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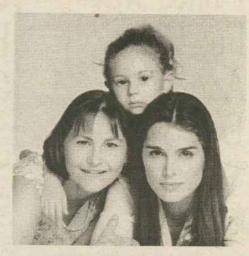
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# United Way Fox Cities Adopts Diversity Statement

Menasha — The Board of Directors of United Way Fox Cities has adopted a new Agency Agreement that will be effective for funding distributions in fiscal 2002. The new Agency Agreement includes a diversity statement that reads:

"Both United Way Fox Cities and the Agency agree to provide services to those in need of UWFC funded programs regardless of ability to pay, or race, or religion, color, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, disability, or age, or any other characteristics protected by law. We recognize that agencies may identify special needs in the community and target services to a specific population based on those needs, however, the programs must be open to all people in those targeted populations."

"We fully realize that requiring all of our agencies to agree to this non-discrimination policy may cause some controversy," said Board Chair Tim Higgins. "But, we spent four months studying this issue, hearing from people in the community with different viewpoints, talking with an ethics expert and reviewing our own internal policies. In the end, we believe it is the right thing to do."

Higgins acknowledged that the study was prompted by concerns over a Boy Scouts of America policy, which, in their words, does not allow "avowed" homosexuals to become Boy Scouts or Boy Scout leaders. "The Boy Scouts have served thousands of young people in our area throughout the years and they have wonderful programs," he said. "However, the fact remains, they have a policy of discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Directors have decided that such a policy is not consistent with the mission or vision of our organization."

United Way Fox Cities President and CEO, Peter Kelly, explained that the United Way Fox Cities mission is to "bring diverse people and resources together to build a stronger, more caring community for everyone." In addition, the organizations statement of principle on diversity, adopted in 1998, states in part:

"United Way Fox Cities' vision is to be a local model for championing diversity, welcoming and serving everyone — without regard to race, religion, color, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, physical disability or age."

The new Agency Agreements will be sent to all United Way agencies in February 2001. Agencies that sign the agreement will be eligible for direct United Way funding in 2002. "We believe the overwhelming majority of our agencies will sign the agreement," said Kelly. "This is a very tough issue, but we feel strongly we have to live by our mission and vision."

# Union Proposes Partner Benefits for Milwaukee City Workers

By Jamakaya

**Milwaukee** — Gay and lesbian activists in Milwaukee are cautiously optimistic about the prospect of city employees obtaining domestic partner benefits after learning that the union which represents municipal workers has raised the issue in its biennual negotiations with the city.

District Council 48 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) recently began negotiating its 2001-2002 contract with city officials. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported on January 15 that a proposal to include health insurance benefits and bereavement leave for the domestic partners of city employees was placed on the table by the union on behalf of its members.

The union's proposal reportedly calls for these benefits to be extended only to those city workers who are formally registered with the City of Milwaukee as in a domestic partnership with another individual. After some controversy, a Domestic Partners Registry was established by the city in 1999. To date, about 70 same sex couples have registered as partners. The registry does not confer any new rights or benefits on those who register.

A spokesman for District Council 48 of AFSCME declined to comment further on the report or the ongoing negotiations. He said only that it is vital that labor negotiations remain confidential.

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The story, once leaked to the press, drew strong reaction from

"AFSCME District Council 48 and Mayor Norquist are to be congratulated for discussing domestic partner benefits for city workers," Patrick Flaherty of the Domestic Partners Task Force of the LGBT Community Center told Wisconsin IN Step.

"Corporate Milwaukee has been adding domestic partnership benefits to its compensation packages for years without fanfare," he

"Milwaukee employers like Fortis Insurance, Virchow Krause, eFunds/Deluxe Data, IBM, Wells Fargo, Bank One, The Gap, and Starbucks have proven that domestic partner benefits are a low-cost, easily administered way to retain and recruit the best talent. Like any employer, the City of Milwaukee needs to compete for the

best and brightest. Domestic partner benefits are one way to stay competitive with the private sector."

At least one City Council member was having none of that reasoned approach. Alderman Tom Nardelli expressed his opposition to any kind of benefits for the domestic partners of city employees and vowed to vote against any contract that contains such language. Predictably, right-wing radio hosts Charles Sykes and Mark Belling used their air time to condemn the union's proposal.

"For Ald. Nardelli and Charlie Sykes and Mark Belling to single out and politicize this one small part of the bargaining process sends a terrible signal to current and potential employees that the City of Milwaukee is an intolerant and backward place to work,"

If the domestic partner benefits proposal is successfully incorporated into the labor contract, the contract as a whole must still be approved by the Common Council. In 1997, the Council killed an ordinance that would have extended partners benefits to city workers. Council membership has changed since that time, but no one is certain how all of the new members might vote on such an issue. Mayor John Norquist has declined to speak out on the current proposal, citing the ongoing negotiating process as well as fiscal concerns.

The Domestic Partnership Task Force cites statistics aimed at quelling concern over the financial implications of the proposed benefits. The city of Madison, for example, currently offers domestic partner benefits to its city workers, both gay and straight. Of the almost \$12 million it pays out for employee health insurance, only \$42,000 involves domestic partners. Milwaukee pays out almost \$40 million annually for workers' health benefits. If one quarter of 1 percent of Milwaukee's 7,000 municipal workers claimed partner benefits, the total expense would be just \$80,000.

Although the labor negotiations (over hundreds of issues besides partners benefits) could last for months, Patrick Flaherty encourages members of the LGBT community and their friends and allies to let their voices be heard.

"It's important that Milwaukee residents who want to see domestic partner benefits for city workers call the Mayor at (414) 286-2200. Thank him for his past supportive statements and ask him to take this golden opportunity to include domestic partner benefits in the City's next labor contract."

#### Contacts:

Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist: (414) 286-2200

Domestic Partners Task Force of the LGBT Community Center: (414) 271-2656

# Resolution To Honor Boy Scouts Introduced in State Assembly

#### By Mike Fitzpatrick

Madison — A longtime Wisconsin foe of LGBT equality has introduced a resolution to honor another group currently embattled in the fight for gay rights. State Representative Stephen Nass (R-Whitewater) has introduced one of the first resolutions in the newly seated 2001 Wisconsin State Assembly.

AJR 12 supports the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) specifically because the BSA is under attack for policies that discriminate on the basis of religion and sexual orientation. The Boy Scout resolution was introduced on January 16 and assigned to the Committee on Rules where it awaits further action.

Nass reportedly had drafted and circulated AJR 12 to prospective sponsors in December 2000 in response to the "present" votes of Wisconsin Congressional Representatives Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and Thomas Barrett (D-Milwaukee)last September to a bill that would have revoked the BSA's federal charter. That bill was defeated 12-262. However, 51 representatives, including Baldwin and Barrett, had voted present in a protest to the sudden vote without committee hearings on the legislation.

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-California) introduced the revocation bill last July following the June Supreme Court decision

in the James Dale case. The Court supported BSA policies that prohibit leadership and membership by openly gay individuals because the Scouts are a private organization.

AJR 12 is the latest in a series of Nasssponsored bills with anti-gay impact. In the 1999-2000 session Nass introduced legislation to ban domestic partner health insurance benefits in the public sector.

"The attacks on Wisconsin's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered citizens by anti-gay elected officials has begun early this year." Action Wisconsin president Dan Ross said following the bill's introduction.

"Action Wisconsin opposes discrimination wherever it is found, even in an organization as popular as the Boy Scouts of America." Ross said. "The BSA has a history of dismissing scouts and adults who admit to be or are found to be gay, bisexual, atheist, agnostic, or who practice a religion unacceptable to the BSA, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Unitarians, Buddhists and others."

"Youth groups such as the Girl Scouts, among many others, effectively build character and promote the values of good citizenship without discriminating. Those groups are even more worthy of the legislature's support." Ross noted. "Action Wisconsin urges Wisconsin's BSA coun-

cils to do the right thing and reject the national BSA stance on sexual orientation and religion. We also urge the legislature to take no action on AJR 12, as it is purely divisive, entirely symbolic, and accomplishes nothing for the people of

"AJR 12 is similar to a resolution in the last session to condemn the Ku Klux Klan." Ross added. "That resolution never got a vote, and had been a lot more straightforward."

Ross suspects that Nass' anti-gay stance has a personal bent. "Nass' sister is the ex-wife of former State Rep. David Clarenbach, who led the fight to make Wisconsin the first state in the nation to add sexual orientation to its anti-discrimination laws. Clarenbach publicly came out after he left office." Ross said.

Nass reportedly also has lost another gay family member to HIV/AIDS.

#### On the Web:

The text of AJR 12 can be found at: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/ data/AJR-12.pdf

Action Wisconsin: http://www.actionwisconsin.org

# Lily Tomlin Comes Out

#### **Explains Her**

**Past Reluctance** 

By Rex Wockner

New York — Actress and comedian Lily Tomlin has come out as gay in an interview with the New York City cable-access TV program "Gay USA."

Tomlin also explained why in the past she has hesitated to say point-blank that she is a lesbian despite her frequent references to her long-term same-sex relationship.

Speaking to journalist Ann Northrop in late November, Tomlin said: "I'm not going to make a big national case of it which is what, really, everybody would like to do, or some people. But in most articles, most people refer to Jane [Wagner] as my partner or my life-partner or whatever. ... We've been around so long and been through so much and I always kind of took a lot of stuff for granted and I just never - I also never wanted to be anybody's spokesperson or poster person. You know, I see what happens to too many people.

Tomlin said being labeled "gay" is limit-

"I feel a much larger landscape than that for myself," she said. "I don't, uh just to be ident — I don't — I don't even know why anybody's identified, but, of course, I know politically why, and I know socially why, but, in my real heart, I don't feel anybody needs to be identified in any limited way, narrow, you know, some specific way. I don't even want to hear about somebody being heterosexual.'

She doesn't relate to being gay, she said.

"So, I'm just saying, I, you know, I — I guess I don't, uh, I guess I don't relate in those terms," Tomlin said. "First of all, I related as a woman and a feminist long before I related as a gay person. I didn't relate to the gay movement in that way, I related more to the women's movement because I felt it was more a woman's issue in general. I thought that we were still separated from the male community in so many ways. And, then, I just didn't, I just don't, I just don't see it that way. I have a hard time seeing it that way. I think it's - anybody who's so didactic about anything, I have a hard time seeing."

In the interview, Tomlin also talked about the recent incident in which reparative-therapy posterboy John Paulk was caught cruising in a Washington, D.C., gay bar. "Reparative therapy" is Christian coun-



seling designed to turn gays straight.

"I don't always agree with everybody's particular activist politics," Tomlin said. "I think people can get really righteous. Remember when the guy from Exodus was uncovered in the gay bar? I've argued with friends about it because even the people at the bar, they protected him from being photographed, which I thought was an honorable thing to do.

"Of course, everybody [in the activist world] is gleeful and excited over this [Paulk being caught in the bar] but in so many ways it's really kind of an activist, narrow point of view. It's like being a politician. It's partisan. They just want this to happen or they want that to happen."

Tomlin has sort of come out on several occasions, though not as clearly as in the Gay USA interview.

In the December 2000 Genre, she said, The gay community, we just have a much higher sensibility.

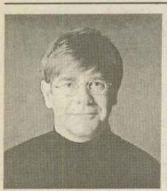
She did not elaborate.

In September 2000, the Seattle Gay News asked Tomlin, "What turns you on?" She replied: "Jane Wagner. Ha ha!"

At the 1997 Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Awards in Los Angeles, Tomlin made reference to "my own personal in-house writer - the beautiful, the brilliant, my beloved Jane Wagner."

In a November 2000 chat on CBS TV's Sunday Morning program, she said "yes" when asked if Wagner is her "partner in life."

And in a 1999 interview with the Denver gay newspaper Out Front, Tomlin said: "I never officially came out in any kind of really public way. ... I just always lived very simply and openly, but the press has never made a big fuss about me or said anything to me. ... In some ways I don't even identify myself in any kind of limited way. I don't want to. I wish none of us had to. I wish we were just people.



# School Board Bars Students from Elton John Photo Exhibit

Atlanta — Students in Atlanta's suburban Cobb County won't be allowed to see a major exhibition of photographs from Elton John's collection because the Cobb

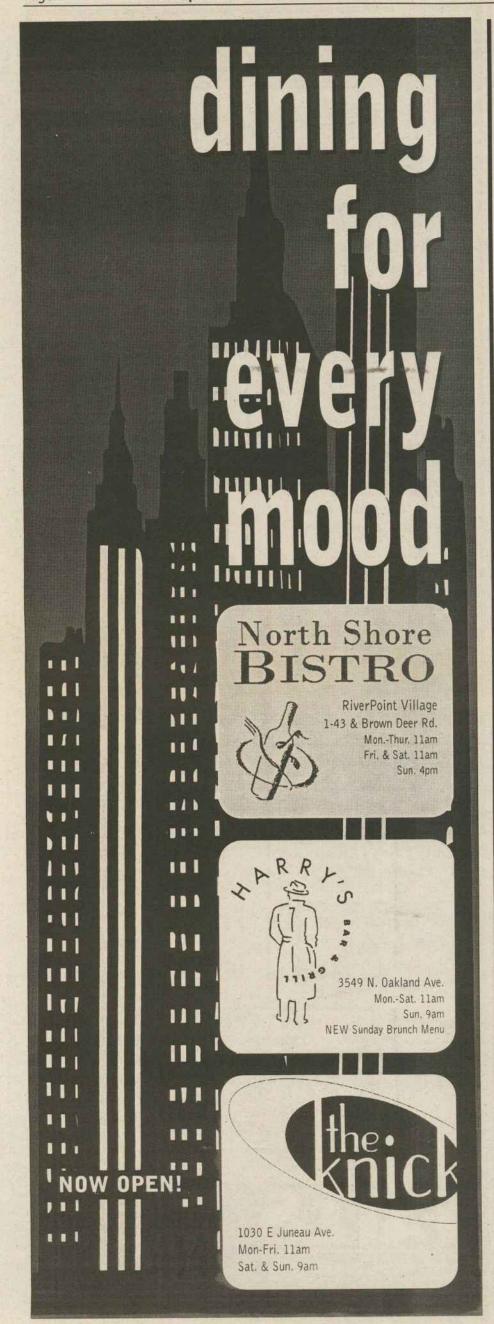
County school board doesn't think they're appropriate.

The 400-plus exhibit is one of the largest ever mounted at the High Museum of Art in. Atlanta, and includes artists ranging from Man Ray to Andy Warhol.

But Arlene Hocking of the Cobb County school board said, "There were just two or three questionable photographs, but the school system felt it was better not to take the students to the exhibit.'

A spokesperson for the museum, however, said they had had no complaints at all about the photo exhibit, even though some of the photographs depict male nudes.





# GOP Officials Seek to Push 'Uniter' Efforts

By Darlene Superville

Washington (AP) — Celebrating the inauguration of a self-described "uniter," Republican officials, both gay and straight, launched a new effort to help the party become more tolerant of gays and lesbians and others outside its traditional base.

"Politics is a game of addition, it's not a game of subtraction," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, the fund-raising and recruitment apparatus for the House GOP.

Charles Francis, chairman of the newly formed Republican Unity Council, said the organization will use its alliance of gay and non-gay Republicans to help the party expand.

"The Republican Unity Council is about making being gay or lesbian a nonissue in the Republican Party," Francis told more than 250 people at a breakfast meeting on the eve of George W. Bush's swearing in. The group, he added, "is about helping President-elect Bush succeed as a uniter."

Francis, a gay public relations executive from Washington whose brother raised money for Bush, also helped arrange a meeting between Bush and a dozen gay Republicans in Austin, Texas, last April. Afterward, Bush declared that "I welcome gay Americans into my campaign."

During the campaign, Bush described himself as a "uniter, not a divider." And after the five-week postelection battle with

Democratic rival Al Gore over votes in Florida, he began to stress that he will be "the president of everybody — whether they supported me or not."

Vice President-elect Dick Cheney has a daughter, Mary, who is a lesbian. Former Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson, master of ceremonies for the breakfast, predicted that sexual orientation will one day become a "nonentity in the Republican Party" as the party becomes more inclusive and tolerant. He noted, however, that it's "easy to say those things" but "harder to do."

While officials cited poll data showing that 1 million American gays and lesbians voted for Bush, or about one in four gay voters, the former Texas governor performed much worse among blacks, who supported Gore by a 9-to-1 margin.

Davis said the party must change gears to stay in control of the White House and Congress. Republicans have a slim 221-211 majority in the House, with two independents and a vacancy. The Senate is evenly divided, 50-50, but Cheney gets to break tie votes in favor of the GOP.

"We need a more inclusive strategy if we're going to win future elections," Davis said.

The Republican Unity Council is designed to provide a forum for party leaders to brainstorm about how to reach out to gays and lesbians, in contrast to the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay GOP organization geared more toward grass-roots political advocacy.

