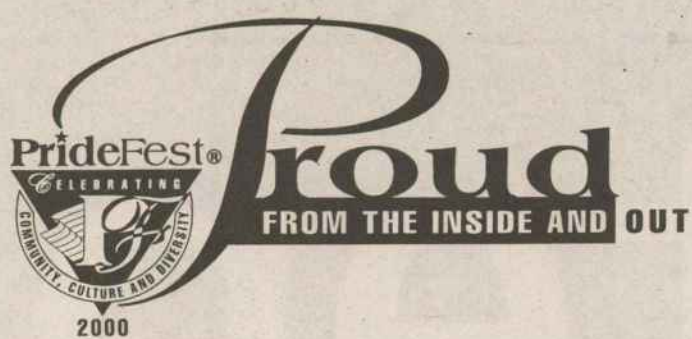
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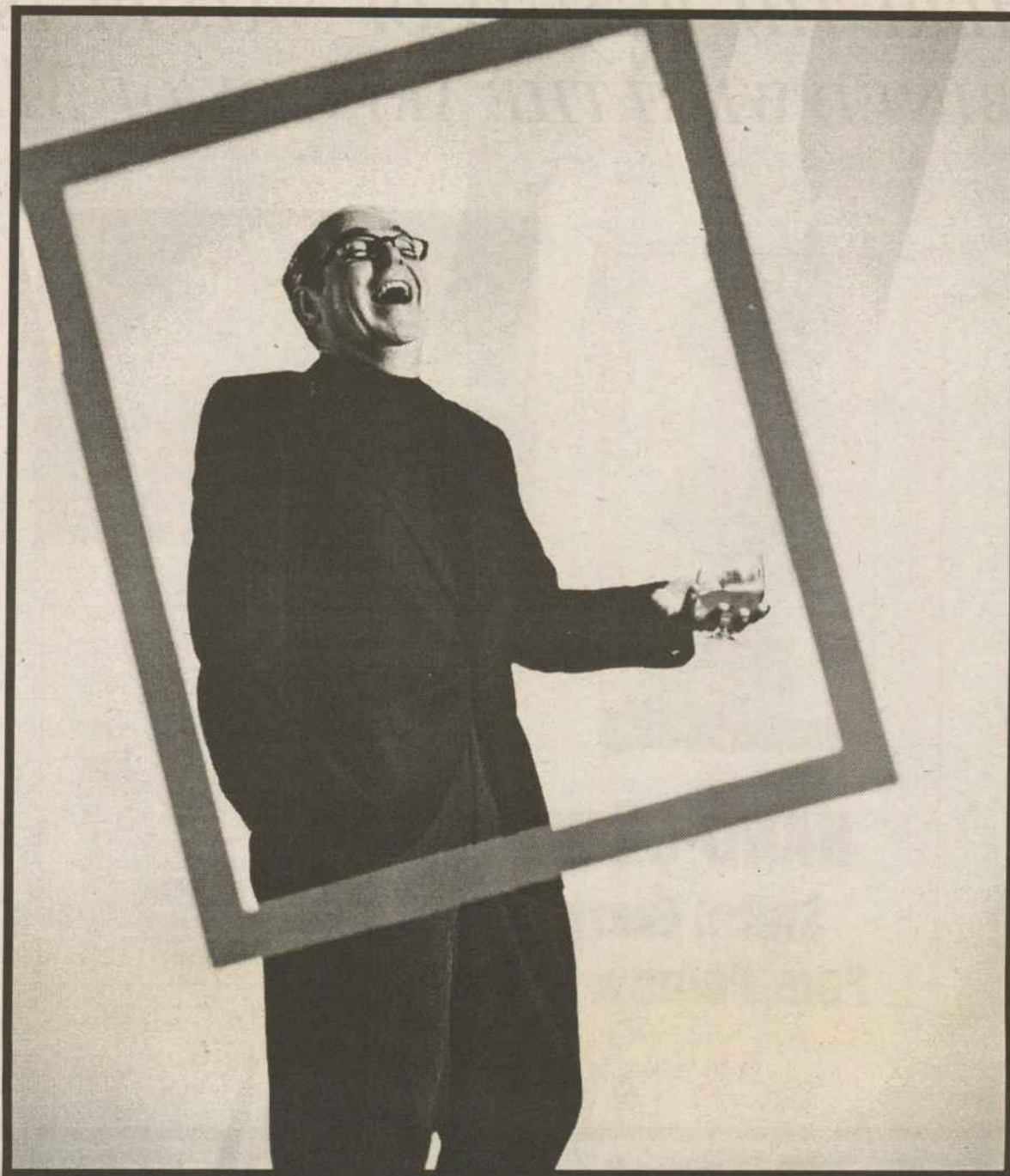
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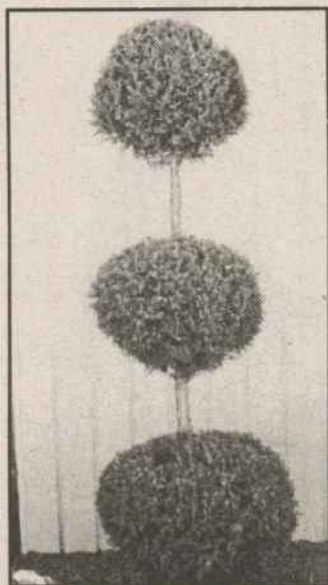
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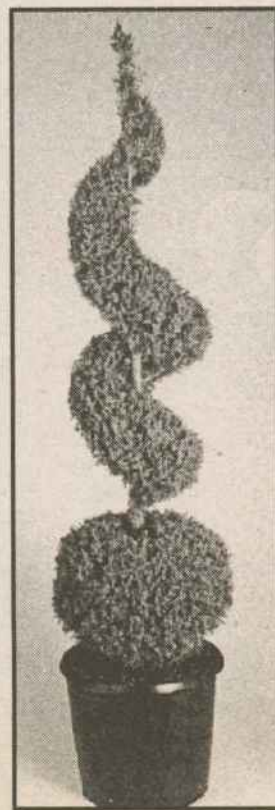
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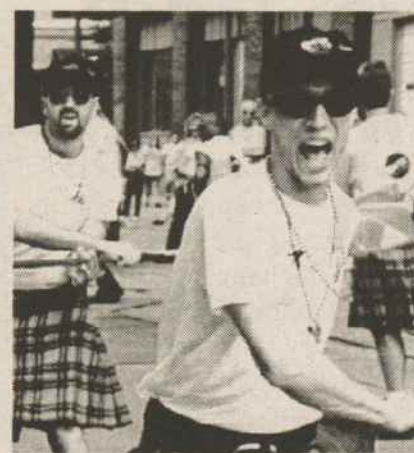
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Editor's Note

As we enter June and the season of Gay Pride, all of us at IN Step wish you happy, thoughtful and safe celebrations. We wish you happiness in the company of friends and community, amidst all the entertainment and revelry. We urge you to be safe driving to and from festivities, in your drinking choices and in the intimate contacts you might have. And, equally important, we hope that you'll think a little about why we gather together, the pioneers who've made things easier for us, the progress we've made as a community and the struggles that lie ahead.

This is our special PrideFest issue of IN Step. We've done our best to gather all the relevant information participants will need as they plan their June 9-11 weekend on Milwaukee's lakefront. The most recent PrideFest schedule is included along with tips on admission policies, the Friday night parade, volunteer opportunities, transportation, accessibility — you name it. Last minute questions and clarifications should be directed to PrideFest at (414) 645-FEST.

We plan to have our crack team of reporters and photographers at PrideFest, capturing its best moments for you. Look for full coverage in our next issue. We also plan to cover Pride events in other Wisconsin communities — in Madison, Eau Claire, Wausau and elsewhere — as those celebrations unfold later this month and in July. We urge the organizers of such events to funnel as much information to us in advance so we can fully publicize your efforts.

In addition to our PrideFest focus this issue, we've included essays that tackle the meaning of gay and lesbian pride from very different perspectives. They are written by two of Wisconsin's finest gay journalists, IN Step staffers Mike Fitzpatrick and Jamakaya, and by Sister Dana Van Iquity of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. We also introduce two new features, the lesbian cartoon Dykesville, by Wisconsin's own Tami Friday, and the popular, tongue-in-cheek advice column "Dear Ruthie."

At 64 pages, this is the largest issue of IN Step ever produced in its current format. We are very proud of that fact and are appreciative of all the advertisers who have made this milestone possible.

Once again, have a great Pride season!

—William Attewell

Appleton Bar Owner Arrested For Million Dollar Theft

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Grand Chute — An owner of Appleton's only gay bar was arrested here May 19 for reportedly embezzling over one million dollars over the last four years.

Glen Paschen, 54, allegedly took \$1,024,000 from Hoffer Glass Co. in Grand Chute between 1996 and 2000, according to a search warrant affidavit. Paschen had been employed at the glass company for 30 years until his retirement last March. Paschen is also the co-owner of Rascals Bar & Grill and owner of Imperial Limousine Ltd.

Paschen was taken into custody when he returned to the limo service's offices following the funeral of fellow bar owner Ken Kujava. He was released after posting a \$20,000 cash bond.

Investigators with the Outagamie County district attorney's office, with the assistance of the Grand Chute police, executed a search warrant at the limousine company on May 22. The team seized computers, financial records, bank records and other documents. The search warrant return list of items taken was 58 pages long. The computers were sent to Madison for analysis by the state Crime Laboratory.

Among the items seized were some of the financial and bank records for Rainbow Over Wisconsin, Inc. (ROW), the northeastern Wisconsin gay community non-profit foundation. Paschen is a co-founder and currently serves as treasurer

of the organization.

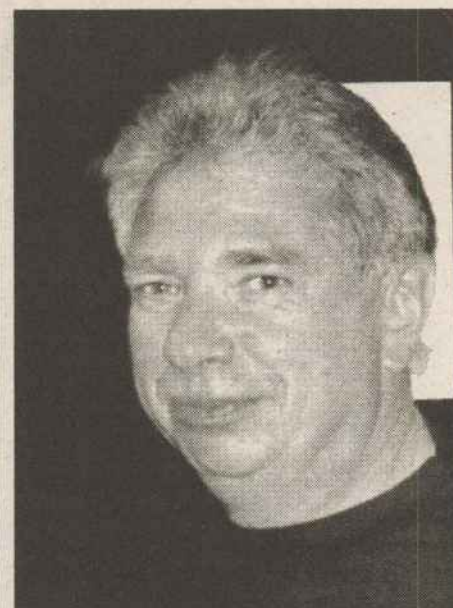
No formal charges have been filed pending investigation of the seized items, according to Steven Malchow of the district attorney's office. Due to the large amount of material taken during the search, Malchow would not estimate when charges would be filed.

Paschen's alleged embezzling was discovered following the recent sale of Hoffer Glass to the Sheboygan Glass Co. During an examination of Hoffer's financial records, the new owners uncovered discrepancies. Check ledgers reportedly showed entries made to various company vendors did not match with the canceled checks made out to Paschen or his limousine company.

Records allegedly show that Paschen may have taken \$230,000 in 1997, \$250,000 in 1998 and \$444,000 in 1999. An additional \$100,000 may have been taken at the end of 1996 and in early 2000.

According to the search warrant affidavit, Paschen reportedly told investigators he took the money because he was having financial difficulties with the limousine service. Paschen reportedly has retained an attorney.

Both the limousine company and Rascals remain open under normal hours of operation, according to bar co-owner Todd West. "I know there have been lots of rumors, but nothing has changed," West said. "Glen had not been involved in the



Glen Paschen

day to day operations at Rascals for some time."

The seizing of ROW's check and savings pass books came during the final weeks of preparation for the group's annual Pride Picnic to be held on July 8 this year. According to ROW president Terry Tetzlaff, the picnic will go on as scheduled.

"I'm aware of speculation in the community because of the up front costs associated with running the picnic," Tetzlaff said. "However, Rainbow Over Wisconsin has several options and the picnic will go on as scheduled."

ROW's PrideFest parade float entry is nearing completion as well. The float is under construction at the Imperial Limousine garage.

Acclaimed Actor Sir John Gielgud Dies at 96

By Jamakaya



London — Sir John Gielgud, whose acclaimed acting career on the stage and in films stretched across most of the 20th century, died peacefully at his rural estate in England on May 21. He was 96 years old. His longtime companion, Martin Hensler, passed away in 1999.

Gielgud was renowned for his mellifluous voice and for his range as an actor. "A great tragedian, a great comedian," one critic declared.

American audiences probably remember Gielgud best as the stiff butler Hobson, who delivered deadpan zingers in the Dudley Moore comedy "Arthur." Sir John won an Oscar as Best Supporting Actor for that role. He was also memorable as Aaron Jastrow, the elderly Jew eventually forced into the gas chamber in the TV miniseries "War and Remembrance." He also starred in other critically lauded TV productions like "Brideshead Revisited," "Buddenbrooks" and "Merlin."

Gielgud's career in films went back to 1924, with the silent "Who is the Man?" Among his outstanding performances were King Louis VII in "Becket" (for which he was Oscar nominated), Cassius in "Julius Caesar," Nerva in the controversial "Caligula," and Prospero in "Prospero's Books." Sir John played character roles or cameos in films as diverse as "Around the World in 80 Days," "Shine," "Gandhi," "The Elephant Man" and, most recently, "Elizabeth."

But Gielgud's first love was the theatre, and virtually every obituary about him placed him alongside Laurence Olivier and Ralph Richardson as the hallowed acting triumvirate who dominated English theatre in the 20th century.

John Gielgud was born in 1904 in London to a family steeped in

the theatre. His grandmother was the actress Kate Terry, his aunt the even more renowned Ellen Terry. Other relatives were set designers and theatre managers. His brother, Val, became a respected playwright and director. John ("Johnny" to family and friends) made his stage debut at age 17 in a walk-on part in "Henry V" at the Old Vic. "I was stage-struck, mad about the theatre," he later recalled.

Gielgud attended the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and was soon playing leads like Romeo, Macbeth and Hamlet. His Hamlet, played when Gielgud was 25, was considered definitive. Critic James Agate called it "the high water mark of English Shakespearean acting in our time." In 1936, "Hamlet" was a triumph on Broadway, with Jessica Tandy playing Gielgud's Ophelia.

The 1930s and '40s are considered golden years for Shakespeare and other classics on the British stage. As both actor and director, Gielgud contributed mightily to this success. Alec Guinness said: "John Gielgud did more to liberate the English theatre from the fustian attitudes of the 20's and early 30's than any other man and paved the way for what is best in London today."

Along the way, Gielgud developed deep, longstanding friendships with playwrights Noel Coward and George Bernard Shaw, and fellow actors Olivier, Richardson, Edith Evans, Peggy Ashcroft, Michael Redgrave, and Sybil Thorndike — all legends in their own right. Sir John's greatest regret toward the end of his life was mourning the deaths of all these wonderful friends whom he outlived.

Gielgud never married. His homosexuality was understood and accepted by theatrical colleagues, but the punitive laws against sodomy in England required that he remain closeted and discreet. He faced personal crisis and great humiliation when he was arrested in the 1950's for soliciting a young man for sex. Some historians believe his case contributed to the easing of enforcement and the gradual reformation of British laws on sodomy and consensual sex. The modern gay movement emerged as Sir John entered old age. Although he publicly acknowledged his partner, Martin, he clearly did not want to be any kind of spokesman for gay liberation.

Gielgud was knighted by the Queen for his contributions to the theatre arts. He wrote two memoirs, "The Early Years" and "An Actor and His Time," which contain many delightful anecdotes about his roles and fellow actors. "Acting Shakespeare," published in 1999, includes Sir John's ideas and advice about performing the Bard's work.

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Madison Firefighter Loses Another Court Appeal

MADISON, Wisc. — Ron Greer, the Madison, Wisc., former firefighter who was fired in 1998 for a derogatory press release in which he said both the city's fire chief and a division chief were lesbians, has lost another court attempt to win his job back.

The 7th federal Circuit Appellate Court declared he had no right to seek financial damages for his dismissal nor a right to reclaim his job with the city's fire department.

After several previous disciplinary complaints against him, Fire Chief Debra Amesqua asked the fire commission to fire Greer after he issued a news release in which he said Amesqua didn't discipline Marcia Holtz, a division chief, because both women were lesbians.

The commission fired Greer, and since then he has pursued a court fight to recover his job and win damages against the city without success.

In rejecting Greer's appeal, the court said the city fire department "reasonably felt that Greer's speech, if left unpunished, particularly in light of his disciplinary history, would disrupt the operation of the department."

Sir John Gielgud Dies

London — Sir John Gielgud, one of the world's greatest actors, has died at the age of 96.

Sir John, whose career included such diverse productions as "Hamlet," the Academy award-winning film "Arthur" and the adult-rated "Caligula," was openly gay and lived with his partner, Martin Hensler.

Age Preferences Among Straights, Gays and Lesbians

KINGSTON, Ontario — A study by researchers at Canada's Queen's University suggests that straight men tend to be sexually attracted to younger females, approximately 25 years of age, while straight women were attracted to slightly older men of about 32 years of age.

While the gay men in the study indicated sexual attraction to younger partners just as heterosexual males did, the surprising finding was that lesbians indicated a marked sexual attraction for older women in the 42 to 60 year age category.

The researchers say their findings for heterosexual males and females is consistent with other, similar studies but they were unaware of any studies that had addressed age-based attraction among gays and lesbians. They said a larger, more randomized study to see if their initial findings bare up would be worth undertaking.

There were 192 volunteers involved in the study, equally divided among the four categories of straight men and women and gays and lesbians.

S.F. Archbishop Wants Rome to Cancel World Pride Event

By Keith Clark

San Francisco — Bishop William Levada, the Roman Catholic archbishop of San Francisco, is warning Italian officials to cancel the gay and lesbian World Pride 2000 event scheduled for the first week in July, describing it as "not controllable" and implying it could lead to violence.

Speaking at a dinner with top church leaders in Rome, Levada said he was shocked when he learned the World Pride event would be held in Rome during the Vatican's Jubilee Year, according to reports in the Roman newspaper "Il Messaggero."

"I can't believe it," the paper quoted Levada as saying. "I am amazed that the government would permit it — obviously the Italian authorities have no idea what might happen. This type of demonstration is not controllable."

Levada appeared to base his concerns mainly on the participation in the planned Rome event of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a campy charity group of men who flamboyantly dress as pseudo-nuns that the archbishop has already denounced as "blasphemy."

Last year Levada failed to convince officials to shut down a celebration in San Francisco's predominately gay Castro district commemorating the Sisters' 20th anniversary on Easter Sunday. At the time Levada said, "What has so upset members of the Catholic community now is how their city government has gone out of its

way to associate itself with this ridicule and blasphemy."

Levada has joined with Vatican officials in asking the Italian government to cancel the Rome event.

Organizers of World Pride 2000 say they expect some 150,000 people to turn up for the lesbian and gay pride celebration, and the Vatican says it's expecting up to 200,000 Jubilee Year pilgrims from Poland at the same time.

World Pride organizers have already applied for police permits, but have not yet received them. And Fernando Masone, Rome's chief of police, has warned the Italian government that a clash between "extremists" at the World Pride event might go to St. Peter's for a confrontation with Jubilee Year pilgrims that could be an "igniting spark."

Levada played into similar concerns by saying he leaves San Francisco each June when the city's massive Gay Pride parade draws some half-million people. He said parade participants often demonstrate in front of the city's cathedral, making "obscene gestures" and "strip naked in the streets."

Levada said, "We are used to it, but here [in Rome] maybe they don't understand that such undressing takes place on the main streets of the city, not in hidden-away areas. The law authorities do nothing to prevent it."

Despite the archbishop's concerns, however, San Francisco police say there is

"surprisingly little trouble" connected with so large an event. And even Levada's portrayal of rampant nudity appears questionable. While many parade-goers and participants alike go bare-chested and bare-legged, the four-hour-long parade is broadcast live on commercial television each year without FCC complaints.

MMOW Financial Scandal Continues

Washington — The Washington Blade reports that, faced with possible legal action by vendors it owes money to, the firm that produced the Millennium March at the end of April may declare bankruptcy.

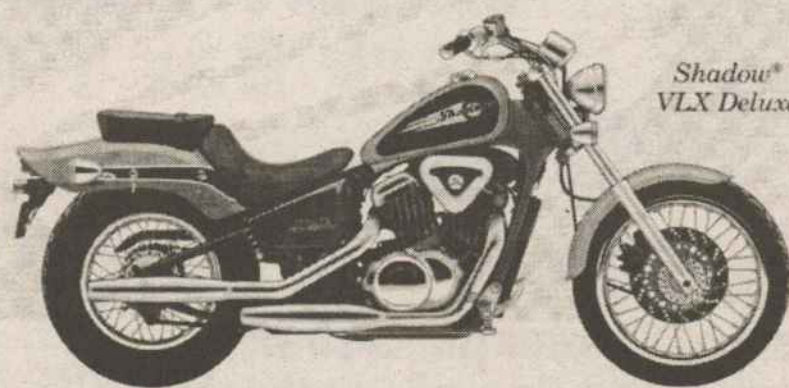
While details still remain sketchy, the paper reports that with debts of more than a half-million dollars, Millennium Productions wanted to avoid declaring bankruptcy if it could work out a plan to repay vendors it owed money to.

But apparently when news that between \$500,000 and \$750,000 in cash may be missing broke earlier in May, the vendors began demanding payment.

The paper reported the vendors were particularly upset by reports that Millennium Productions had already repaid \$500,000 of a loan it had obtained to help fund the march itself.

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ARMY INVESTIGATING INTERNET PORN SITE

By Keith Clark

Fayetteville, N.C. — The U.S. Army has confirmed it is investigating a popular Internet Web porn site that offers its subscribers photos and videotapes of "real" soldiers — some merely naked, some having sex with other men. Like most military investigations, however, very little detail is available.

But officials at Fort Bragg in North Carolina confirmed that they are in fact investigating the site, www.active-duty.com because of possible involvement of members of the armed services.

Until the investigation became known, part of the Web site was accessible to anyone of legal age where visitors could find images of nude or partially clothed men the site said were either active military personnel or veterans. Subscribers who paid a monthly fee of \$19.95 had access to more than 3,000 additional images, according to the Web site's descriptive information. The site also offered videotapes, including videos of some of the men engaged in explicit sex.

But late-May the site abruptly closed its general public pages and became available only to subscribers after Army officials confirmed that they were investigating the Web site.

Lt. Col. Jim Hinnant of Fort Bragg said the base "currently has an active investigation" of www.active-duty.com but added

that "further comment would be inappropriate at this time. I really can't say anything else about it at this point."

A Pentagon spokesperson, Lt. Col. Russ Oaks, also confirmed that the Criminal Investigation Command "is conducting an investigation of the site in coordination with civil authorities." But Oaks would not elaborate further, either on the nature of the investigation or what or why civilian authorities might be involved.

Ironically, it is claims by the Web site itself that it features soldiers on active military duty that the Army can use to justify its investigation. While there may be nothing illegal about individuals "dressing up" in military uniforms for pornographic photos or videos — it is a popular theme in gay men's porn. But claiming the individuals are in fact active-duty military personnel opens the door for Defense Department investigators.

The Web site itself has now switched to a password protection entry method for subscribers and apologizes that "we have closed Active Duty to the general public for an indefinite period of time."

The site is registered to Dennis Ashe of Fayetteville who was not available to comment on the Army investigation or the sudden restrictions on access to the Web site.

Army officials at Fort Bragg declined to say if any of the men shown at the site were in fact military personnel or if any disciplinary actions were under way involving men featured at the active-duty.com site.

Even without the Pentagon's anti-gay "don't ask, don't tell" policy, military offi-

cials have broad investigative powers when it comes to active duty personnel. Defense Department regulations, for example, forbid active duty personnel from engaging in activities that might bring the military service branches "into public disrepute," a vague restriction that military officials have used in a variety of way to discipline soldiers.

Washington State OKs Domestic Partner Benefits

Seattle — Washington state employees will now be able to get full health insurance coverage for their domestic partners following a decision by the state's public employees benefits board.

The nine-member board voted 8-1 to extend the coverage to domestic partners. Opponents of the move said the coverage would be too expensive. But the board estimated that the total cost of the benefit package would be only about \$2.9 million for the year 2001 - or only about one-half of a percent of the state's total medical benefits costs.

The move was endorsed by Gov. Gary Locke. But the state chapter of the Christian Coalition indicated it would go to court immediately in an effort to block the program from taking effect on January 1, 2001. Foes of the program insist it violates a state "defense of marriage" law.

Pressure Continues Against 'Dr Laura'

NEW YORK — Laura Schlessinger has announced that she is giving up her syndicated newspaper column. Putting a positive spin on the move, Schlessinger said in a press release that she needed to devote more time to her new syndicated television program that's slated to begin in September.

"We constantly have to rethink our priorities," the press release said.

In the wake of the decision earlier in May by Procter & Gamble to pull its advertising from the upcoming TV program, several civil rights groups put ads in the "New York Times" and "Los Angeles Times" critical of Schlessinger's attacks against gays and lesbians and urging other advertisers to shun the program.

Paramount, which agreed to syndicate the program, said it was "disappointed" with the Procter & Gamble withdrawal, but insisted it still has "strong up-front" ad sales for the show.

Massachusetts Gay Sex Workshop Under Fire

BOSTON — David Driscoll, the Massachusetts Education Commissioner, is investigating what role members of his staff may have played in what he described as a "prurient" discussion of gay sexual behavior with some 30 students, some as young as 14 years old.

The workshop was held at Tufts University on March 25 and was titled "What They Didn't Tell You About Queer Sex and Sexuality in Health Class: Workshop for Youths Only, Ages 14-21" was sponsored by GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network under a state education grant.

A member of the Parents Rights Coalition of Massachusetts secretly taped the workshop and were handed over to Driscoll who said, "The workshops were of a prurient nature and not educational, and what we heard suggested that the discussion contributed nothing to the student's understanding of how to avoid AIDS and HIV."

Jim Anderson, a GLSEN spokesperson, said the workshop was never meant to be as graphic as it apparently became, but he insisted it represented a "safe place" for students to ask frank questions about their sexuality and to get candid answers.

David LaFontaine, chair of the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, said, "I have never heard of [GLSEN] meetings containing these types of discussions. One of the reasons they are so successful is the groups meet on school grounds with the supervision of a staff adviser."

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PRESBYTERIAN COURT SAYS OK TO SAME-SEX UNIONS

By Keith Clark

Baltimore — The highest court of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has declared that two church anti-gay rules aren't exactly as restrictive as they might seem — and in the process has probably assured that the denomination's General Assembly meeting in Long Beach, Calif., June 24 to July 1, will face a tense debate about the rulings.

