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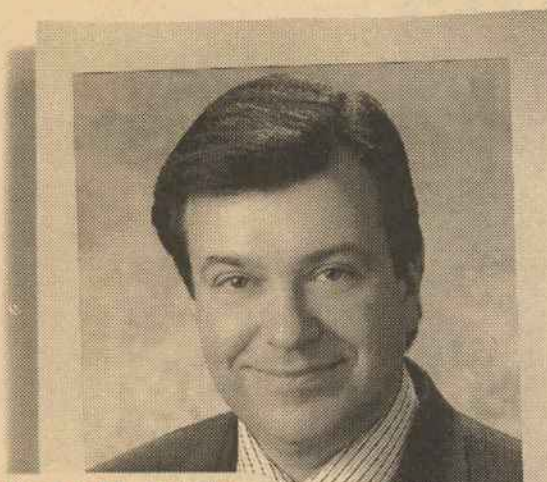
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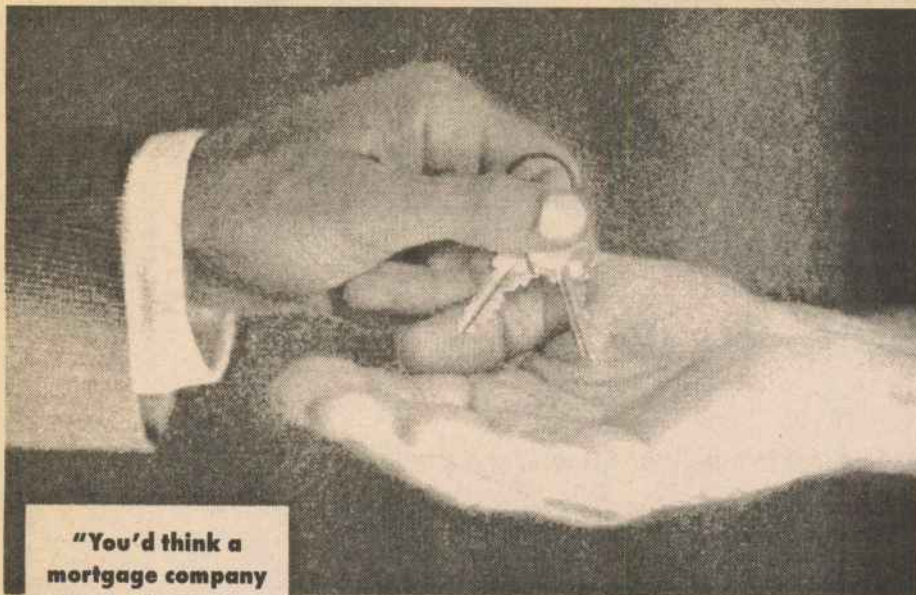


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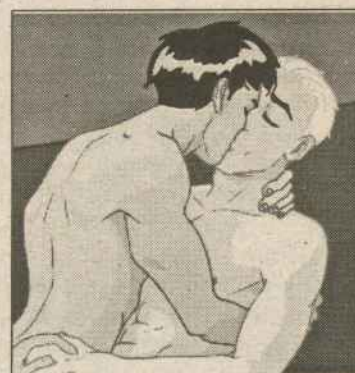
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Editorial

Take a Bow, Milwaukee

The much-anticipated Creating Change conference has now entered the history books, and it was a truly proud moment for Milwaukee's GLBT community.

By all accounts (including the one that's most important, conference director Sue Hyde), Milwaukee hosted one of the smoothest, most productive and well-run events in the conference's 14-year history.

Up to 370 volunteers — more than twice the usual number — worked hard to make the conference a success. More than 100 GLBT organizers and activists from throughout Wisconsin shared their wisdom and skills as leaders of workshops and institutes. Dozens of people opened their homes to offer community housing to out-of-towners. Volunteers staffed hospitality suites to welcome youth, seniors, people of color and lesbians.

Kudos go to the four tireless co-chairs of the host committee — Leonel Marchan, Beverly Jenkins, Stephanie Hume and Neil Albrecht — as well as all of the committee members. Sue Hyde expressed special gratitude to five Milwaukee organizations that played important roles in Creating Change's success: the LGBT Community Center, the Cream City Foundation, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, PrideFest and **Wisconsin IN Step**. As media sponsor of Creating Change, **IN Step** is proud of the role we played in promoting the conference. We hope readers will also enjoy our coverage of the event in this issue.

When NGLTF was first considering Milwaukee as a possible host city, there were some nay-sayers who felt the community couldn't pull it off. They worried that the organizing energy needed for Creating Change would detract from local concerns.

But from many different angles, it looks like Creating Change has only benefitted Milwaukee. It has introduced GLBT leaders from around the country to the dynamic activists and organizations that exist in the city. It has connected local activists to the movers and shakers in our national organizations. It has increased the profile of the local GLBT community in the mainstream and alternative media. It has mobilized hundreds of volunteers to become active, and it has energized many of those volunteers to continue their activism beyond Creating Change.