#### On the Web:

Republican Unity Coalition site: http://republicanunity.cjb.net

Log Cabin Republicans: http://www.lcr.org

#### **NGLTF Launches "W Watch" Web Site**

Washington — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has unveiled its new "W Watch" Web site, which will offer valuable information surrounding President George W. Bush's nominees and record on issues important to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

The site will also include a "Bush-O-Meter," which will track the number of openly LGBT people appointed to the Bush Administration as well as the number of positive LGBT-related initiatives launched by Bush. (Currently, both counters are stuck on zero.)

"The price of democracy is eternal vigilance and we must be ever vigilant to ensure that we are counted in the Bush administration," said NGLTF Executive Director Elizabeth Toledo. "During the next four years Bush will not be able to hide his record on LGBT issues and LGBT appointees. W. Watch will hold him accountable."

#### On the Web:

NGLTF's W Watch site: www.ngltf.org/federal/wwatch.htm

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# Judy Shepard to Speak at St. Norbert January 29

By Mike Fitzpatrick

DePere — Judy Shepard, mother of slain University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, will speak at St. Norbert College Monday, January 29. The lecture, sponsored by the Leadership, Service & Involvement student

> activities program, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter Theatre of the Abbot Pennings Hall of Fine

Arts on campus.

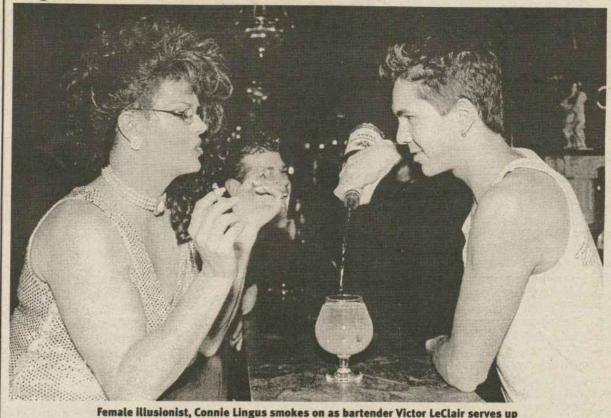
After the brutal death of their child in 1998, the Shepards mourned privately while the tragedy provoked public outcry from coast to coast which focused the nation's attention on the growing epidemic of hate crimes. Vigils were held across America, including one at St. Norbert.

Judy and her husband Dennis converted their grief into positive action by starting the Matthew Shepard Foundation (www.matthewsplace.com). The Shepards carry on Matthew's legacy by embracing the causes their son championed by their son, and continuing the fight for social justice and the prevention of hate

Seven months after Matthew died, Judy Shepard testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. She also has appeared in two Human Rights Campaign sponsored public service television spots aimed at curbing anti-gay violence and promoting a greater understanding of gay issues.

Judy Shepard remains determined to use her grief over





another drink at the Shamrock in Madison. Photo by Kevin French

her son's death to make a difference. Making the prevention of hate crimes the focus of her efforts, she now speaks to audiences nationwide about what they can do to make their schools, universities, and communities safer for everyone, regardless of their race, sex, religion, or sexual

Although Shepard's speech is open to the public without charge, ticket reservations are required. To make reservations and for more information call the college at 920337-3181 and ask for the Fine arts box office. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reserved tickets may be picked up at the box office the night of the

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# Army Drops Discharge of Gay Reservist

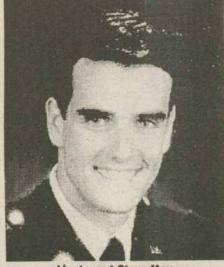
Washington — The Army announced on January 15 that it will not pursue its planned discharge of Lieutenant Steve May for alleged violations of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. May will continue to serve in the Army reserves until May 11, when his two-year obligation is complete.

"It is gratifying that the Army has decided to drop the case," May said.

"I have always served my country with honor, integrity, and loyalty, and it hurt me deeply that the Army would try to fire me — not for anything I did in the Army, but for who I am and for doing my legislator's job. I didn't ask to go back into the Army, but when called, I reported for duty and did my job there. My sexual orientation and my statements about my sexual orientation have never interfered with my performance as an officer in the United States Army," he said.

The Army has declined to provide an official reason for dropping the discharge action. The Secretary of the Army retains ultimate authority to accept or reject any proposed discharge recommendation.

The Army initiated discharge proceedings against May after learning about remarks he made about his sexual orientation during a debate on domestic partner benefits for state employees in the Arizona State Legislature. At the time, he was on the inactive reserves. The Army called May



Lieutenant Steve May

back to duty after making his remarks and after winning re-election as an openly gay candidate for the state legislature, making his sexual orientation a matter of record at the time the Army called him to active duty. Lieutenant May served as Executive Officer of his reserve unit.

May has been hailed as an exemplary officer. In his recent evaluations, his superiors stated that May had "unlimited potential," even after the disclosure of his sexual orientation. In addition, May's fellow soldiers testified in September at his administrative discharge hearing that May's removal would hurt his unit's cohesion and morale.

# Suit Links Political Foe to Web Site Attacking Two Lesbians

Hollister, Calif. — Tracie Cone, Anna Marie dos Remedios and Bob Valenzuela have filed a \$6 million defamation and copyright lawsuit against Joe Felice, charging him with claming that the two women are linked to Internet pornography.

Cone and dos Remedios publish the weekly paper "Pinnacle" in Hollister. Valenzuela is a columnist at the newspaper. Felice is a former city council member. Felice and the paper have frequently been at odds politically over issues of community growth.

But last year Internet Web sites appeared that linked Cone to a hardcore lesbian porn site online and accused Valenzuela falsely of being a child molester.

Through court subpoenas, the web sites were traced through Yahoo and Pacific Bell to a DSL highspeed line in Felice's home.

Felice has not commented on the lawsuit, but before he resigned from the Hollister city council the Web sites in December, he told reporters may have been set up to implicate him and were probably set up by one of his supporters. He defended the sites as "freedom of speech."

But attorneys for the plaintiffs say even free speech has its limits — and that the web sites linked to Felice had crossed those limits.

# Chicago Gay Chamber of Commerce Aims at Tourism

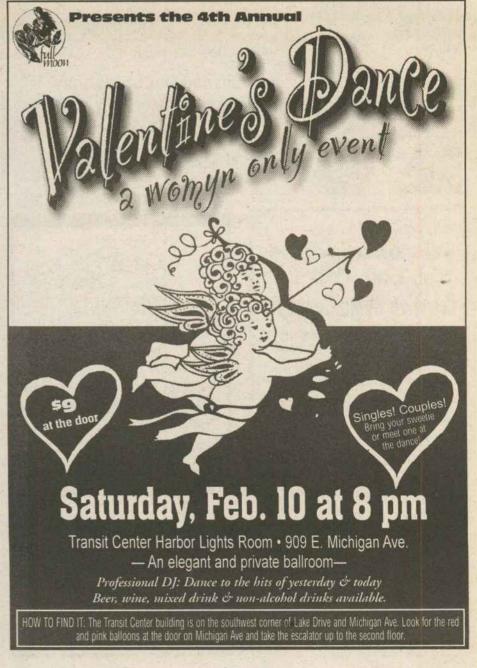
**Chicago** — The Chicago Area Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce has officially opened its doors in an effort to lure more gay and lesbian tourism and conventions to the city.

The chamber wants to draw more gay and lesbian travelers to Chicago as well as attracting gay-themed national events and conventions.

"We realized that those events and conventions bring a good chunk of money into the city," said Joe Sprague, head of the chamber. "We receive an enormous amount of calls from gays and lesbians all over the world asking about tourism in Chicago. We still felt we were not meeting the full needs when we'd go to conventions across the country."

The chamber's offices are at 3417 N. Halsted Street in Chicago.





THE CULTURE THAT GAVE YOU

#### **Families Like Mine**

# "Finding Fuel in the Mainstream"

By Abigail Garner



recently ventured out of my cozy Queerville to dip a toe in the mainstream. A commentary I wrote about gay rights ran in newspapers in the

in newspapers in the South, New England, and the Midwest.

The commentary was light-years behind the topics I typically address in the queer press, such as trans rights, custody issues and ex-gays. My mainstream message seemed so milquetoast that I thought it would go unnoticed. I said little more than, "Golly gee, it sure would be swell if the new president were nice to gays."

But, oh, the buttons I pushed. I received more negative emails over three days than I have received in the 18 months since I launched my Web site about LGBT families.

While I don't want to encourage more homophobic emails, I just can't bring myself to refer to them as "hate mail." I call them "fuel," because that's what they are — extra incentive to keep going, reminding me there is so much educating yet to be done.

I won't share the boring stuff with you because you've heard it before. You know: I'm going to hell. I have lots of people praying for my soul. Then there's that thing about loving the sinner and hating the sin. (Or is it the other way around?)

Below are some stellar bits of fuel along with my fictional responses. Remember, these people who actually take the time to write me are extremists. But that is what makes their replies so darn entertaining. Enjoy.

"My experience is that very, very few of the gays or lesbians that I know have children, either through natural birth or adoption. If you get this fact so miserably and obviously wrong, then why should I believe that anything else you wrote is the truth?"

If you don't believe me, contact one of the 160 GLBT parent groups across the country. Any one of them would be happy to clear up your confusion.

"Kids need a mom and dad, both offer very unique views to help form a child, and yes there are plenty of bad mom's [sic] and dad's [sic] but it is the only way and has been for many years."

Apparently your mom and dad offered unique views that helped form you into a bigot with poor command of the English language.

"Just because I don't want gays to be able to adopt or legalize gay marriage doesn't make me a homophobe. No matter how hard you try, your views will never be seen as normal, so start asking why."

That's exactly what I'm doing...I AM asking why. Whose side are you on?

"You have your morals and I have mine, and there are more of mine than of yours. PLEASE do all of us a favor and leave the county or obey the laws of the land."

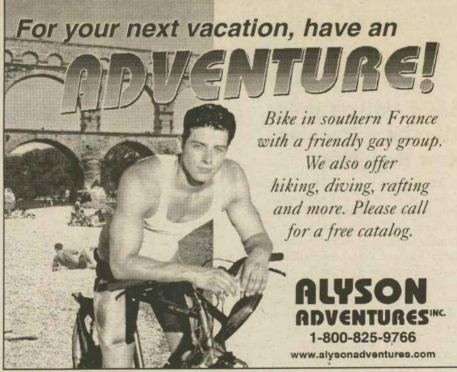
Oh, no. I knew it was only a matter of time before that playground bully from my fourth grade class tracked me down.

"I think the more you make the taboo acceptable, the faster this country's morals continue in a downward spiral."

Gosh, I know. If we don't nip this in the bud, someday LGBT people will be left alone to live their lives without fear or discrimination. What is this country coming to?

Abigail Garner is the daughter of two gay dads and a straight mom. You can find her far-from-radical commentary on her Web site, www.familieslikemine.com.

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# Rainbow Over Wisconsin Awards Six, Elects Officers

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — Five individuals and one corporate entity received honors at the annual meeting of Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW) here January 22. Community Service Awards went to three individuals. Mike Van Asten of Kimberly for his ongoing support of HIV/AIDS and LGBT groups at his Liberty Hall Conference Center.

Local Green Bay radio personality Kathy Larkin received her award for her many years of volunteered services hosting HIV/AIDS and LGBT benefit events. Gary Seamon of Sheboygan received his award for nearly two decades of AIDS activism as a researcher and founder of Synergy, an AIDS support organization serving those affected and infected by HIV in east central Wisconsin.

John and Loretta Larkey of Green Bay received the Service Award for LGBT allies. The couple, who have two gay sons, have been active in northeastern Wisconsin PFLAG groups since their inception. Loretta currently serves on the boards of Positive Voice and the Green Bay LGBT youth group. In 2000 Loretta also completed presentations to the Green Bay School District on LGBT youth, diversity and safe schools issues.

Hardee's — South Oneida received the corporate service award for their years of assistance with ROW's annual picnic, the organization's largest annual fun raising project.

ROW's 2001 officers were announced following the presentation. Terry Tetzlaff of Green Bay will again serve as the group's president. Todd West of Appleton was selected as vice-president, Mike Peckam of Green Bay was elected secretary and Jeff Connor of Green Bay was chosen as treasurer.

LGBT-supportive groups from Door County, Green Bay, Appleton, Ripon, Sheboygan, Milwaukee and Madison made brief presentations about their work following the announcements. Groups also received information about ROW's winter fund raising bowling tournament to be held February 17 at the Riviera Lanes in Green Bay.

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# **Group Notes**

#### Action Wisconsin Board Meeting in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — Action Wisconsin: A Congress for Human Rights will hold its next board of directors meeting in Milwaukee on Saturday, February 3, from noon to 3 p.m. The location will be posted on Action Wisconsin's Web site and recorded on the phone line.

This meeting is open to all LGBT community members. Topics of discussion include election of officers, regional updates, and planning for the 2001-2002 legislative session, including planning for a lobbyist.

"The Milwaukee LGBT community has recently had a lot of public activity and successes, building on a lot of long-term work and planning," stated AW Board President Dan Ross. "We want to make sure that activists locally and statewide are up-to-date on our activities, and are involved as much as possible for mutual benefit."

Action Wisconsin was recently awarded a grant by the Human Rights Campaign to pursue active lobbying of the State Legislature, as an enhancement of volunteer citizen lobbying that is conducted now.

"The Human Rights Campaign grant is an integral part of ensuring that citizens dedicated to equality are vocal and well informed," explained Ross. "At the same time, we made a commitment to match the grant by continuing to involve individual donors and citizens statewide."

Those interested in volunteering, being a donor, or serving on the board of directors are encouraged to contact Action Wisconsin in advance, at (608) 283-3251, info@actionwisconsin.org, or writing at P.O. Box 342, Madison, WI, 53701-0342. Action Wisconsin's Web site is www.actionwisconsin.org, and information about membership is available there.

#### SAGE/Milwaukee Members Receive New Benefits

Milwaukee — SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) has announced a new benefit for all paid-up members. SAGE carries an organizational membership in the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG), which has recently made an agreement with the Memorial Society of Wisconsin, which provides a free Associate Membership in the Memorial Society to all paid-up members of CWAG's organizational members.

The Memorial Society of Wisconsin is dedicated to dignity, simplicity, and economy in funerals by arranging with funeral homes to provide low cost cremation or simple burial for its members and associ-



ate members.

Currently, the Society has two funeral homes, one in Hales Corners and another in Beloit that work with them. Savings can be substantial. For example, a cremation can be arranged for \$640, a fee that includes a standard container for the ashes and temporary storage of ashes for pickup by survivors. A simple burial can be had for \$740, a fee that includes a cloth-covered casket, and delivery to a cemetery within the local area.

Survivors may arrange a graveside or memorial service later. A burial with services, (\$1,050) includes the above and embalming (if requested), cosmetology, dressing, use of funeral home, use of funeral home staff and facilities for preparation, viewing or visitation, handling of flowers, transportation to church or chapel for service, and delivery to cemetery or crematory. (Casket, vault, and crematory fees not included).

Names of SAGE members are not given to CWAG or the Society, but the SAGE member needs to tell the person(s) who will be handling the arrangements after his/her death that they need to use a particular funeral home, informing the home that the deceased is a paid up member of SAGE/Milwaukee.

"If you know anything at all about the high cost of funeral services you know that the amounts described above offer savings of hundreds of dollars on a cremation and several thousand dollars or more on a traditional service," said Eldon Murrary of SAGE.

More information can be had on this new benefit of a membership in SAGE/Milwaukee by calling them at (414) 271-0378 or writing them at P.O. Box 510492, Milwaukee, WI 532032-0091.

#### Bay View Rainbow Membership Meeting on February 4

Milwaukee — On Sunday, February 4 the Bay View Rainbow Association will be hold a membership meeting at 6 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street.

Current BVRA members and any LGBT persons and allies in the Bay View/South Side area are welcome to attend. We will be planning for the year as well as looking at last year's successes and washouts. Come with your input. For more information, contact Rich at (414) 769-6981 or Jean at (414) 962-1050.

#### Boot Camp Raises \$3,000 for Trust Fund

Milwaukee — The G/L Community Center Trust Fund has received a gift of \$3,000 from the December benefit held by the Boot Camp Saloon.

On Dec. 10, the staff of the Boot Camp Saloon held their annual benefit dinner and silent auction, which was attended by over 50 guests. The event was held in the banquet room of the M&M Club with guests enjoying a four course dinner and wine and hors d'oeuvres. Each year, the Boot Camp helps the G/L Community Center Trust Fund (unrelated to the LGBT Community Center) through this event to help the many social service organizations in the Milwaukee area.

The Trust Fund would like to thank Balistreri's Bluemound Inn, Big Mama's Diner, Badger Liquor, Boot Camp, Boulevard Theatre, Broadway Dinner Theatre, Buds by Brenda, Capitol Husting, Chip & Py's, Digidan Images, Discovery World, Edison Liquor, the



Members of the new board of the Brady East STD Clinic.