In the first case, the court, known as the Permanent Judicial Commission, ruled that local Presbyterian congregations can in fact bless gay and lesbian holy unions — as long as it's clear the ceremony isn't traditional marriage.

But Presbyterian leaders were quick to call the ruling a "technical issue" rather than any real change in the denomination's restrictions against same-sex marriage and insisted the ruling upholds the church ban.

In its ruling, prompted by complaints against the Hudson River Presbytery in New York state, the court agreed that local congregations could bless same-sex holy unions in the church's sanctuary, but said they must make it clear that the ceremony is not marriage.

"Ministers and [congregations] should take special care to avoid any confusion of such [same-sex] services with services of Christian marriage," said Freda Gardner, who heads the 2.6-million member denomination, of the decision by the Permanent Judicial Commission meeting in Baltimore.

"Ministers should not appropriate specific liturgical forms from services of Christian marriage or services recognizing civil marriage in the conduct of such ceremonies," Gardner said.

Gardner insisted in a pastoral letter to church officials that the ruling "reaffirmed what has been the consistent witness of the church on these matters in recent years" and "does not support gay marriage."

The apparent conflict stems from the nature of the court's decision in the case,

which took a fairly narrow view of Presbyterian governing rules that in fact bar ministers from blessing same-sex marriages.

The Hudson River Presbytery had argued that while church rules do ban same-sex marriages, they do not forbid blessing gay and lesbian holy unions. A lower church court had earlier sided with Hudson River, but at the time it also warned that the denomination's governing General Assembly should act to clarify the issue so church courts wouldn't become embroiled in a series of "hairsplitting rulings."

But the high court ruled that the distinction between marriages and holy unions wasn't clear in the denomination's rules and said congregations could bless such unions as long as they "take special care to avoid any confusion of same-sex services with services of Christian marriage."

Members of the Hudson River congregation who had brought the complaint insisted that the court was making a distinction without a difference and said that the couples involved hadn't "talked about being 'holy unioned' but about being married" and that "they didn't order a 'holy union cake,' but a wedding cake."

In another case, the court also took a technical route, and decided that a rule requiring church clergy to adhere to "fidelity in marriage or chastity in singleness" applies only "at the point that a person is considered for ordination, not as for candidacy."

The case arose when the West Jersey Presbytery in New Jersey accepted an openly gay man as a candidate for ministry even though he said he did not intend to remain celibate and was prohibited by law from marrying a male partner.

Again, Freda Gardner said in her pastoral letter that the decision "reaffirmed what has been the consistent witness of the [church] on these matters in recent years."

And even the lawyers representing West Jersey Presbytery agreed that the narrow ruling only means that homosexuals can be candidates for clergy in the church but "cannot be ordained" under existing rules.

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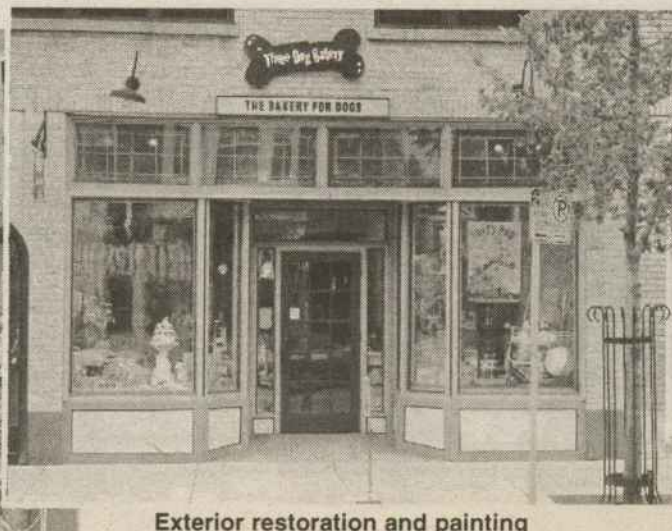
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AIDS, Orthodoxy and National Security

By Keith Clark

Two quite unlikely and unexpected developments converged in May to underscore the global nature of the AIDS epidemic — including theories about it that many in the West had years ago dismissed. If anything, the convergence illustrates how politically volatile the epidemic remains even though it has lost much of its urgent news interest in the U.S. particularly.

The Clinton administration, concerned that the rapid spread of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa could trigger ethnic wars and undermine democratic governments in the region, has designated AIDS a threat to international security and asked the U.S. National Security Council to reassess the nation's efforts against the dis-

ease on a global scale and to make fighting the disease a national priority.

U.S. intelligence reports say some 11 million of the estimated 13 million people worldwide who have died of AIDS-related causes have been from the sub-Saharan region, creating the possibility that the epidemic could put governments in the area under threat of "exploitation and radicalization" because of "a demographic catastrophe."

Godfrey Sikipa, program development officer of UNAIDS, praised the Clinton administration for its efforts to double its budget request to fight AIDS overseas to \$254 million, but said more than \$1 billion is needed in battling the epidemic in Africa alone.

But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, a Mississippi Republican, quickly dis-

missed the administration move as pandering to political interest groups. "I guess this is just the president trying to make an appeal to certain groups, but, no, I don't view that as a national security [threat], not to our national security interests," Lott said on a television news program.

In an unrelated development that seemed, however, almost designed to illustrate the administration's concerns, President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa announced he had named Peter Duesberg and David Rasnick to a presidential advisory panel on HIV/AIDS. Generally described as "AIDS dissidents," Duesberg and Rasnick are among a tiny group of scientists who insist that HIV is not the cause of AIDS.

In a press statement, the South African health ministry said, "The government's

view is that blind acceptance of conventional wisdom would be irresponsible. After all, orthodox understanding and responses have not met with great success elsewhere in Africa."

Mbeki has taken the same line, saying that "whatever lessons we have to and may draw from the West about the grave issue of HIV/AIDS, a simple superimposition of Western experience on African reality would be absurd and illogical."

Ironically, Duesberg and Rasnick are both Western scientists whose unorthodox views are based on research done in the West.

In spite of the political progress the post-apartheid government has made in South Africa, AIDS has proven an impossible problem for the new South Africa administration to deal with, even before this latest controversy.

In 1997 several South Africa politicians, including Mbeki, enthusiastically hailed Virodene as a "miracle cure for AIDS" that had been developed by South African scientists.

But it turned out that instead of being anything even near a cure, Virodene was based on a dry-cleaning solvent that was so highly toxic that the government's own medical review panel refused to authorize for human testing because of its dangers.

More recently, Mbeki's government has also refused to give AZT to pregnant women in South Africa. Mother-to-child HIV transmission accounts for about 10 percent of the total HIV rate each year in the country, and there is compelling scientific evidence that limited doses of AZT to pregnant women shortly before giving birth dramatically reduces transmission of the virus to the child.

Mbeki's rationale for refusing to authorize the use of AZT is that it is too toxic and too expensive. The latter complaint struck many as a little shallow in light of the fact that nearly 40 percent of South Africa's AIDS budget last year went unspent.

A growing number of scientists in South Africa and around the world are beginning to say the Mbeki administration's ongoing flirtation with what they see as pseudoscientific views of the epidemic is undermining positive education and prevention efforts the government had in place, is demoralizing legitimate researchers in the country who have been working on ways to combat the disease, and may scare off outside medical investment in the country's shaky research infrastructure.

Some are saying that ultimately the government's alliance with HIV fringe theories and practices will cost the nation thousands of additional deaths from AIDS and could lead to an unraveling of the pluralistic society South Africa has worked so valiantly to establish.

And that, ironically, is exactly the sort of potential problem the Clinton administration was concerned about in declaring AIDS a national security issue.

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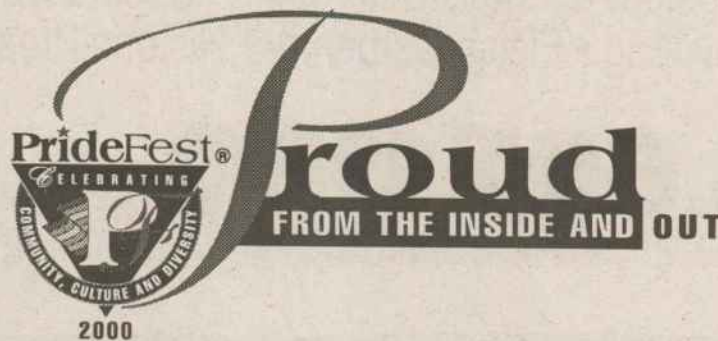
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Belgian Partner Law Unpopular

Brussels — Belgium's toothless "statutory cohabitation contract" has been unpopular since it came into force Jan. 1.

Only eight couples have registered in Brussels, Le Soir reported May 5. Numbers are similarly low elsewhere in the country. The registration is basically symbolic, failing to confer any of the rights of marriage.

"This law is completely pointless, it offers nothing for anybody, whether heterosexual or homosexual," said Jean-Paul Leroy, president of Infor-Homo. "It solves none of their problems, neither with the social security system nor with the tax payable on their legacies."

Gay-friendly members of parliament hope to amend the law to grant statutory cohabitants the benefits of marriage.

French Partner Law Popular

Paris — About 14,000 couples — more than half of them gay — have gotten hitched since France's domestic-partnership law took effect last October.

Couples form Civil Solidarity Pacts at local court houses and acquire marriage rights and obligations in areas such as income tax, inheritance, housing, immigration, health benefits, job transfers, synchronized vacation time, responsibility for debts, and social welfare.

The law does not grant marriage rights in the areas of parental rights, adoption or medically assisted procreation.

Several other European nations — including Denmark (and Greenland), Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden — have gay-only registered-partnership laws that grant more than 99 percent of the rights and obligations of matrimony.

Canada Blasts Dr. Laura

Montreal — Canada's broadcast watchdog agency blasted U.S. radio talk-show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger May 10, saying her homophobic statements could ignite anti-gay violence.

The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (CBSC) denounced Schlessinger for calling gays "abnormal," "aberrant," "deviant," "disordered," "dysfunctional" and "an error."

"[She] is abusively discriminatory and in breach of [Canada's broadcasting] code," the council said. "[She] may well fertilize the ground for other less well-balanced elements [in society] to take such aggressive steps [as] homophobic hostility or, worse, brutality."

The agency called Schlessinger's anti-gay positions "fatuous and unsustainable."

"The sexual practices of gays and lesbians are as much a part of their being as the color of one's skin or the gender, religion, age or ethnicity of an individual," the council said. "To use such brutal language as she does about such an essential characteristic flies in the face of Canadian provisions relating to human rights."

The ruling requires radio stations to cease broadcasting any comments by Schlessinger that breach the broadcasting code, CBSC head Ron Cohen said.

Other programs that have faced crackdowns include the Howard Stern Show (which is now broadcast with a time delay to allow deletions), the Jerry Springer Show (also time-delayed) and Mighty Morphin

Power Rangers, which was banned in Canada due to excessive violence.

Canada To Count Gay Couples

Montreal — Statistics Canada will count gay couples in next year's census.

All Canadians will be asked if they are living in a common-law partnership, defined as "two people of the opposite sex or of the same sex who live together as a couple but who are not legally married to each other."

A follow-up question requires the person filling out the form to define his or her relationship to the other people in the household with one of the choices being "common-law partner (same sex) of Person 1."

Egyptian Gay Couple Arrested

Zagazig — Two men who were discovered to have gotten "married" by signing a private contract have been arrested, the Cairo Times reported.

Mumin S., 38, was charged with a "violation of honor by threat." His lover, Saber Abduh Ali, age 18 or 19, was charged with immoral and indecent behavior.

According to the Times, Ali told police the relationship had been going on for a year and a half while he worked in Mumin's computer-games store. But Ali claimed the relationship was not one of mutual consent because he had been "tricked" into it.

If convicted of forcing Ali to have sex against his will, Mumin faces up to six years in prison.

Gay Indians Caucus

Delhi — One hundred ten gay and lesbian activists from around India gathered near Mumbai this month for a three-day conference entitled "Looking into the Next Millennium."

Addressing the opening session, actress and TV talk-show host Kiron Kher urged: "You must fight for your rights. You need to make your intentions clear and come public with your sexual preferences rather than spoil another's life."

Kher apparently was referring to opposite-sex spouses who unknowingly marry homosexuals.

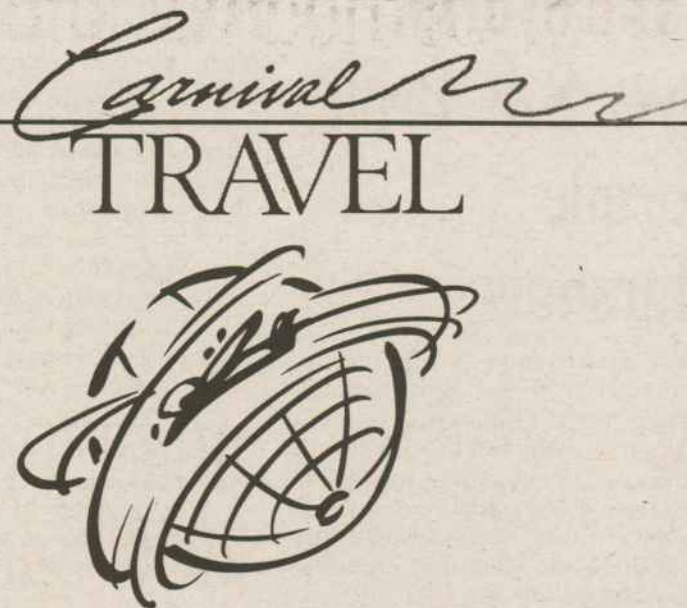
Dr. Alka Gogte of the Maharashtra District AIDS Control Society agreed that coming out is the answer.

"No one will understand your problems till you speak for yourself," she told the conferees.

Glasgow De-funds Gay Groups

Glasgow — The City Council temporarily suspended all funding of gay groups May 12 after a homophobic citizen filed suit charging the city with violating Section 28 of the Local Government Act, a 10-year-old United Kingdom law that prohibits cities from "intentionally promot[ing] homosexuality" or teaching "the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship" in schools.

Among the groups defunded are HIV Carers, the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, the Glasgay arts festival, the MCT Theatre Company and the West of Scotland Lesbian and Gay Forum.

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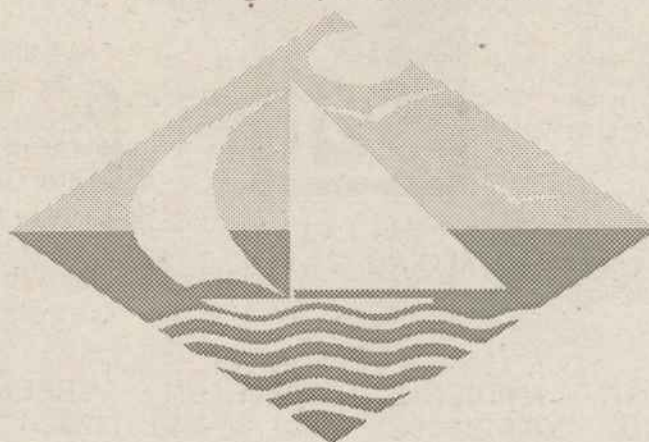
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Controversy Over S.F. Pride Parade Marshals

San Francisco — San Francisco's upcoming Gay Pride Parade is stinging from charges of election rigging in the selection of the grand marshal for the gigantic parade and festival that regularly draws some 500,000 people each year.

The Rev. Cecil Williams, popular pastor of the Glide Memorial Methodist Church and his wife Janice Mirikitani, formally withdrew their names as prospective grand marshals after accusations surfaced that one of Williams' staffers tampered with the vote results to make certain the minister would win.

The Pride committee solicits votes for each year's grand marshals and initial results indicated comic Ellen DeGeneres was the top vote-getter with Williams placing only sixth

out of a field of eight, getting even fewer votes than Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura.

But after the initial vote counts were made, the Pride committee decided to divide candidates into two categories: celebrities and community leaders. The committee also decided there would be two celebrity marshals and three community leader marshals.

The division and multiple marshals move, suggested by Calvin Gipson, president of the Pride board of directors and head of Glide's food distribution program, assured Williams and his wife of roles as grand marshals in the parade until their withdrawal.

'Black Pride 2000' Survey

Washington — The NGLTF's policy institute is launching what it describes as "the most extensive survey ever conducted of Black gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the United States."

The research survey was already distributed at the Philadelphia Black Pride and the Houston Splash and will continue with distribution over May 26-28 at Black Pride

2000 in Washington, D.C. Other celebrations where the survey will be distributed this year include: the Oakland (Calif.) Black Pride; Chicago Black Pride; Los Angeles' At the Beach event; New York City's Caribbean Pride; and In the Life in Atlanta.

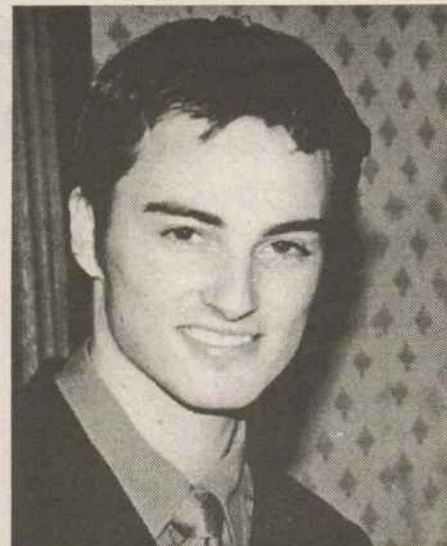
The survey is aimed at collecting basic demographic information as well as information about political affiliation, access to health care, and similar subjects.

Results of the survey are slated to be published in 2001.

'Dawson's Creek' Boys Finally Kiss

New York — The popular TV show "Dawson's Creek" broke something of a television barrier on its season finale airing May 24 when two male characters — Jack (played by Kerr Smith) and Ethan (played by Adam Kaufman) — engaged in a prolonged romantic kiss.

It is the first time a prime-time television program has portrayed an lingering, roman-



Dawson Creek's Kerr Smith

tic on-screen kiss between two male characters in the U.S., gay rights activists say.

According to sources, the WB Network which aired the program did not want to publicize or promote the kiss on "Dawson's Creek." This was not out of homophobia; rather, what was promoted instead was the "Joey must choose between Dawson and Pacey" storyline.

Kevin Williamson, producer of "Dawson's Creek" is gay.

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Montpelier, Vt. (AP) — "And now, by the powers vested in me by the state of Vermont, I pronounce you ..." What? Partners? Together as one? Joined as family?

Unlike marriage, there's no common syntax for the new world of same-sex civil unions. Because the couples are two men or two women, the old tried-and-true "man and woman" or "husband and wife" phrases don't quite make it.

With no rulebook and few traditions as well as no other state sanctioning what will be the equivalent of same-sex marriage and thereby offering some guideposts, Vermont's justices of the peace and couples entering civil unions are crafting their own conventions and rituals.

There has been a lot of discussion, both lighthearted and serious, about how to conduct a ceremony.

"There's so much creativity in our community among gay and lesbian couples in how to create outward signs of their commitment," said Mary Hurlie, a justice of the peace in Hinesburg who has been with her female partner for 13 years. "But we

haven't gotten to that level of detail, yet."

As marriages must be "solemnized" by judges, justices of the peace or members of the clergy, so, too, will civil unions have to be "certified."

But there aren't any rules. The civil unions law says only that they must be certified. There's no script in state statute that must be followed for a marriage, either.

"Just like marriages, there aren't any magic words," said Secretary of State Deb Markowitz. "We pronounce you man and wife, husband and wife, they're just made up. You don't find them in statute."

Training sessions have been held for justices by the secretary of state's office in recent weeks because it is almost unquestioned that it will be to them that the primary responsibility for performing civil unions ceremonies falls. That's because there are few religious faiths that bless same-sex unions and so there won't be many clergy members willing or able to certify civil unions on behalf of the state.

Justices of the peace have a handful of responsibilities under state law. Most have to do with taxes and elections. A town's justices — there are as few as five in small towns and as many as 15 in larger communities — sit as the board of civil authority to certify voter checklists or to hear tax appeals.

They also have the option of officiating at wedding ceremonies. Beginning July 1, they'll also have the authority to officiate at civil unions. The one catch is if they do

one, they'll have to do both. That's enough to prompt some justices to quit the marriage business because they oppose the civil unions law.

Experts, such as lawyer and former Deputy Secretary of State Paul Gillies, who have been guiding justices through the new responsibilities, say that's fine, so long as they don't discriminate. Under Vermont's non-discrimination laws, if justices perform weddings for heterosexual couples, they may not refuse to perform civil unions ceremonies just because those couples are homosexuals.

"A couple (justices) have tried to debate the law, but it doesn't matter because it is the law," Gillies said.

Some justices have put out the word that they're happy to officiate at civil unions ceremonies.

"I feel they deserve it," said Huntington justice Don Dresser, who has officiated at two weddings. "It's the law and I'm comfortable with it. I have a lot of gay friends. ... I'm going to treat everyone the same."

Some gays and lesbians who happen to be justices say they're excited that they'll be able to officiate at civil unions ceremonies.

"I'm excited. I'm so thrilled," Hurlie said. "This is really an honor to certify civil unions for folks."

So, now, what's left is to determine just what ceremonies should be. The short answer is that whatever is done for a wedding would work for a civil union.

"The big question was, 'What do you say at the end?' 'I hereby ... what?'" Gillies said. "We suggested: 'I hereby certify this civil union.'"

Markowitz said her office did not want

to dictate the words, but she recognized they would carry emotional weight.

"The justice has to say something that shows the imprimatur of the state is making the union official, whether it's a marriage or a civil union," Markowitz said. "The most straightforward, kind of sticking to the law pronouncement would be: 'I now certify your civil union.' Really, that's what a person is doing."

There are some traditions to follow, though. There have been a few religious faiths, for example, who have blessed the committed same-sex relationships of their adherents.

The Unitarian Universalist Society is one. The Rev. Brendan Hadash of the St. Johnsbury Unitarian church, for example, estimates he's performed probably 20 opposite-sex marriages and about an equal number of same-sex commitment ceremonies over the years. He's developed a series of phrases at the end of his ceremonies and uses the one that the couple finds most comfortable.

"I usually pronounce that you are partners forever," Hadash said.

"There are different phrases that people use: 'I recognize you as spiritually united. You are now joined as wife and wife, which I find a little odd. You are joined as spouses, partners, lovers. I declare that you are now united in love, that you are duly wed.'"

With the civil unions law, though, he'll be adding one phrase to his blessings.

"At the end of the service I used to always make a point of saying, 'By the power vested in me by my denomination, I declare you ...'" Hadash said. "Now I can say 'by the power vested in me by the church and the state.'"

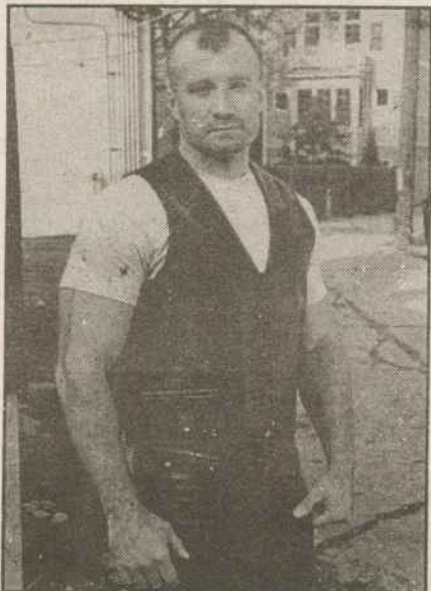
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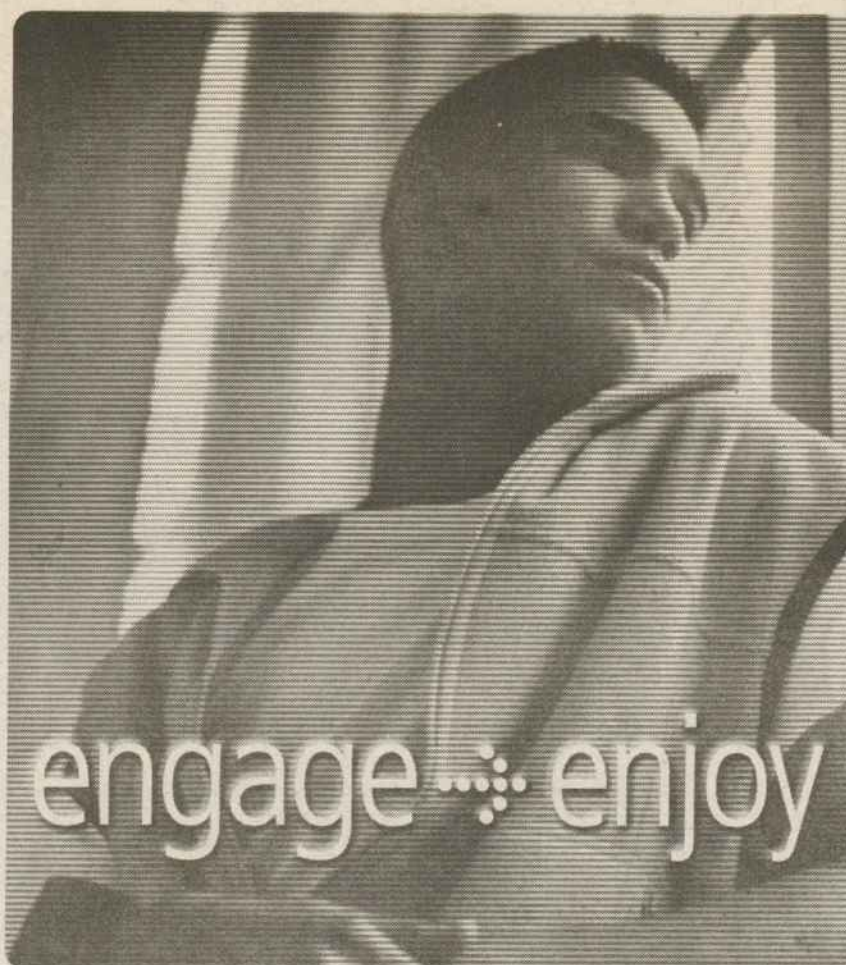
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Free Admission and Meal for PrideFest Volunteers

Milwaukee — It takes a lot of hands to help make sure PrideFest runs smoothly, and the festival is still in need of volunteers for the June 9-11 event.

Volunteers receive free admission on the day (or days) they work at the festival. All volunteers get a complimentary meal at the Pride Grill and a button identifying their special status. Every year sometime after the festival, PrideFest sponsors a big party especially for volunteers. The party is becoming legendary for its fun and high spirits.