# **BESTD Clinic Passes Torch**

Milwaukee — Kevin Lynch was elected President and Chief Operating Officer of the BESTD Clinic by the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting on January 10. Lynch takes over the office from retiring President Ross Walker who has served in this capacity for the past 9 years and as a BESTD volunteer for 15 years

Walker praised the election of Kevin Lynch, commending the Board for its selection. Lynch has been a BESTD volunteer for the past five years; serving as HIV Outreach Manager and more recently as General Manager, BESTD HIV Program.

Also elected to serve as officers were Jeff Miller, Vice President; Jerry Warzyn, Secretary; Erv Uecker, Treasurer and Ralph Resenhoeft, Financial Secretary. Six new Directors were also elected. They are: Patrick Baxter, RN; Jeff Buckles, Mark Huffman, MD; Jane Kramer, Brandy Liebe and Mike Smith, Ph.D. They join continuing Directors Kevin Lynch, Jeff Miller, RN; Helen Ann Quint, Roxanne Roese, RNP; Paul Stabell, Matt Wargin and Jerry Warzyn, to form a 13 member Board, ready to lead the 26 year old Clinic into the 21st century.

Brady East STD Clinic, Inc., popularly known as the BESTD Clinic of Milwaukee, was founded in 1974 to provide sensible and sensitive care and treatment. With special expertise for the LGBT community, BESTD now has a client base that mirrors the population demographics of southeastern Wisconsin. The Clinic is located at 1240 East Brady Street on Milwaukee's lower east side. For more information about the clinic call (414) 272-2144 or visit their Web site at www.bestd.org.

Florentine Opera, Fringes Hair Design, the M&M Club, Miller Brands, Milwaukee Admirals, Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee Magazine, Milwaukee Museum, Milwaukee World festivals, Pabst Theater, Van's men's Accessories and many other anonymous donors for their donations to the silent auction.

#### Pedro Colon To Speak at HRL-PAC Fund-raiser

Milwaukee — State Representative Pedro Colon will be the featured speaker at the Human Rights League Political Action Committee's (HRL-PAC) February 1 fundraising party, to be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at ICON Salon, 623 N. Broadway Street, in downtown Milwaukee.

The event will raise funds for HRL-PAC's issues advocacy work on behalf of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) community. All LGBT community members and their supporters are encouraged to attend.

"Rep. Colon has become a vocal and effective advocate for minority communities," said Paul Williams, HRL-PAC Board President. "At the same time, he has demonstrated that he is a legislator who works hard to find common ground between different communities, and he

builds on that common ground to seek ways of improving the lives of all of his constituents. It's an honor to have him present his perspective at this event."

Colon was born in Puerto Rico and moved to Milwaukee as a youth. After graduating from Thomas More High School, he received degrees from Marquette University and the UW-Madison Law School. He is a member of the Walker's Point Development Corporation and the Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association. Representing the 8th Assembly District since 1998, he has served on Assembly committees focused on issues related to children and families, criminal justice, the judiciary and personal privacy, migrant labor and urban and local affairs.

HRL-PAC is Wisconsin's grass-roots political action committee dedicated to helping elect candidates who will work for and defend equality, improve the LGBT community's quality of life, and oppose anti-gay legislation.

For more information about the fundraising party, call (414) 769-7002.

#### **Madison Briefs**

#### OutReach Awarded \$50,000 Grant

Madison — On January 23, the Gill Foundation awarded OutReach, Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) center a \$50,000 grant. The general operating support grant will help fund the agency's programs and services over the next two years.

The grant is the largest ever given to OutReach from a public or private funder.

"The Gill Foundation,s grant will allow us to help the community in even more ways," said Debra Weill, OutReach's Executive Director. "We're helping the community in so many new ways from expanded advocacy in the Madison schools to the recent transgender anti-discrimination ordinance — we,re becoming more visible and more influential every day."

Among other programs, the Gill Foundation grant will provide funding for OutReach's LGBT information and counseling hotline (608) 255-4297, lending library, advocacy work and community center services.

Joseph Bednarowski, OutReach's Development Director noted, "This grant award recognizes how cogent the issues facing LGBT communities are today."

The OutReach LGBT Community Center has served Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community since 1973, providing counseling, advocacy, education, information and referral services. It also offers a lending library, free publications, and meeting space.

For more information, contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582 or email out-reach@outreachinc.com.

#### AIDS Network Sets Volunteer Orientation for January 31

Madison — AIDS Network is conducting a volunteer orientation in its Madison offices on Wednesday, January 31 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Pizza, soda and snacks will be provided. AIDS Network is located in the middle of the Gateway Mall at 600 Williamson Street in Madison.

The training will provide information about how to be an informed and effective volunteer. It's also the opportunity to meet and get to know the AIDS Network staff.

Topics will include: HIV/AIDS: The Facts, Transmission Issues, and Q &A; AIDS Network: Background, Programs and Mission; VolunteerOpportunities; Volunteer Reflections; and Confidentiality and Diversity Issues.

Please register in advance. Call (608) 252-6540, ext. 26 or e-mail: jkeegan@madisonaidsnetwork.org by Tuesday, January 30 to reserve a space for the training. Outside Madison, AIDS Network can be reached toll-free at (800) 486-6276.

#### Women of Color Group in Madison

Madison — Women of color and international women who are questioning their sexuality or gender identity, or who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, are invited to join a social group in Madison.

The group is open to students, faculty

and staff as well as women who are not affiliated with the University in any way. There is no fee for joining the group, nor is there any deadline for getting involved.

Meeting time, place and date are determined each week by those who are in touch with organizer Pabitra Benjamin, Associate Director of Student of Color Issues at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Campus Center (LGBTCC) on the University of Wisconsin campus.

Call Pabitra Benjamin at (608) 265-3344 if you would like to join the group or if you would like to be added to an e-mail listserv of the group's members. Interested persons may also call OutReach for information at (608) 255-8582.

In addition to the group that meets, the LGBTCC has open office hours for women of color and international women on Thursday evenings from 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. Women may use this time to meet and arrange social outings, or just to hang out. The office is located in The Memorial Union on the 2nd floor across from the Travel Center.

#### Perfect Harmony Plans "The Naked Man" Series

Madison — Perfect Harmony Chorus, Madison's Gay Men's Chorus, is beginning rehearsals for "The Naked Man" song cycle, written in 1996 for the San Fransisco Gay Men's Chorus.

This piece, based on interviews of chorus members lives, represents a broad spectrum of attitude and personal style reflected within the gay community today. "The Naked Man" has been performed in many cities across the country and has been universally well received.

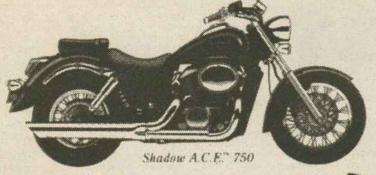
Perfect Harmony Chorus is excited to

bring this piece to Madison and southern Wisconsin audiences. If you are interested in participating in the "The Naked Man" song cycle as a singer or non-singer, contact Perfect Harmony Chorus at www.PerfectHarmonyChorus.org or send inquiries to: info@perfectharmonychorus.org, or call (608) 251-1893.

Rehearsals are Sunday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Guild Meeting Hall, Grace Episcopal Church (entrance via courtyard), 116 West Washington Ave. in Madison. New members welcolmed through February.



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# OutReach, Firstar at Impasse Over Pink Party Flap

#### By Kathryn Kingsbury

Madison — Firstar has denied any fault in regard to allegations of anti-gay harassment on New Year's Eve, when the bank shared space at the Madison Civic Center with OutReach's Pink Party.

In an unsigned letter from Lisa Girdharry, the Firstar employee accused of storming into the Civic Center lobby before the party and demanding that OutReach remove pink triangles and other decorations, she wrote "My focus for the evening of December 31 was for our party to go smoothly, just as I'm sure members of your organization were hoping to have a successful event. My first concern was for Firstar, and the requests I made of individuals setting up your event would have been asked of anyone else sharing the same venue ... I am truly sorry for any insult I may have caused."

Numerous witnesses say that Girdharry's complaints centered around what she called the Pink Party's affront to "family values."

Firstar Madison officials, including president Londa Dewey, claim that Girdharry was concerned about uncovered bars in an area viewable by children attending Firstar Eve, the bank's child-oriented New Year's celebration. However, witnesses say that Girdharry began berating OutReach employees and volunteers in the afternoon, hours before the bars were

brought out to the lobby.

"It's amazing that now they're trying to

rewrite history," said OutReach community development coordinator Emily Kuntz. "If they could come out and say, 'Our employee was under a large amount of stress, and she lashed out at the easiest target possible. She will receive proper sensitivity training,' that would be one thing. But they're denying the blatantly homophobic remarks she made ... They just want to brush it under the rug."

As to Firstar's claim that it was concerned that Pink Party signs would confuse patrons of Firstar Eve, Kuntz said it seemed strange that a multimillion dollar corporation could not afford to make signs to compete with those of a tiny non-profit.

"Our signs clearly directed people to certain rooms and clearly indicated that they were for the Pink Party. Kuntz told Wisconsin IN Step. "So if there was any confusion, our signs would have helped clear it up."

After a one-hour meeting with Dewey and other representatives from Firstar, Kuntz said, "It's clear they're not looking for the facts or the truth. They're looking to do damage control. It's a sad state of affairs when that's all it's about."

Firstar turned down OutReach's offer to provide sensitivity training for bank employees. The bank plans to find an alternate venue for its next Firstar Eve celebration.

# Chipman Plea Claims Limited Role in Gay Murder

#### By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — In a plea letter accepted January 10, accused murder co-conspirator Daniel Chipman, 31, now claims that he took no active role in the grisly 1997 death of Marinette gay activist Jeffrey Whalen.

Brown County Circuit Judge Donald R. Zuidmulder accepted the letter following the reaching of a plea bargain in which Chipman pleaded no contest to the charge of being party to a first degree murder in return for a minimum life sentence. The agreement will allow Chipman to be eligible for parole in 13 years and four months less time already served.

Chipman acknowledged in the letter that he understood that as party to a crime, he acted with intent to kill and caused Whalen's death. However, Chipman's also recanted his earlier statements to police that he hit Whalen with a beer bottle and directed 28 year old Paul Voss as to where to inflict the more than 50 stab wounds to the victim.

It was the second letter Chipman had written as part of the plea agreement. Zuidmulder rejected Chipman's first attempt two days earlier because he believed the conflicting statements within the document suggested that Chipman

did not understand the no contest plea or the charge.

The party to a crime charge allows Chipman to be convicted for aiding and abetting a felony murder, even if he did not take direct part in the crime.

In the January 10 plea hearing, Chipman told Zuidmulder that he did not mean to kill and didn't help anyone. The judge's apparent skepticism led defense attorney David Christian to argue for the sincerity of his client's letter and testimony by saying "I'm sure he (Chipman) was remorseful."

Chipman is now scheduled to be sentenced on April 3. Co-defendant Voss is scheduled to enter a plea on February 16.

Voss and Chipman have admitted that they habitually loitered around adult bookstores to interact with gay patrons. In the early hours of June 24, 1997 they met Whalen and the three went to a nearby motel, looked at gay pornography and engaged in sexual banter prior to Voss repeatedly stabbing the victim in the neck, back and groin with a pen knife.

Throughout the stabbing Voss repeatedly told the dying man "you know you love it." Although the pair have claimed that robbery had been their intent, no money or possessions were missing when a hotel maid discovered Whalen's blood-soaked body later that morning.

The crime had remained unsolved until Voss wrote a letter to the FBI in June, 2000 confessing that he and Chipman had killed Whalen.

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#### **Be Part of** Hollywood at **ARCW's 'Make** a Promise'

Milwaukee — The Hollywood scene is set and all are invited to join ARCW's 15th annual Make a Promise dinner, dance and auction on March 10. Tinseltown glamor will fill Milwaukee's Midwest Express Center during this premier social event, this year themed "Hollywood Nights."

Celebrating 15 years of Make a Promise is bittersweet," said Jim Schleif, ARCW deputy director of development, "This year's event falls at a time when new HIV infections are again rising and alarmingly, the AIDS death rate is up for the first time in five years."

ARCW is asking the community to play a supporting role in HIV prevention and care by attending Make a Promise so that crucial life-saving work continues in Wisconsin.

Schleif said that ARCW remains vigilant in 2001 to meet the Centers for Disease Control's goal to reduce new HIV infections by 50 percent by 2004.

"ARCW is intensifying gay outreach and HIV prevention to include higher visibility and deeper strategies addressing the epidemic within the community" he said.

"In response to the growing number of people without access to health care, ARCW is establishing a primary care clinic to provide HIV primary care to 200 low income people who do not have access to these lifesaving services," said Schleif.

The black-tie optional evening starts with a "see and be seen" cocktail reception and a fantastic silent auction. Starting in many premier items that will be up for bid

Attendees will be among stars as the spotlight is shown on ARCW's Sterling Rose Award recipient Judy Wilcox of the State Division of Housing and Red Rose Award recipients Rodney Scheel House Foundation and United Airlines. New this year, ARCW is proud to recognize Giving For Life Philanthropists of the YearBill Reinicker and Norma Reilly.

Dinner tables of 10 or individual seats are available at a variety of levels; "Top Billing" at \$500/seat, "Executive Producer" at \$200, "Director" at \$125 and "Celebrity" at \$75. Special recognition and complimentary wine will be provided for "Top Billing" and "Executive Producer" level tables.

Following the award ceremony, guests can hit the dance floor with DJ Solid Gold Sound with music for everyone. To make the final cut, be sure to RSVP by March 2 by visiting ARCW's Web site, arcw.org, or by calling (414) 225-1577.

#### "Two Girls in Love" Video Shown Feb. 8

Milwaukee - As a special Valentine's treat, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will show the video "The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love" on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.

The coming of age comedy is about two teenage girls who unexpectedly experience the excitement and romantic fantasy of first love. The screening will take place at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. All women are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring a soft drink and snack. The movie is free. Please arrive a few minutes before the film is scheduled to begin. For more information, call LAMM at (414) 272-9442.

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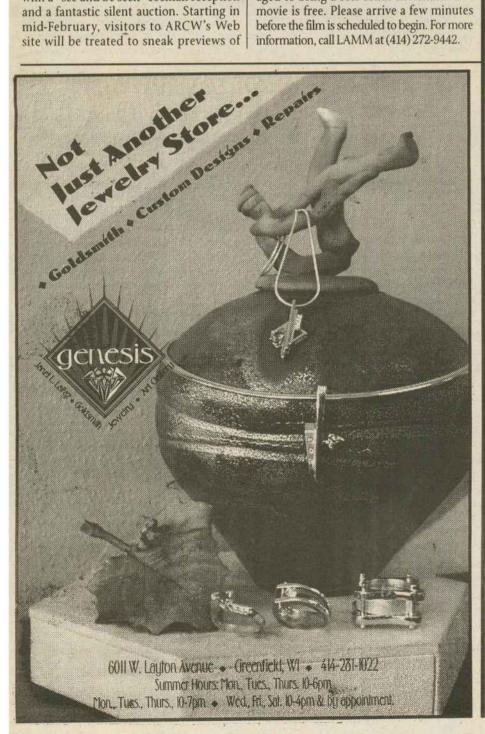
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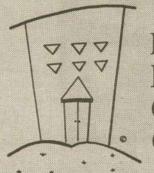




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# Reality Check

# The Parable of the Lamp

By Mike Fitzpatrick

(Dave Runyon's recent passing means that I now inherit the dual mantle of being the oldest and largest writer at Wisconsin's oldest and largest gay publication. Those who knew David well know he had a tendency to give you the two-dollar answer to the ten-cent question. His process of story telling and making amazing, insightful but often obscure interconnections was both fascinating and irritating. The following column is dedicated to his memory.)

nce and awhile something can happen right in front of you that comes back later to smack you in the back of the head with an insight you never could have imagined without that particular piece of business. Novelist James Joyce called them epiphanies. I'm not sure who coined the currently common term, the "A-Ha! Moment."

Moments like this also tend to involve something of which you originally took a completely different sort of notice. Such is the story of Lana's lamp.

A good number of you know that my day job is as a caseworker at ARCW's Green Bay office. Recently Lana (not her real name) was hired as a program specialist as part of the agency's new statewide Return to Work project. The program assists disabled clients who have regained stable health through the use of "cocktail" therapy make the transition back to the work force without completely disrupting their lives through loss of critical benefits.

Lana came to ARCW from the business and professional world, with all of its values and creature comforts. Needless to say coming into the non-profit social services world where the money keeps getting tighter as the caseloads continue to soar

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can be quite an adjustment. Creature comforts tend to be limited to an occasional fresh pot of coffee made by the volunteer receptionist and a slice of homemade banana bread brought in by a co-worker.

Lana's assigned office was the epitome of Spartan living: Windowless, fluorescentlit, dingy beige-colored and so small you nearly had to step outside to turn around. It was about as far from the world she had known as the hut on Gilligan's Island was from the Howells' mansion.

However, like the Mary Ann character on that timeless sitcom, Lana is a plucky sort. Within a couple of days her workspace had been transformed from a solitary con-

finement cell into - of all things - an inviting, professional office.

It was spotless. It was cleverly rearranged. It had sprouted a realistic faux ficus plant. Tastefully framed photographs had replaced pallid prevention posters. The calming sound of gently trickling water from a bookshelf fountain nudged into one's consciousness. Most of all, the room was warmly lit by a large torchiere. With a few deft moves, Lana had transformed her piece of the human services world into something truly humane.

Clients and staff both ave loved the new look and have made it a point to stop in and visit regularly. Keeping a full candy dish in a high traffic area can be a challenge and Lana is up to it. But, over and over it was

Lana's lamp that has been the subject of conversation.

Within the past few weeks torchieres have started sprouting in other work areas in both the Green Bay and Appleton touches to their own workspace.

As you might expect, I have found several epiphanies for activists in the gay community in the above. First and foremost, talking is talking and doing is doing.

#### FIRST AND FOREMOST, TALKING IS TALKING AND DOING IS DOING. UNLESS ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS TALK, TALKING IS OFTEN DOING NOTHING.

offices. More fountains, tapestries and other personal touches have shown up as well, but every full office makeover has seems to come with a torchiere. Even the chronically condom-covered and cluttered prevention outreach office now sports a trendy torchiere.

Some of the jaded old-timers at the offices have joked bawdily about the seemingly uncontrolled spread of the tall lamps. Let's face it, torchieres are kinda phallic and the HIV/AIDS biz is rampant with sex-related talk. However, everyone agrees that the offices all seem to look a lot nicer these days.

The funny thing is that there had been a ongoing office beautification project underway in Green Bay for over a year. Group meetings had been held, committees had been formed and a small amount of money for paint and pictures had been allocated.

A painting demonstration project from last Fall has left a part of the break room wall looking like the office houses three year old finger painters. However, except for a brochure rack and some plants, not much had changed - that is until Lana moved into her office.

Sure, the chronic complainers still mouth off occasionally about the office décor, especially in the common areas. Everyone else, however, is appreciative of the new looks or are adding extra new Unless all you want to do is talk, talking is often doing nothing. Also remember, talking by any other name - problem solving, task reviewing, consensus building, etc. etc. - is still talking.

Secondly, leadership is best shown by example. People follow your lead when you stop telling them to follow you and start moving so far ahead of them that they have to chase you to keep up.

strates your true values. Living well is not only the best revenge against your detractors, but it is also the best role modeling you can do for your admirers.

Fourthly, someone will always complain or try to minimize your accomplishments. That's their job in life. Spending a lot of time responding to them only diverts you from doing what you really want to do: Accomplishing something wonderful.

Lastly, whether you're straight or gay, it never hurts to have a little good taste and a flair for design. Life is just so much prettier when you do.

(Dave Runyon may have been a talker, but he was so much more a doer. Rest in peace, David.)





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Thirdly, how you live your life demon-

# Message to John Ashcroft: Rent "Footloose"

By Chris Ott

y the time you read this, John Ashcroft — the guy who lost his seat in the U.S. Senate to a dead man - will have been confirmed as our nation's new attorney general. He'll serve in the administration of that guy from Texas who got almost as many votes as Gore, and we'll be putting up with him for the next eight years.

John Ashcroft's ability to serve as our

There's been a lot of concern about

John Dianne Lori Lithgow Bacon Singer

country's chief law officer because of his political views. Ashcroft is against the option to have an abortion, he admires Confederate soldiers from the Civil War as patriots not traitors, and he's opposed to things like needle-exchange programs, drinking, the National Endowment for the Arts, the diabolical United Nations, and the homosexual "lifestyle."

To me, however, the scariest thing about John Ashcroft — and there's so much to pick from! — is the fact that he reportedly doesn't dance. Not that he can't dance, or doesn't like to dance, or just hasn't been asked, but that he actually thinks it's immoral. As a New York Times biography pointed out, Ashcroft was raised in a religious tradition that considers dancing to be "sexually arousing."

Well, at least he's right about one thing. But is there any more perfect demonstration of how out of touch this man is? Barry Lynn, the executive director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, has said, "The fact that Ashcroft doesn't dance is the least of our worries." I'm not so sure.

It's too late now to keep the man with two right feet from running the Justice Department, but I had a hunch there might be something else we could do, at least about this no-dancing thing. So I walked to the video store the other day and rented an American film classic: "Footloose." That's the one where Kevin Bacon plays city boy Ren MacCormack, who gets stuck in a little town where they

don't allow dancing. "Every day, our Lord is testing us," shouts the town preacher in the film's opening sermon, warning about the dangers of rock and roll, "easy sexuality," and "relaxed morality." The preacher is played by John Lithgow, but he might as well be John Ashcroft, who's been known to speak from the pulpit himself.

Of all the things in this small movie town, the one that's hardest for young Ren to take is the ban on dancing, which he can't seem to keep from breaking. When he can't stand it anymore, he roars out to an abandoned warehouse on the edge of town and does an athletic little number by himself. Eventually, though, he teaches some friends a few moves too, and in a high-drama moment he convinces the town council to lift the ban. Dancing, says Ren, is a way of "celebrating life." Even the fire-and-brimstone preacher has a change of heart when Ren quotes a few pro-dancing verses from the Bible.

No such luck for us. "Footloose" came out in 1984, but I guess John Ashcroft missed it while it was still playing in

Maybe it's not too late though. I was disappointed during the confirmation hearings that no one

asked Ashcroft about his views on "Footloose," so I'll ask it now: Mr. Ashcroft, have you seen "Footloose"? If so, will you tell us what you think it means? And if not, will you go out and rent it, get back to us about the moral of the story, and maybe even kick off your Sunday shoes?

While we're waiting for that, one thing that the rest of us can do is simply to watch Footloose" again ourselves. Unmistakably 80s and starring an amazingly boyish Kevin Bacon, it's got great camp value. But its funny little plot has become weirdly relevant, and it's a great reminder of just how far we haven't come.

Personally, I'm going to try to do one more thing too: dance a little more often. Like a friend of the preacher says in the movie, it doesn't take very long for "corruption" to take hold — and if dancing and the other odd things that John Ashcroft opposes are corruption, then I say "Amen."

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#### Thank You

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Wisconsin IN Step and everyone else responsible for my receiving their Woman of the Year Award. I am very honored to receive such recognition. Thank you so very much.

The award highlights the many ways Madison's LGBT community has come together to accomplish so much in the last year. It has been an exciting year.

Nevertheless, many challenges and opportunities are still before us. The Woman of the Year Award should also be a source of pride for Wisconsin's transgender community. This is another indication of the incredible gains made by the transgender community in the last few years. In addition, it further highlights the fact that the LGB community has genuinely embraced the T community as part of our family.

Debbie Weill, Madison

#### **Burmaster Endorsed**

**Dear Editor:** 

I am writing Wisconsin IN Step to urge you to support the candidacy of Elizabeth Burmaster for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Burmaster was my principal for six years at West High School in Madison. During that time, I found her to be very much a people person, concerned about the individual faculty and student's welfare. From the beginning she made it clear that the arts would be as important as sports, a stand that made some enemies among the old guard, but gave welcome encouragement to the academics and electives. Under her leadership West High School continues to be a leader in the number of academic awards and extra-curricular achievements as well as athletic championships.

Burmaster has always been a supporter of minority issues, including gay issues, within the school and community. West established a Gay-Straight Alliance in 1995 and it soon became the norm to hear its meeting times announced publicly on the school intercom along with all other clubs. West was first among Madison's schools to bring panels of the Names Quilt to high school students. Speakers from AIDS Awareness became annual events. Gay faculty are able to feel safe

Wisconsin needs a person of Burmaster's caliber guiding the educational policy of the state, a person understanding and supporting the concerns of our minorities and acquainted with the day-to-day problems of running our schools. I urge you to vote for Elizabeth Burmaster on February 20.

Dennis Bergren, Madison

#### **More Women**

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to see that you and Wisconsin IN Step have followed through on your pledge last year to expand your coverage and scope. In less than a year, IN Step has truly become a stronger, more diverse statewide newspaper. I can't think of a time when our state's gay press better covered our community than IN Step does now. I sincerely appreciate your hard work on our behalf.

If I have one concern it is the lack of diversity on your covers. Isn't it about time you put a lesbian on the cover? I'm sure many of your readers would agree that they would like to see more gender parity in this regard.

Carmen Reina, Madison



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# The Rep Takes a Musical Ride Down "Route 66"



Ben Cherry, Tony Clements, Rob Hancock and Benjamin Howes in "Route 66"

Milwaukee — Cruise down to the Milwaukee Repertory Theater for a musical revue that speeds along the famed Route 66 with high-spirited vocals paying tribute to one of America's favorite passions: the automobile. This entertaining and energized revue will take place in the Stackner Cabaret in the Patty and Jay Baker Theater Complex. "Route 66" is sponsored by M&I Bank. "Route 66" merges hit songs dedicated to the American love for the automobile.

This production makes no emergency stops with its rock n' roll roots and pop harmonies. Join us for songs about automobiles; songs about traveling; songs about the countryside; and songs about the people who travel this great country of ours.

"It is wonderful to premiere this musical revue since 2001 marks the 75th anniversary of the Route 66 highway," states Roger Bean. Roger Bean is the director and playwright of "Route 66." He has directed many productions

across the country.

Four actors create the smooth harmonies in "Route 66." They are Ben Cherry, Tony Clements, Rob Hancock and Benjamin Howes. The Design/Production Team for "Route 66" Maureen Chavez-Kruger (Scenic Designer), Alex Te-coma (Costume Designer), Robert Zenoni (Light Designer), Brian Baker (Musical Director), Pam Kriger (Choreographer) and Mark Baughman (Stage Manager).

Tickets can be purchased at The Rep Ticket Office at 108 East Wells Street or by phone at (414) 224-9490. For more information, log onto The Rep's web site at www.milwaukeerep.com.

# "Blood Knot" on Tap at Next Act

Milwaukee — Next Act Theatre will present "Blood Knot" by South Africa's leading dramatist, Athol Fugard, Feb. 1-25 at the Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St.

"Blood Knot" tells the story of two brothers, dark-skinned Zach (Derrick Nelson), and light-skinned Morris (James Ridge), who live in curious harmony in a small South African hovel, dreaming of a better life on their own farm. The dream is threatened when Zach places an ad in the personals and receives a letter and photograph from an unsuspecting white woman.

Athol Fugard has been named "the greatest active playwright in the English speaking world" by Time magazine. His many award-wining plays have dealt with the terrible toll apartheid has taken on black South Africans and on the responsibility whites bear for the longtime injustice. He continues to write today about the challenges facing all racial groups in apartheid-free South Africa.

This Next Act production of "Blood Knot" is directed by Jenny Wanasek. For information on show times and tickets, call (414) 278-0765.

# "The Last Thief" at Broom Street Theater

Madison — "The Last Thief," an original comedy by Callen Harty about the heartache of petty larceny, is playing at Madison's Broom Street Theatre through Feb. 18. All shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays-Sundays. The theater is at 1119 Williamson St. All tickets are \$7.

"The Last Thief." was partially influenced by the repeated robbery of the Speedway gas station across the street from the Broom Street Theater. "Every other month for the past three years," Harty explained, "some people would rob the Speedway at gunpoint. But you knew the robbers weren't getting anywhere because the sign over the cash register warned there was no money around and most customers paid for their gas by credit card. We always wondered how these petty crooks ever made a living."

The play revolves around a couple, Gary and Debby (Laurie Harty and Geoffrey Meyer), who rob convenience stores and gas stations but can't seem to make any money at it. They try to pull one last big job before retiring from their profession. The play is directed by its author, Callen Harty. This is his 10th original play for Broom Street Theater.

For more information, call (608) 244-8338.

#### Skylight Opera Presents "Lucia de Lammermoor"

Milwaukee — The Skylight Opera Theatre's 42nd season continues with "Lucia de Lammermoor," Donizetti's classic opera of passion, betrayal, denied love, madness and murder. It plays Feb. 2-18 in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, in Milwaukee.

"Lucia de Lammermoor" was based on a novel by Walter Scott and premiered in Naples in 1835. In the opera, Lucia is a sympathetic young woman whose destiny lies in the hands of her brother, Enrico. Although she is in love with Edgardo, the head of a rival clan, her brother, for his own political gains, forces her marriage to Arturo Bucklaw, a rich and powerful man. Heartbroken, the marriage drives Lucia to madness and murder.

"Lucia de Lammermoor" contains some of Donizetti's most beautiful music. The florid, pyrotechnic score is one of the most vocally demanding in the opera world. In the Skylight's production, two outstanding sopranos, Alicia Berneche and Nancy Curtis, will alternate in the role of Lucia. Christopheren Nomura sings the role of Enrico, Gregory Schmidt is Edgardo and Mark Schmandt plays Arturo.

This production of "Lucia de Lammermoor" will be sung in English. It is directed by Paula Suozzi. The musical director is Pasquale Laurino.

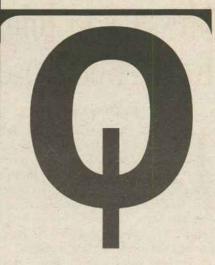
Following the Friday and Saturday night performances of "Lucia," a cabaret act featuring a talented quartet of singers will present "Something Old, Something New" in the Skylight Bar on the second floor of the Broadway Theatre Center. For more information on show times and tickets, call (414) 291-7800.

#### "Winterdances 2001" at UWM Jan. 26-28

Milwaukee — The UWM Dance Program will present "Winterdances 2001" Jan. 26-28 in the School of the Arts Mainstage Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. The concert features work by UWM faculty members Janet Lily and Andre Tyson, as well as a piece by guest artist Ben Munisteri.

Janet Lilly is making a new group work for "Winterdances" entitled "Into View." Says Lilly: "It's going to be one of my wacky, zany sorts of dances." It features a set by Theatre faculty member Sandra Strawn and a commissioned score by Josh Schmidt. Andre Tyson will offer two new works: "Consumed," a solo for Dorothy Thompson; and Duet 9/18" for Jessica Schultz and Louis Hurd. Both pieces are set to original compositions by Roman Edirisinghe.

Ed Burgess has been acting as rehearsal



director for "Late Nite Sugar Flight," a piece by New York-based choreographer and guest artist Ben Munisteri. Munisteri is known for precise technically challenging post-Modern work that seamlessly incorporates ballet, modern dance and hip-hop. Village Voice dance critic Deborah Jowitt observed that "Munisteri displays very smart, beautifully controlled dancing that's wild at the core...All Munisteri's movement and space patterns, no matter how idiosyncratic and skewed, maintain the tension of ballet and its linear clarity:"

"Winterdances" performance times are 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Jan. 27 and 3 p.m. Jan. 28. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for students and seniors. Call the School of the Arts box office at (414) 229-4308.

# February Events at Room of One's Own

Madison — A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore & Coffee House is hosting a variety of events, including author appearances, readings and musical performances in the month of February. All of the following events take place at Room, located at 307 W. Johnson St.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, Jennifer Chapman and Anne Swedberg will perform "Wearing the Secret Out." It's a performance that takes a look at how homophobia affects teaching in physical education. There will be a discussion about homophobia afterwards. The show begins at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, author Paula Kamen will read from her book "Her Way: Young Women Remake the Sexual Revolution."



Paula Kamen

begins at 6:30 p.m. On Friday, Feb. 9, the annual "Love and Lust Poetry Reading" will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. Among the poets reading will be Lee Robin

The program

Andrea Potos, Rhonda Lee, Robin Chapman, Gwen Ebert, and Nicky Sund.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, travel author Anne Jones will read from her book, "Looking for Lovedu" at 6:30 p.m. The book is a chronicle of her recent travels in Africa. Finally, on Friday, Feb. 23, Melanie Anne Herzog will read from and discuss her book, "Elizabeth Catlett: An American Artist in Mexico." The reading begins at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on these events, call (608) 257-7888.

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# Living Life Out of the Closet

By Ed Grover

ere are two books about gay men who lived their lives completely out of the closet. Christopher Isherwood wrote stories about Berlin at the edge of World War II that were made into the 1951 stageplay, "I Am A Camera." Later they were made into the hit Broadway Musical, "Cabaret."

Anthropologist Colin Turnbull was right up there with Margaret Mead and Louis B. Leaky, the top names in his field. The book tells of his life-long love affair with the study of African Pygmies and his thirty-year love affair with an African American man.