Volunteers are still needed in the following areas: ticket sellers and takers, food service, bartending (must be 21 years old), parade hands (Friday night), information booth, security, and clean-up crew. Anyone who wants to volunteer for any of these positions should call PrideFest immediately at (414) 645-FEST. If you get the answering machine, leave your name and telephone number. Your call will be returned.

Dairyland Cowgirls/Boys Plan June Events

Madison — The Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys, the Madison-based LGBT western dance group, has a full schedule of events in June. Newcomers are always welcome. Unless otherwise indicated, all the following events are held at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. (Northgate Mall) in Madison. You don't need a partner, and western wear is not required.

On Saturday, June 3, the Cowgirls and Cowboys will visit the Shoreline dancers in Milwaukee at Fannies, 200 E. Washington St. from p.m. to close. Back in Madison on

Wednesday, June 7, the line-up includes line dancing lessons at 7 and 8 p.m. and open dancing at 9 p.m. Friday, June 9 includes a review of lessons at 8 p.m. and open dancing from 9 p.m. to close.

On Wednesday, June 14, there will be line dancing lessons at 7 and 8 p.m. and open dancing at 9 p.m. On June 21, there will be line dancing lessons at 7 p.m., two-step lessons at 8 p.m. and open dancing at 9 p.m. On Saturday, the 24th, there will be a review of lessons at 8 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to close. On June 28, there will be swing lessons at 7 p.m., line dancing at 8 p.m. On June 30, there will be a review of lessons at 8 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to close.

All dances are in a smoke-free environment with a cash bar. Suggested donation is \$3.

LAMM Walks Against Family Violence June 17

Milwaukee — On Saturday, June 17, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will try to outshine its own record as the organizational team that has raised the most money for the Milwaukee Women's Center in its annual Walk Against Family Violence.

In 1997, the LAMM team astonished everyone by raising \$4,693.00. Funds raised in the annual pledge walk support services for victims of domestic violence and educational programs to stop abuse. The Center also operates an AODA clinic and helps women get off of drugs. Lesbians have always been given equal access and sensitive treatment at the Women's Center.

Volunteers — men and women from the LGBT community — should call LAMM team captains Shelly at (414) 545-5102, or Mary Rita at (414) 962-9375, as soon as possible. They will make sure everyone gets registration

forms. Walk forms will also be available at LAMM's information booth at PrideFest.

Walk festivities begin at 9 a.m. at South Urban Park, just north of the Summerfest grounds. Registration, massages, and a free breakfast are available. A mass aerobics warm-up begins at 10:15. There are opening ceremonies at 10:45 and the Walk steps off at 11:15. The Walk is 3.1 miles long and there is entertainment along the route. Closing ceremonies, including presentation of awards, is at 12:30 p.m. All walkers get free admission to the Asian Moon Festival after the walk.

CAIR Holds Research Conference June 8

Milwaukee — The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR), part of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin, will hold a research conference at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 8.

The conference title is "Bayesian Analysis Applied to Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of HIV Prevention Programs." It features a report by Professor Ana Johnson-Masotti of CAIR. Continuing Medical Education credits are available.

The conference will be held at 2071 N. Summit Ave. on Milwaukee's east side. For more information, call (414) 456-7700.

SSBL Offers Action on the Diamond

Milwaukee — The Saturday Soft Ball League (SSBL) is in full swing this season, with men's teams from some of Milwaukee's best bars duking it out to see who will be

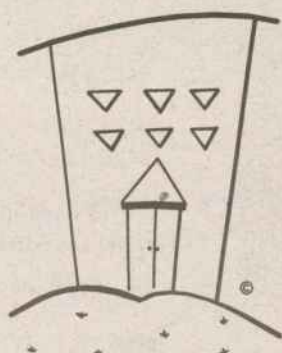
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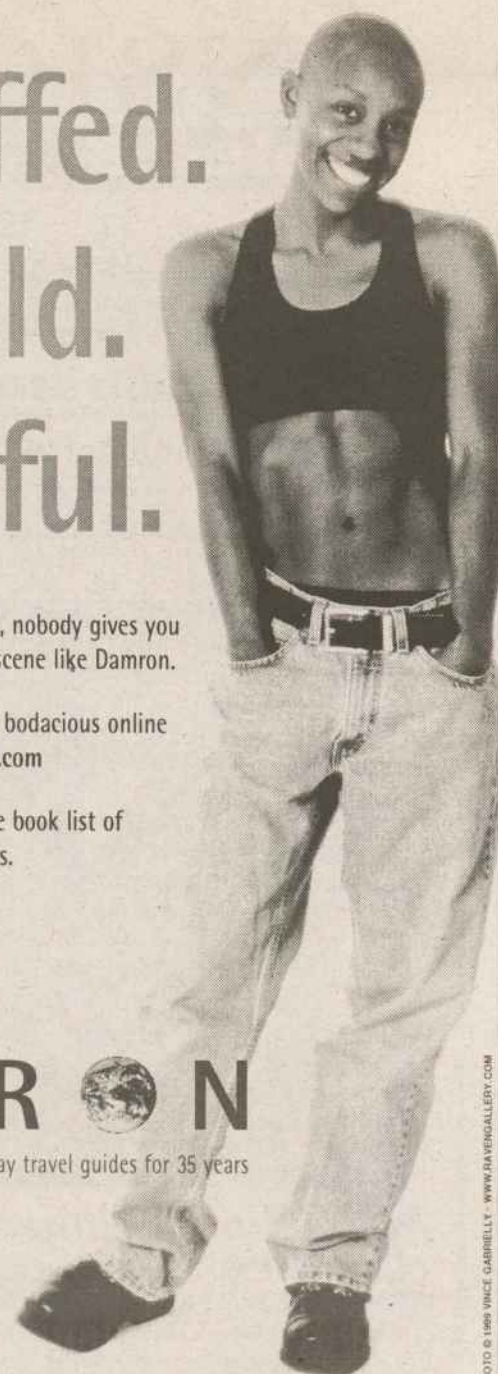
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champs on the diamond. As of May 24, Balistreri's team was on top, with 6 wins and no losses. The Ball Game was in second place with a 5-1 record.

SSBL games are played at Sijan Field, which is located on S. Kinnickinnic Ave. and California St. (just across KK from the Kohl's food store). The play begins at 12 noon and runs to approximately 5 p.m. Upcoming games are scheduled for June 3, 17, and 24, and July 8, 15, 22 and 29. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Historic \$100,000 Gift Given to ARCW

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin announced it received an extraordinary \$100,000 gift which will be used as a challenge grant to match each new or increased dollar given to ARCW's Giving for Life campaign.

The donor, Bill Reinicker of Madison, began his relationship with ARCW 10 years ago when his partner, Tom Schlagenhaft, became seriously ill with AIDS.

"ARCW provided wonderful, caring services to Tom while supporting me as his caregiver, right until the end of Tom's life," Reinicker said. "I'm proud to support ARCW's work throughout the state and in my local community," he added.

"Thanks to Bill's compassionate generosity, any new or increased gifts will be matched dollar for dollar, essentially dou-

pieces by chorus members. This year's program includes selections from 18 Broadway shows, presented in six thematic acts — a first for the chorus.

Tickets for the concert are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets are available at Afterwords Bookstore, the M&M Club and from chorus members. For more information on the concert or the chorus, call (414) 276-8787.

G/L Center Trust Fund To Hold Annual Meeting

Milwaukee — The Board of Directors of the G/L Community Center Trust Fund are inviting members and supporters to attend the organization's annual meeting, scheduled for Sunday, June 18. The meeting will take place at 12 noon in the banquet room of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water St. Brunch will follow the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to bring their comments and suggestions to the meeting. The Trust Fund is not affiliated with Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center. It is a separate organization.

Cost for the brunch is \$15. Those planning to attend should send \$15 to: G/L Community Center Trust Fund, P.O. Box 1686, Milwaukee, WI 53201 by June 12. Those who want to pay at the door should still make their reservation by phone. Call (414) 643-8330.

Milwaukee's LGBT Film & Video Festival

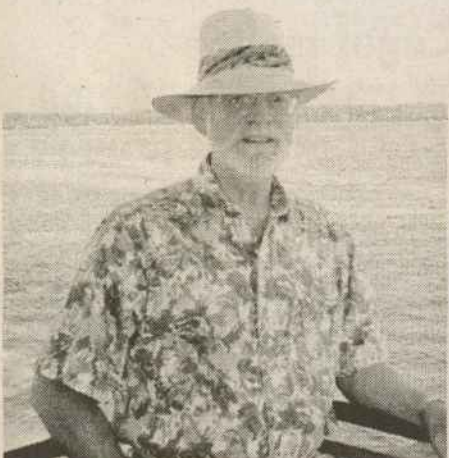
Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT community's own film festival is set for October 5-7 and October 12-14, with two-packed programs of features, documentaries, experimental pieces, and short films to be presented each night. Once again, the Festival will be the local venue to premiere the newest LGBT film and video work.

Presented by the Department of Film at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Festival will be presented in the legendary Union Theatre, in UWM's Student Union.

For the second year in a row, the Festival will be co-presented by Milwaukee's own LGBT Community Center. And the Festival is once again made possible by a generous grant from the Cream City Foundation.

Hoping to feature more home-grown work this year, the Festival is looking to billboard film and video work by Wisconsin media makers. Interested artists should contact Carl Bogner at (414) 229-6015, or e-mail: crlelbog@uwm.edu.

Anyone interested in being a part of the Festival — as a volunteer, as a co-presenter, or, dare we say it, a co-sponsor — should contact Carl Bogner at the Department of Film at (414) 229-6015 or, even better, at crlelbog@uwm.edu. Those seeking more information regarding the festival should do the same.



Bill Reinicker of Madison, made a \$100,000 gift to ARCW.

bling new donations," said Jim Schleif, ARCW director of development. "Bill exemplifies all that is wonderful about giving: to sustain the memory of a loved one; to keep AIDS services strong; to motivate others to give from the heart."

The Giving for Life campaign also includes a spring telefunding effort that will close in June. Friends of ARCW will be asked to help sustain AIDS services in Wisconsin and support ARCW in embracing a new national goal announced by the Centers for Disease Control to cut America's HIV infection rate in half by 2004.

"Everyone can be a philanthropist. Gifts of \$10 or \$25 will add to the Giving for Life campaign, the backbone of ARCW's development efforts," said Schleif.

Giving for Life is the brand that signifies all of ARCW's philanthropic efforts. Please call Jim Schleif at (414) 225-1580.

Cream City Chorus Plans June Concert

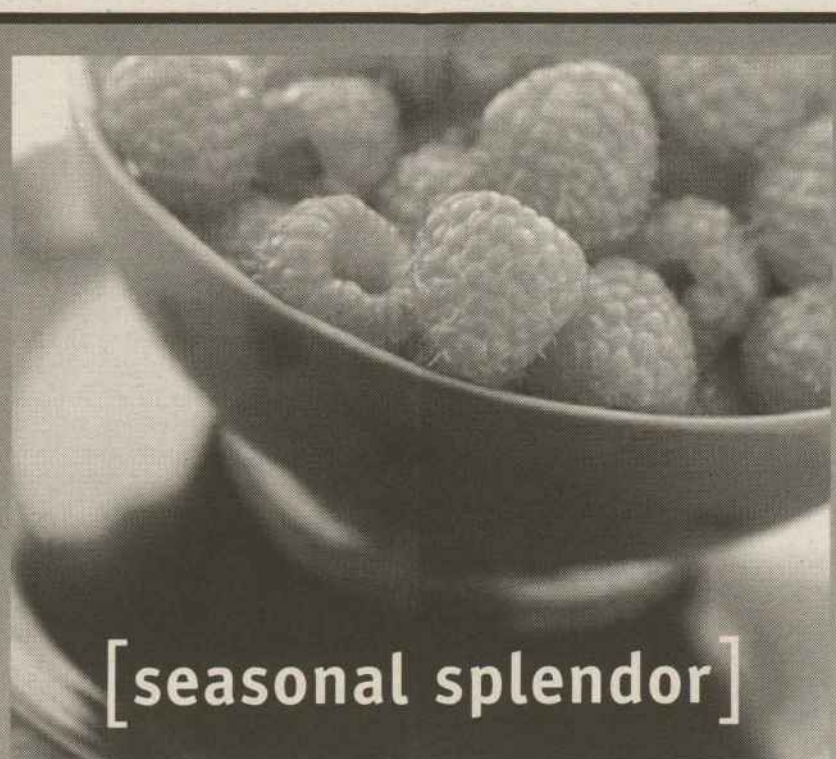
Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will present its annual "Gay Concert V: Show Us Your Tunes!" on Saturday, June 17 at 8 p.m. at the Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St.

The Chorus's annual "Gay Concert" features choral numbers as well as a diverse selection of solo and ensemble

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ARCW Receives State Housing Grant

Milwaukee — For its outstanding HIV housing program, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin was today awarded a \$53,200 HUD Emergency Shelter Grant from the Wisconsin Division of Housing and Intergovernmental Relations Department.

"Receiving this grant is very significant to the Milwaukee HIV community," said Karen Dotson, ARCW regional director. "The grant allows ARCW to meet one of its greatest needs, to provide deeper, more meaningful services to the growing number of individuals and families living with and affected by HIV."

Currently, the number of housing requests is outpacing limited funds available for providing adequate housing care, said Dotson.

"The \$53,000 will specifically help over 700 low-income individuals with paying rent, finding temporary shelter or a long-term home and a host of additional support services."

"Given all of the difficulties and tensions of living with this disease, a reliable home environment is essential and increases prospects for long-term success with HIV treatments and achieving healthier liv-

ing," Dotson added. "ARCW is grateful to be a recipient of these important funds."

Chicago Pride Parade and Rally Set for June 24

Chicago — Chicago's 31st annual Pride Parade and Rally is scheduled for Sunday, June 25. The parade steps off at 2 p.m. from the corner of Halsted and Belmont and proceeds north on Halsted to Broadway, then south on Broadway to Diversey, then east on Diversey to Sheridan Road in Lincoln Park.

The rally and music festival follows the parade at 4 p.m. in Lincoln Park at 3000 N. Lake Shore Drive West (the inner drive at Wellington). It is expected to run until 7 p.m. It features live entertainment, informational tables staffed by community organizations and parade awards.

This year's parade will include 225 registered entries, among them, marching bands, floats and decorated vehicles. The crowd at last year's parade and rally was estimated by Chicago police at 300,000.

For more information on Chicago's Pride celebration, call (773) 348-8243 or visit PRIDEChicago's web site at: www.chicagopridecalendar.org.

ARCW's Harm Reduction Center Honored for Outstanding Programs

Milwaukee — ARCW's Dennis Hill Harm Reduction Center on Milwaukee's Vliet Street was recently recognized with multiple awards for providing high-quality HIV risk reduction and drug treatment to people throughout Milwaukee county.

The Hill Center in May received the "Outstanding Program Award" from the Wisconsin Association on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse for making the most significant impact and contribution to the local AODA community.

"We were recognized for the unique ways we serve our community by reducing and eliminating the spread of HIV through harm reduction," said Jacque Stock, ARCW AODA manager. "The Hill Center is one of only a handful of AODA facilities nationwide that uses the harm reduction approach to HIV prevention and AODA treatment."

In June, three ARCW employees will receive the James Cook Memorial Foundation Auxiliary Award for outstanding street outreach to the alcohol and drug using community. Street Outreach workers Mark Hardman, Larry Bray, and Lawrence Harris will receive the award recognizing their HIV outreach and referral work to help people access AODA services.

In April, Jacque Stock was appointed as co-chair elect to the Wisconsin HIV Prevention Planning Council. The Council recommends prevention strategies and interventions to be implemented by AIDS service organizations throughout the state. Stock brings 13 years of AODA treatment expertise and extensive knowledge of the

HIV prevention needs of people struggling with AODA issues to the Council.

"This is a proud moment for ARCW and the Hill Center. It recognizes the valuable contribution they bring to the community," said Scott Stokes, ARCW's director of prevention services.

ARCW's Hill Center provides HIV prevention through street outreach, targeting at-risk populations such as youth, injection drug users and women in the sex industry, correctional facilities and drug and alcohol treatment centers.

Gay Men's Discussion Set for June 11

Milwaukee — The Gay Men's Discussion Group will meet from 6 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 11th, at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. In keeping with PrideFest 2000, the topic for June will be "Are you glad to be gay?"

Earlier this year the group discussed heterosexism in the larger culture. Everyone must work through internalized heterosexism that results from living in a heterosexist society. How does one heal from its effects? Is it possible to be free from this social disease? In this month of gay pride, come share where you are on the path toward being gay and proud.

For more information on the group, call (414) 271-2565.

Legal Issues Workshop for Same Sex Couples June 12

Green Bay — "Safeguarding Our Lives Together," a seminar and workshop on legal issues for same sex couples and LGBT individuals, is set for Monday, June 12. The ninety-minute workshop will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level fellowship hall at the Angels of Hope MCC Church, 3607 Libal Street in Green Bay.

Featured speaker at the seminar will be Christopher Krimmer, attorney for ARCW's Legal Program of Wisconsin. Krimmer will outline the necessary legal documents individuals and same-sex couples need to assure their wishes are followed in times of emergency or unexpected death.

Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to complete a checklist of needed legal documents and complete standardized Wisconsin durable powers of attorney forms. Additional notaries public and attorneys are also scheduled to attend.

The workshop will also utilize materials prepared by the national Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples. According to a survey taken by that advocacy group, less than 5% of all same-sex couples have all the legal documents necessary to protect themselves, their dependents, and their possessions.

Although there is no charge for the workshop, registration is necessary to ensure that enough copies of necessary paper work is available for attendees.

Those interested in attending can register at Green Bay area gay businesses, at the church or by calling (920) 437-0994. People may also register by emailing Action Wisconsin at: actionwi@execpc.com

The workshop is being sponsored by the northeast region of Action Wisconsin, Inc. in cooperation the Partner's Task Force for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Complimentary refreshments at the seminar will be available courtesy of volunteer members of the Dinettes, the regional gay men's dining group.



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Kathy Herbst

VETERAN ACTIVIST FILLS NEW POST AT MILWAUKEE'S LGBT CENTER

By Jamakaya

Kathy Herbst has been named to the new position of Program Manager at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center. But in many ways, she's an old veteran at community organizing with a history of activism that goes back 20 years.

"I first got involved in the women's community in the early 1980's as a volunteer for the Women's Crisis Line," Herbst told *IN Step*. "I went on to become the director of the Crisis Line for several years."

"I trained as a support group facilitator through the Counseling Center and facilitated a lot of groups like Free Space and More Space," says Herbst. Free Space was a group for women just coming out or exploring their sexual orientation. More Space was for lesbians already out. Later, when it became clear that younger women needed help dealing with their sexual orientation, Herbst started a group called Insight, which provided support for women aged 17-21. "We ran it for 3-4 years successfully and had a lot of young women come through that group."

"Eventually, I was hired as director of the Prevention Education program at the Counseling Center," Herbst said. "It was a school-based alcohol and drug abuse pre-



Kathy Herbst. Photo by Jamakaya

vention program that tried to teach kids the life skills they needed to avoid falling into drug use."

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ist. "I focused on issues around sexual orientation. I went into communities and workplaces and talked about how to work with gay and lesbian adolescents."

If the preceding litany is not enough to convince some of her commitment, Herbst also volunteered for years with Hurricane Productions, the company that brought women's music artists to Milwaukee. Immediately prior to starting at the LGBT Center, Herbst was working on a school-based HIV prevention program.

But Herbst didn't always identify with the gay and lesbian community. Like many of us, it took a while for her to figure things out.

"I had what I often say was 'another life,'" she says.

"In my 20s, I was married, I was teaching in Lutheran schools and very active in the church. My son was born right toward the end of my marriage. Those were years when I was really on my own, reading and rethinking much of what I had taken for granted and been taught growing up in a conser-

vative, Lutheran, Missouri Synod family. But I had nobody to talk to about it, no place to go with some of the new awareness."

"I left teaching eventually because I couldn't see myself staying in that environment and feeling like I had any integrity there. I left teaching about the same time I got divorced."

The catalyst that changed her life was the Women's Crisis Line. She saw a public service ad for the Crisis Line on TV and called to volunteer.

"In spite of being really scared, I showed up and just found a door opened. There was this whole other world there that I'd had no access to before and people who had a lot of the same beliefs that I was just developing on my own. Suddenly, I had a place to go with it and people to talk to. And, of course, it also opened the door to my lesbianism too, which was somewhere buried under all kinds of stuff."

"My first [female] partner helped me to raise Rob. He still saw his dad but because he was so young, he just accepted that we were his family. Rob's 22 years old now and graduating from college. He's a good person. I loved parenting. I'm very glad I had that opportunity."

Herbst will be working with Executive Director Neil Albrecht and the program and volunteer committees of the Center. She will provide support to Project Q, the vibrant new group for LGBT youth based at the Center. She'll also help to put together a Resource Directory, so that people calling in or stopping by can be provided with referrals to LGBT and LGBT-supportive services.

"I'm thrilled at the potential the Center has to fill a necessary role in our community, to bridge some chasms and bring people together," Herbst said. "I certainly hope that for the women in our community my presence here will be a sign that this truly is the 'LGBT Community Center and that their help, their input, and their participation is very welcome."

Herbst can be reached at the Center at (414) 271-2656.

How does she feel about being at the LGBT Center?

"I'm really happy to be here," she says. "I felt that this job would give me a chance to use a lot of the skills I've gained through the years – my experience at the Women's Crisis Line heading a volunteer program, my experience with program development and trainings."

"I love program development," she added. "I love figuring out what people need, what's going to be most useful, and then helping to create that and sustain it."

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New Study Refutes Myth Of Gay Affluence

New York — A report in this month's issue of "Demography" on income levels among same-sex partners further refutes the myth of "gay affluence," a misconception that has been used to stereotype and discriminate against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In 1998, the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies issued a joint study entitled "Income Inflation: The Myth of Affluence Among Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans." Many of the study's findings were confirmed by a separate, independent study by four academicians published in this month's issue of Demography.

"As the real outline of economic life for gay, lesbian and bisexual people becomes more defined through these studies, we see that stereotypes portraying our communities as only rich are distorted," said Ingrid Rivera-Dessuit, coordinator of NGLTF's Racial and Economic Justice Initiative. "While the myth of affluence helps our

communities gain the attention of powerful corporations, the real dangers lie in how the myths skew the political priorities of the movement and hurt our ability to advocate on issues of economic justice."

The NGLTF/IGLSS report, "Income Inflation," suggested that discrimination based on sexual orientation may be a contributing factor to the fact that gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans earn less overall than their heterosexual counterparts. "Despite popular myths, this information is not surprising given the high level of discrimination experienced by gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, who come from all sectors of society, without regard to economic status, and experience discrimination that may at times affect their earn-

ing power," the report concluded.

Rivera-Dessuit pointed out that assumptions of disproportionate income among GLBT people have found their way into the courts in crucial civil rights challenges such as the Colorado Amendment 2 case that went before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In that case, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia cited misused market research statistics on gay and lesbian people when he wrote that "high disposable income" gave gay people "disproportionate political power," and that Colorado voters should be permitted to rein in that power by banning anti-discrimination protections for lesbian, gay and bisexual residents. Scalia's dissenting opinion in the Colorado Amendment 2 case was joined by

Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas.

Even when social science data provides a more accurate sketch of economic life for gay, lesbian, and bisexual people, it is argued that same-sex couples, even with lower individual earnings, would still have more discretionary income than a heterosexual couple. "The stereotype of gay or lesbian couples as 'DINKS' ('dual-income-no-kids') involves two assumptions," wrote "Income Inflation" author M.V. Lee Badgett, an economist at the University of Massachusetts. "First, that same-sex couples will have higher incomes than married couples, and second, that lesbian and gay men have no children."

Further research on household incomes of same-sex couples by Badgett has demonstrated that heterosexual-couple households and male same-sex-couple households have roughly equal household incomes, while female same-sex couples bring home 18 to 20 percent less income. The economic picture for female same-sex households becomes more grim considering that at least 22 percent of lesbian couples living together have children, as reported by the Demography article.

Survey Highlights



Gay men who work full-time earned as much as 27 percent less than heterosexual men in terms of race, education, location, occupation, and experience.



Lesbians and heterosexual women have little income difference; however women as a category persistently make significantly less than their male counterparts.



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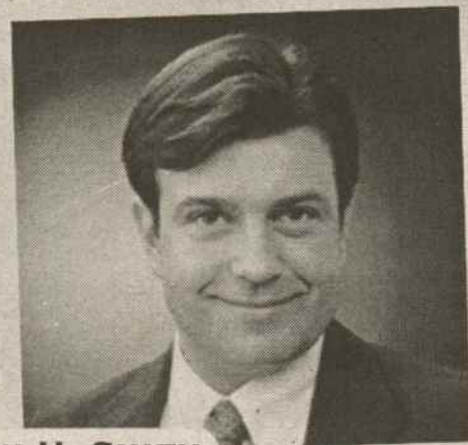
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PrideFest 2000: Proud From the Inside and Out

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — PrideFest, Wisconsin's annual celebration of LGBT pride and culture, unfolds at Milwaukee's lakefront Friday through Sunday, June 9-11. In its fifth consecutive year at Henry W. Maier Festival Park, PrideFest 2000 will be continuing some of its most popular features and introducing a few changes.

PARADE & FIREWORKS

The biggest change has the Pride Parade taking place on Friday evening (instead of Sunday) as a kick-off to the festival weekend. Organizers are promoting a Mardi Gras-style theme in the hopes that costumes and

illuminated floats and vehicles will make for a unique and spectacular parade.

"We're doing this as a one-time thing," PrideFest Marketing Director Susan Cook told IN Step. "We hope it gives people a fresh approach. The suggestion came from festival-goers themselves when we surveyed them last year. We know there's a bit of a risk doing something different but we also like the idea of trying something new."

Step-off for the parade is at 7:30 p.m. Friday night from N. Harbor Drive (see "Parade" story). After the parade, a Mardi Gras party will be held on the festival grounds. People coming in costumes will be admitted free. Also on Friday night,

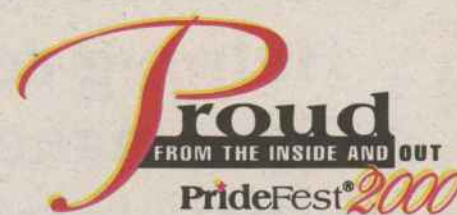
PrideFest will present its annual awards to community activists (see related story).

This year's festival will feature expanded fireworks. The "Light Up the Sky with Pride" fireworks that always draw festival-goers to the lake's edge to "Oooohh" and "Aaaaahh" on Saturday night will also take place on Sunday evening this year. The fireworks are sponsored by the Miller Brewing Co.