#### Lost Years — A Memoir, 1945 - 1951

#### BY CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD

This book contains British-born author, playwright and Hollywood screenwriter, Christopher Isherwood's account of his activities in Santa Monica, New York and London from just after World War II through 1951. Both "I Am A Camera" and "Cabaret" were made into movies, and now, fifty years later, the Broadway musical is having another go at it with a new cast and road tour.

During World War II, Isherwood went to the West Coast and lived in relative 4-E comfort working in film studios, teaching English to European refugees and converting to Hinduism. He was one of the most celebrated authors of his time. He wrote nine novels, five autobiographies and three plays (with W. H. Auden), and countless unmemorable screenplays, including one of Diane de Poitiers for Lana Turner.

When the war ended it dawned on him that he was not cut out to be a monk. He went headlong into a life of sin and wickedness, which was followed by a period of apprehension and depression; he even abandoned his habit of keeping a diary and didn't do anything about it until 1978 when he reconstructed these lost diaries from engagement books, letters and memory.

Isherwood has written his a entries in the third person (except for first person in commentaries or some very long footnotes) and I find this switching back and forth bothersome if not totally confusing. The diaries include "explicit details of his romantic and sexual relationships during the 1940s and unveil the hidden and sometimes shocking way of life shared with friends and acquaintances—many of whom were well-known artists, actors and filmmakers."

Names are dropped along the way like crumbs for the reader to follow: Benjamin Britten, the Stravinskys, E.M. Forster, Sommerset Maugham and the notorious Denham Fouts, Marlon Brando, Bette Davis and Garbo appear among others.

There are pages of gossip and hilarious stories—like the one about minor writer John Collier's thoughts on how to do Proust. He concluded "that instead of being secret homosexuals, all the characters should be itching to get into show business." Good grief, talk about stereotyping; why not make

them all hairdressers and florists!

I found the book to be a very absorbing and informative read about a fascinating man and fascinating period of time. (HarperCollins, ISBN: 0-06-118001-7, \$30 USA, \$44.95 Canada).

# In The Arms of Africa:The Life of Colin M. Turnbull By Roy RICHARD GRINKER

Colin Turnbull was born in England in 1924. He enrolled at Oxford in 1941 and was in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserves through 1946 when he returned to Oxford to finish his studies. He went to India in 1949 to study with two of the most famous Indian Saints of the 20th Century. It was here that he met his first companion, Newton Beal.

They left for Africa to work with anthropologists in the Ituri forest. While there they met producer Sam Spiegel who was making his famous film "The African Queen." Turnbull helped to reconstruct the boat that was used in the film after it was shipped through the forest. By 1952 Turnbull had begun his studies of the Mbuti Pygmies. In 1953 he made his historic recordings of Pygmy music that influenced Jazz greats Leon Thomas and John Coltrane.

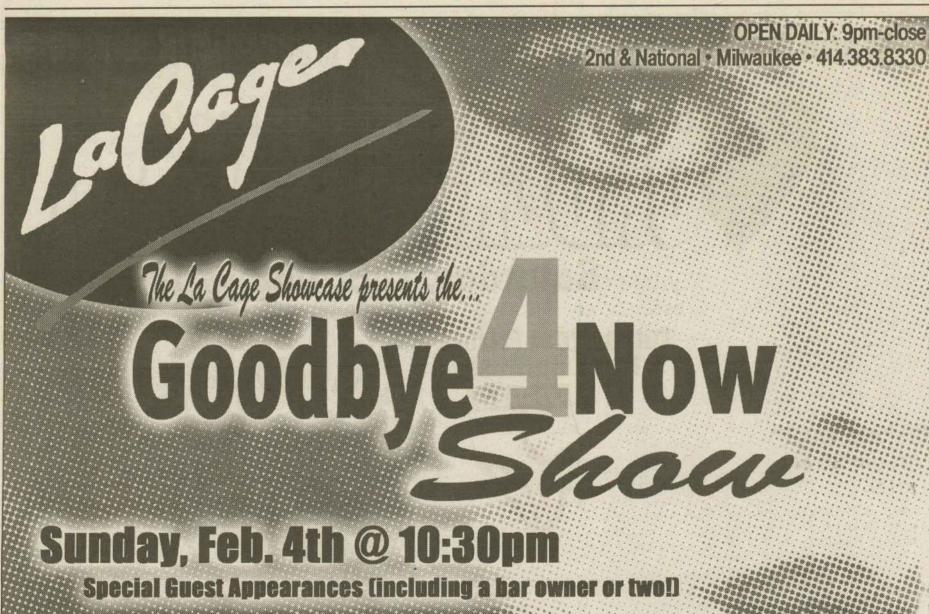
In this book Grinker describes what happened one night when Turnbull, unable to sleep, left his tent and discovered his Mbuti assistant, Kenge, dressed in bark cloth, adorned with leaves and a flower in his hair, dancing around, singing softly to himself. He asked why he is dancing alone. The Pygmy replied, "But I'm not dancing alone. I'm dancing with the forest, dancing with the moon." The forest was Kenge's lover.

Turnbull discovered that The Mbuti have no concept for sexuality or homosexuality, so physical affection carries no stigIn The Arms of AFRICA

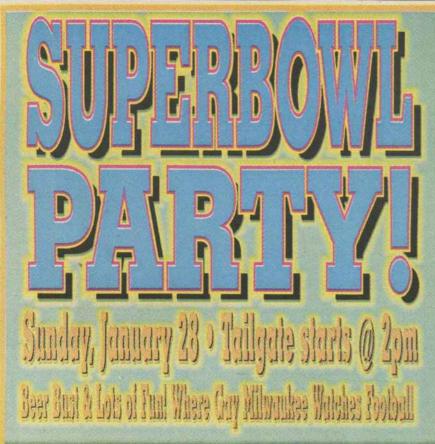
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ma; they can feel free to express their love for each other. Pygmy males sleep together for warmth only; they could make love without sex. By 1961 Turnbull had published his book "The Forest People."

He met and fell in love with a young African American man named Joseph Towles in 1959. They were married in 1960 and lived together for thirty years as an openly gay couple in New York City and rural Virginia. Towles had been an actor but became an anthropologist and worked by Turnbull's side until he died of AIDS in 1988. After his lover's death, Turnbull became a Buddihst monk and was tutored by the Dali Lama's eldest brother. He died of AIDS in 1994. This is a wonderful biography about a man who made his chosen profession an art and an adventure. (St. Martin's Press, ISBN: 0-312-22946-1, \$27.95 USA, \$42.99 Canada).



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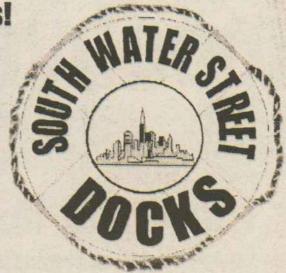
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# **44Quips & Quotes!!**



#### Hail to the Thief

"Conceivably [I would appoint an opengay person to a top administration post], if they could do the job, but that is not the reason to do so. I would pick people on their ability to do the job. Secondly, Frank, I believe that someone's sexual orientation is their private business. I mean, I view someone's private lifestyle as exactly that, private. So I don't - I try to judge a person based upon their heart and soul and conscience and talent, when it comes to picking people to fill an administration. That's how I think about things. So I don't really have a category on, you know, in my own mind about, 'Oh now, please explain to me your sexual orientation. Let's talk about your sex life." I'm not interested in that."

-George W. Bush to The New York Times.

#### **Close Encounters**

"More male contact than hockey, football, and wrestling."

—An ad for the American version of "Queer As Folk" run in Toronto's Xtra! by the Canadian network Showcase.

#### **QAF** Fallout

"My partner and I —a busy doctor and a middle-aged music critic who do not exactly travel in the fast lane of New York gay life — may not be representative. But so far we have found the show [Showtime's "Queer As Folk"] a huge disappointment, with its retro depiction of gay cruising and its obsessions with youth, abs and drugs. A breakthrough? It seems more a setback."

—Anthony Tommasini writing in The New York Times.

#### **Beating the Odds**

"I read once that one in seven people is gay. I paid attention to that because we have seven children. So chances are one of them is going to be gay, or is gay and doesn't know it yet."

—Kate Capshaw, Mrs. Steven Spielberg, to New York Newsday. Capshaw plays a lesbian, and kisses Elle Macpherson, in Showtime's "A Girl Thing."

#### **Uber-Butch**

"Have you ever met a guy that ... overdid it in the butch department? There is no bigger turnoff than some repressed tortured fag giving the word 'dude' some serious overkill and going on about drinking 'brewskies' with his 'buddies.' These macho homos denounce anything gay. 'That's too faggy,' they grunt like cavemen while peering through a baseball cap and scratching their nuts. Give me a fucking break! They bend over and take it up the ass like the rest of us."

—Columnist Paulo Murillo in the Los Angeles gay newspaper Fab! "Almodovar, who is one of my best friends, is a recognized homosexual, and I never had a problem. To discuss this kind of thing at the end of the millennium is kind of absurd. I've been saying this for five years: I consider it stupid when people question somebody about their sexual option. It's old and Victorian."

 Actor Antonio Banderas to Out magazine,
 February issue.



#### **Gay Communists**

"They [legendary actors Cary Grant and Randolph Scott] denied a romantic relationship, of course. But that's not surprising, considering that back when Grant and Scott were living together, being gay was about as much of a career booster as being a Communist. Besides, Grant's public image was that of a lady-killer, and Scott also played romantic movie roles. ... We'll never know the pressures they endured while keeping their secret in intolerant times. And we'll never know the joy they shared through the years. But this much we do know: Grant and Scott shared a house or apartment together for a decade -- including before and after Grant's 1934 marriage to Virginia Cherrill; they posed for publicity shots, happily playing with the dog at the breakfast table and bare-chested on a diving board, only inches apart; their comfy

companionship had '30s gossip columnists all atwitter, with one suggesting they were 'carrying the buddy business a bit too far.'"

—eonline.com, in a list of Hollywood's top 12 love affairs.

#### **Hold Please**

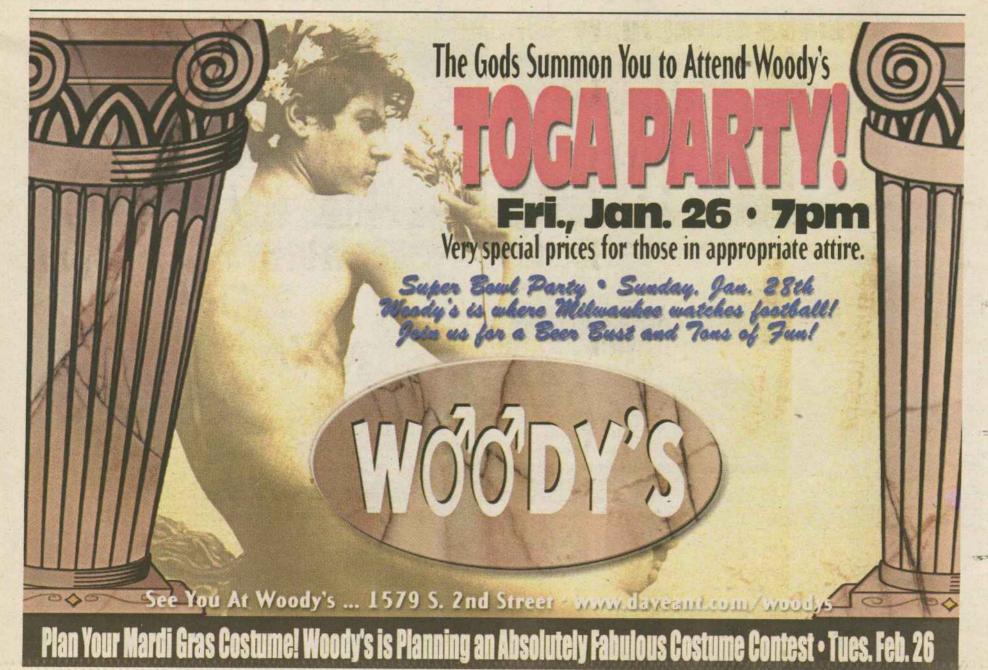
"In all honesty, I think all gay issues are just going to be shelved for the duration of the Bush administration."

—Judy Shepard, Matthew's mother, to the Miami Herald.

#### Pick a Team Anne!

"The couple that caused the most swiveled heads [at the Golden Globe awards] was Lucy Liu and Anne Heche, who giggled and cooed and held hands as they walked the red carpet."

—Jeannette Walls' The Scoop column at msnbc.com.



#### Tube

# "What Makes a Family"

By Carl M. Szatmary

whave always felt that Lifetime; the cable television network has always been something of an enigma. With the television dial cluttered with countless special interest channels — a fledgling Gay TV network is currently seeking to belly up to the table — Lifetime promos declare this to be a network for women.

All women? Of course not. Lifetime sees itself as hip, and trendy. Its audiences are young, upwardly mobile and ever so trendy. Traditional stay-at-home moms? Forget it. What about lesbians?

The synopsis of "What Makes a Family" as posted on their Web site is particularly intriguing. It begins, "Based on a true story, this moving drama recounts a

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gay woman's fight to win custody of her lit-

Nor does the L-word turn up much in the finished product.

"What Makes a Family" is an oftenpainful piece of television viewing. In the hands of executive producer Whoopi



**Brooke Sheilds** 

Goldberg, this is a heavy-handed melodrama, which too frequently sinks under the weight of its own political correctness.

The tele-flick begins charmingly enough: Janine Nielssen (Brooke Shields) and Sandy Cataldi (out lesbian actress Cherry Jones) meet in the frozen foods section of their local supermarket. They are such a cute couple and immediately fall truly, madly, deeply in love. Hey, this is television, after all.

The commitment ceremony is next, Sandy's parents Frank (Al Waxman) and Evelyn (Anne Meara) joyously in attendance. They might fight over who makes dinner but Janine and Sandy seem the happy couple. But Sandy wants more, she wants them to have a real family and seemingly over the commercial break, Sandy

becomes pregnant.

Knowing that television dramas require ample portions of conflict and emotional suffering, it is pretty easy to guess that this happy family is not going to live happilyever after.

Sandy is diagnosed with systemic lupus. The next twenty or so excruciating minutes follows Sandy's painful five years as the disease takes over her body and her mind. As the natural birth mother, she could have but didn't will custody of Heather to Janine. Big mistake.

When she dies, her mother Evelyn decides that she and her husband are better suited to be parents to little Heather than is Janine and has Florida law behind her. Following her nervous collapse, Janine turns to a high-profile civil rights attorney (Whoopi Goldberg) to win back custody of Heather.



**Cherry Jones** 

Billed as being based on "a true story," "What Makes a Family" spins its yarn in totally predictable fashion, leaving no cliché unturned. As if the issue of lesbian custody isn't important or remarkable

enough, much of the early going in "What Makes a Family" has the feeling of the "disease-of-the-week" made-for-television films of the '70s.

If the lesbian couple seems to perfect to be true, their respective grandparents are problematic. Janine's parents are your garden-variety homophobes, shocked and disgusted to learn that their little girl is not only "one of those people" but dares to bring a child to their unnatural relationship.

More troubling are Sandy's parents Evelyn and Frank. Initially they see wonderfully enlightened, salt of the earth types. Evelyn is especially pleased to learn that she is to become a grandmother. However, when they learn that their daughter has died, their grief makes them angry and they lash out at Janine. No longer warm and supportive, they become vindictive and hurtful. Unfortunately the script doesn't give them their due, their actions appearing simply mean spirited.

All in the cast are fine. Cherry Jones' Sandy gives the film its heart while Brooke Shields often seems uncomfortable, particularly in her scenes with Cherry Jones' Sandy. Anne Meara's Evelyn is warm and genuine early on, less convincing as the evil

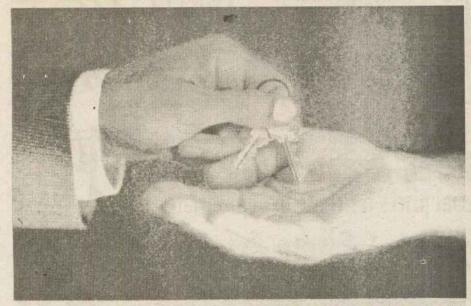
child-snatcher.

Whoopi manages to get the writers to write her the most interesting role.

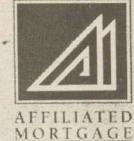
"What Makes a Family" is heartfelt and earnest and certainly well-intentioned and Lifetime s certainly to be applauded for acknowledging the existence of "gay women."

"What Makes a Family" will be aired again on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. on Lifetime.

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## **Cordially Yours**



#### By Michael Johnston

Thave been warming my cold winter nights and shaking off a nagging cold with PBS's "Jazz" documentary. Producer Ken Burns has taken topics like "The Civil War" and "Baseball," making them all user-friendly, information-packed and thoroughly entertaining.

Highly recommended!

On the local scene for fans of the "scene," the Jazz scene that is, you must give a listen to **The Jerry Grillo Trio**. Jerry will be appearing in Milwaukee on Friday, Jan. 26, Feb 9 and Feb. 23 at the The Cork & Clever in The Clarion Hotel Sunday, Feb. 4 at **The Uptowner**, and Feb. 7 at **County Clare Pub**. He is enjoying international airplay in Australia, Russia, Japan, The Czech Republic, Argentina, Brazil, Sweden, Italy and right here in the good ole U.S.A. To own your very own, Jerry's CDs are available at The Exclusive Company, Mainstream, and Barnes & Noble. We are so fortunate to have an artist of Jerry's caliber right here in our midst.

Want to see the perfect "marriage" of music and theater? In the same genre of American classic Jazz and The Milwaukee Rep's long tradition of outstanding productions, please catch their latest offering, "Dinah Was," the bio of Miss Dinah Washington, a songstress of unparalleled talent. This current vehicle is taking The Rep by storm. Not unlike The Diva herself, it's simply sensational! Her personal tale is even more captivating than her onstage performances, if possible. This story really shows

"what a difference a day made...

I had the chance to be captivated by this powerful production the same week we celebrated Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 72nd birthday. Obviously very different people, but people of integrity and principles that led lives during such a socially backwards, painful era. Bouquets to E. Faye Butler as Dinah, who portrays a woman who loved jewelry, furs, cocktails, music and men – not necessarily in that order – and I see that there is absolutely nothing wrong with that! Other Divas in the crowd were none other than Mary Queen of Bay View and dear Lydia ...

Before hand, I had a couple of "mood adjusters" at Taylor's, where I learned that "Blue Mondays" will indeed be returning to Taylor's come February. Thank God — what fun! Dinner followed at Louise's where a friendly, familiar face dished up a delightfully delicious dinner.

The night was a lovely gesture of **Paul Milakovich**, Deputy Director of The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Our conversation was centered on the Make A Promise Dinner — 2001. "Hollywood Nights Dinner, Dance & Auction" is scheduled for Saturday, March 10. What a dazzling theme to look forward to at **The Midwest Express Center**. Of course, this will be just awhile before the Academy Awards, so come out and shine! To reserve your table and have a seat with the stars call (414) 225-1577, or visit the Web site: arcw.org. We will all be award winners!

The Allyn Mansion will be holding a "Gay Weekend" Feb. 23-24. What a wonderful weekend get-

away in scenic Delavan.

While on the topic of holidays, I'm in the process of filling my Saratoga trunk (no, that's not my swimwear) for Acapulco. I haven't been to Mexico in a decade! It will be very interesting to see the growth and changes in this paradise resort. My main reason for going this year, however, is The M&M Club's Ms. Rona's "Golden Birthday Gay-La"! Of course, I will cover this for Wisconsin IN Step, so you will hear it all ... Needless to say, one has to shop before, during and after any vacation! Charlotte Lorraine, who will be venturing South of the border and into the Sun, and I just completed said venture. We learned it isn't two piece, but two plus, and thong is definitely wrong! (Unless on your feet!)

Charlotte also brought up "Possum Queen — 2001." Are you ready Wisconsin to bring this extremely important grass roots fund-raiser to light in the new century? The current Possum Queen is Miss Mona Alot of The Ball Game. The more contestants and participants the more fun — more funds, more of a statement is made.

Butch's Old Casino Steak House still manages to provide the best steak in town. Whenever you get that need for a huge piece of meat, I can't think of a better spot to indulge. From the ketch-y decor to the old reliable relish tray – truly, the land time has forgotten.

I had a fabulous time at a post-Holiday dinner party,

DeDe the "heart & soul" (for that matter all the other good parts, too) of The M&M Club's dining room hosted. Along with Ms. Vera Charles, we made a night of merriment, starting off with cocktails at Fluid. I just love the new "White Cosmopolitian!" Warning, warning: they do sneak up on you, and if you're not careful you'll end up like Helen Gurley Brown, yikes! Yves was tending to the chores of providing that extra-special attention, including flaming bottles. Miss Tastee Places of Connecticut by way of Canada, is quite the entertainer! And speaking of entertaining sights, Bill Wardlow, the jovial owner, joined the fun and frivolity. He also wanted me to share with you that Fluid will be doing "Survivor Thursdays." Come and see who lasts the longest ... Wednesdays will bring the return of "Post Office Night" - no they don't want you to go postal! This will be a great chance to meet and greet and mix and mingle and shake those Winter blues away. You could get your box stuffed.

There also is in the planning a HIT (Holiday Invitational Tournament) fund-raiser show planned for this spring. In the mix was the delectable Larry from Club Boom, fresh from the newly expanded La Fuente which has expanded into the space of the now defunct Rudy's. With regards to expanding and decor, I must add I loved the Lucy salute on the walls of Fluid. It seems it is going to be incorporated into the upcoming Valentine holiday. Brava, David "Ms. Ross" Howser, I loved the Al

Hirschfeld of Lucille Ball!

Onto **The Harbor Room**, where owner **Gregg** was sitting bar-side thrilled to see Milwaukee's newest bar thriving sooo successfully. Perhaps it has something to do with their trés attractive staff: the bartender on duty, **Rob**, is quite a treat to the eye and has a sense of humor. The bartender getting off when we got there. **Joey**, was thrilled to see us as well. I think he played every **Madonna** song on the juke box. Infamous Milwaukeeites **Jim & Lee** were holding court and celebrating 26 years together, 13 a piece! Don't heckle me, I just report the facts man.

Family medicine man, **Dr. Mark Huffman**, M.D., has been receiving glowing reviews — no this isn't a theatrical endeavor (even though I have sung with him before). He is practicing medicine and if you are in need of a physician, he comes highly recommended. Look him up.

I just love the new Carmex stick, ideal for keeping your pucker perfect during this cold snap. Well, I'm off to tan my hide, while I'm busy entertaining the troops ocean side. Please take care, keep warm and I'll try to bring back a piece of the sun. Until then, "ciao" for now as I remain "Cordially Yours."





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#### The Calendar

#### January 25 - February 7, 2001

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

#### Thursday, January 25

Women's Health Seminar (Milw.): Featuring "You and Your Hormones," 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. All women welcome, FMI: (414) 272-9442

#### Friday, January 26

Men's Coming Out Group (Madison): 5:30-7 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-2497

"Winterdances 2001" (Milw.): UWM Dance Program's winter concert, 7:30 p.m., School of the Arts Mainstage Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Also at 8 p.m. Sat., Jan. 27 and 3 p.m. Sun., Jan. 28. FMI: (414) 229-4308

#### Saturday, January 27

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers (Madison): 3K to 10K run or work, 9 a.m., Lake Wingra Park, Knickerbocker and Arbor Dr. FMI: (608) 663-

Rainbow Families (Madison): Lesbian Parents Network & Rainbow Families planning meeting, 4-6 p.m., Family Enhancement Center, 2120 Fordern Ave. FMI: (608) 246-2627

Melissa Manchester (Milw.): In concert with the Festival City Orchestra at the Milwaukee Auditorium, 8 p.m. Tix: S24-S100 (cabaret seating and food). FMI: (414) 276-4545.

#### Sunday, January 28

Bette Davis Bowling League (Madison): 5-person team format, 3 p.m., Bowl-a-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Spring Dr. FMI: (608) 273-8275.

#### Tuesday, January 30

Womonsong Rehearsal (Madison): Beth Israel Center, 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

#### Wednesday, January 31

Cream City Chorus (Milw.): Regular weekly practice resumes, new members invited to attend, at 7 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-8787

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): 7 p.m., line donce lessons, 8 p.m., swing lessons, 9 p.m. open dancing, S3 donation, Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. FMI: (608)

#### Thursday, February 1

Briarpatch (Madison): Support group for middle school LGBT kids, 6 p.m., 512 E. Washington Ave. (608) 251-6211.

Political Party/Fundraiser (Milw.): Party and political forum sponsored by the Human Rights league PAC, featuring State Rep. Pedro Colon, 6-8 p.m., ICON Salon, 623 N. Broadway, FMI: (414) 769-7002.

#### Friday, February 2

SAGE Discussion (Milw.): Topic: "Gov and Gray." 6:30 p.m., LG8T Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

Transgender Group (Madison): Support group for Transsexuals, Crossdressers and their friends, 7 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 257-4297

Debbie Reynolds (Milw.): The musical comedy star performs with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra in a Pops concert, Feb. 2-4, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 291-7605

#### Saturday, February 3

"Swan Lake" (Madison): Tchoikovsky's mosterpiece performed by the 50-member Moscow Festival Ballet in the grand Russian tradition, 8 p.m., Oscar Mayer Theatre of the Madison Civic Center. Tix: \$28-35. FMI: (608) 266-9055

#### Sunday, February 4

Perfect Harmony Chorus (Madison): Weekly rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., Groce Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Ave. FMJ: (608) 25T-

Les Percussions de Guinée (Madison): West African music and dance troupe performs at 3 p.m., Oscar Mayer Theatre of the Madison Clvic Center, Tix: \$28-35, FMI: (608) 266-9055.

#### Monday, February 5

Oscar Wilde Celebration (Madison): Wilde's grandson, Medin Holland, lectures on "Confounding the Critics, Surviving the Scandal: The remarkable reputation of Oscar Wilde," 7:30 p.m., Great Holl of the Inion 800 Lanadan St. FMI; tyree

#### Wednesday, February 7

Keyboard Conversations (Milw.): Pionist Jeffrey Seigel in a program called "Romance Italian Style," 7:30 p.m., Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St. \$23. FMI: (414) 286-3665.

#### BAR SPECIALS:

#### Sundays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Corona, S2. Beer Bust, S6. Rail booze bust S9, 9-11

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Alvin and Tacos.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed

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

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! Emerald's (Milw.): Men's Night! Call drinks S2.

Fluid (Milw.): \$6 Beer Bust; tops of Gen. Draft or Miller Lite, 5 to 9 p.m. The Harbor Room (Milw.): Mugs of Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers & Greyhounds - \$2.50 from 2-7 p.m. Cans of Schlitz - \$1, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (mil & domestic)

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Dri-

LaCage (Milw.): LaCage Showcase plus "Superbust" - no cover.

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

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): S6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. \$1 Bloody Marys!

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

Planet Q (Madison): Beer Bosh, 3-8 p.m., S6.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Beer Bush, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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. 7/4/1 10 p.m. to close

South Water St. Docks (Milw.):51 off anything for anyone not wearing a shirt, 9 p.m. to close.

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

Switch (Milw.): Shorts Sundays. Open at 3 p.m. Wear your shorts for drink specials.

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.

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktoil Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snocks served! Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90 from 9 p.m. to close.

The Barracks (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m.

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

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. S2 specials on micro-

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Beer Bust and Free Pizza!

Club Boom (Milw.): Closed.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed.

Club 5 (Madison): Hoppy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks and house wine up to \$4.25, open to close.

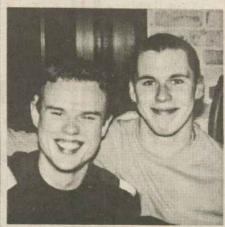
Dish (Milw.): The new night-spot for women! Hoppy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues - sign up now.

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Hoppy Hour 4-7 p.m. oil weekdoys, Double Bubble. Any rail vodka drinks half price, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

lo'Dees International (Racine): S6 Super Bust! by MGD and Miller Lite, all the MGD or Miller Lite you can drink - ALL NITE!

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



Happy and gay. Photo by Jamie @ La Cage

LaCage (Milw.): "Shake-a-Drink" all nite - no cover.

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

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tobs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a S6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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

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

Orbit (Milw.): Hoppy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks and house wine up to \$4.25, open to close.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Rolling Rock, \$1.50.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2-4-1 Hoppy 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. \$1.50 domestic bottled beer and 50¢ tappers, 9 p.m. to close.

Switch (Milw.): \$1 off drinks during Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Girls Night Out! \$1 off all drinks, taps and shots for the ladies.

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. Toppers 5.75, rail drinks,

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Dorts. S6 Super Bust at Java's. Tuesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktoil Hour, 2-9 p.m., with snocks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck! 9 p.m. to close.

The Barracks (Madison): 59 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m.

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

Cell Block (Chicago): SMUT Tuesdays! XXX Videos. Cheap Drinks. Free Games

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leother/Levy Night. Well-drinks & droft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club Boom (Milw.): 50¢ rails from 8-9, \$1 from 9-10, \$1.50 from 10-11, \$2 from 11-12, \$2.50 from 12-1, \$3 from 1-2, 500 top beer. 8-10, \$1 from 10-12

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Shoreline Dancers Practice, 6 p.m. to ? Club 5 (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 5-4-\$10 on any Miller prod-

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

Emeralds (Milw.): S5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

ucts, Corona 24 oz. Bottles, \$3.50.

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Nipple ring nite - gentle tug from bartender means 2nd beer free! Cans of Schlitz, S1 from 7-11 p.m. Shirt-



It was only this big! Photo by Jamie @ Fluid



Woof. Photo by Jamie @ Fluid

less men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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

LaCage (Milw.): "Prize Nite" - no cover.

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

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

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

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

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 750 off on all drinks, 5 for \$10 on any Miller product. Corona 24 oz. Bottle, \$3.50.

Rainbow Room (Madison): \$1 off roil and domestic.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktoil Hour, 3 to 8 p.m. Roil drinks \$1.50, 9 p.m. to close

Station a (Milw.): Closed!

Switch (Milw.): \$1 off drinks during Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Winning ticket nite, win prize S. prizes!

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:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktoil Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snocks served! Special Export \$5 pitchers and \$1 mugs from 9 p.m.- close.

Barracks (Madison): 16oz. tops of Lite, 52. All roils \$ .50 off, shots of Cuervo, \$1.50 Boot Camp Saloon: (Milw.): Cocktoil Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink



Hold the anchoives. Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game



Cuties of the Week. Photo by Jamie @ Fluid



Need a pillow? Photo by Jamie @ Woody's

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Roil drinks only \$1.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club Boom (Milw.): First rail drink, Miller or Bud regular price, second & third, etc. just \$1.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m.

Club 5 (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. \$ .50 off all Taps and Rails. \$2.25 Coronas. Karaoke from 8-10:30 p.m.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are x 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.): Lody's Night! Call drinks \$2.

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Double Bubble, 7 p.m.- close for men in leather vest, pants, harness, chaps. Dart leagues, 7-10 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Free Pool & S6 Super Bust! MGD and Miller Lite!

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

LaCage (Milw.): "Super Bust" - no cover for cord holders.

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

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

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 50¢ off all taps and rails, Coronas \$2.25, DR's \$2. Strippers at 10:30 p.m.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Shots of Doctors - \$2.

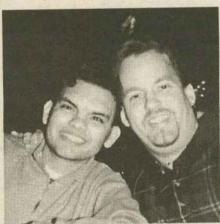
Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktoil Hour, 3 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1



Sunglasses at night? Photo by Jamie @ Fluid



Couple of guys. Photo by Jamie @ Woody's



Buddies. Photo by Jamie

open to close (3 p.m.-2 a.m.).

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

Switch (Milw.): \$1 off drinks during Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Internet Meat & Greet Nite, \$6 Beer Bust for the guys, plus shot specials.

Triangle (Milw.): Hoppy 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:

Ball Game (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.

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

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

Club Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 all night. Show tunes!

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Storting Aug. 31 - Open at 6 p.m.

Club 5 (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. Pitchers of Lite, Bud Lite, S6. Frozen cocktoils, S3.

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

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

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

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Shots of McGillicuddy's or Cuervo - \$2, and pitchers of beer - \$4, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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.

LaCage (Milw.): "Super Bust" — no cover for cord holders.

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

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

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

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Planet Q (Madison): Hoppy Hour, 4-8 p.m. Frozen cocktoils, \$3. Pitchers of Bud or Bud Life, \$6.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Corono - \$2.

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

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

**South Water St. Docks (Milw.)**: Cocktoil Hour, 3-8 p.m. \$3 Weiss beers and \$4 pitchers, 9 p.m. to close.

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

Switch (Milw.): \$1 off drinks during Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Karaoke

Night! 6 p.m. to close.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close.



Beautiful People. Photo by Jamie @ Ballgame



My Three Sons? Photo by Jamie @ La Cage

\$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 Roil Bust!

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

Za's (Green Bay): S6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

# BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

#### Thursday, January 25

Amanda Foreman Talk (Brookfield): Author of "Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire" gives a talk at 7 p.m., Schwartz Bookstore, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

#### Saturday, January 27

Marathon Reading (Milw.): Annual marathon reading fundraiser, 1-10 p.m., Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001

#### Monday, January 29

Women Authors Book Group (Madison): Focus on classic, contemporary and feminist works by women, 7 p.m., Borders Bookstore Fast, FMI: (608) 240-0080.