ENTERTAINMENT

Headliners at this year's pride festival include disco divas CeCe Peniston and Lisa, Lisa and lesbian comedian Michelle Balan.

Peniston, best known for her stirring anthem "Finally" (recorded when she was



just 21!) and the dance club hit "We Got a Love Thang," will be rocking the Miller Stage on Saturday night at 9 p.m. Her powerful vocals and the driving rhythms of her music are sure to get the crowd on its feet.

The same is true for Lisa, Lisa, whose Latin-flavored dance hits are known to everyone who's partied at a gay disco over the past 15 years. "I Wonder If I Take You Home" and "All Cried Out" are among her hits. Lisa, Lisa plays the Miller Stage on Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

Warming up the crowd for Lisa, Lisa will be funny lady Michelle Balan. Balan has been a regular at women's festivals and gay clubs and cruises for many years.

Another comedy highlight at PrideFest is sure to be the appearance of Flaming Dykasaurus, the hilarious improvisational troupe from Madison. The Flaming Dykes have been delivering side-splitting routines for years at the Lesbian Variety Show and other venues in Madison. Now a wider audience here in Milwaukee can enjoy them. They perform at 9 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday in the Stonewall Tent.

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1. Pride Cards: Proud Crowd sponsors get in free any time they present their Pride Cards at the gate. It's not too late to become a Proud Crowd sponsor! Call PrideFest ASAP: (414) 645-FEST. Proud Crowd sponsorships start at just \$15.

2. Food Donations: PrideFest is hosting its third food drive for the Hunger Task Force on Friday from 5-9 p.m. and again on Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Anyone bringing four or more items of non-perishable food receives free admission during those hours.

3. PrideFest Button: Purchase a PrideFest button, wear it on Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and get in free. Buttons are just \$2 and are available at: Afterwards Book Store, 2710 North Murray; Designing Men & Womyn, 1200 South First Street; and This Is It, 418 East Wells. Quantities are limited.

4. Costumes: All persons who come in costume Friday night for the Mardi Gras party will get in for free.

5. Press Card: If you subscribe to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, use your Press Card on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. for free admission.

6. VOLUNTEER! All volunteers get in for free on the day(s) they work. Volunteer shifts are still available. Call PrideFest at (414) 645-FEST.

Mardi Gras-Style Pride Parade, Friday Evening This Year



There is still time for businesses and organizations to register their float, vehicle or contingent for this year's Pride Parade, a Mardi Gras-style evening parade that PrideFest officials hope will bring out the creativity and fabulousness of the LGBT community.

"This is a unique way to kick off the Pride Weekend," said Rick Finger, Parade Coordinator. "In other cities, night parades have been extremely successful." The one-time night parade was endorsed by the majority of parade participants who returned surveys last year.

Wisconsin's Pride Parade will step off at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9th. Marchers and units will assemble along North Harbor Drive. At step-off they will head north to Michigan Ave.; west on Michigan to Cass St.; north on

Cass to Wisconsin Ave.; west on Wisconsin to Milwaukee St.; south on Milwaukee to Chicago St.; and then east to the front gates of the festival. PrideFest Rainbow Flags already line the route.

The Police Band, comprised of volunteers from the police force, returns this year. A new participant this year is the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department. PFLAG (Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will serve as color guard, with members from around the state invited to participate.

This year's judges are Margaret Henningsen, Aldermen Angel Sanchez and Mike D'Amato and former County Supervisor Dorothy Dean. There will be awards for marching unit, decorated car and float. Units are advised to incorporate this year's festival theme, "PrideFest 2000: Proud from the Inside Out" into their decorations. Elaborate floats are encouraged. If participants need instructions on illuminating a float, contact the PrideFest office. The entry fee is \$50. Call PrideFest at (414) 645-FEST for more information.

previous fests are back again. Pulsation, Chicago's multi-ethnic women's band, will present their hard-driving rock/r&b mix on the Miller Stage at 2 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday. Denisa Clark's trumpet will command your attention. And Men Out Loud, who sing lovely and funny a capella harmonies, are back for their third year. The California boys will croon from the Miller Stage at 4 p.m. Saturday and at 7 p.m. Sunday just before Lisa, Lisa. Don't miss them!

Not to be outdone in the a capella department is Milwaukee's own Singsational, performing on the Miller Stage Friday night at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Other musical acts include progressive rockers Sometimes Y, country rocker Ronnie Nyles, jazzman John Scuduto, Mia Montenegro, the amazing Rufus, Alpha

Dog, bent, Petra Luna, Eden and Deborah. Milwaukee's gay and lesbian chorales, the Cream City Chorus and the Fest City Singers will perform. The Rainbow Café, a more intimate setting, will be the venue for some of these acts.

And what would PrideFest be without a drag show? The ladies of the Lily White Revue strut their way across the Miller Stage on Saturday evening after the fireworks.

The dance tent, famous (or infamous!) for its loud disco music, will be in full swing through most hours of the festival. The "Gardens" area will be the place for games and to view and learn about dances as presented by groups like the Shoreline Dancers and Cream City Squares. The Youth Tent will provide a variety of activities, games and talent shows organized by and for GLBT youth.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

During afternoon hours, the Stonewall Tent, sponsored by *IN Step*, will offer workshops and presentations on issues of concern to the LGBT community like hate crimes, spirituality, domestic partner legislation, safer sex, bisexuality, coming out, etc.

An Interfaith Service will be held on the Miller Stage Sunday at noon. It will be led by Rev. Andrew Warner, the openly gay associate minister from Plymouth Church. Everyone is invited to attend. And the ever-popular mass commitment ceremony, officiated by Rev. Lew Broyles of Milwaukee's Metropolitan Community Church, will take place again this year. It is scheduled at 4 p.m. in the dance tent. Participants can partake in the massive wedding cake afterward.

Saturday afternoon will feature special children's activities including face painting, clowns, balloon sculptures and, a sight that brings smiles to young and old, the Uppity Women Stiltwalkers. There will be a Volleyball Social all weekend. Everyone is invited to play. And there will be many vendors selling inspired (and sometimes not-so-inspired!) items and souvenirs. Community groups will also staff information booths.

Food, beer, and other beverages will be plentiful at PrideFest. From brats and barbecued chicken to veggie burgers and burritos, from donuts and ice cream and smoothie treats to pizza and baked potatoes, from wine coolers to specialized coffees and fruit drinks — everyone will find something delicious to eat and drink at the festival.

ACCESSIBILITY

American Sign Language interpreters will be present to interpret most of the major Miller Stage acts. Individuals who are deaf or hearing-impaired are invited to

approach the ASL crew's table (near the Miller Stage) to request an interpreter for any other specific events. A TDD is located near the First Aid Station.

The park's restrooms are wheelchair accessible as are some drinking fountains and public telephones near the restrooms. Some tables in the audience seating areas are marked and specially designed for use by the disabled. Able-bodied people are asked to please respect the needs of individuals who need these accommodations. Accessible parking spaces can be found in the lots outside the park and along Harbor Drive. Vehicles must display disabled plates or permits. Wheelchairs and strollers can enter the grounds through the wide gate on the far right side of the entrance. Wheelchairs and strollers will be available on the grounds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Various sidebar stories in this issue of *IN Step* provide readers with more detailed information on the parade, the entertainment schedule, directions to PrideFest, transportation and parking advice, admission policies, volunteer needs, etc. PrideFest cautions that sometimes last-minute changes must be made to the schedule. For any further questions, and if you'd like to volunteer at the festival (in exchange for free admission and a complimentary meal), call PrideFest at (414) 645-FEST.

For hotel accommodations, PrideFest suggests the Best Western - Inn Towne Hotel in downtown Milwaukee. Call toll-free: 1 (877) ITHOTEL. For more information about Milwaukee, call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 554-1448.

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FRI./JUNE 9

MILLER STAGE

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- 5:30 Shoreline Dancers
- 6:30 Opening Ceremonies
- 7:00 Petra Luna
- 8:00 Singsational Productions
- 9:00 Awards
- 9:30 Wisconsin Title Showcase
- 10:30 Parade Awards
- 10:45 Wisconsin Title Showcase
- 12 am Closed

THE GARDENS

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- 5:00 Live / Pre-recorded Music
- 6:00 Music
- 9:00 Singled Out
- 11:00 The Hot Tub: A Game of Q & A
- 11:30 Simon Says: The Classic with a Twist
- 12 am Closed

THE DANCE TENT

Co-Sponsored by La Cage

- 5:00 - 11:45 Mardi Gras Party
- 12 am Closed

- 7:00 Open Mic Night — Comedy
- 8:00 Open Mic Night — Comedy
- 9:00 Comedy — Flaming Dykasaurus
- 10:00 Closed

THE DANCE TENT

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- 2:00 Dance
- 10:00 Fireworks
- 12 am closed

THE GARDENS

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- Noon TBA
- 1:00 TBA
- 2:00 Shoreline - Milwaukee
- 3:00 Shoreline - Milwaukee
- 4:00 TBA
- 5:00 Cream City Squares
- 6:00 Cream City Squares
- 7:00 Cream City Squares
- 8:00 TBA

THE RAINBOW CAFE

Sponsored by Quest

- 1:00 TBA
- 2:00 Kolpack
- 3:00 Cream City Chorus
- 4:00 TBA
- 5:00 Glitch
- 6:00 Fest City Singers
- 7:00 Entertainers Against AIDS
- 8:00 Miss PrideFest USA
- 10:00 Closed

FAMILY DAY

- 1:30 - 4:00 Uppity Women
- 1:00 - 3:00 Creative Connections - crafts
- 3:00 - 4:00 Side by Side - songs
- 4:00 Pride Band

YOUTH TENT

- 5:00 Saturday Nite Live
- 6:00 Make Safer Sex: A Game with ARCW
- 7:00 TBA
- 8:00 - 12am Karaoke

SUN./JUNE 11

MILLER STAGE

Sponsored by Miller Brewing Company

- 12:00 Chapel of Hope —
Fighting for Our Spiritual Life
- 1:00 Pride in an Age of Shame
- 2:00 Fighting The Radical Right
- 3:00 Hate Crimes and Our Community
- 4:00 Are You Gay / Straight? Are You Sure?
- 5:00 An Honest Look into
Our Own Mirrors
- 6:00 TBA

- 12:00 Interfaith Services
- 1:00 Glitch
- 2:00 Singsational Productions
- 3:00 Rufus
- 4:00 Pulsation Band
- 5:00 bent
- 6:00 Alpha Dogh
- 7:00 Men Out Loud
- 8:00 Lisa Lisa
- 9:00 Fireworks

STONEWALL/COMEDY STAGE

Sponsored by IN Step

- 12:00 Treatment Foster Parents
- 1:00 Domestic Partnership Update
- 2:00 Men of Color - ARCW
- 3:00 Dignity Couples Ministry
- 4:00 Safer Sex Game Show - ARCW
- 5:00 Gemini Gender Group
- 6:00 Comedy - Flaming Dykasaurus
- 7:00 Comedy - Michelle Balan
- 8:00 Closed

THE DANCE TENT

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- 2:00 Dance
- 4:00 Mass Wedding
- 5:00 Dance
- 9:00 Fireworks
- 10:00 Closed

THE GARDENS

Sponsored by Pepsi

- 12:00 Music
- 1:00 Music
- 2:00 Music

- 3:00 Cream City Squares
- 4:00 Cream City Squares
- 5:00 Cream City Squares
- 6:00 Music
- 9:00 Fireworks

THE RAINBOW CAFE

Sponsored by Quest

- 12:00 Closed
- 1:00 Interfaith fellowship
- 3:00 Deborah Hamm
- 4:00 TBA
- 5:00 Mia Montenegro
- 7:00 Closed

YOUTH TENT

- 12:00 TBA
- 1:00 Broadway Revisted
- 2:00 Gay Jeopardy
- 3:00 Talent Show
- 5:00 Fashion Show
- 6:00 Open Mic Poetry and Prose
- 7:00 OUT on TV
- 8:00 Karaoke
- 10:00 Closed

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PARKING:

Ample parking is available both in private lots for a fee or along nearby city streets (meter parking). Parking for the disabled is available in Lot G for a fee. Vehicles must display handicap plates or permit. Vendors with booth spaces will receive directions to specific gates for loading.

PUBLIC TRANSIT:

The Milwaukee County Transit System is providing shuttle and Freeway Flyer service to PrideFest! This alleviates the need to drive through heavy traffic and locate parking.

Shuttles will run every 15-20 minutes. The shuttle service will pick up festival-goers from 6th Street and Wisconsin Avenue eastward to Jackson Street, and then to Chicago Street before heading to the festival grounds. The shuttle bus will stop at all bus stops along this route that have the logo on the signs. The final stop is just across from the main gate. A round trip fare for the shuttle is only \$1.00 (exact fare only, pay round-trip fare when you board).

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PrideFest to Bestow Annual Awards

By Jamakaya

This year, PrideFest received a record number of nominations for its annual awards. The result is a record number of awards to organizations and individuals who have done important work for the LGBT community. The winners profiled below have been asked to serve as marshals for the Pride Parade Friday night, June 9. They will receive their awards in a ceremony at PrideFest that night.

Community Service Awards

The Community Service Award is presented to individuals or organizations who have made exemplary contributions to the LGBT community. This year's recipients are Justin Lockridge and the Possum Queen Campaign.

Justin Lockridge is just 20 years old, but the Community Service Award recognizes the critical role he played in establishing Project Q, the program for LGBT and questioning youth based at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center. Project Q, run by and for youth, provides social activities, meeting space and support for LGBTQ individuals ages 15-24.

"We saw the need for youth to organize things on their own behalf and so decided to start our own group," Lockridge explained. "I feel it's really because of all the people who became involved with Project Q that I'm getting this award." Lockridge is serving as the Youth Area

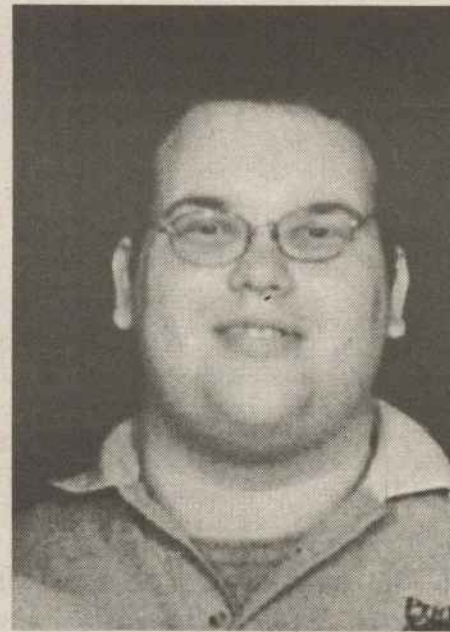
Coordinator for this year's PrideFest.

The Possum Queen Campaign, a uniquely queer beauty, talent, drag, camp, fund-raising competition, has been spreading hilarity through Milwaukee's LGBT community for ten years and raising tens of thousands of dollars for AIDS services in the process. Rarely has community service been this outrageously funny! In the campaign, contestants compete to raise the most funds for AIDS care through special events, direct solicitations, begging, borrowing and just about any money-making gimmick that's legal. The contestant bringing in the most money is crowned Possum Queen. PrideFest says of this award: "Congratulations, Possum Queen organizers, for your unselfish, entertaining efforts, and God Save the Queen!"

Stonewall Awards

The Stonewall Award goes to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated the spirit of the Stonewall Riots by fighting to bring about change for the benefit of others. This year's honorees are Rev. Joe Ellwanger, Susan Cook, Patrick Flaherty and Dignity/Milwaukee.

Rev. Ellwanger is the much-loved pastor at Cross Lutheran Church on Milwaukee's west side. Over the past 30 years, he has led his congregation in community activism, especially championing civil rights causes. In 1990, Cross Lutheran became a "Reconciled in Christ" congregation, fully accepting of its gay and lesbian members. Rev. Ellwanger has conducted many commitment ceremonies between



Justin Lockridge

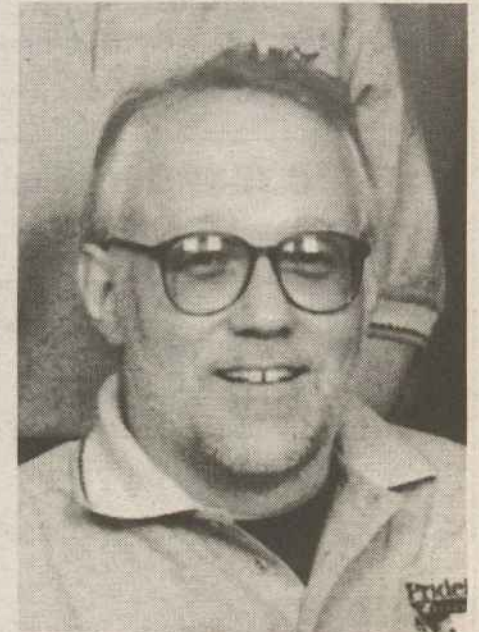
same-gender couples. He has spoken out publicly in support of LGBT people, their families and their rights. He presides over an annual "Coming Out" service at Cross, and he drives the church's van in the Pride Parade every year.

"I'm delighted and humbled to get this award," he said. "Since Cross Lutheran became a Reconciled congregation, we have grown and been enriched by the presence of our gay and lesbian members. It has been a wonderful journey."

In 1982 or '83, Susan Cook's roommate took her to her first meeting of Grapevine, a lesbian social group. "I was very excited



Sue Cook



Michael Lisowski

about meeting and getting involved with people like myself," she recalls. Cook was soon attending weekly meetings, helping with potlucks and organizing camping weekends at Point Beach. "I got the organizing bug and never stopped." In 1988, she organized gay and lesbian support for Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign, and the next year she became a founder of the Lesbian Alliance. She joined the Pride Committee back in 1987, worked for the festival through its many years of growth, and served as Co-Director of PrideFest from 1996-98.

"I believe strongly that we all have to work on our own behalf — nobody's going to do it for us," Cook says. "We need to be informed and vigilant and active. That's what Stonewall was all about. I'm grateful for this recognition."

Patrick Flaherty has been active for about ten years, ten very busy years. "I've always been a political person," he says. Flaherty started organizing in college and then got more deeply involved with ACT UP and Queer Nation. In 1996, he became involved in the fledgling effort to establish the LGBT Community Center in Milwaukee. The following year he co-founded the Domestic Partnership Task Force, which succeeded in getting the city to create a Domestic Partners Registry. He continues his activism on the DP Task Force and as a board member of the Political Action Committee of the Human Rights League.

"The support we got from all sectors of the community for the DP Registry was so satisfying," Flaherty says. "To have that great experience and then get an award for it is really fantastic. What a nice community Milwaukee is to work in!"

Dignity/Milwaukee, a group for gay and lesbian Catholics seeking to integrate their spirituality and sexuality, was founded in 1975. Dignity meets the second Sunday of each month in the chapel connected to St. Pius X Church in Wauwatosa at 6pm. The group hosts socials and occasional retreats and works with other liberal

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"There's more acceptance of gays and lesbians in the Catholic Church than people might expect," according to Donald Dilges of Dignity. "A lot of parishes are more accepting now, certainly more than 25 years ago, and we think some of that is due to the influence of Dignity. We believe it's important to work for change inside the church. We appreciate this award because it recognizes the work we've been doing for quite a long time."

Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated ongoing leadership and commitment to the LGBT community. Past winners of this award have been instrumental in changing the course of our community's history. This year's winners are Michael Lisowski and Gary Hollander.

Lisowski has been active in Milwaukee's LGBT community for more than 20 years. In 1979, he helped establish Gay Youth Milwaukee. He served on a Task Force which succeeded in passing policies within the Milwaukee Public School system pledging safety and non-discrimination toward LGBT students. In 1996, he helped launch the Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline. Lisowski was an active member and officer in Black and White Men Together for many years. He has worked for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and participated in HIV/AIDS education in the community. He is a co-host of "The Queer Program" on public access cable. He became involved with Pride events in the late 1980s and, this year, is Co-Director of PrideFest.

"I like to think this award is really for the gay youth," Lisowski said, suggesting that his work for gay youth has been his most important contribution. "It recognizes the struggles they've gone through, the silent battles they've had, and the determination they've shown."

Gary Hollander came out at age 16 and says he's been out ever since, whether at school, work or in the community. A psychologist, he wrote his dissertation on gay men and depression. In 1973, he facilitated gay identity groups, where men could come and sort through their feelings. In the 1980s, he was instrumental in starting "Commitment," the annual roundup of local LGBT 12-step recovery groups. In his capacity as co-chair of the Wisconsin HIV Prevention Planning Council, Hollander started a youth development program called "Diverse and Resilient" and secured grants from the Centers for Disease Control which have fostered the growth of dozens of LGBT youth groups statewide. He was a founder of the Human Rights League and is currently Chair of the Wisconsin AIDS Fund.

"I've tried to start things that can sustain themselves into the future and bring about continued growth for our community," Hollander commented. "I'm only 51," he said of his Lifetime Achievement Award. "You ain't seen nothing yet!"

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Anti-Gay Group Complains About Homophobia Discussion

Grand Haven, Mich. — The "Grand Haven [Mich.] Tribune" reports that the American Family Association of Michigan has filed a complaint over a talk at Grand Haven High School during a "diversity day."

The paper reported that Gary Glenn of the AFA asked the state attorney general to investigate a talk given by Sean Kosofsky of the Detroit-based Triangle Foundation at the school.

Glenn, the paper reported, said Kosofsky's talk violated a state law that requires school districts to notify parents in advance when there will be presentations about "human sexuality."

School Superintendent Rick Kent said the school did publish a notice of Kosofsky's talk on "homophobia." He also said students who didn't want to attend were excused.

Kosofsky also told the paper that his discussion wasn't about "human sexuality" but about "tolerance and respect" and was like discussions he has held in more than 50 schools around the state.

He said the AFA was "inventing violations of a law that never happened."

Puerto Rico's Sodomy Law Challenged

San Juan — Following up on its initial effort to remove a sodomy law from the books in Puerto Rico, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has asked an appeals court to reconsider its dismissal of the legal challenge.

The court said nobody was impacted by the law that makes any sexual relations between people of the same sex, plus heterosexual anal sex, a felony, punishable by up to \$1,000 or 10 years in prison.

Eric Ferrero, ACLU public education director, said receiving a response from the court could take some time.

"With any court it takes several weeks. The court appears to be backed up there so it could be even longer, up to a few months. It's not seen as pressing," Ferrero said the ACLU will use the time spent waiting to start "pulling together the legal appeal for the Puerto Rico Supreme Court."

He said the case could end up at the U.S. Supreme Court level if need be. He stresses the importance of removing sodomy laws is sometimes missed by lesbians and gay men who think the laws are archaic and not enforced any way.

"We regularly work with people who have been arrested or threatened with arrest, as well as people who have lost their jobs and their children because they are technically felons in states with sodomy laws," he said.

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Afterword's Welcomes Back Popular Gay Mystery Writers



Michael Craft

Milwaukee — On Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m. Afterwords is delighted to welcome back for an author appearance two of the most successful gay Mystery writers around: Michael Craft

and Mark Richard Zubro.

Hailing from Kenosha, Michael Craft has quickly found himself one of the most popular writers in the genre of "gay mysteries." "Name Games" (St. Martin's Press HC \$23.95), the fourth Mark Manning mystery, focuses on another murder that has shocked the sleepy sensibilities of tranquil little Dumont, Wisconsin. When the reigning "king of miniatures" pays a visit to Dumont - then turns up dead, strangled with a silk scarf - local newspaper publisher Mark Manning brings his investigative skills to the fore. Confronted by dizzying plot twists, with motives that range from professional rivalry to election shenanigans, Manning soon discovers that there's much more at stake than doll houses. There's a killer on the loose... one who is not toying around.

"Name Games" also finds Mark adjusting to life with his sixteen-year-old nephew, Thad-part of his unexpected "inheritance" from "Body Language." Manning's lover Neil, a Chicago architect, is spending more time in Dumont, but the

future of their relationship is still uncertain. This struggle for the three guys to create a family is an important and intriguing subplot of "Name Games."

"Body Language," Michael Craft's third Mark Manning mystery, has just been released in a trade paperback edition. Also available are "Flight Dreams," the first Mark Manning mystery, and "Eye Contact."

Since releasing "A Simple Suburban Murder" way back in 1990, Mark Richard Zubro has become one of the gay mystery genre's best-liked and successful authors. Mark's latest mystery, "One Dead Drag Queen" (St. Martin's Press HC \$22.95), once again features school teacher Tom Mason and his lover, professional baseball player Scott Carpenter.

In "One Dead Drag Queen," a series of bombs have destroyed a local health clinic, killing many and leaving a number seriously injured, including Tom. While Tom is hospitalized, Scott begins to suspect that Tom might have been the intended victim all along. With a long suspect list and a mounting death toll, Scott must find the killer before the killer finds them.

New in paperback this spring, is the latest installment in Zubro's popular "Paul Turner" series, "Drop Dead."

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Why I'm Proud to be a Lesbian

By Jamakaya

Every Pride season, some clueless person is naive enough to ask me why I'm proud to be a lesbian. I take a deep breath and gamely launch into the following litany of lesbian pride.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because I love women.

I'm proud to be a lesbian in a world that fears difference, that exploits women, and that does everything possible to squelch our independence.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because I've survived all the hostility and homophobia our culture spews out and managed to maintain my sanity (with only occasional lapses).

I'm proud to be a lesbian because, in the immortal words of Sue Fink, "Me-no-

wanna-a-weenie."

I'm proud to be a lesbian because of our great literary legacy: from Sappho and Gertrude Stein to Adrienne Rich and Audre Lorde.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because of the exciting culture-building and political activism within our community: for our glorious women's music festivals and for the dignified and passionate leadership our community has shown in the fight against AIDS.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because some of my best friends are queer.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because it helps build strong bodies 12 ways: physically, organically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, philosophically, intellectually, sensually, sexually, orally, visually, visceral-

ly (whew!).

I'm proud to be a lesbian because of the solidarity I feel marching in Gay Pride parades.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because it's so damn subversive and because it gives me something to talk about with new people I meet. ("Hi, I'm Jamakaya. I'm a lesbian. Who and what are you?")

I'm proud to be a lesbian because heterosexuality, with its epidemic levels of woman-beating, child abuse and incest, is the *real* abomination!

I'm particularly proud to be a lesbian when I consider the alternative.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because I love women's manners, values, priorities.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because I love women's bodies, because I love women's minds. And the combination of the two is most appealing!

I'm proud to be a lesbian because it bugs the hell out of men!

I'm proud to be a lesbian because I have more queens as friends than the average commoner.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because of its clarity.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because of its complexity.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because I wear only sensible shoes.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because I never miss women's potluck dinners.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because many of my friends are Revolting Hags. (Some more revolting than others...)