#### Tuesday, January 30

Men's Book Club (Madison): Discussing books focussed on gay/bisexual male issues and authors, 7 p.m., Borders Bookstore East. FMI: (608) 240-0080.

#### Wednesday, January 31

Michael Connolly and George Pelacanos Readings (Brookfield): Authors of "A Dorkness More Thon Night" and "Right as Roin" read at the Schwartz Bookstore, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

#### Thursday, February 1

Positively Fun! Book Club (Madison): Discussing "The Golden Compass" by Sukey Howard, for HIV+ and HIV+friendly people, 7 p.m., AIDS Network, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 252-6540 ext. 27.

#### Saturday, February 3

Performance (Madison): Jennifer Chopmon and Anne Swedberg perform "Wearing the Secret Out," about homophobia, 6:30 p.m. Free, at A Room of One's Own Bookstore, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

#### Monday, February 5

Sheldan Rampton & John Stauber Talk (Milw.): Authors of "Trust Us, We're Experts!" talk at 7 p.m., Schwartz Bookshop, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

#### Wednesday, February 7

Shelby Hearon Reading (Brookfield): Author of "Ella in Bloom" reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Bookstore, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (742), 797-4140

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

#### FILM. TV AND RADIO:

#### Friday, January 26

SAGE Video (Milwaukee): Screening of the video "Black and White Together," and discussion about how the races mix in the LGBT community, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

"No President" (Milw.): Jack Smith's experimental riff on the American Presidency, 7 p.m., Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. S2. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

#### Saturday, January 27

"Edge of Seventeen" (Sundance Channel): The coming-of-age story of a gay youth in 1980s' Ohio, starring Chris Stafford and Lea DeLari, 3:30 a.m.

"Get Real" (Sundance Channel): British film about young gay man dealing with his sexuality, winner of Audience Award at the Edinburgh Film Festival, 7 p.m.

#### Sun., January 28 and Every Sun.

"Her Turn," Womyn's Radio (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM



Yee-Ha. Photo by Jamie

A weekly show featuring news and information by and about women, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by "Her Infinite Variety" - Women in music - all genres and styles - interviews, live guests and announcements for the women's community, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-2001 or http://www.netphoria.com/wort.

"Better Living Through Show Tunes" (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 F.M. Hosts Bruce Wheeler and Earl Bricker, 2-3 p.m. (608) 256-2001 or bwheeler@cuna.com.

Women's Music Radio (Milw.): WMSE-91.7FM. 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Variety of women's music genres, announcements of events in Milwaukee's women's community. Request Line: (414) 799-1917.

#### Monday, January 29

Frontiers Film Circle (Modison): Showing "Brideshead Revisited," 7 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

#### Tues., January 30 & Every Tues.

"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, January 30

"Adventures of Sebastian Cole" (Sundance Channel): Comedy/drama about an adolescent boy dealing with his own sexuality while his stepfather announces he is undergoing sex reassignment surgery, 9 p.m.

#### Wed., January 31 & Every Wed.

"Queery" (Madison): WORT, 89.9 FM - Madison's GLBTQ radio show, 7 p.m., followed by "This Way Qut," the international news magazine, from 7:30-8 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-2001.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): WYOU, Public access cable channel 4, LGBT programming from 9-11 p.m. FMI: dkr@mailbog.com.

#### Wednesday, January 31

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring "Brideshead Revisited," 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 274-5959

"Gods and Monsters" (Sundance Channel): Feature film about James Whale, goy director of the "Frankenstein" movie classic, with lan McKellen and Brendan Fraser, 3:30 p.m.

#### Friday, February 2

"The Man Who Knew Too Much" (Milw.): The original 1934 Hitchcock classic with Peter Lorre, plays through Feb. 8, Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

#### MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): "We Shall Overcome: Photographs from America's Civil Rights Era." 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): Metal sculptures by Allan Caucutt and woodcuts, engravings and lithographs by Eugene Mecikalski, thru Feb. 26. W62N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): Tudor mansion with original furnishings and art collection, 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

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

Eclectic Art & Gifts (Milw.) Contemporary, three dimensional wall

sculpture by Steve Draeger, angoing. 411 E. Silver Spring. FMI: (414) 906-0665.

Grava Gallery (Milw.): "Of Rovens and Crows," new works by Arlene

Torbica thru March 3. 1209 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 277-8228.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): Four Milwaukee Photographers, thru March 11 and Italian Renaissance Masters thru May 20. Marquette University, N. 13th and Clybourn Sts. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "The Way We Were" thru Feb. 11; Pointings by Barry Roal Carlsen thru March 18; "Faces of the Warrior," thru March, 2001. 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Brad Kahlhamer: Almost American," thru Feb. 11; "Reading the Signs: Making Meaning in a Work of Art," and Selections from the Permanent Callection thru Feb. 5, 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Michael H. Lord Gallery (Milw.): 420 E. Wisconsin Ave. FMI: (414) 272-1007.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "Milwaukee

Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

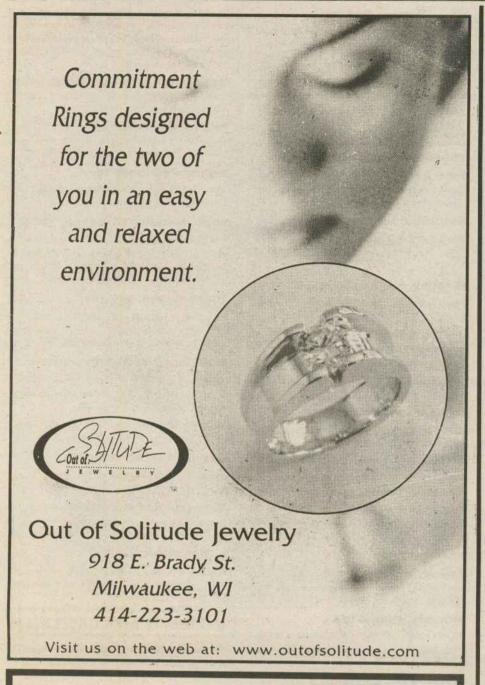
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (Milw.): Wm. F. Eisner Museum of Advertising, "Vision, Technology and Commerce: 100 Years of Industrial Design," to March, 2001; Typo: An Exhibition of Typogra

phy" thru May 30. 273 E. Ene Sr. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): "Nature's Touch," fiber art wall hanging by Pat Kroth thru Feb. 4, 3330 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608)

Ozaukee Art Center (Ozaukee): "Scrotchboard Technique: American Indians and Wildlife" by Dorothy Hoos. W62N718 Riveredge Drive.

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# Claws & Effect

By Kevin John

he National Film Preservation Foundation recently put together Treasures From American Film Archives, if not the best then certainly the most wildly eclectic DVD box set ever released. Four discs of newsreels, home movies, amateur films, avant-garde shorts, cartoons, concert footage, politi-

cal ads, peepshow kinetoscopes and some silent features for the film lover in you. And I do mean film lover for if one thing (the only thing?) unites these disparate strands, it's the very materiality of film itself.

You actually feel like an archivist yourself as you watch early stencil coloring and animation or just the scratchy decay of, in some cases, one-hundred years of wear and tear. And from there, you can marvel at how

film becomes a language with that worldhistoric close-up in "The Gay Shoe Clerk" from 1903 or Joseph Cornell's jaw-dropping "Rose Hobart," a pioneering foray into pomo pastiche (1939).

Admittedly, the set caters to extreme tastes; I love film so much that the first thing I rushed to play was "Interior New York Subway, 14th St. to 42nd St." (1905), a one-shot, five-minute ride on the subway shortly after its opening. But what a supremely loving testament to such a pain in the ass art form at precisely the historical moment when digital media threatens

to do away with it forever.

Before Night Falls" is artist Julian Schnabel's biopic of the late Cuban author and exile Reinaldo Arenas and it surpasses even Schnabel's previous excursion into the genre, "Basquiat." For sure, Schnabel applies a painterly touch to Arenas' (Javier Bardem) story of trying to find freedom as a gay writer under an oppressive regime. Wheels morph into bicycles and rain on the water becomes an abstract expressionist canvas. But never do these arty touches shy away from the brutality of Arenas' time in prison or his uninsured battle with AIDS in the '80s. Swirling around this

sweeping narrative are a phantasmagoric cast of characters including magic realist cameos by Sean Penn and Johnny Depp, who's obviously learned something about cheesecake from his stint in Ed Wood.

I hated E. Elias Merhige's "Shadow of the Vampire" upon immediate reflection but that's most likely because I was expecting a biopic on the order of "Gods and Monsters." So I was upset that the film shied away from great film director F. W. Murnau's (John Malkovich) homosexuali-

ty. I couldn't stand the intima-

that Murnau's Nosferatu (and all cinema, by extension) is the product of merely pointing a camera at something and filming or the idea that, Malkovich's Murnau says here, nothing exists outside the frame. And, finally, I didn't see the

point of the ridiculous

point of having Max

Schreck (Willem Dafoe), the actor who played Nosferatu, be an actual vampire. But perhaps this is a film that lies in contrast to the goals of the "Treasures From American Film Archives" box set; maybe it's irreverently applauding the end of film. There's a great scene where Schreck makes shadow plays with the light from a film projector. It's a poignant, antifilm moment when not only the great director disappears, along with his real history, but the medium itself. Coupled with Merhige's own oeuvre, his only previous feature was back in 1991 with the terrifying and apocalyptic "Begotten," "Shadow of the Vampire" pisses on the past in order to peer into the future.



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#### Stage

# "Dinah Was"

By Carl M. Szatmary

here is no denying the absurd aspects of the situation, at least by today's standards. In the lobby of one of the premier hotel/casinos in Las Vegas sits their headliner. With people like Frank Sinatra clamoring for a ringside table and her shows sell-outs, one would



expect that the management would extend every courtesy.

But the year is 1959 and the headliner is Dinah Washington, the first African-American female to star at a noted casino, the Sahara. Black performers are not allowed to enter the hotel by the front lobby much less actually in the hotel proper. Instead, the management has offered her a trailer in the hotel parking lot.

Dinah won't budge, and as she sits and waits, clad only in a black slip and a white fur coat, her life is chronicled in a series of flashbacks.

Musical biographies are a curious breed of theater. The more famous and successful the singer, the greater the temptation to dip deeply into their catalog of songs. Find someone who somewhat resembles the singer physically and vocally and you've got it made. Yet focus on the singer's life is often lost as one showstopper follows another.

Such is the case with "Dinah Was,"

currently running at the Milwaukee Rep's Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre.

As played by the very talented E. Faye Butler, Dinah Washington was one head-strong lady who knew what she wanted and had few qualms about how she went about it. She certainly wanted men and fame and money and all three came in ample supply throughout her career. More than anything, though, Dinah sought respect: respect from the men in her life, respect from white record executives and most of all, respect from her mother.

In this, Dinah was less successful.

There is an almost palpable sense of dismissiveness to Dinah's quest for respect, a suggestion that Dinah's actions, such as her protest at the Sahara was less fueled by the injustice of the situation but rather shown as just another example of Dinah being temperamental.

As if attempting to compensate for the script's one-dimensional depiction, E. Faye Butler works hard to make Dinah Washington larger than life. Dinah would appear to never have been at a loss for words and Butler tosses out sharp one-liners with obvious relish. Vocally too she is terrific, belting out Dinah's many hits, particularly the pop standard, "What a Difference a Day Makes."

The supporting cast too is fine, although curiously small in number. Carla J. Hargrove tackles two large roles, that of Dinah's mother and also her oft fired personal assistant and is excellent as both but why not have another actress, one closer to the right age, play Dinah's mother? Likewise, David A. White is saddled with playing many of the men in Dinah's life and it is occasionally confusing, from scene to scene, to know if White is playing another man in Dinah's life or merely one who has come back.

Undeniably entertaining, "Dinah Was" is sure to leave you humming one of Dinah's fabulous songs as you contemplate the woman behind the music.

"Dinah Was" continues until Feb. 11 at the Milwaukee Rep's Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre. OPEN Janauary 28th at 3pm

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Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): "Monochromatic," works by Lisa Bergh, Douglas Holst, Hai-Chi Juhn, Robert Johnson and Scott Roberts, thru Feb. 24. 911 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 672-2787

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): Under renovation until grand reopening March 14 with the exhibit "Wisconsin Glass Masters." 300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend.

Willy St. Co-op (Madison): "Day Dreams and Observations, figurafive work by Lora Donahue and Joshua Ludke, thru Jan., 1221 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 251-0884.

Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): "From Earth to Soul: The Evans Collection of Asian Ceramics," thru Jan. 2001, "Spirit of the Mask," thru April 1. 700 N. 12th St. FMI: (715) 845-7010.

Wustum Museum of Fine Arts (Racine): 2519 Northwestern Ave. FMI: (262) 636-9177.

#### THEATRE/MUSIC ARTS:

NOW PLAYING

"Blood Knot" (Milw.): Next Act Theatre production of Athol Fugard's award-winning play about race relations in South Africa, opens Feb. 1, runs thru Feb. 25, Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-7780

"Catch Me If You Can" (Racine): Light comedy performed by the Rocine Theatre Guild Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. thru Feb. 4, 2519 Northwestern Ave, FMI: (262) 633-4218.

"Dinah Was" (Milw.): Musical biography of jazz/blues great Dinah Washington, played by E. Foye Baker, runs thru Feb. 11 in the Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre in the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre complex, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490

"Full Gallop" (Madison): Witty one-woman play about style moven Diana Vreeland, runs thru Jan. 28 at the Madison Repertory Theatre. FMI: (608) 266-9055.

"Holiday Capers at W-I-O-U?" (Milw.): An interactive comedy murder-mystery Fris.-Suns. thru Jan. 28 at Melanec's Wheelhouse, 2178 N. Riverboat Rd. FMI: (414) 264-6060.

"The Last Thief" (Madison): Another original Callen Harry comedy at the Broom Street Theater, runs Fridays-Sundays thru Feb. 18, 1119 Williamson St. \$7. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"Lucia de Lammermoor" (Milw.): Skylight Opera Theatre's production of Donizeth's tragic drama, opens Feb. 2, runs thru Feb. 18 in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"The Memory of Water" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep production of Shelagh Stephenson's family comedy, runs thru Feb. 11, Stiemke Theatre or Baker Theatre Complex, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"The Merry Wives of Windsor" (Elm Grove): Shakespeare's comedy plays thru Feb. 4 at the Sunset Playhouse, 800 N. Elm Grove Rd. FMI: (262) 782-4430.

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" (Madison): Shokespeare-related play staged by the Strollers Theatre, Thursdays-Sundays thru Jan. 27, Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 238-8183.

"Route 66" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep musical revue paying homage to the automobile and the road, runs thru March 18 in the Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Three Days of Rain" (Milw.): Chamber Theatre's production of Richard Greenberg's sensitive drama, runs thru Jan. 28 in Studio Theatre of Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.





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#### Gotcha!

#### By Billy Masters

lying back to Hollywood after the holidays, I had an unfortunate incident that I'd like to share with you. Please brace yourselves for what I am about to say, because it could be rather disturbing - I had to fly Coach! I know, it's unthinkable, really, but there you have it. Some dizzy queen overbooked First, and I was bumped back (of course, I wasn't too upset, because porn star Michael Knight, the lovely Frank Grillo, and the equally adorable Wendy Moniz were all there with me). Since I know that most Gotcha! fans are of an affluent nature, I want to take this opportunity to tell you what I learned in Coach, lest this ever happen to you. Shockingly enough, they'll sell anyone a ticket back there! And I do mean "anyone" foreigners, people who don't bathe (I half expected to see former porn star Jeff Palmer). Anyone! I say, stop the insanity: Fly First or die!

How was your long weekend? Mine was kicked off with a call from CeCe Penniston's publicist — would I come to see the singer at a local LA club? Sure — as long as I could bring along my posse! That included porn pals Caesar, Kurt Young, Dino Phillips, Will Clark, Tony Donovan, and others. Although CeCe was absolutely AMAZING (and so is the new single, "Lifetime to Love"), the show almost didn't happen as planned. On the short trip from Phoenix to Los Angeles, America West somehow lost Penniston's luggage (I know - shocking)! Thanks to the help of some gay fans at the airline, the diva's clothes were delivered to her hotel at an ungodly hour, and the show went off without a hitch! Sadly, I went home hitch-less as well - but not before snapping a pic of CeCe between openly gay magician Adam Williams (www.MagicAdam.com) and his boyfriend, Phil Lobel (who happened to be the publicist in question). Thanks, guys!

And now, let's turn to the subject of Gotcha's semi-regular feature "Ross Rage". In her desperate attempt at a comeback, look for Diane Ross' next booking to take place at a rodeo! Yes, it's been announced that Miss Ross will perform at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on February 16 (and no, I'm not kidding). As luck would have it, Mary Wilson will be appearing in Crockett, TX at the Civic Center on the very same night. I'm sure that Mary will be able to smell the manure across the hundred miles separating her from her former singing partner (about the same distance between them as when she and Ross last shared a stage).

A favorite with gay audiences is returning to the stage - Jennifer Holliday. The former "Dreamgirl" just opened off-Broadway in "Downhearted Blues - The Life and Music of Bessie Smith," and the story of how this production came to be is about as interesting as Bessie's life itself. Seems that the Illyria Theatre in NYC was planning to present Edward Albee's play "The Death of Bessie Smith" at the Chelsea Playhouse (a lovely, but tiny, venue). The producers thought, "Wouldn't it be great to find a black singer who could actually sing Bessie's music throughout the show?" Jennifer Holliday read about the idea in a trade paper, contacted the Illyria, and all systems were go until Albee pulled the rights. Holliday (a huge Bessie Smith fan - there's a joke in there somewhere) had always wanted to do a onewoman show about Bessie and asked the producers how they'd feel about her writing a show and going ahead as scheduled. They said yes, and Jen wrote her first draft within a week! And people say writing a play is difficult! Holliday's show runs until January 28, so catch her while you can.

Elsewhere in NYC, look for Michael Jackson to host a panel discussion at Carnegie Hall (practice, practice, practice). First I had problems picturing Michael Jackson talking in public, let alone hosting a discussion. Then I was shocked to hear that the discussion will be about the "fine art of balancing romantic love, familiar love and professional dedication." I don't see anything about chimps and llamas listed there, but maybe bestiality will be covered as well. BTW, Jackson has announced that he will indeed record with his brothers on the upcoming "Jackson 5" reunion album, although he says that his participation will be limited to a few cuts on the album and not necessarily any public performances. But who knows — if this panel discussion thing works out, Michael could end up with a talk show. Maybe "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus, I'm From the Animal Planet"!

Fans of the musical "Jekyll & Hyde" (affectionately known as "Jekkies"), take heart — while the Broadway production has closed, it has left a tantalizing souvenir behind. In December, the Broadway Television Network filmed a performance of the show and has scheduled a broadcast for March 10. Although watching this payper-view event will cost you \$19.95, it's really a bargain when you realize that you will get to see David Hasselhoff attempt

to sing not one, but two roles - both Jekyll and Hyde — and laugh out loud in the privacy of your own home! For those of you who don't get BTN (and I don't know anyone who does), just be patient, since the fledging network plans to release the performance on video and DVD. Well, thank God for that!

Could it be that you too can date a porn superstar? Sure, why not? After all, porn stars need to date too. Case in point, Zak **Spears**. The retired hunk returned to blue films with "The Journey Back" from Men of Odyssey videos, and this flick is a great representation of Zak at work. But all porn and no play can lead to loneliness, and Zak is no exception. What do you do if you're a sex god, but need some mortal companionship? You do what so many others have done - advertise for a mate with a personals ad. Zak chose the placement of his ad with care. If you'd like a shot at Zak, head over to GayMuscle.org (of course). There you will find Zak looking for a non-smoking guy who takes good care of himself, works out regularly, is fun loving, and likes to laugh. Is that you? Then go to http://gaymuscle.org/prof/alaman.htm, and tell him Billy sent ya!

Could it be that there will be a reunion of one of Broadway's most revered casts in recent memory? Yes, there are plans in the works for a special one-night-only concert performance of "Dreamgirls"! Since the 20th anniversary of this smash hit is on December 21 of this year, an effort is being made to get together the entire cast for a performance and recording in Carnegie Hall. Jennifer Holliday recently said that she thinks that "it's a great idea" and she'd definitely want to participate. If this happens, it will most likely serve as a benefit for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, so keep your fingers crossed.

Could it be that one of our favorite sitcom stars is being just a bit indiscreet? Oh, sure, the show's pretty secure, even if his film career isn't. And sure, he's feeling better about his newly buffed body and the attention it's getting him with the ladies. But it's the attention of the men that he's looking for - and I mean LOTS of men. Although he had a female date with him, that didn't stop the foolish boy from some appalling behavior at a recent network function. A hot young male reporter was so disarmed by a blatant pass from the actor that it took him six days to pick up the pieces. Honey, there's a thin line between being friends and being too friendly.

When do three "Could it be" items and two stories involving Jennifer Holliday, then we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. While I'm known for spilling the beans about other celebrities, I have some



**CeCe Penniston** 



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news of my own - Billy is putting together a tour and is looking to come to a city near you. Yes, you can see Billy in the flesh during his one-man show, but since I haven't toured in a while, there are a few geographical gaps that I need filled. So, if you own a club, know of a club that normally books gay comics, or are involved in a gay pride festival, get in touch with me so that I can squeeze you in. Just drop a note to my e-mail address of Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Zak' and I go out on our first date. 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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German photograph Herbert List's 1933 photograph, "Jeunes Hommes Luttant" manages to be "timeless" and "evokes the spirit of ... play in a style that has been frequently copied by lesser artists" according to Phil Braham.

# Photography "Exposed"

Book Compiled by Phil Braham Celebrates History of Male Nudes

he perception of male nudity in art has always depended greatly on time and place, not only in painting but also in photography. For a time following photography's officially proclaimed birth in 1839, the male nudes have often been accepted

only if its stated aims were scientific.

By 1880, the rise of pictorialism led to more acceptance of the male nude and also any homosexual undertones, but he rise of modernism and "straight" photography in the 1920s led to its demise.

Accepted again with the advent of modernism and of post-World War I naturalist publications, it wasn't until the greater sexual freedom of the 1960s that the taboos surrounding male nudity began to break down. Since the 1980s, the naked male figure has become increasingly prevalent in

both art and commercial photography.

"Exposed" showcases the male form in an undeniably eye-catching and provocative way. Some of the photographers are known for their works in fashion, fine art, portraiture, still life commercial art, documentaries and erotica; some are rising stars in their fields, while others have been overlooked or forgotten.

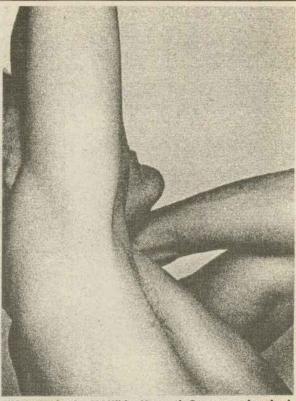
The 90 artists featured in "Exposed" include some internationally modern artists: Marc Baptiste, Tom Bianchi, Roy Blakey, David Hockney, Pierre et Gilles and many others.

Author Phil Braham gives a brief overview in the text for the artists and their contributions and significance in the evolution of male nude photography.

Braham also explains the featured photograph, giving its history and offering insight into its darkroom techniques, lighting, composition and use of color or black and white.

From Louis Greenfield's picture that captures the essence of dance and movement to Paul F. R. Hamilton's coy and romantic work to queercore creator's Bruce LaBruce's photograph that bridges the gap between pornography and art, "Exposed" celebrates the male nude, offers a wonderful trove of different styles of photography and comments on the times' social concerns and perceptions of masculinity.

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"GENESIS o6—MAN" by Kenneth Gregg was inspired by his personal loss due to HIV/AIDS. Braham believes the contorted limbs are an indication of inner disquiet and "the beauty of the image belies the frustration within."

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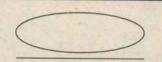
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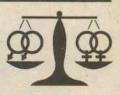


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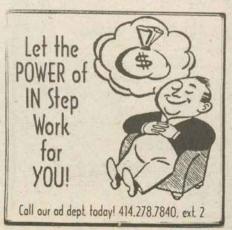
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#### Dear Ruthie-

I think I have been reading your column long enough to know how you are going to answer this question, but I thought I would write you

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The question should be obvious to you. He and his friends say I should trust him, and that nothing will happen between him and one of the hundreds of gay men on board. But I just can't help thinking about him cheating on me while he is on this cruise. My boyfriend and his friends are totally hot and will have no problem getting attention.

Part of me wants to ask him not to go, but I don't know how he'll take that. On the one hand, I think I have the right to ask him not to go, but on the other hand it is his vacation and he promises to be faithful. Throw me a life preserver.

Dingy

#### Dear Ding-

I can address your concerns with one word: Stowaway. That's right. Get aboard that ship if it's the last thing you do. I don't care if you have to disguise yourself as a midnight buffet, you get your rear on that aquatic bathhouse and tie a leash around your man.

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Am I being sarcastic? Of course I am. But I really can address your concerns with one word: Trust. You have no choice at this point but to trust the man. Your letter didn't indicate how long you've been together, but since he bought the tickets before he met you, I'm guessing it hasn't been that long. You should calmly tell him of your concerns, but you don't have the right to ask him to stay home. Let him go on this trip. Show him how supportive you are and how much you trust him. Wish him a bon voyage. Buy him a new swim suit even - one with a baggy seat that exposes nothing more than his ankles. Let him go and see if he remains true to his word.

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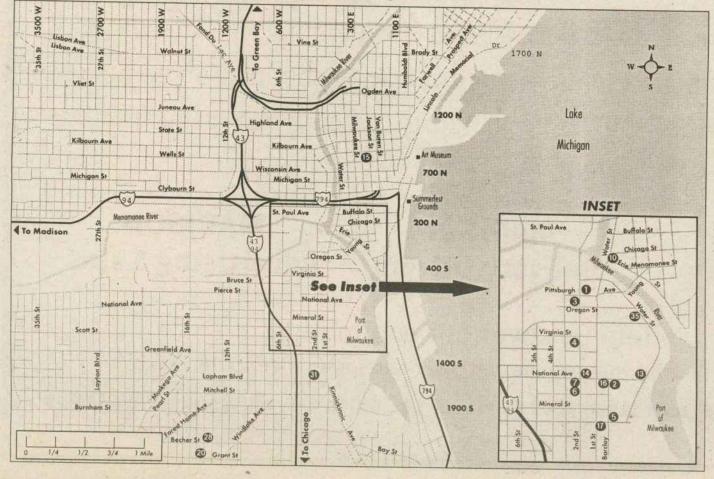
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5520 W. North Ave	8/5-8326

Adambomb Gallerie (tattoos, jewelry)

	524 S. 2nd St., 53204	276-BOMB
rs, 53130529-2129	AfterWords (G/L Bookstore & Espresso Bar)	
, Psychotherapy)276-7626	2710 N Murray, 53211	963-9089
onal training,	Avante Garde (Body Piercing, Tattoos)	3000
Counseling)276-8669	7219 W. Greenfield, Ave.,	607-4068
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ers 53130529-2800	2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202	
ces)	Clinton Street Antiques 1110 South First Street	20200000
224-8008	1110 South First Street	647-1773
rapist)	Changin' Times	
nstruction) 698-7678	932 E. Brady St., 53202	281-7473
n Schledorn, auto sales)	Constant Reader Bookshop	
800-648-6789	Constant Reader Bookshop 1627 E Irving Pl., 53202	291-0452
sales)	Designing Men & Womyn (t-shirts, jewelry, I	eather etc.)
Rd.	1200 S 1st St., 53204	389-1200
	Eclectic i (art/gifts)	
cell: 801-1356	411 E. Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217,	one neer
tes sales)	Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)	300-0003
	2201 E Capitoi Dr., 53211	073 1007
	Grava Gallery (framing)	703-1000
tion607-1180	1209 E. Brady St., 53202	277 0220
n	Mega Discount Nursey	277-0220
	1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154	573 /5/5
668-8860	Miss Groove (gifts)	3/1.0303
	1225 E. Brody St., 53202	200 0100
	Out of Solitude Jewelry	
nseling)	918 E. Brody St., 53202	222 2101
962-4413	Outpost Natural Foods	
	100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212	074.7700
536-8232	exchange@execpc.com	704-1107
wis	Popular News (adult books, videos)	
atosa, 53213	225 N. Water St., 53202	279.0727
	Rainbow Pets	2/0.0030
1	1928 N. Farwell Ave, 53202	270 0552
nev)	Rad Whaelharram Realishes	
	1214 E. Brody St., 53202	222 5041
53213	Park J Company 21, 33202	223-3941
ency)	Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse	/07.0/70
iits, Commitments)	6833 W. North Ave.	007-7072
	Rubin's	270 0100
sign (Advertising, PR)	224 E. Chicago St. 53202	2/6-8100
1, 53202	Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)	070 1710
-	1418 E. Brody St, 53202	- 111-6768
	Wishful Things (Antiques)	DIAMER
ftsi	207 E Buffalo, 53202	. : 464-9799
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# Midtowne Spa (Gay Health and Recreational Facility) CENTRAL (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Scholfield, 54476 (800	)) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	W. COLV. Ed. III.
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481	
(715) 592-6245, ex	ct. 5920200
Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)	
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	. 387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort	0.004.0007
	8-334-3987
http://www.edgeinn.com G&L Society/Wausau	.848-0608
UWSP 10% Society	.040'0000
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	
UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481	.346-4366
IDS Brotherhood (Gov Mormons)	
PO Box 152, Wausau, 54402	.848-0343
Oz (MW, DJ, V)	
320 Washington, Wausau 54401	.842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education	215 1500
	.345-6500
Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ (MGLO) c/a 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449	
Vic. (715) 387-2068 lim	1 384-4731
Prince Edward B&B	7.301.07.01
203 W 5th, Shawano 54166	526-2805
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous	
(ask for Gay meetings)	536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP	
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481	.346-4851

#### NORTH CENT. (715)

Gay/Lesbian Support Group	
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806	
Northern WI Lambda Society	
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family	, Friends of
Gays/Lesbions/Bi's	
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)	
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891	682-2890

.Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081	457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians	
Shirley: 458-2506Carolyn:467-0422	
Sheboygan Antiques	
336 Superior Avenue 53081	
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling C	ongregation)
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan	458-4889

#### RACINE/KENOSHA

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin 1212 57th St., Kenosho, 53140	657-6644
Clubhouse Filling Station (Mw) (800)	
6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140	.857-3744

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Club 94 (MW, DJ)	- 124
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C& I-94)	
Kenosha 53140	857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)	Strates horse
6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143	457-5447
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)	1037 2007
Hwy 20 Racine 53403	884.5111
JoDee's (MW, DJ)	
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403	K34.0804
What About Me? (WM)	
600 6th St. Racine 53403	422,0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)	
Gay/Lesbian Union of Rocine	
625 College, Racine 54303	1210150
UW-Parkside G/L Organization	F05 0011
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141	
PFLAG Kenosha/Racine (c/o St. Mary's Lutheran (	
2001 80th St., Kenosha 53143	658-3555
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union	170 5700
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190	472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B	02/8/22
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Proine	63-4421
Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)	
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168	843-4209

#### SOUTH CENT. )

AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS In P.O. Box 8486., Janesville 53545	
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast, 11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563	
Cothren House (B&B) Mineral Point	987-2612
CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W) W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551	

#### **NORTHWEST (715)**

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.arcw.org)
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701 836-7710
(800) 750-2437 AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.orcw.org)
1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880
(877) 242-0282
Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)
PO Box 264, Superior 54880
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)
PO 8ex 152. Weuseu 54402- 842-1377
Do-Ri-Chi (Sed & Breakfast)
33 E. Sproce St. Chippewa Falls
Eagle Cave B&B (ealrove@cannon.net)
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750
GLOBE (Compus LesBiGay group)
105 Garfield: 132 Davies Ctr. Eau Claire 54701
JP Creations (WEB Design)
The Trading Company (MW, DJ)
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701
The Main Club (MW DI)
1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880
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, Eou Claire, WI 54702-0011
Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702
Scooter's (MW)
411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703
Trie (Wm)
820 Tower, Superior, 54880
Twin Ports Pride
PO. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803
UW Stout 10% Society
c/o 153 C Harvey Hall. UW-S
Menomonee: 54751 UW Equ Claire
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)
22 West Spring Chingawa Falls \$4729 723-8490

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.prcw.prg)	
Grandview Center 1707 Main St. #420 (60	8) 785-9866
Lo Crosse, WI 54601 (80	
The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)	
PO 8ax 131, Platteville 53818	348-5596
e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu	
Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)	em a
114 N. 5th St., LoCrosse 54601	
Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat	735-4829
GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)	- 701 0700
3219 Commerce St., La Crosse, 54603	/81-2/83
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Box 131, Platteville, 53818	
My Place (#AW 1)	
3201 South Ave. LoCrosse 54601	788,9073
LaCrosse L/G Support Group	
c/o Campus Ministry Center	784-7400
Leaping La Crosse News	and the state of
Box 932, LaCrosse 54602	
	782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601	.782-9802
Under the Rainbow (Alternative Books)	
122 5th Ave 5, LaCrosse 54601	796-0383
Kainbow Kidge Farms Bed & Breakfast	
	783-8181
Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance)	00-484-8131
Code 4419, e-mail to pioneersswi@aol.com	
PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581 Players (MW DJ)	
214 Main Street., LoCrosse 54601	782,9779
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