I'm proud to be a lesbian because I'm blessed with a gay sense of humor — our wonderful sense of irony that blossoms

into camp.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because it automatically gives me a charter citizenship in the Queer Nation!

I'm proud to be a lesbian because of all my crazy and inspired lezzie friends.

I'm proud to be a lesbian because, in the profound words of Carly Simon, "Nobody does it better..."

I am sooooo proud to be a lesbian that, given the choice, I wouldn't think of changing it. Because I love myself just the way I am. And you should, too.

Happy Pride celebration, everyone!



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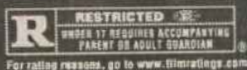
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Gay Pride —
From Bilitis to
Beer Mugs

By Mike Fitzpatrick

To paraphrase the old tune, "another pride, another June, another Bible bigot swoons." Gay pride season is here and the LGBT community's makin' whoopee.

In Wisconsin, that's a lot of whoopee. Pride events begin on Memorial Day and run almost weekly through Labor Day. Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison and Wausau have claimed every weekend in July. Pride season seems to wrap up just in time to celebrate Coming Out Day in October.

When you count in two LGBT seminar, conference and retreat seasons every mid-January through mid-May and mid-October through mid-November, it seems that the only time LGBT people take a break from examining and celebrating our collective navel is the holiday season. That's when we rejoin the mass culture and shop ourselves silly.

Of course, June is important to pride season because that's when the Stonewall riots occurred. Most of you know the story. It was the summer of '69. Drag queens whose nerves were already rubbed raw by the loss of their icon Judy Garland, started a bar brawl when New York police began another routine sissy round-up.

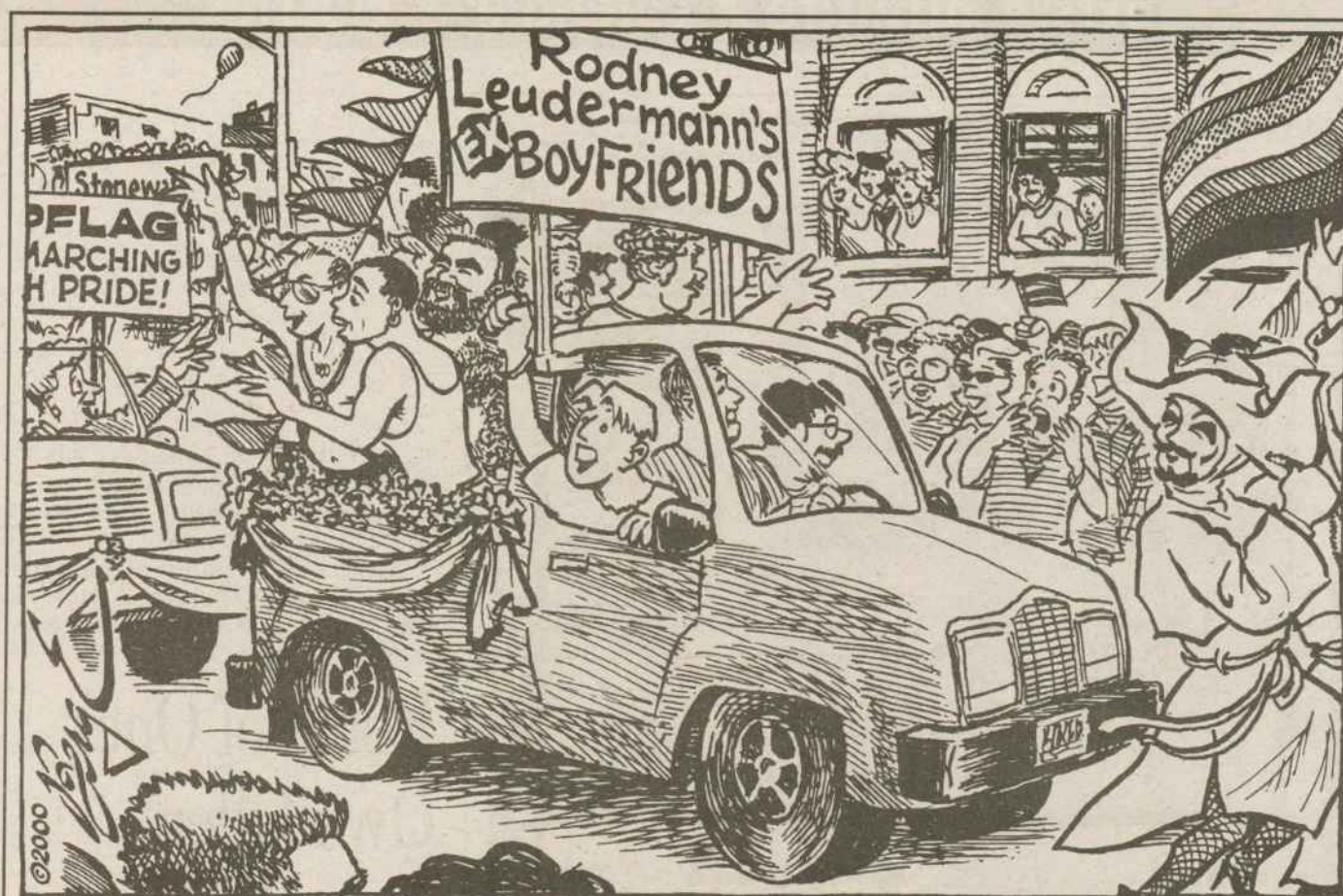
Those girls were mad as hell and wouldn't take it any more. Three decades later Stonewall's collective hissyfit is remembered as the shot glass heard round the world.

For most gay people, Stonewall has replaced the pioneering post-world war efforts two decades earlier of people like Harry Hay, Barbara Gittings, Dale Jennings, Betty Perdue, Frank Kameny and Phyllis Lyon and groups such as the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis as the start of the modern LGBT movement. They've forgotten that Mattachine was the largest pro-gay organization in the United States on the day of those riots.

Stonewall was indeed a turning point. After the riot gay activists largely abandoned Mattachine's go slow, work within the system approach to understanding and valuing LGBT people. They took up the radical militancy of the late 60's, early 70's antiwar and black power movements both tactically and rhetorically. By 1973, the Mattachine Society was gone.

Early '70s activists largely replaced reasoned discourse with reactive emotionalism, compromise with confrontation. The suit and tie attired gay demonstrators of the early '60s were replaced by increasingly Mardi Gras-like pride paraders. The "being gay as a lifestyle choice" rhetoric the Radical Right regurgitates ad nauseum today was first uttered by our own public figures a quarter century ago.

A decade later the AIDS epidemic and the rise of the Religious Right provided the challenges the movement needed to move beyond the naiveté of those first post-



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Stonewall years. But the vestiges of those "feel good" party time years linger on in our pride events.

Columnist Dan Savage recently wrote that our marches on Washington DC have evolved into entertainment events rather than politically energizing rallies. That's even truer at the pride celebrations both throughout the country and here in Wisconsin.

For the record, I'm not opposed to pride events. I encourage every reader to hit at least one of the events on this summer's pride circuit. In many cases, proceeds from these events go back into strengthening our communities.

However, I also encourage you to keep your eyes open as you attend. How much time and space is devoted to creature comforts versus instilling a sense of self-worth and dignity? Does the focus seem to be more on beer, food, entertainment and gay themed merchandise sales than a reminder of where LGBT people have been and how far we still have to go?

The irony of it all is that with each passing year LGBT pride events look more and more like holiday events in mainstream America. This past Memorial Day weekend in my neck of the woods over ten thousand people turned out in driving rain to see aging 80's rock star Rick Springfield. Based on the TV news coverage, that appears to be more people than turned out for all the regional remembrances combined on a sunny, warm Memorial Day.

So party on, but take more than a moment to reflect as well. Traditions which lose their meaning eventually cease to exist. Our gay forebearers went through too much to be reduced to the value of a rainbow beer mug.

letters

Name That Tune!

Dear Editor:

As we once again prepare to fill the Third Ward's streets and the Summerfest grounds with our gay merriment, I think we need to stop and recognize what has had to happen to get us there. Countless people have lost their lives for our freedom, not just decades ago, but days ago. Many families have been destroyed by ignorance, not just years ago, but hours ago. People have lost their jobs and their homes, not just months ago, but minutes ago. We are a proud people, and rightfully so. Let's not let entertainment and alcohol make us forget why we're really holding PrideFest.

I offer you the "Battle Hymn of the Gay Republic" (sung to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic"):

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the queers. Homophobes have trampled on our rights They've done so out of fear. We have loosed our rising anger and now it's plainly clear ... that gays are marching on!

Chorus: Glory, glory I'm a lesbian. Glory, glory I'm a gay man. Glory, glory I'm a homo. I am truth marching on!

In our homes and on street corners we have been condemned to die. We were murdered in the Holocaust by Hitler and his lies. AIDS is killing off our people whom the government denies. But gays are marching on...

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In the beauty of our loving we have let ourselves be free. We will heal our wounds through justice for all humanity. We will deny not our freedom or our sexuality. We will keep marching on!

Justin C. Lockridge
Milwaukee

Thank You!

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the Milwaukee County Department on Aging for selecting me for inclusion in the Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. This honor was given to me because of my work in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual community.

In a sense, the Department, in recognizing publicly this work also honors itself, because it shows that the Department's commitment to diversity is not just hollow words. Older gays and lesbians not only have to swim against the current of ageism found by all older people, but they must also swim against a second current of prejudice and ignorance because of their sexual orientation.

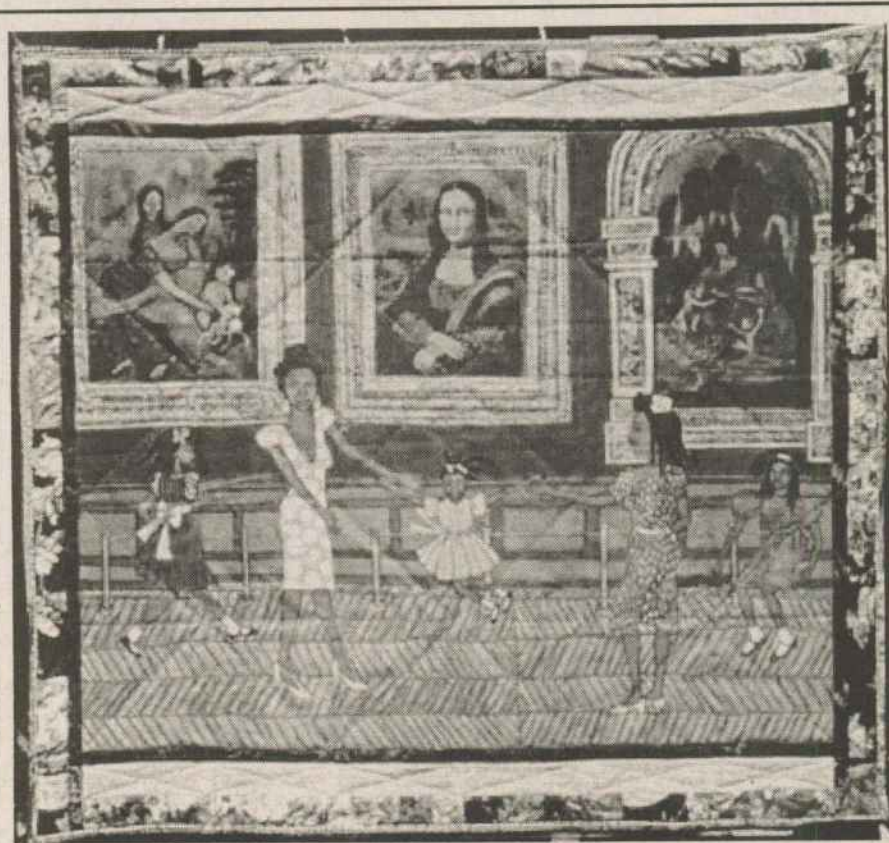
In closing, I want you to know that now that I am in the Hall of Fame, I will simply have to work harder to justify your faith in me. I promise to do so.

Eldon Murray
Milwaukee



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*Dancing at the Louvre, 1991*

Story Quilts on Display at Madison Arts Center

Madison — Renowned artist, writer and quilter Faith Ringgold will present quilt paintings at the Madison Arts Center from June 11 through August 20 in an exhibit called "Dancing at the Louvre: Story Quilts by Faith Ringgold."

The exhibition features 18 quilts selected from the two series, "The French Collection" and "The American Collection." Described as "a stunning visual History of Histories," Ringgold's work blends historical and autobiographical narratives, uniting traditional storytelling with contemporary art theory.

The quilts chronicle the lives of two fictional characters: Willa Marie Simone, an African-American artist who lived in Paris during the 1920s, and her daughter, living in America. By positioning Africans at the center of artistic production during the peak of modernism, the collections celebrate the culture and values of those marginalized by Eurocentric culture.

The exhibit is accompanied by a 167-page illustrated catalogue featuring 43 color reproductions, transcriptions of selected quilt stories, and a chronology of the artist. Ringgold herself will speak at the Madison Arts Center, 211 State St., at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. The event is free to Art Center members, \$10 for the general public.

For more information on this exhibit, call (608) 257-0158.

Wild Space Plans "Wild Party" June 7

Milwaukee — The Wild Space Dance Company will host "A Wild Party" on Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tom Tom Club, 618 N. Broadway, in Milwaukee. The benefit event is meant to celebrate the company's just completed season.

"A Wild Party" features live music and performances by some of Milwaukee's best bands and independent musicians. There will be special appearances by Wild Space dancers, a mystery celebrity cage dance performance and a unique dance competition for registered guests.

Wild Space will utilize architectural elements of the Tom Tom Club's space, such as the shadow dance stage and the much-talked-about cages for dancers on the dance floor. Entertainment will also be pro-

vided by Mrs. Fun, True Heart Susie, Robin Pluer and Paul Cebar. MC is Jonathan West, Director of the Bialystock & Bloom theatrical company.

Tickets for the "Wild Party" are \$35 per person or \$60 per couple, which includes a full program and food. Tickets after 10 p.m. are \$10, or \$15 per couple. For more information, call (414) 271-0307.

Milwaukee Run of "Phantom" Extended

Milwaukee — In response to the overwhelming demand for tickets, eight new performances have been added to the Milwaukee engagement of the touring company of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning musical drama, "The Phantom of the Opera."

"Phantom" will begin performances at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts,

929 N. Water St., on Wednesday, July 26, and run through Saturday, August 19. The opening night performance on July 26 is a benefit for the Wisconsin AIDS Fund.

Tickets for "Phantom" can be purchased through TicketMaster at (414) 276-4545, or from the Marcus Center box office at (414) 273-7206.

Room of One's Own Offers June Readings

Madison — A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore & Coffeehouse, at 307 W. Johnson St. In Madison, is sponsoring many readings by authors in June.

On Friday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m., Danielle Sosin will read from her new collection of short stories, "Garden Primitives." The characters in Sosin's stories are seekers, grappling with love, loss, and desire. They are clumsy and fearful and full of grace.

On Friday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m., Lee Reilly will read from her book "Teaching Maggie: Letters on Life, Writing, and the Virtues of Solid Food." Reilly's fresh collection of letters written for her god-daughter are her attempt to nurture and teach the girl about the intricacies of the world around her.

On Friday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m., local contributors to "Jane Stories II: An Anthology by Midwestern Women," will read from this new collection of poetry and prose that presents the unmistakable voice of Midwestern writers.

On Friday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m., Andrea Potos, Judith Strasser, Peggy Hong, and

Gay Davidson-Zieske will read from "Essential Love: Poems About Mothers and Fathers, Daughters and Sons." Pregnancy and childbirth, adoption, divorce, illness and death, changing roles, and the many moments that make up parent and child relationships are all featured in this important anthology.

All these events are free and open to the public. For more information, call (608) 257-7888.



Lakefront Festival of Arts, June 16-18

Milwaukee — The 38th annual Lakefront Festival of Arts (LFOA), which takes place just north of the Milwaukee Art Museum along Lake Michigan, opens at noon on Friday, June 16 and runs through 5 p.m. Sunday, June 18.

One of the top juried art festivals in the U.S., this year's LFOA features 189 artists from around the country. Each was chosen by a panel of national judges from nearly 1,200 applicants. Visitors will be able to browse and view this unique selection of art in seven tent-covered display areas as well as in special settings like the Sculpture Garden, created by Joe Kresel of the Hawks Nursery Co.

The new design of the grounds will provide better access to the artists' display areas, food and refreshments as well as the all-day line-up of music and entertainment, which includes Streetlife and the Yell Leaders. New this year is Gil's Café, a lakeside dining area that will feature a special menu of full-course meals, salads and desserts created by noted chef Gil Rasmussen. Other food vendors include Hartters Bakery, Nuts to You, Ultimate Confections, and others.

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SSBL Men's Softball (Milw.): 12 Noon to 5 p.m. at Silan Field on S. Kin-nickinnic Ave. and California St.

Sunday, June 4

Bette Davis Bowling League (Madison): 5-person team format, 3 p.m. at Bowl-a-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Spring Dr. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

Perfect Harmony Chorus (Madison): Rehearsal, 7 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Ave. FMI: (608) 232-0528.

Monday, June 5

Pioneers (Richland Center): Meeting of rural southwest Wisconsin G/L Alliance, 7-9 p.m. at Richland Cty. Community Programs, 1000 US Highway 14 W, Richland Center. FMI: pioneersWK@aol.com.

Tuesday, June 6

Pride Band Rehearsal (Milw.): Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water St.

Womansong Chorus (Madison): Rehearsal of women's chorale at the Beth Israel Center, 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, June 7

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison): Lessons line dancing, then open dancing, 7 p.m. at Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. FMI: (608) 245-0672.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (Milw.): Weekly practice takes place at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

Thursday, June 8

"Maybe Baby" (Milw.): Support group for lesbians and gays wanting a child through adoption, insemination, etc. 7pm at the LGBT Community Ctr., 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 964-9505.

Friday, June 9

PRIDEFEST OPENS! (Milw.): Pride Parade steps off N. Harbor Dr. at 7:30 p.m. followed by awards and Mardi Gras Party. FMI: (414) 646-FEST.

Saturday, June 10

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers (Madison): Meet at Lake Wingra Park, Knickerbocker and Arbor Dr. at 9 a.m. for 3K to 10K run or walk. FMI:

(608) 663-6463.

CeCe Peniston (Milw.): CeCe Peniston rocks the Miller Stage at PrideFest, 9 p.m. Fireworks afterward. FMI: (414) 645-FEST.

Sunday, June 11

Lisa, Lisa (Milw.): Lisa, Lisa performs on the Miller Stage at PrideFest at 8 p.m. Fireworks afterward. FMI: (414) 645-FEST.

Gay/Lesbian History Project (Madison): Meets at OutReach, 600 Williamson St., 6 p.m. FMI: (608) 287-0807.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Boom (Milw.): Margarita Mania! Corona, \$2. Shots of Cuervo, \$2.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Sunday afternoon bottle beer special from 3 to 7 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) Brunch, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Beer Bash from 3 to 8 p.m. \$.50 off all taps, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live entertainment.

Club 219 (Milw.): \$1 tappers, \$2 rail drinks, \$2 bottled beer. Two shows: 8:30 pm. - no cover - and 11:30 p.m.

Dish (Milw.): The new night spot for women! Rotating Events!

Emeralds (Milw.): Men's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fluid (Milw.): \$6 Beer Bust, tops of Gen. Draft or Miller Lite, 5 to 9 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - \$2 a mug.

M&M Club (Milw.): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open volleyball. Food available from 2 to 6 p.m. 2/4/1 10 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): During the day there is a \$1 beer sale from 3 to 9 p.m. on selected varieties. Shirtless Sunday Nights with Jake and Steve M. Half-price top & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milw.): Bloody Marys \$2. Mimosas \$2.

Switch (Milw.): T-Dance, 3:30-8:30 p.m. \$6 beer bust on the patio.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50 'til 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

\$1 Bloody Marys!

Woody's (Milw.): Beer Bust Trivia Day! Beer Bust, \$5 from 2-6 p.m.

Za's (Green Bay): Dry Dance Night! (16 & up in Za's). Alcohol served to over 21 in Java's.

Mondays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special. Bud Nite! All Buds, \$1.

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. \$2 specials on microbrews.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands, \$10.

Dish (Milw.): The new night-spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues - sign up now.

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): 4 to 6 p.m. Pull tabs!

M&M Club (Milw.): Mountain of BBQ Rib Special!

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Melrose Mondays. Free pizza & shot specials.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. \$3.50 and under drinks over \$3.50 get \$1 off.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$1 off top and rail 9 p.m. to midnight.

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5 to 8 p.m. Girl's Night Out! Win 25¢ drinks and free pizza!

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90 from 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - \$1.50.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. - Absolut and anything, \$2.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Tappers \$.75, rail drinks, \$1.50.

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. \$1 off all drinks, 8 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special. Vodka Nite! All vodka drinks, \$1.50 and Call Brands, \$2.50.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10.

Club 219 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! No cover. \$1 tap beer, \$2 rails and bottled beer.

Emeralds (Milw.): \$5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tacos \$1.75 7 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price - 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - \$2.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Free pool with drink purchase from 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): 2 Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$4 pitchers 9 p.m. to midnight.

Station 2 (Milw.): Closed!

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5-8 p.m. Nuts and Bolts night, match your hardware to win drinks, prizes.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck! 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50. The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Free bountiful buffet.

Wednesdays:

Barracks (Madison): 16oz. taps of Lite, \$2. All rails \$.50 off, shots of Cuervo, \$1.50.

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Ultra '80s music. \$2 buy in \$1 rail Miller and Bud.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink specials. It's Leather & Western Night! Prizes throughout the night.

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$.50 off all Taps and Rails. \$1.75 Coronas, \$1.50 shots of Cuervo and Dr's. Karaoke from 8-11 p.m. Pitchers of Long Islands, \$10.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milw.): It's Point Night! There are pints of Point for \$1. 2-4-1 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Emeralds (Milw.): Lady's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fannies (Milw.): Karaoke Night! Pull tabs. Drinks as low as 25¢. Dart leagues starting the 2nd week of January. Sign up now!

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Free Pool & \$6 Super Bust! MGD and Miller Lite!

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Hump Day! Everything's a buck. Open to close.

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): 7-5-7. Special: Rooms and Lockers \$7 for 5 hours.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50, Soda & juice are 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. 2/4/1 all day, all night (open to close).

Station 2 (Milw.): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. Internet Meat & Greet Nite for the guys, SuperBust, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Special Export \$5 pitchers and \$1 mugs from 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/\$50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. Super Beer Bust - All U Can Drink! \$5 domestic, \$7 premium.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 4-9 p.m. Intra-Bar Dart League.

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. Sean spins requests.

Thursdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): All whiskey drinks, \$.50 off, pitchers of Lite sm., \$4, Lg., \$5, shots of Dr's, \$2.

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 all night.

Boot Camp (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink specials.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Pitchers of Lite \$5. Frozen cocktails, \$3. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Groove with Amy! Amy entertains!

Emeralds (Milw.): Tea Thursday! Ice Tea \$2.50.

Fannies (Milw.): \$1 off almost everything including top shelf.

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

Jo'Dees International (Racine): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite. Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra Shots - \$2.50

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Slammers! \$1 - 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

M&M Club (Milw.): Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to close!

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer. 50¢ drafts.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Free Pool & Darts. 2-4-1 tap beer 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milw.): Bottle and Can beers, 50¢ off. \$1 shots of cold Schnapps.

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. Karaoke Night! 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck from 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer \$1 Well drinks \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. \$6 Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milw.): Double Bubble all day, all night.

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

Fridays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks. From 4 to 8 p.m. plus the Happy Hour wheel.

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Live DJ.

Boot Camp (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Patio open in June.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milw.): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Emeralds (Milw.): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. No cover before 9 p.m.

Fannies (Milw.): Envelope Night! WIN \$\$\$cash & prizes. DJ at 10 p.m. with the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s.

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Bring on the Bears and Bikers! \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hock-er-Pschorr Weisse, \$2.50 Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

M&M Club (Milw.): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

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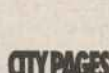
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Station 2 (Milw.): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2.

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. DJ and videos at nite, outdoor patio bar open.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cris.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): All chilled shots \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$3 Margaritas from open to close.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Toppers \$.75, rail drinks, \$1.50.

Saturdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off all drinks if dressed in L/L/U. Bartenders discretion.

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Live DJ.

Dish (Milw.): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fannies (Milw.): Hot Music to dance to. Two new DJs playing top 40, booty, house, funk, oldies etc.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Top MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Mid-nite. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.

Station 2 (Milw.): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.

Switch (Milw.): Opens at 5 p.m. 70s and 80s DJ spin, outdoor patio bar open.

The Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50, and \$1 mugs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One.

Woody's (Milw.): Softball Doggy Day, open at 2 p.m.

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, June 1

HIV Testing (Milw.): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be at La Cage, 801 S. Second St. from 10 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Friday, June 2

Shamrock Bar (Madison): Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group Happy Hour. The group meets at the Bar around 6 p.m. for cocktails every Friday night. Decides where to dine at 7 p.m. 117 W. Main St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Don Dance or Martha Artis on Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations suggested. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

Sunday, June 4

Switch (Milw.): Comedy Nite! Featuring local gay interactive comedy troupe Up All Nite! \$2, 8:30 p.m., 124 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 220-4340.

Tuesday, June 6

Club 219 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! 219 S. Second St. (414) 271-3732.

Wednesday, 7

Club 219 (Milw.): Teasers from Chicago! 219 S. Second St. (414) 271-3732.

Friday, June 9

Shamrock Bar (Madison): Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group Happy Hour.

The group meets at the Bar around 6 p.m. for cocktails every Friday night. Decides where to dine at 7 p.m. 117 W. Main St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

Saturday, June 10

HIV Testing (Milw.): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be at PrideFest 2000 in the BESTD Tent on the festival grounds, from 12 Noon to 7 p.m. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Sunday, June 11

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BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Sunday, June 4

Sundays for Writers (Milw.): Writing workshop, "Still Life with a Pen" with Nicholas Frank, 1-4 p.m. at Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. Call (414) 263-5001 to register.

Monday, June 5

Sherman Alexie Reading (Milw.): Author of "The Toughest Indian in the World," reads at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Tuesday, June 6

Chris Roerden & Mandy Stelman Reading (Brookfield): Author and subject discuss new book, "What 2 Can Do," 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Bookshop, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

Wednesday, June 7

Dyke Poets Meet (Madison): 5:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Thursday, June 8

Larry Watson Reading (Mequon): Author of "Laura" appears at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 10976 N. Port Washington Road. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Friday, June 9

Lee Reilly Reading (Madison): Author of "Teaching Maggie: Letters on Life, Writing and the Virtues of Solid Food," 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Sunday, June 11

Zadie Smith Reading (Milw.): Author of "White Teeth" reads at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Tuesday, June 13

Joanna Trollope Reading (Mequon): Author of "Marrying the Mistress" reads at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 10976 N. Port Washington Road. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Friday, June 16

Reading (Madison): Readings from "Jane Stories II: An Anthology by Mid-western Women," 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

(Please read carefully. Some meetings occur the same day weekly, others the same day bi-weekly or monthly.)

THURSDAYS:

AIDS Network (Madison): Meditation and Wellness, 6-7:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 252-6540, ext. 26.

Diversity G/L Resource Center (Rockford, IL): Located at 610 E State St. Open from 4 to 9 p.m. Teen Drop-in Hours. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay): There are five open AA Meetings for the gay and lesbian community each week in Appleton and Green Bay. FMI & Locations call (920) 336-2868 or (920) 954-9169.

Gay AA/Gay A/Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5810 8th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. at

the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989.

South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

HIV/AIDS Support Group & Hotline (Upper Peninsula, MI): These projects serve Dickinson, Iron, & Menominee Counties. For information on the support group in Iron Mountain, Michigan on the first Thursday of each month, call the HIV/AIDS Hotline at (906) 779-2904.

HIV Self-Help Group - Monthly meeting (Baraboo): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served, transportation assistance is available. FMI: (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milw.): Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ongoing discussion about unique challenges and rewards of being single, open to all lesbians. The group picks a different topic each month. FMI call Pat, (414) 329-8404.

LGBT Community Center - "Maybe Baby" Support Group (Milw.): This group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. The group is for people considering adoption or conceiving their own children. FMI: Andrew Warner at (414) 964-9505.

LGBT Community Center - Rainbow U Lecture Series (Milw.): Every 4th Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. The series encourages awareness and discussion of issues important to the LGBT Community. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison): This weekly group provides an outlet for gay/bi students at UWM. Social outings and great discussion. Hosted by University Health Services and Sex-Out-Loud, Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street.

South Madison Health & Family Center (Madison): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

Triangle Coalition - LGB Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meet to establish and explore friendships & relationships. Discuss a variety of topics every Thursdays at 8 p.m. FMI call (319) 583-1834.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison): Meets weekly at 5:30 p.m. at 122 State St. Suite 403. FMI call (608) 250-6775.

Unitarian Universalist Church - Lesbian Support/Discussion Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets weekly from 7-8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

FRIDAYS:

Frontiers Dining Out (Madison): Madison-area Gay/Bi men meet at the Shamrock Bar around 6 p.m. Decide where to go to eat. FMI: (608) 274-5821.

High Tea & Talk - Men's Group (Madison): High Tea & Talk is an opportunity for men of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men, to chat and graze at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 3 p.m., 2089 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 257-9751.

LGBT Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop-In Night (Milw.): The group meets Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Drop-in nights provide a variety of youth activities in a space that is welcoming, safe and accessible to LGBTQ (questioning) youth. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 - 57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield): Every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome. FMI: Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. An opportunity for men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI: (608) 255-4927.

True Colors LGBT Youth Coffee Chats (Milw.): 1st and 3rd Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Brewed Awakenings, 1208 E. Brady St. Back room. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

SATURDAYS:

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison): Meets from 10 a.m. to noon at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Ave. in K6/Rm. 280, 2nd floor. FMI: (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6276.

GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison): Every Saturday at 6 p.m. at Out-Reach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from 6-9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

SUNDAYS:

Angels of Hope MCC - Religious Services (Allouez and Appleton): Services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 3607 Libal St. in Allouez, and 5 p.m. at 815 N. Richmond St. in Appleton. FMI: (920) 991-0128.

LGBT Catholics (Milw.): Monthly discussion group for LGBT Catholics meets from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe School, 613 S. 4th St. FMI: (414) 481-8543.

Gay Men's Discussion Group - Monthly Meeting (Milw.): The group meets at the Counseling Center of Milw., 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., every second Sunday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics range from relationships and dating to HIV/AIDS to spirituality and mental health. FMI: Bill Honel at (414) 271-2565.

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison): Services at 9 and 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 242-8887.

Rainbow Friends - Quaker Worship Group (Madison): Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Diversity is encouraged, feelings honored, and boundaries respected. FMI & location, call (608) 250-7989.

Seeking Sobriety - Non-Religious Recovery Group (Milw.): This recovery group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday at BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (use side door). FMI: Danny at (414) 540-0961 or Richard at (414) 442-1132.

Silver Space - Older Lesbian Discussion Group (Milw.): Meets on the third Sunday of the month at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. \$3 donation. FMI: (414) 271-2565.

University Congregational Church - Worship Service (Madison): Weekly services are at 10 a.m. at 1127 University Ave. FMI (608) 256-2353.

MONDAYS:

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Coleman Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI: Irene (920) 722-7572 or Bernie (920) 982-0220.

Gay AA/Gay A/Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Racine): These recovery groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI: Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Bi Men's AA - Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets at 8 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. FMI: (608) 222-8989.

LGBT Youth Pride Support Group - New Meeting (Green Bay): This group will be available to youth every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Counseling Center, 311 Jefferson St. FMI: (920) 437-4325.

True Colors LGBT Youth Activity Nights (Milw.): 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., 1st Floor Conference room. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

WISH - Generic AA 12-Step Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Community Ctr., 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 249-5096.

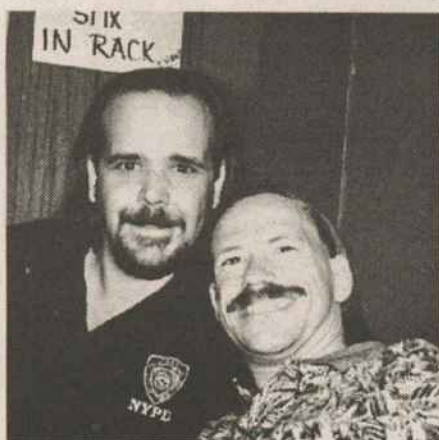
UWM Rainbow Group (Milw.): University LGBT group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Student Union Room E307. FMI: (414) 229-6555.

TUESDAYS:

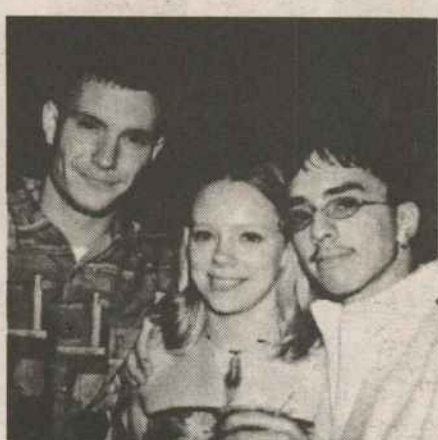
HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Assn. of Fox Valley, Midway Rd., 1488 Kenwood Drive. FMI: (920) 739-4226 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian 12-Step A/Anon Group (Milw.): Meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism with a relative or friend. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop-In Night (Milw.): The group meets Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. Drop-in nights provide a variety of youth activities in a space that is welcoming, safe and accessible to LGBTQ (questioning) youth. FMI: (414) 271-2656.



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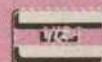
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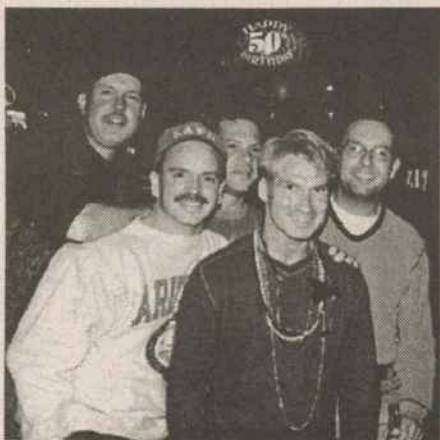
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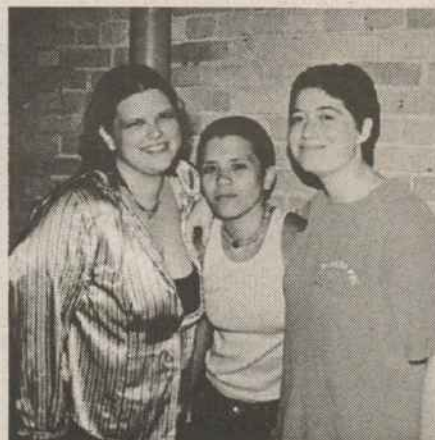




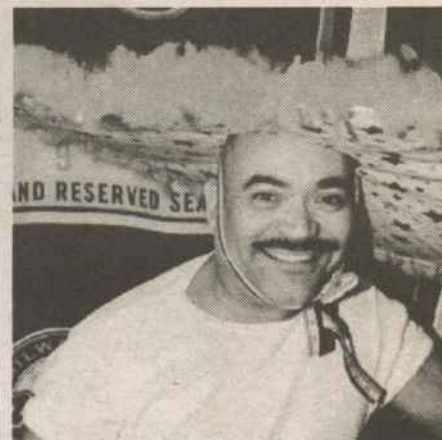
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Madison Community Health Ctr. - HIV Testing (Madison): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV testing from 3 to 5:45 p.m. at 1133 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-0704.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): Meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

PFLAG -Milw. - Open Office (Milw.): A representative of Milw.'s PFLAG Chapter will be available to speak to parents, youth or anyone who wants to stop and say hello each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Sober Seniors - AA Meeting (Milw.): This meeting is focused on the unique recovery needs of elders, and meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 3200 W. Highland Blvd. FMI: ElderLink (414) 289-6874.

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison): This discussion group for Gay/Bi students meets in the Memorial Union at 12 Noon every Tuesday. FMI: (608) 265-4901.

Womansong - Rehearsal (Madison) This women's chorale meets at the Beth Israel Center at 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Yoga Spirit - Free Classes (Milw.): Every Tuesday there are free classes for all people living with HIV. Among other things you can reduce stress and ease neuropathy & joint pain. Classes are held at 301 N. Water St., Suite 410 at 3:30 p.m. FMI: (414) 289-9660.

WEDNESDAYS:

Diversity G/L Resource Ctr - Coming Out Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meets every Wednesday at 610 E. State St. from 7 to 8 p.m. FMI: (815) 964-2639.

Gay/Bi Men's Al Anon Group (Madison): Meets at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave., every Wednesday at 6 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-4107 or (608) 846-2860.

HIV/AIDS Support Group - (Green Bay): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meetings take place at Renaissance Healing Arts Ctr., 311 S. Jefferson from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI: (920) 437-4325 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGBT Campus Center - Les/Bi Curious Women's Group (Madison): This weekly group, open specifically to lesbian, bisexual and curious women who are UWM students, meets every Wednesday night, 8 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Landgon St.

Madison Vet Center - GLB Veterans Meeting (Madison): The group meets every Wednesday at 147 S. Butler at 5 p.m. FMI: (608) 262-7084 or (608) 264-5342.

Queer Chicks - Social Group (Madison): Meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI: (608) 265-3344.

FILM, TV AND RADIO:

Saturday, June 3

Gay Video Club (Madison): "Defying Gravity" and "Boys in the Sand, 1

and 2," 8 p.m. FMI: (608) 244-8675.

Sunday, June 4 & Every Sunday

Women's Music Radio (Milw.): WMSE-91.7FM. 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Variety of women's music genres, announcements of events in Milw. women's community.

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU-Weekly TV (Madison): "Nothing to Hide" runs LGBT programming every week from 2-3 p.m. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

Womyn's Radio (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM - A weekly show titled "Her Turn," Womyn's news and information by and about women, airs from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by "Her Infinite Variety," Women in Music from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All genres and styles. Interviews, live guests and announcements for the women's community. FMI: (608) 256-2001 or <http://www.netphoria.com/wort>.

"Better Living Through Show Tunes" (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Hosts Bruce Wheeler and Earl Bicker, 2-3 p.m. (608) 256-2001.

Tuesday, June 6 & Every Tuesday

"The Queer Program" (Milw.): Live weekly telecast on MATA Public access cable channel 47 (96 in some areas) at 7 p.m. Hosts: Michael Lisowski and Charles Daniels. Re-broadcast Saturday at 12:30 a.m. and Sundays at 10 p.m. FMI: (414) 265-8500.

Tuesday, June 6

"In the Life," special Gay Pride 2000 episode and "The Laramie Project: Voices from Wyoming," on Wisconsin Public TV, 10 p.m.

Wed., June 7 & Every Wed.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU runs LGBT Programming every week from 9-11 p.m. Re-runs from 12:30-2:30 a.m.

"Queery" (Madison): WORT, 89.9 FM - G/L Radio. Madison's local GLBTQ radio show, followed by "This Way Out," the international LGBT show, which runs from 7:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

"The Castro" on Milwaukee Public TV, Channel 36 at 10:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9

"Leonard Bernstein: Reaching for the Note," on "American Masters" presentation on Wisconsin Public TV stations at 10 p.m.

Monday, June 12

"Our House: A Very Real Documentary About Kids of Gay and Lesbian Parents," on Wisconsin Public TV stations at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13

"Two Spirit People," about the berdache tradition in Native American culture, on Wisconsin Public TV stations at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14

"After Stonewall," Milwaukee Public TV, Channel 10 at 11 p.m.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

Ongoing Exhibits:

Adambomb Gallery (Milw.): John Wagner exhibit through June 17. 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-BOMB.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): "Art for Living," through Sept. 3. W62N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): "Jack Madison: A Retro-Spective Exhibition of Paintings" through June 25, 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

Charles Lyons Paint Box Gallery (Ephraim, WI): Miniature show: paintings, pots, lithographs, sculptures. 10426 Highway 42 in Door County. FMI: (920) 854-4435.

Circus World Museum (Baraboo, WI): Open daily, 9-6 p.m. through Labor Day, 550 Water St. in Baraboo.

Gallery Cora Dora (Milw.): "Slap the Paint: The Art of John Ernst and Bill O'Neil," through July 8, Pier 221 Cafe, 211 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Loy Bowlin: The Original Rhinestone Cowboy," through June 18; "Melissa Gwyn: Venus Rings," through Aug. 13. 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Dancing at the Louvre: Story Quilts by Faith Ringgold" and "Robert Fischer: In Site," opens June 11, runs through Aug. 20. 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Maian Gallery (Milw.): Lisa Englander's paintings and works on paper, through July 2 in Caroline Hall of Mount Mary College, 2900 N. Menomonee River Pkwy. FMI: (414) 256-1233.

Milw. Art Museum (Milw.): "Joules Lautrec and the Pleasures of Paris" through August 13. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

Milw. County Historical Society (Milw.): "Social Fabric: Milw. Fashions, 1830-1999," through June 11; "Milwaukee Rivers: The Woodcuts of Wolfgang Klein," through June; and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game: A History of Baseball in Milwaukee," through Sept. 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (Milw.): "Postpartum: MIAD Graduate Work" in the Frederick Layton Gallery through July 22. 273 E. Erie St. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): "Full Bloom" through June 4. 3330 Atwood Ave.

Ozaukee Art Center (Ozaukee): "Imaginations" by George Ronsholdt, through June 25. W62N718 Riveredge Drive.

Villa Terrace (Milw.): Decorative arts from the 15th through the 20th century. 2220 N. Terrace Ave. FMI: (414) 271-3656.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): Annual Membership Show opening June 9 from 6-9 p.m., exhibit runs through July 15. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West bend Art Museum (West Bend): "150 Years of Wisconsin Printmaking," through July 23, hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend.

THEATRE/MUSIC ARTS:

NOW PLAYING:

The Color of Dust (Madison): Another original play by Callen Harty at the Broom Street Theater. Fridays-Sundays, 8 p.m., June 2-July 9 at

1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" (Milw.): The Skylight Opera Theatre's production of Gilbert & Sullivan's classic comic opera runs through June 4. Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Killer Joe" (Milw.): Bialystock & Bloom's version of the dark comedy opens May 26 and runs through June 11 in the Studio Theater of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 221-7055.

"Moon Over Buffalo" (Racine): Racine Theatre Guild production, Fri-Sat-Sun through June 18, 2519 Northwestern Ave.

"On Golden Pond" (Fort Atkinson): At the Fireside Dinner Theatre through July 23. Business Highway 26 South, Fort Atkinson.

"Rumors" (Elm Grove): Sunset Playhouse production, Thurs-Fri-Sat through June 10, 512. 800 Elm Grove Rd. FMI: (262) 782-4430.

AND:

June 2 and 3

Danceworks and Present Music (Milw.): The dance and music companies join for "The beginning is the End," 8 p.m. UWM School of the Arts Mainstage Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tix: \$19 and \$15, students \$7.50. FMI: (414) 271-0711.

June 2, 3, 4

Flying Karamazov Brothers (Milw.): In performance with the Milwaukee Symphony, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center. Tix: (414) 291-7605.

June 10 and 13

AUDITIONS! (Madison): Actors, singers, dancers needed for "Sex Kittens from Mars," a Broom Street Theater production, 7 p.m. at 1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 222-9086.

June 7

A Wild Party! (Milw.): Benefit for the Wild Space Dance Co., 7:30 p.m. at the Tom Tom Club, 618 N. Broadway. Tix: (414) 271-0307.

June 9, 10, 11

Frederica von Stade (Milw.): In a classics program with the Milwaukee Symphony, 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center. Tix: (414) 291-7605.

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June 15, 16, 17

All Beethoven Concert (Milw.): Andreas Delfs conducts the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, 11:15 a.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday, in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center. Tix: (414) 291-7605.

June 17

Gay Concert V: Show Us Your Tunes! (Milw.): Annual summer concert of Cream City Chorus, 8 p.m. at the Stockner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. \$10 at door. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

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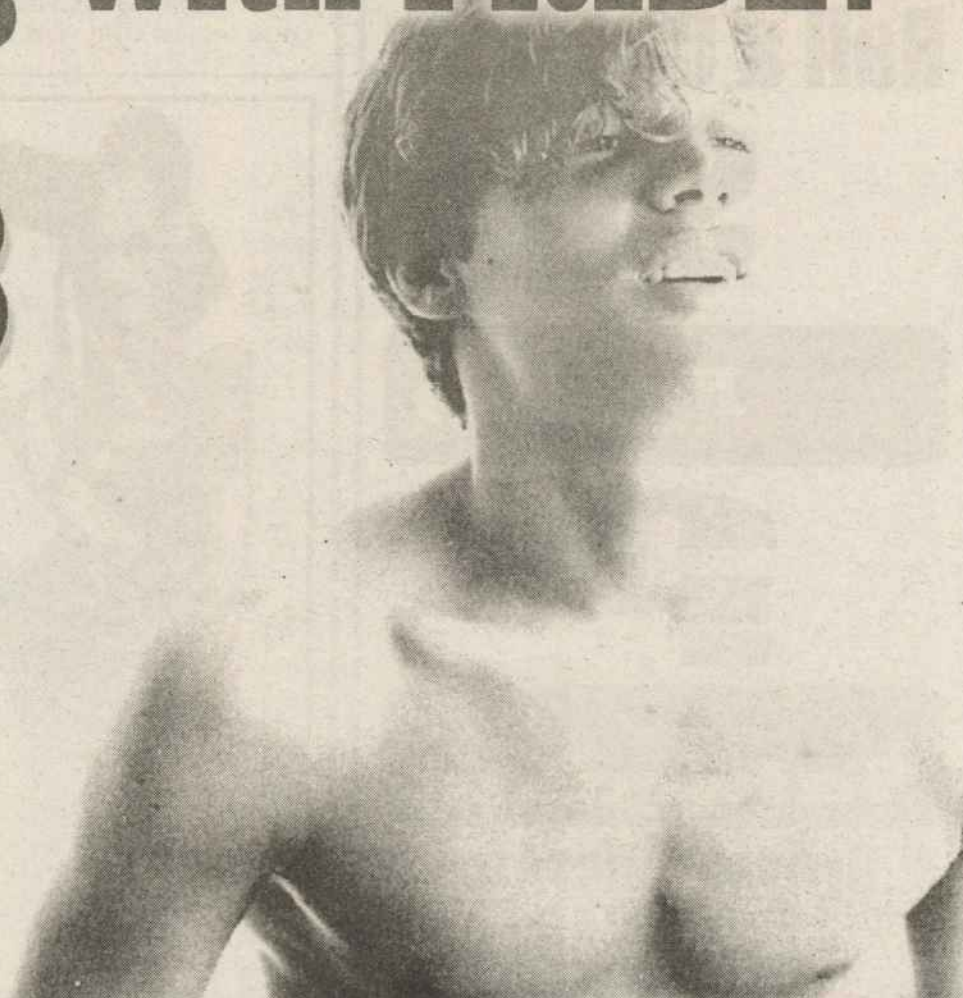
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STITCHING A REVOLUTION: THE MAKING OF AN ACTIVIST BY CLEVE JONES WITH JEFF DAWSON

By Ed Grover

Have you ever wondered what prompted Cleve Jones to start the AIDS Memorial Quilt and the NAMES Project? A Time-Line contained in this new book states that Cleve Jones and Joseph Durant made the first two fabric memorials for friends who had died of AIDS in 1987, but Jones originally had the idea for the project in 1985 when the number of San Franciscans dead from AIDS reached one thousand.

At a candlelight march for Harvey Milk and George Moscone, the crowd wrote the names of friends who had died of AIDS on cardboard posters and attached them to the walls of the old Federal Building in San Francisco's United Nation's Plaza. Jones writes, "My eyes scanned the wall . . . and then stopped. It reminded me of a quilt . . . a warm comforting blanket, a patchwork of family history, a treasured keepsake each generation passes from one generation to the next."

He knew then that we needed a monument and visualized how it would appear one day: "It would be a single quilt made up of thousands of quilts connected as one and would roll over the Mall in Washington DC, right up to the steps of the Capitol." That would wake up the uncaring heterosexual politicians.

Within a year and a half, three events propelled his vision into reality: the grief at losing his best friend, the fear of finding out the he, too, was HIV positive; and the rage he felt for the heterosexual world because two skin-heads had stabbed him and run away laughing while he lay there bleeding. He says, "These three moments, together, changed my life,"—and, I might add, ours!

When the Quilt was first taken on tour of the country, Jones and the NAMES Project received many threatening letters from parents asking him NOT to show the panels that were made for their dead sons. When the Quilt was finally set up on the Mall in Washington, Jones started to read names at 9:30 a.m. and ended with his friend Marvin's name. Then came groups of families who read with "voices strong or cracking, eyes dry or streaming with tears . . ." Jones said, The "grief was of all degrees and tempers, it was cathartic."

Jones felt he needed to meet Mrs. Rosa Parks for inspiration because eight years after the epidemic he was

exhausted. Members of the Detroit Quilt chapter put him in touch with her and they met at a St. Matthew's AME Sunday service. Rosa Parks believed in the Quilt and had made panels for friends in her neighborhood: a grandmother who had died of an HIV tainted blood-transfusion; her daughter who had gotten the disease through intravenous drug use and passed it on to her newborn child.

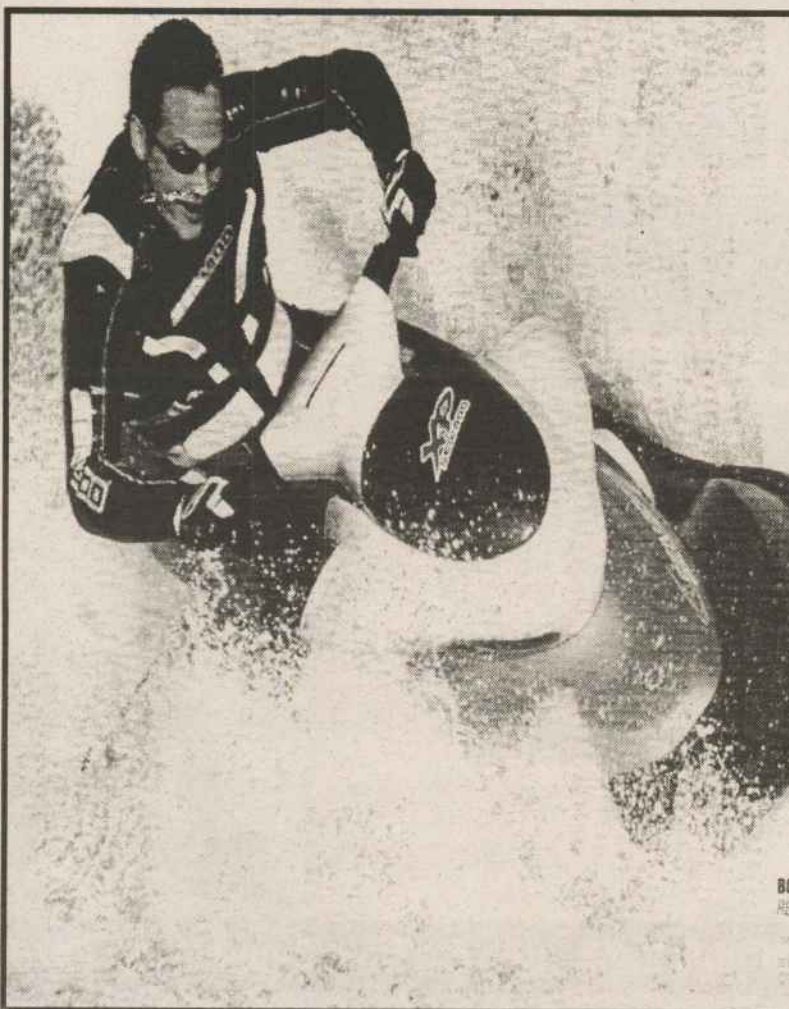
Jones met with Nelson Mandela and spoke to the Parliament of World Religions in South Africa in 1999. There are plans to use the Quilt as an HIV prevention tool, including a tour of the Quilt to numerous African-American Colleges and Universities during fall 2000.

Not only does Jones weave a backdrop of the politics and sexual liberation during the seventies, he also tells of his coming out at 14, his early activist and political work alongside Harvey Milk — and later Milk's assassination and the ensuing riots that threatened to tear down all they had accomplished. Halfway through the book you will find eight pages of photographs showing Jones with his family, as a young man, as an activist, and with the many people (ordinary and famous) who worked to make the quilt a success.

What prompts a person to become an activist other than the fact that he or she feels a need to put things right? Jones answers that question and hands out some valuable advice to young activists who ask how they can be effective. He says, "... I always say that if you are doing this out of some sense of sacrifice, don't even try. If you don't enjoy it, if you're cynical or arrogant, that will come across and you'll step on the message; you'll end up preachy. Think of yourself as speaking not to the crowd but for it, like a conduit. And beware of group psychology, especially if the issue is explosive." Good advice in any situation, I would think.

There is an Appendix that tells you exactly how to make a quilt panel. There are suggestions about what materials to use and not to use. You should remember that the quilt is folded and unfolded many times. There are instructions on where to send it when it is complete. Today some 12,542,000 people have visited the AIDS Memorial Quilt. At the date of publication there are over 44,400 panels in the Quilt, which contain 80,000 names (20% of all deaths).

Jeff Dawson, a professional writer, journalist and the author of "Gay & Lesbian Online," helped write this book. I found it all a very inspiring and a very easy read. The publishers will donate a percentage of the net profits to the NAMES Project Foundation. June is Gay Pride Month and here's something we can all be proud of. Now all you have to do is go out and buy the book or sew a panel! (HarperSanFrancisco, ISBN: 0-06-251641-8, USA \$26, Canada \$39.50, HC).



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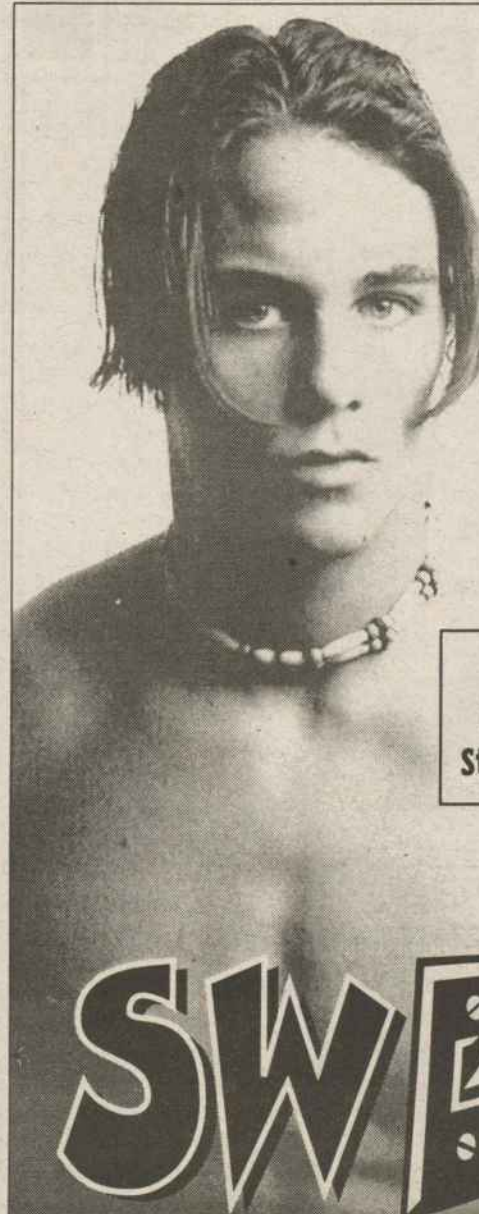
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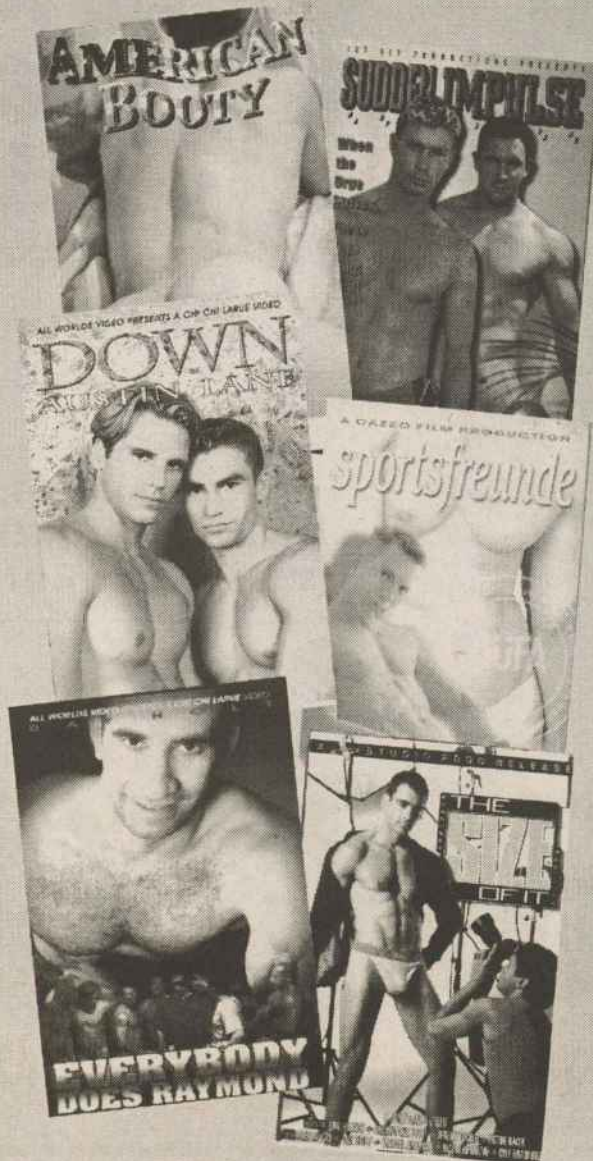
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dear ruthie



Hello Wisconsin! Thought you were rid of me, huh? Well, hold on to your ruby slippers, 'cause I'm back! I was just about to

give up on the advice biz when I thought, "Hey Ruthie, why don't you call those *IN Step* fellas and see if you can write for them?" And, as luck would have it, the nice folks at *IN Step* gave me the chance to join their team. Isn't that great?

Some of you may remember my column from a different, recently defunct, Wisconsin LGBT paper. But for those of you who don't know me, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ruthie and I've seen a lot of things, been a lot of places and, most importantly, had a lot of men. I parked my wheels in the Rusty Nail Trailer Park (a.k.a. "Disgraceland") about three years ago, and I've been answering your questions ever since.

So now I'm back, and I'm raring to receive your letters and questions! Please send your letters to Dear Ruthie, care of *IN Step*, 1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Dear Ruthie,

My boyfriend and I have been serious for eight months, but I hate it when he spends the night

at my place. He snores so loudly that I don't get any sleep. What's worse is that he gets hair all over the pillow, leaves a body odor in my comforter that won't come out for days and, last weekend, he left gross stains where the sheets rubbed against his feet. Any ideas about what's up with him?

—Grossed-Out Guy

Dear Guy,

The answer is obvious. You're sleeping with a corpse. I experienced this with my third husband. After several days of wild love making, I realized that he passed away during the first night. Your next step is to do what the hospital told me: Burn the sheets-with him in them.

Seriously, this problem can't be that bad if you've survived eight months. Tell him about the foot thing, and deal with the rest.

Dear Ruthie,

What do you get when you fall in love?

—Lyric Looking

Dear Looking,

Well, according to Grossed-Out Guy, you get a lousy night's sleep, someone that stinks in the morning and some fungus crapola on your sheets that you don't know what it is. Take my advice and never fall in love again!

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— Todd L.
Sheboygan, WI

A Note to the Dragophobic

By Sister Dana Van Iquity
of The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Well, all of you overly politically correct gay pride enthusiasts, it's that time of year again, when you pen your annual pleas to the editorials, begging the drag queens and outrageously dressed to stay at home and not embarrass the queer community by a disgraceful media show in the pride parade.

THIS IS REALLY A DRAG

To all the drag-phobic people out there, I wish to now defend drags on parade. For purposes of reference, I must assume some of the more radical costume phobics would include cowboy and leather drag in this category of public undesirables. Or as another anti-drag critic wrote once, "Freedom of speech is indeed yours, and you have right to dress and speak and roam around as you see fit. But, at the same time, I think we all will get a lot further in the area of gay rights if we show that we are not a lot of freaky people waving wands and wearing funny clothes; that we are all normal people who simply want to lead a normal life."

HERE COMES THE HISTORY LESSON

Critics may have a point; but if you wear a hat, no one will notice it! Just like the way no one wanted to notice those Stonewall Drags way back at the end of June 1969 in New York City, when a group of radical drag queens hanging out at their local gay bar, the Stonewall Inn, decided they would no longer put up with daily police harassment and arrests that were part of "normal" homosexual life for these people. At that time it was illegal to be gay, so there was no openly gay pride, no openly gay politics, and most certainly no gay parade. On this particular night, the Stonewall patrons initiated local action that was to eventually lead to national gay liberation. They fought back. For several days and nights the Stonewall Rebellion raged on, and the so-called sissies beat the men-in-blue in a rather violent uprising (and I don't mean just with purses). So you see, it was a very abnormal group of "freaky people wearing funny clothes" back then who made it possible for us today to cocktail and cruise undisturbed in the gay or lesbian bar of our choice. And for that matter, those nelly fellas paved the way for every one of our civil rights marches.

STOP BEING SO GAY!

It will be a sad (as in opposite of "gay") day when we no longer display our sense of humor, but feel compelled to keep it hidden behind closet doors, along with our ball gowns and high heels. Next we will have to relegate our leather chaps and cowboy hats to private parties only, safe from the scrutinizing eyes of "the public." Can't you just picture the glory of seeing the Dykes on Bikes leading off the parade, dressed in tasteful businesswoman suits, breasts neatly tucked away?! And of course the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will present a winning appearance to the media in their black-and-white three-piece suits. The name will have to be changed to "People of Perpetual Pleasing" so as not to offend anyone. We won't want any male empresses or duchesses ruining our image, so our floats will feature nothing but emperors and dukes, men dressed like men the way respectable men should dress. Perhaps we can convince some lesbians to

put on nice formal gowns and look respectable and princess-like, instead of done up in male duds. I know a lot of parades across the nation are planning to have men marching in white wedding dresses and women in tuxes as a symbol of their demand for same-sex marriage rights. Please, I beg of you. Don't. Do not have a giant wedding cake float, or a sign on the limo saying, "Still Not Married", or tie shoes and cans to cars, or throw rice or bouquets. Please don't. If we want equal rights we have got to assimilate. NOT! And for heaven's sake, don't anyone have pierced noses, eyebrows, nipples or exposed genitalia. In fact, all marchers will be required to cover up with shirts (for the men) and blouses (for the women). We mustn't show any signs of sexuality,

because then Dr. Laura Shitslinger will broadcast it all over the radio. Before the march begins, all men will be frisked for any contraband costume jewelry or make-up they may be hiding and planning to sneakily adorn at the last minute. The Girth & Mirth Club will be asked to either not be fat or at least not show a sense of humor about their stout state. After all, we wouldn't want the public to think that a bunch of happy, chubby gays represented our community, now would we?!

SPEAK OUT WITH FLAIR

Some people ask, "Why do so many gays have to parade around in costume for the press?" The answer is simple. As one who has been on both sides of the press — interviewer and interviewee — I can assure you, the media wants to see creative, colorful people. When a man is speaking out about gay rights, he is quite apt to be cut from the newscast and totally ignored in

his image-conscious, assimilation-oriented, financial district suit. But the flamboyant queen in sequins who deounces the Don't Ask/ Don't Tell military status for gays, the cowboy and leatherman arm-in-arm who call for the right to marry each other, two leather dykes holding hands and speaking out against pro-life politics — these folk, along with their convincing words and impassioned pleas, will be noticed and recorded by the media.

In response to all the anti-tutu troops, Debbie M. of Oakland wrote, "I'm a gay woman, and every time I see a bearded man in a nun's habit walking down the street, I do not feel viciously caricatured. I feel filled with joy and laughter, and divinely inspired." To which Sister Dana shouts out, "Amen!!!" And a special shout out and thank you to all the Stonewall Freaky People and your flaming sons and daughters who have burned a path for us! You are totally on fire! FLAME ON!



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"If you dream of a world in which you can put your partner's picture on your desk, then put his picture on your desk and you will live in such a world. And if you dream of a world in which you can walk down the street holding your partner's hand, then hold her hand and you will live in such a world. If you dream of a world in which there are more openly gay elected officials, then run for office and you will live in such a world. And if you dream of a world in which you can take your partner to the office party, even if your office is the U.S. House of Representatives, then take her to the party. I do, and now I live in such a world. Remember, there are two things that keep us oppressed: them and us. We are half of the equation. There will not be a magic day when we wake up and it's now OK to express ourselves publicly. We must make that day ourselves, by speaking out publicly — first in small numbers, then in greater numbers, until it's simply the way things are and no one thinks twice. Never doubt that we will create this world, because, my friends, we are fortunate to live in a democracy, and in a democracy, we decide what's possible."

—Lesbian U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., speaking from the stage of the Millennium March on Washington.

Time Machine

"If you take a time perspective — look at where we were 30 years ago, before Stonewall, the rate of progress has been enormous. ... You don't go from being despised to being prom queen. There's a period [in between], and what's interesting is that we have kind of won substantially intellectually and culturally the battle, for instance, over discrimination."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to PlanetOut.com, April 28.

Smooch!

"I had no trouble kissing Valeria [Golina in the movie Things You Can Tell Just By Looking at Her]. We had chemistry. And I've kissed Courtney [Thorne-Smith], Jane [Krakowski] and Lucy Liu on Ally McBeal. It's more about whether they have bad breath or not. There are guys who come on Ally McBeal whom I have to kiss, and I'd rather kiss my dog."

—Actress Calista Flockhart to the New York Post.

Meaning of Life

"What's my purpose in life? I don't know yet. I am passionate about gay rights. If this is the biggest contribution I make to this world, that is OK. But there are a lot of other causes I believe in. I am all for animal



rights. I like to speak for those who can't speak for themselves. The bottom line is this: I want to leave the Earth a better place than when I found it. Hopefully, I am doing my share."

—Martina Navratilova to gfn.com.

True Love?



"Sean [Hayes] and I just have this simpatico that money can't buy. We feel each other's timing and we totally enjoy each other. I feel like our true affection for each other and our enjoyment of each other's humor also play a part in fleshing out the relationship between our two characters."

—Actress Megan Mulally, Karen on Will & Grace, to TV Guide.



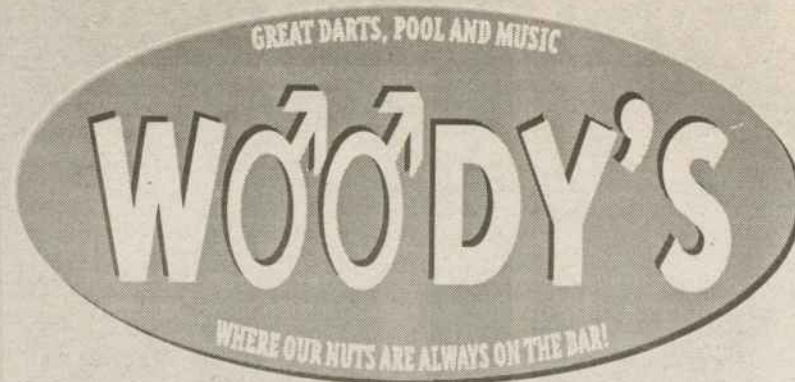
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— Elaine M.
Racine, WI

Whitney: Not Quite the Greatest

By Wayne Brasler

Several Whitney Houston Greatest Hits albums have been planned, compiled and readied for release over the past decade, but at the last minute, each of them was canceled. Now, coinciding with her 15th anniversary as a recording artist, Arista Records has finally released a two-CD celebration of Houston's out-sized success and it's a pip!

Disc one offers all the lady's power ballads in chronological order, then disc two turns to her up-tempo dance hits and some tasty remixed. Along the way on both discs there are rarities and some new recordings.

Through a generous 36 tracks this album sparkles and sizzles and reminds us why Houston has been a smash ever since her debut single and album, why she's sold 75 million records and why she's scored a dozen number one singles (with, you can be sure, more to come).

There's that champagne-on-ice voice, that crystal diction, that great sense of rhythm and that dynamic use of pauses as musical punctuation.

This album cooks from start to finish and yet (well, darlings, you did know there would be an "and yet," didn't you?) ... well, it's undeniable Houston is a great hit maker and a great performer, but is she a



great artist?

The album notes put her in a league with Aretha Franklin and Barbra Streisand. I'm not so sure. There's always been a sense with Houston of something just out of reach. A sense that we never really know her or what she's thinking or feeling.

Especially in the ballads there's a sense of heart-stirring acting, but seldom a sense of genuine feeling. She's divine to hear but difficult to believe. And every ballad is approached the same way.

You don't get that with Franklin, who sings every song as if she is inventing the lyrics and melody as she goes along. And

there's never any doubt exactly what Aretha is feeling or thinking or who she is when she sings. As for Streisand, when she is not vocally self-conscious about being a legend she can still in her darkest ballads break your heart with the depth of her pain, hurt from her childhood which has not been erased by her great success and happiness since.

Houston's stunning beauty and charisma on stage is a showstopper. But when she goes on "Oprah" and you're dying for a glimpse of who she really is, you don't find out much. It all seems an act. So much of her life seems unreal — the odd marriage, the sordid stories,

the is-she-or-isn't-she game which has gone on far too long.

When Diana Ross appeared on "Oprah" recently, hurting from a divorce she didn't want and uneasy over a Supremes reunion instantly gone sour, she was so overcome singing the "It's My Turn" lyrics, "So I'll let it rain, 'cause the rain ain't gonna hurt me ..." she simply ended the song right then and there. It was a startling moment. Can you imagine Whitney Houston ever being overcome by the lyrics of a song?

To put it another way, Houston lacks the three Vs required of any true vocal

artist: Vulnerability, variation and veracity.

That said, this collection is a stunner, not only for Houston's searing performances, but for the choice material from premier songwriters she and her team have so wisely chosen over the years ("You Give Good Love," "Saving All My Love For You," "The Greatest Love of All," "All At Once" [which began as a B-side and became an A-side, always the mark of a great record-maker], "Didn't We Almost Have It All," "Where Do Broken Hearts Go?," "I Will Always Love You," "I'm Your Baby Tonight," "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," "How Will I Know?"); the stunning product she gets; the great engineering; and her own progress through the years.

As her recent album, "My Love Is Your Love," proved, she doesn't lag around much; she's always moving ahead and up to date.

The cover to "The Greatest Hits" is one of the most inventive in years, and very funny too. And yet (again), it's clearly an image which has been tinkered with, as have all the photos in the CD booklet. We look at them and know they're not quite real. Which in this case, fits perfectly.

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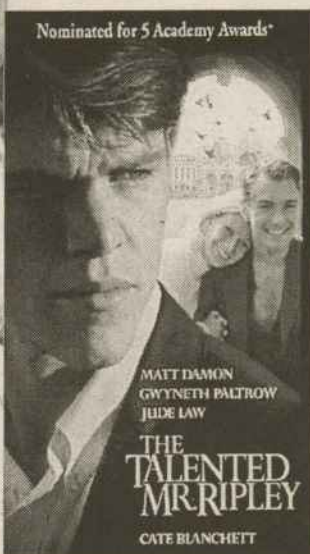
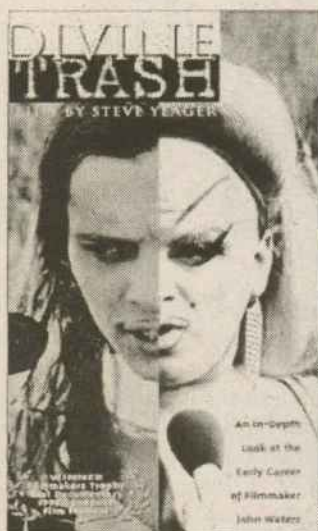
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By Billy Masters

Just another fun-filled Memorial Day Weekend here at Gotcha Central. As I sit down to begin writing this week's column, I find myself strangely riveted to the FOX special "Opening the Tombs of the Golden Mummies." As the crew began to open their first sarcophagus, host **Hugh Downs** explained that these 2500-year-old mummies were often wrapped with personal items and jewelry. That explains the remarkable find of **Barbara Walters'** high school graduation ring inside the first tomb (it also explains why her yearbook photo was found etched on the side of the crypt). Gee, I would have sworn that Babs doesn't look a day over two thousand!

If he's not careful, the next person to enter a tomb will be **Matthew Perry** — and he won't be visiting! Matty's problems began a couple of months ago when he was freaked out about how much weight he'd gained this year. Perry was desperate to do something, and the ever-helpful **Jennifer Aniston** suggested the Atkins Diet. I'm told that it was Matt's idea to add some herbal supplements (a no-no, according to Dr. Atkins). Between the rigid high-protein diet and the herbs, Matthew landed himself in the hospital. He spent two weeks at Cedars Sinai (just around the corner from Gotcha Central) and was listed as suffering from severe dehydration and an undisclosed "stomach problem." The night that he checked himself out of the hospital, our friend crashed his Porsche into the porch of a house in the Hollywood Hills. When police arrived on the scene, Perry (who was described by the police as not under the influence of drugs or alcohol) claimed that he was driving downhill and swerved into the porch to avoid hitting a car "probably coming from the other direction." Needless to say, no one else saw this other vehicle. Maybe Matt should call **Jason Priestly**, who had a similar problem this past winter with an imaginary deer!

Speaking of entering a tomb, we must take a moment to remember the life of the remarkable **Dame Barbara Cartland**, who passed away last week. Here's something I didn't know — the 98-year-old Dame Babs wrote 723 books during her career! As part of her final wishes, she was buried in a cardboard coffin under an oak tree in her garden while a cassette of **Perry Como** singing "I Believe" was played on a continuous loop. I



Miss Ross

don't make these things up, you know. No word on whether she was buried wearing her trademark blue eye shadow.

Elsewhere in Great Britain, the relatively young **Sir John Gielgud** passed away at age 96. His bio states that his companion for more than 40 years was **Martin Hensler**, who died in 1999. Good night, sweet prince.

From one English queen to another, the Brits are in an uproar over the 100th birthday celebrations for the **Queen Mum**. In its infinite wisdom, the BBC has decided not to provide live coverage of the most beloved of the royal family's centenary celebration because the network fears that the show would not attract enough viewers. This decision has caused a huge fracas — particularly from the organizers of the tribute that is slated to benefit 320 charities close to the Queen Mum's heart. Well, damn it, if I can't watch the festivities live on July 19th, I'll just have to go there myself.

There is certainly no cause for celebration around **Diana Ross'** house. According to foxnews.com, ticket sales for the Supreme Lady's "Return to Love" tour are sorely lagging. In Cleveland, for example, only 5,000 seats have been sold in a 14,000 seat arena! Many cities are offering major give-aways to try and fill the venues and avoid a public relations nightmare and major embarrassment. Meanwhile, **Mary Wilson** continues her own tour and has been approached by producers to possibly take part in a projected Broadway revival of "Sophisticated Ladies." What goes



Mr. Sparks

around...

I don't know much about him, but I have a new crush. This week's nominee for the latest Mrs. Billy Masters is myprime-time.com's co-founder **Donald Van de Mark**. All I know about him — aside from the fact that he's quite handsome (in that buff, chiseled, masculine kinda way) — is that he did his undergraduate work at Tufts University (in Billy's native backyard), was a deputy to QVC chairman **Barry Diller**, and is a close personal friend of my own auntie **Joan Rivers**. And I'm not sure that he's gay.

Could it be that **Hal Sparks** is the stupidest person alive? Perhaps. The "Talk Soup" host announced that he's leaving the popular E! program to concentrate on his television and film career (what career?). In an intriguing turn of events, Hal abandoned his hosting duties only one day after E! made the announcement (he had apparently taped his last show days before the announcement was made). My pals at E! say that no tears were shed over Hal's departure. In fact, his brief ten-month stay would have been even briefer if the network had its way. Until a new permanent host is found (have I mentioned that I'm available?), look for guest hosts to fill Hal's gap, including **Simon Rex** (you remember Simon — from those jerk-off videos). I'm sure that Simon will fill the gap just fine.

Could it be that a certain star of a touring musical is dabbling outside of her marriage — and that said dabbling is happening with a chorister of the same sex? It isn't so shocking — after all, she worked with a lesbian for



Mr. Rex

years on TV. And, according to whispers, this isn't her first dalliance of the Sapphic kind. Some people say that her friendship with a film superstar is more than just a friendship. Oh, if those walls could talk...

Could it be that a certain pop star of the '80s is looking for some renewed attention in a new way? Rather than rely on her marginal vocal abilities (a stalled domestic solo career has sent her back to her old group more than **Liz Taylor** to **Betty Ford**), the heavenly singer plans to reveal her 40-something-year-old body in all its breast-lifted glory. She's telling her pals (including members of her reunited band) that the spread — so to speak — will appear in Playboy sometime in the fall or winter. Although I'm mad about her, I'm also a little afraid.

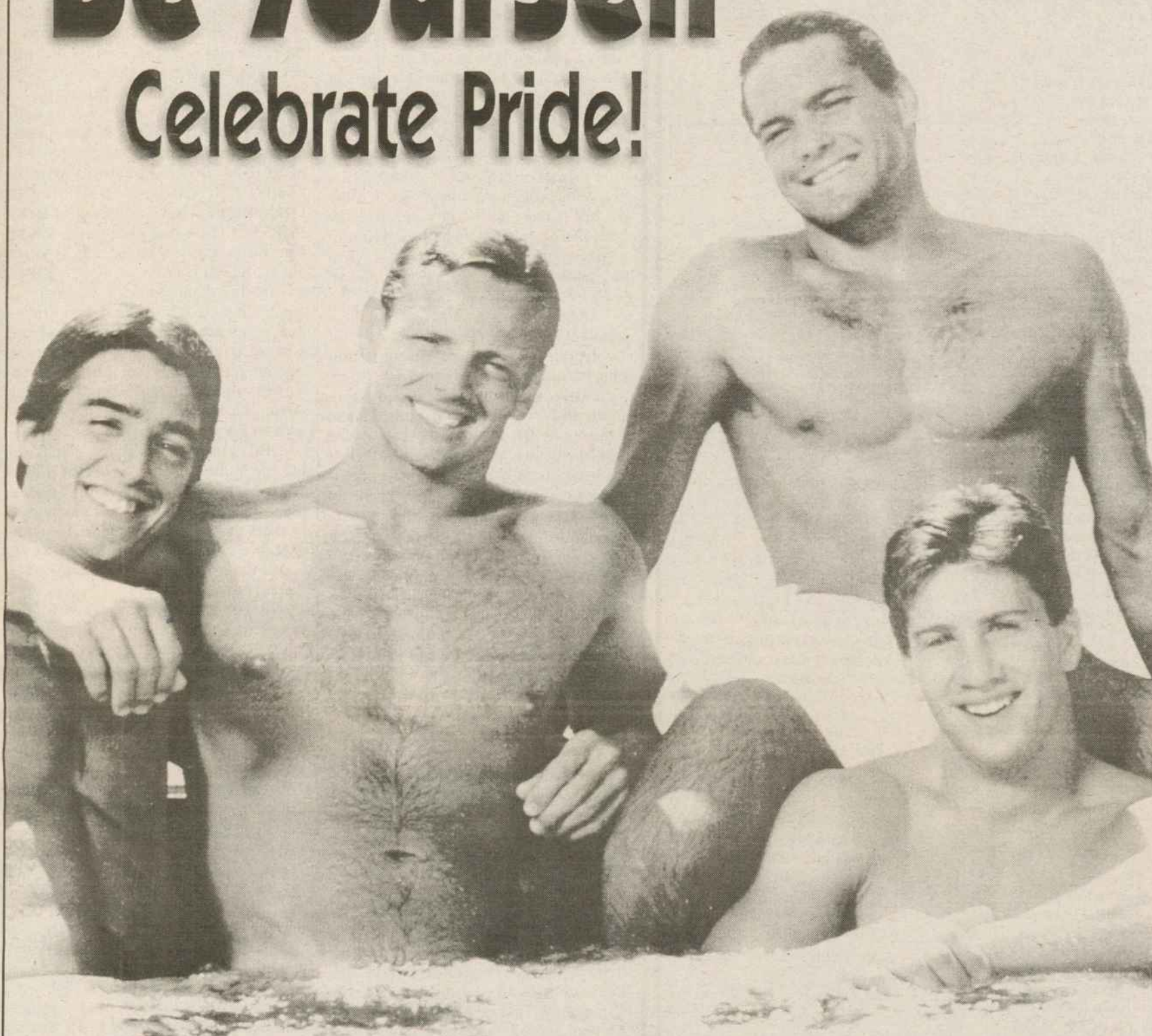
When I've given you two blind items, and one of them is mighty easy, then we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. Do any of you watch "The View"? If so, then this week you might have caught a special feature where a camera crew followed Barbara Walters from waking up at her home to appearing live on the show. I believe that the segment was called "From Crypt To Camera." Look for it to be FOX's next special (Hugh can host that one, too). Got any gossip of your own? Don't be shy — send me an e-mail at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Babs changes her formaldehyde drip! So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



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By Michael Johnston

Here's PRIDE-filled Column — 2000, I hope you all had a Memorable weekend! I believe pride to be an intangible, like love, happiness, serenity, among other attainable goals in this life. The longer you go on the more comfortable you become with yourself and, as a bonus, you may also add such qualities to your life.

Pride is something I take in this bi-monthly column. I write it myself, using my real name, and sharing, with you, my life. I don't think I would have even considered writing anything more than a check to any publication in the past, let alone an "LGBT Publication!"

And not using an alias! So, I take a moment to thank you, the readership of IN Step, for this opportunity in our continuing pursuit of pride and equality.

PRIDE is a quality all of us must have from within. Wednesday, May 10, I took in a lecture by **Dr. Maya Angelou** at The Klotz Center, at UW-Milwaukee. It was a 75-minute talk, enhanced with poems and songs. Dr. Angelou has been an idol of mine since childhood. I remember seeing her on "Donahue" over thirty years ago. You can only imagine what a powerful, captivating communicator she is in person! She personifies pride, a pride she has found from within. Paraphrasing, she reminded all of us that "We must love ourselves, before we can love anyone else. Never accept a shirt from a naked man!"

PRIDE in our community was expressed on Thursday, May 11 — "Dine Out For Life" for the children of Camp Heartland. Over 60 fine local eateries participated in donating 25% of their food bills to the Camp. Talk about a painless way to contribute to such a fine cause. Does that make it food for the soul?

PRIDE in our homes led to six households opening their doors to **The Rainbow House & Garden Tour**, Saturday, May 20, to benefit the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. And believe me when I write that each of the host's homes were a treat to the eye, and there was such an overwhelming sense of Community. The residences as well as the people involved — host/volunteers were soooo welcoming.

PRIDE in our heritage was exhibited at "The Mr. & Ms. Mystique Pageant" at The Milwaukee Hilton Hotel May 21. Charles D. Productions has brought a national competition to our fair city. It was good to see the glamour and glitz of a Pageant return to the Community.

PRIDE in our individuality: **Ellen DeGeneres** has returned to the venue where she got her start, stand-up comedy. Included on her "Road Tour" was The Riverside Theater right here in Milwaukee on May 22. I've watched her show and saw her in D.C., but far and beyond here was relaxed, comfortable and really hit home, here at home.

PRIDE in the future, Wednesday, May 31: Lincoln Center for the Arts was the recipient of a quarterly cocktail party, "An Affair To Remember," A Landmark On The Lake Concierge Cocktail Party. Held to raise not only much needed funds, but awareness, in the youths of Milwaukee and the art scene.

The historic Astor Hotel was the scene for this "toast to Summer," featuring great cocktails, fabulous hors d'oeuvres and the sweet sounds of The Swing-o-matics. For

those not in the know, Lincoln Center is a center dedicated, devoted, to the arts — housing all kinds of artists AND a middle school, where the students are in the midst of the real world of art. The children are in the process of executing a mural that will not only promote their space, but the entire neighborhood as well as our city and state.

PRIDE in song can be heard with **Singsational** at **The M&M Club**. Saturday, June 3rd taking center stage will be **Corliss, Dee & Passion Patti**. On Sunday, June 4th, Dee will return with **Lizzie Bordeaux**. Of course, don't forget that while these fine performers will be your hosts, you will be the star, so come out in pride and fine voice.

Another chance to catch these popular entertainers will be at **PrideFest Friday**, June 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. Also, give a listen to the relaxing, smooth, mellow sounds of **John Scaduto**. For years, he told us to relax and open wide — now it's his turn to do the same — and with great style and flair!

PRIDE in promotions: We'll be toasting the Summer scene at **Taylor's** final "Blue Monday Gay — LA" on Monday, June 5th. Dan and Friends really know how to chase those blues away... and the unforgettable music, provided by **Mike**, is worth the price of admission alone. (No, there is no cover!)

PRIDE the whole weekend-long: **PrideFest Friday**, June 9-11, 2000 on the Summerfest Grounds.

PRIDE in your sports prowess: "Athletes Against AIDS Golf Tournament With The Brewers" on Thursday, June 15th, at the Silver Spring Country Club to benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). Are you up to par?

Other ways of proving your skills in the Community: S.S.B.L. Saturday Soft Ball League, Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club, HIT Bowling...

PRIDE in our health: National HIV Testing Day is Tuesday, June 27. You don't even have to bother studying... you do owe it to yourself and the ones you love!

PRIDE in partying: I had the chance recently "to do the town." What a time I had! We still have some of the best night spots, anywhere! I love the "new" sounds coming from **Switch** and **Club Boom**. Not to mention the eye candy! Switch was offering that adorable **Jacob** and "sin"sational **Scott**, and at Boom, hot owner/host/bartender **David** and tempting **Tim** bending bulging biceps, filling up cocktail after cocktail — cheers!

I can't possibly thank **The Ball Game** enough for the hilarious time I had during their "Drag In The Bag" — Possum Queen Fun(d) Raiser for **Mona A. Lott**. **Miss Vera Charles**, you were never better on the mike. Girls, such talent and beauty! **Ricky**, you still make such fabu beverages, and of course **Rick** is one of the town's most generous hosts!

PRIDE in humor: I have to share with you the best bumper sticker I saw recently: "Eve Was Framed!"

And that about does it for yet another column — see you at **PrideFest**!

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Trung Tieu (r) and Scott Sorenson

Gutzman's "Rope" is Frayed

By Carl M. Szatmary

As the initial production for his new theatre company, Off the Wall Productions, Dale Gutzman has come up with a rather daunting choice, Patrick Hamilton's "Rope." Best known to theatergoers as one of Alfred Hitchcock's more experimental, if not entirely successful films, Hamilton's play is based loosely on the celebrated Leopold-Loeb murder case. "Rope" must have seemed awfully daring and controversial back in 1928 but how will audiences today find this curious mix, equal parts drawing room comedy and psychological thriller?

Brandon (Trung Tieu) and Granillo (Scott Sorenson) are two "bright, young things" on a school holiday from Oxford. As an exercise in their intellectual superiority, the two youths lure home a fellow classmate of theirs, toy with him a bit and then proceed to murder him. In their eyes this seemingly senseless, motiveless act a perfect crime. To push the envelope even further, they plan an intimate dinner party just hours later, the boy's body hidden in a

large chest. Amongst the guests are the boy's father Sir Johnstone Kentley (James Feeley), ostensibly invited to view Brandon's rare book collection, and their friend Rupert (David Flores).

Matters quickly begin to unravel. Granillo, it seems, is not made of the amoral stuff needed to carry off such a senseless act of violence such as this. In panic and confusion, he almost immediately turns to alcohol, rapidly becoming drunk but without the release to he so desperate seeks.

Their guests begin to arrive and the obvious tension between Granillo and Brandon is quickly perceived. One guest in particular, Rupert, senses something amiss and initiates his own rather perverse game of "cat and mouse" with the two increasingly hysterical youths.

David Flores is simply marvelous. He has a perfect ear for Hamilton's pithy drawing room banter, particularly in his exchanges with Julie Alonz-Calteaux's delightful Leila. Then, as the dreadful truth begins to dawn on him, Flores reveals Rupert's demeanor changing almost imperceptibly, from confident aristocratic arrogance to shocked revulsion, his wide-eyed gape of horror at the play's climax looking for all the world like a doomed deer trapped in a car's headlights.

James Feeley is similarly fine, effectively illuminating the character's increasing confusion and unease and his growing concern for his missing son.

Gutzman is less well served in the two leads, Tieu's Brandon never captures the character's initial insolence and disdain for those he considers his inferiors, while Sorenson's ineffectual Granillo never appears even capable of pretending to be able to pull off such an audacious act as murder.

"Rope" is never less than fascinating as Gutzman refreshingly restores the play's overt homoerotic subtext almost entirely missing from Hitchcock's film. Unfortunately, a too intimate playing space and some uneven performances hinder Gutzman's efforts.



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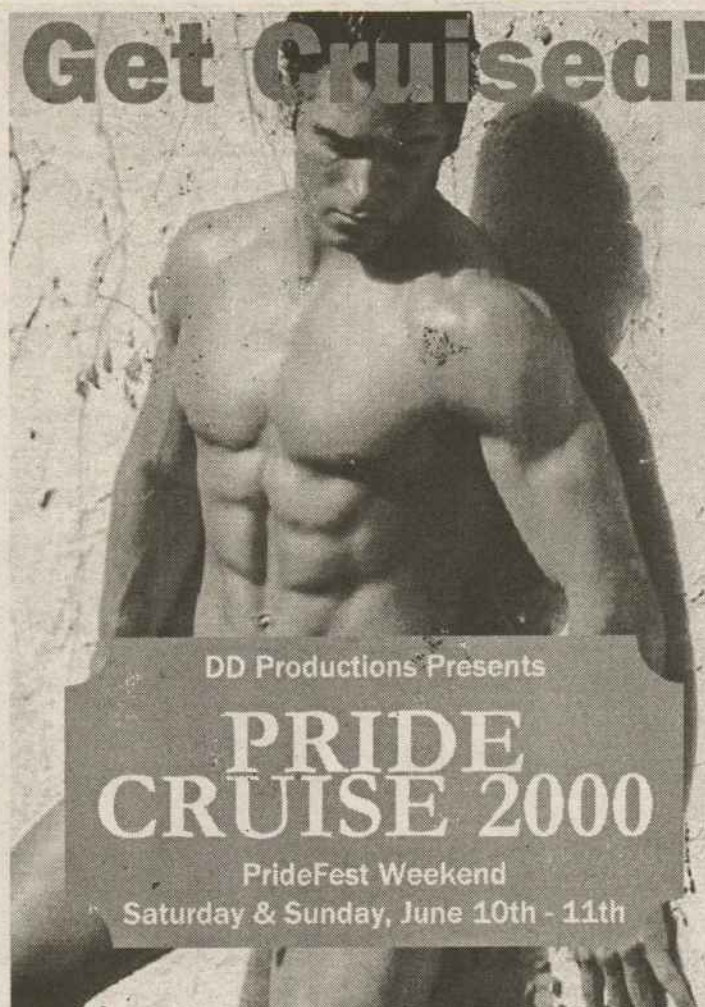
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

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Keepin' IN Step

By Jamie



Wheh... I am just hours away from deadline and I had computer problems. Thank the powers that be that Chris Hammerbech was once again, willing and able to get me going again. Thanks Chris..

It is now Monday, Memorial Day. Josh and I woke up this morning wondering what to do with the day. One of our thoughts was **Movie Monday at Triangle**. Usually, we have some sort of dinner spread trying to keep with the theme of the movie. I haven't cleared it with Lana yet, but I think we'll show up with a grill — I mean c'mon, if the weather is good, isn't it a law that you have to grill out for Memorial Day?

Speaking of **Triangle**, as you have probably heard by now, **Lana** is the new owner. I guess **Rob** just didn't want to be in the bar business any longer and Lana was ready and willing to take over. Best of luck to Rob in his new endeavors! This change should breathe new life into one of Milwaukee's favorite hot spots. The name will stay the same with just a minor addition to the familiar triangle. It will now be the triangle with an exponent of 3 (Triangle to the 3rd power (Lana is the 3rd owner)). There will be lots of promotions and drink specials. There is talk about bringing back the popular Sunday Tea Dance but we'll have to wait and see. One thing that sounds kewl is the **Red Light Special**. At any time, the bartender will turn on the red light and as long as nobody leaves or goes to the bathroom, tap beer is free. Stop in, you might just catch the Red Light Special.

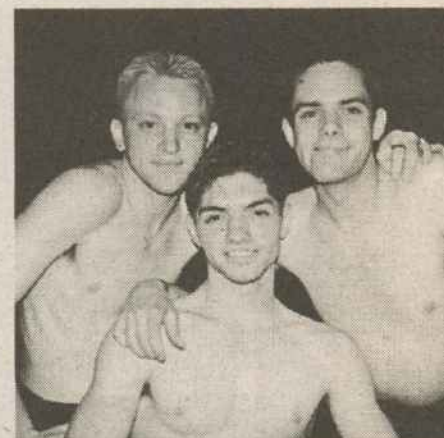
Happy 20th Anniversary! As with every Memorial Day, comes the Milwaukee Classic Softball leagues. This year I couldn't tell you who won 'cause Sunday was called off due to rain. Saturday turned out to be a blast even though it was cold and rainy. The favorite host bar, Dana's Clubhouse, was as usual, filled with ballplayers from all over. The bartenders once again, flashed their tits to all the gay guys. The new bartender on the scene also flashed the crowd. OK, she had to — I'm pretty sure that was one of the stipulations of working that weekend. Maybe next year the weather will co-operate.

Boom is doing an **Absolutely Fabulous** party today (Memorial Day) with Absolute specials. I think I'll stop in right after I drop this column off at **IN Step World Headquarters**. The **Ball Game** is serving drink specials and Hor d'oeuvres and of course, a great time. Other than that, there isn't much else going on for Memorial Day.

Happy Birthday to **Jim** over at the **Rainbow Room** out in Madison. There

was a huge birthday bash this weekend with a costume contest, cash prizes and free shots and a full buffet.

I wanna tell you about a few things that are coming up. Up in Green Bay, there will be a huge "Send Her Packing" gala for **Dixie Diamond**, June 2. Featured performers will be **Kandi Barr, Lily White, Pheadrea Free** and **Nova D'Vine**. Hope to see you there. If your not in Green Bay, stop in at **Switch** to help them celebrate their first year



Duck, Duck, GOOSE! Photo by Jamie
@ Cest La Vie



Love Birds! Photo by Jamie
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anniversary. Congrats to **Craig** and the staff for bringing Wisconsin yet another great place to hang out.

I realize this is a pretty short column, but I better get in on disc and get it to our editor. Before I do that I wanted to mention that everyone seems to believe that the Wisconsin Pageant is dead. Well, in a conversation with one of the committee members, that is simply not true. Pageant 2000 will happen some time in November with a national hostess. IN Step will keep you posted as more details become available. Until next issue, thanks to **Ken Kujava** (Za's co-owner who recently died of heart failure) for being the fun loving person you were. Hope all is well where you are, you deserve it. To the rest of you, thanks for reading and as always, slower traffic keep right.



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Emeralds
801 E. Hadley, 53206 265-7325

6 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)
1100 S. 1st St., 53204 647-9950

2 Fannie's (Wm, D, F)
200 E. Washington St., 53204 649-9003

9 Fluid (Mw)
819 S. 2nd St., 53204 645-8330

22 Kathy's Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)
1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673

7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V)
801 S. 2nd St., 53204 383-8330

10 M&M Club (MW, F)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962

29 South Water Street Docks
354 E. National Ave., 53204 225-9676

20 Station 2 (Wm, D)
1534 W. Grant 53215 383-5755

30 Switch (Mw)
124 W. National Ave., 53204 220-4340

13 This Is It (M)
418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192

18 Triangle (M, V)
135 E. National 53204 383-9412

31 Woody's (Mw, D)
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Annex (10am-after hours)
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708 N. Milwaukee St., 53202 224-8877

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1030 East Juneau, 53202 272-0011

Cempazuchi
1205 E. Brady St., 53202 291-5233

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1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon, 241-9589

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625 South 5th St., 53204 271-8595

10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962

North Shore Bistro
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer 351-6100

Silver Dollar Cafe
831 South 16th Street, 53204 645-8860

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The Force
(referrals to GLBT counselors) 276-8487

Gay Information Svcs.
(referrals) 444-7331

Gay Bash Hotline (confidential) 444-7331

Gay People's Union 645-0585

Gay Youth WI Hotline 272-TEEN
..... 888-GAY-TEEN

Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123

Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling) 271-1560

Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymously) (414) 273-AIDS
..... (800) 334-AIDS

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Able Amazon (Home Repair) 447-0251

Affiliated Mortgage 453-6700
1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218

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7655 W. Lusher Ave., 53218

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6510 W. Layton Ave, 53215 282-6160

Financial Planning Services (Investments/Insurance)
..... 445-5552

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2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 272-2427

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..... 784-9360

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e-mail: sales@gn1.net

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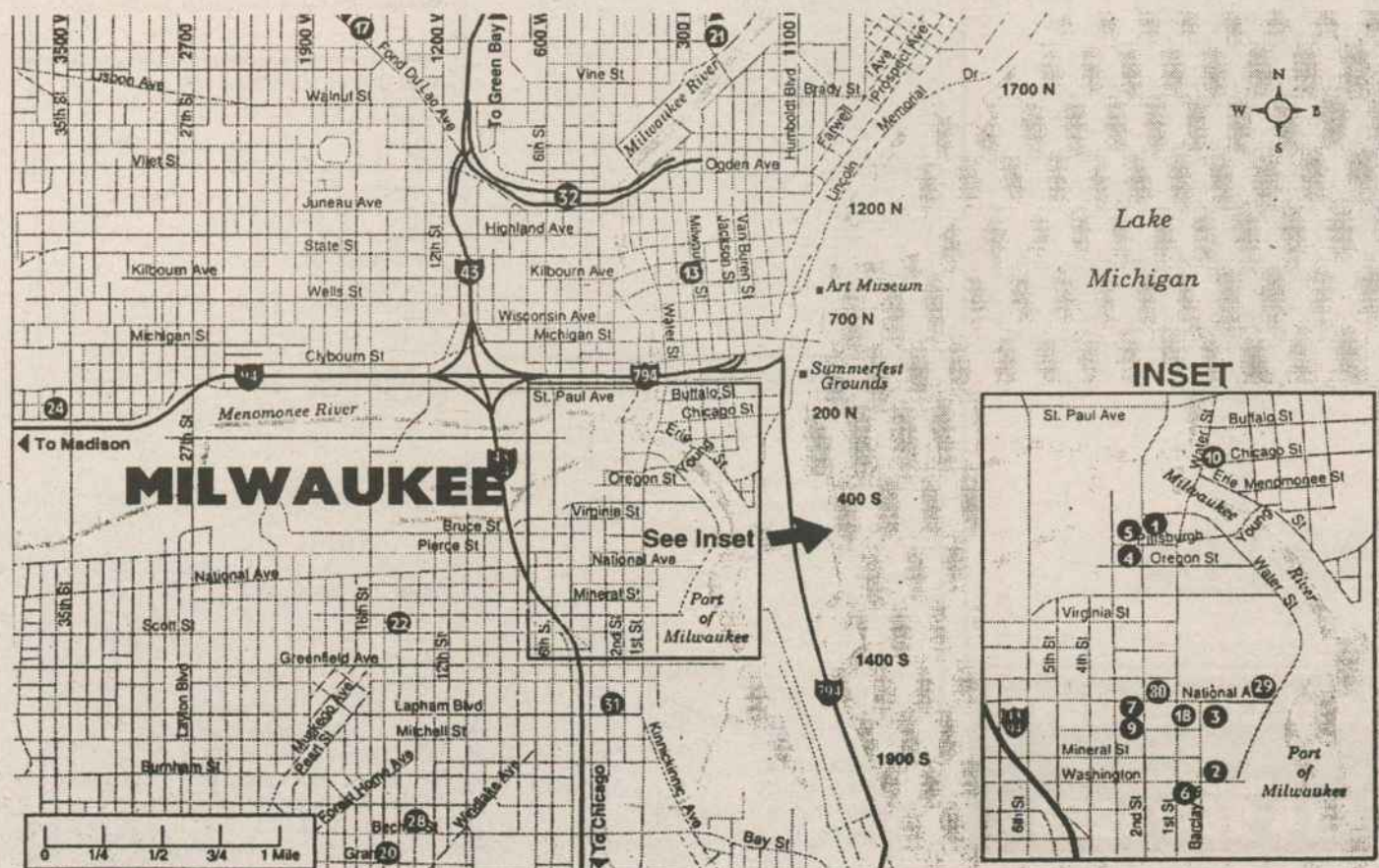
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2201 E Capital Dr., 53211963-1006
Mega Discount Nursey
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Red Wheelbarrow Bookshop
1213 E. Brady St., 53202223-5941
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6833 W. North Ave.607-9672
Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)
1418 E. Brady St., 53202272-6768
Wishful Things (Antiques)
207 E Buffalo, 53202964-9799

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Schellfield, 54476(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481
(715) 592-6245, ext. 5920200
Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort
Eagle River, 545211-888-334-3987
http://www.edgewinn.com
Empowerment/PAWS (Newsletter for PWAs)
1932 Strongs Ave.
Stevens Point, 54481342-0576
G&L Society/Wausau848-0608
UWSP 10% Society
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68
UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)
PO Box 152, Wausau, 54402848-0343
Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)
320 Washington, Wausau 54401842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education
2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481345-6500
Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLG)
c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449
Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim: (715) 384-6731
Platwood Club (MW, DJ)
701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481341-8862
Prince Edward B&B
203 W 5th, Shawano 54166526-2805
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous
(ask for Gay meetings)536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481346-4851

NORTH CENT. (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
Oneida County Health Dept.(715) 369-6228
P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501
Gay/Lesbian Support Group
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave, Ashland 54806
Northern WI Lambda Society
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of
Gays/Lesbians/Bis359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891682-2890

SHEBOYGAN (414)

Blue Lite (MW) 1029 N. 8th, 53081457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422
Sheboygan Antiques
336 Superior Avenue 53081452-6757
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation)
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan458-4889

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140657-6644
(800) 924-6601
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6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140857-3744
Club 94 (MW, DJ)
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C& I-94)
Kenosha 53140857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)
6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143657-5667
JoDee's (MW, DJ)
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403634-9804
What About Me? (WM)
600 6th St. Racine 53403632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
625 College, Racine 53403634-0659
UW-Parkside G/L Organization
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141595-2244
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie63-4421

Wychowde (Jewelry & Gifts)
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168843-4209

SOUTH CENT.)

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P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545756-2550
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast)
11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563868-6646
Cofran House (B&B)
Mineral Point987-2612
Crossroads Bar (G/S/M/W)
W6642 Hwy 8, Lake Mills 53551648-8457
The Kismet (MW, DJ)
232 Shirlan Ave., Beloit 54991363-8764

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.arcw.org)
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701836-7710
(800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.arcw.org)
1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880394-4009
(877) 242-0282
Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)
PO Box 264, Superior 54880
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)
PO Box 152, Wausau 54402842-1377
Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast)
33 E. Spruce St, Chippewa Falls723-0943
Eagle Cove B&B (eglcove@comcast.net)
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750448-4302
GLOBE (Campus Lesb/Gay group)
105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701
JP Creations (WEB Design)477-8802
The Trading Company (MW, DJ)
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701838-9494
The Main Club (MW, DJ)
1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880392-1756
Northland Gay Men's Center
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802(218) 722-8585
Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
Greater Chippewa Valley
PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011
Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702836-7710
Scooter's (MW)
411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703835-9959
Trio (WM)
820 Tower, Superior, 54880392-5373
Twin Parts Pride
P.O. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803(218) 728-5825
UW Stout 10% Society
c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UW-S
Menomonee, 54751 UW Eau Claire
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)
22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729723-8490

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420(608) 785-9866
La Crosse, WI 54601,(800) 947-3353
The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)
PO Box 131, Platteville 53818348-5596
e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu
Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)
114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601782-9061
Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat735-4829
GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)
P.O. Box 602, Onalaska, 54650-0602791-1963
Gay & Lesbian Alliance
Box 131, Platteville, 53818
LaCrosse L/G Support Group784-7600
c/o Campus Ministry Center
Leaping La Crosse News
Box 932, LaCrosse 54602782-6082
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601
Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books)
122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601796-0383
Rainbow Ridge Farms Bed and Breakfast783-8181
Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance)800-484-8131
Code 4419, e-mail to pioneersww@aol.com
PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

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A Brother's Touch Books (Books/Gifts) www.brotherstouch.com
2327 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55405(612) 377-MARY
CDC National AIDS Hotline(800) 342-2437
Gay & Lesbian Americans
PO Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013(800) 689-5111
Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF)(202) 628-4160
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF)(202) 332-6483
Crossroads (LesBiGay Real Estate National Referral)(800) 442-9735
Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406
(616) 857-1401
Club Xpress (MW, DJ), 904 Ludington, Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 789-0140
Little Jim's (M, V), 3501 N Holsted, Chicago, IL 60657
(312) 871-6116
Lambda Car Club Int'l, PO Box 268534, Chicago, IL 60626
(312) 465-5307
Male Hide Leathers (Leather Shop)
2816 N Lincoln, Chicago, IL 60657(312) 929-0069
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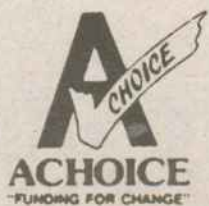
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