Take a bow, Milwaukee, and keep up the good work.

—William Attewell

"Creating Change" Plenaries Tackle Compelling Issues

By Jamakaya and John Quinlan

Milwaukee — Rousing speeches, earnest debates, grass-roots organizing, insightful workshops, non-stop networking, lots of partying, occasional randy humor, and even silly fundamentalist pickets were all a part of the mix at the 14th annual Creating Change Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Milwaukee Nov. 7-11.

This article focuses on the issues raised during the major plenary sessions. Additional coverage appears throughout this issue of *Wisconsin IN Step*.

Lorri Jean, executive director of the sponsoring organization, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, paid tribute to the Milwaukee host committee in her introductory remarks at the opening plenary session on Nov. 8.

"For the last year, we have really been fortunate and pleased to work with a very competent, enthusiastic and diverse cross-section of the GLBT community in Milwaukee. This has been one hell of a host committee."

On hand to take their bows and soak in the applause were host committee co-chairs Stephanie Hume, Leonel Marchan, Beverly Jenkins and Neil Albrecht.

Marchan said that hosting Creating Change was "symbolic of the many successes that Milwaukee's and Wisconsin's LGBT and allied communities" have recently achieved. He cited the establishment and expansion of the city's LGBT Center, the winning of domestic partner benefits for city workers, the United Way's adoption of a sexual orientation non-discrimination policy and increased financial investments by the city, county and local foundations in gay community programs and services.

"We take great pride in our local victories," said Marchan, beaming, "because each has required discipline, perseverance, organization and solidarity. Our victories, our successes, have created ripples through the vast social justice waters of Milwaukee, of Wisconsin and of this great nation."

"Even with these successes we cannot rest," added Bev Jenkins. "If we do not recognize the common threads between the LGBT movement and the broader social justice movement, and if we ignore racism, sexism, ageism and other marginalizations of people within our community by members of our community, and if we do not build coalitions and share resources to achieve true social justice, then we really have failed."

"In this room are some of the most brilliant, creative, impassioned and powerful people. I implore you to create change. Create change in your neighborhoods, in your states, in your communities, in your families, in your churches. I am convinced that we can create change. We will create change!"

Lorri Jean also sounded a theme that became pervasive throughout the conference: concern about the impact of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

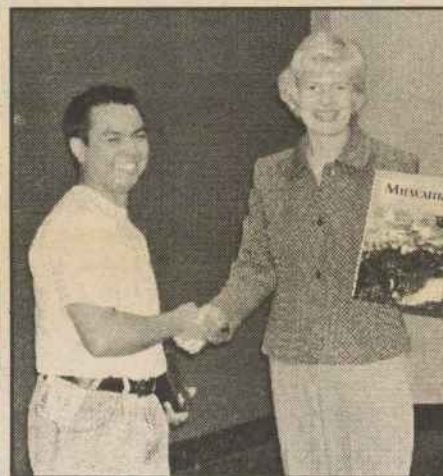
"I want to thank every single one of you for coming to Creating Change in spite of what happened on Sept. 11 and what's been happening since, in spite of the fear," she said. "We cannot allow the attacks to cripple our movement or to stop us from gathering. Our mission as a progressive people fighting for a multi-cultural world free from bigotry and discrimina-

tion is even more important today than it was two months ago."

In deference to the raw nerves wrought by terrorism and perhaps to the often contentious nature of the LGBT communities, Jean made this heartfelt request: "My plea is that we all be gentle with each other at this conference, that we do everything we can this year to make this a nurturing and safe and caring environment even when we disagree. We must take care of each other."

Cheryl Chase, founder of the Intersex Society of North America, then gave a consciousness-raising speech about the struggles of intersex people, individuals who are born with "different or unexpected sex anatomy." About one child in every 2,000 births has such "queer genitals, and about five kids are operated on every day in the U.S.," according to Chase.

"Intersexuality is just beginning to come to the fore as a human rights concern," she said. "That's because part of the medical treatment for it is shame, secrecy and



Leonel Marchan welcomes Rep. Tammy Baldwin to Creating Change. Photo: William Attewell

silence. No one must know. We must all, in our sexual orientation, in our gender identity and even our genitals be perfectly normal, perfectly binary and perfectly fit for heterosexuality. Well, some of us aren't perfectly binary, and some of us are, but some of us who are, don't want to be. It's time to start talking about intersexuality as a queer, feminist and transgender concern."

"We need your help, and I'll tell you why. Homophobia motivates the medical abuse of babies born with queer looking bodies. These little kids can't speak for themselves. They can't go to support groups, they can't talk to the media.

They're the most fragile and vulnerable group oppressed by homophobia and genderism... The point that we have in common between intersex and transgenders is consent. Surgeries aren't wrong; forcing it on people who can't choose is wrong. We need you to take this on with us as a human rights issue."

Rev. Penny Nixon, senior pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, spoke about the current nation-



Lorri Jean at Creating Change. Photo: William Attewell

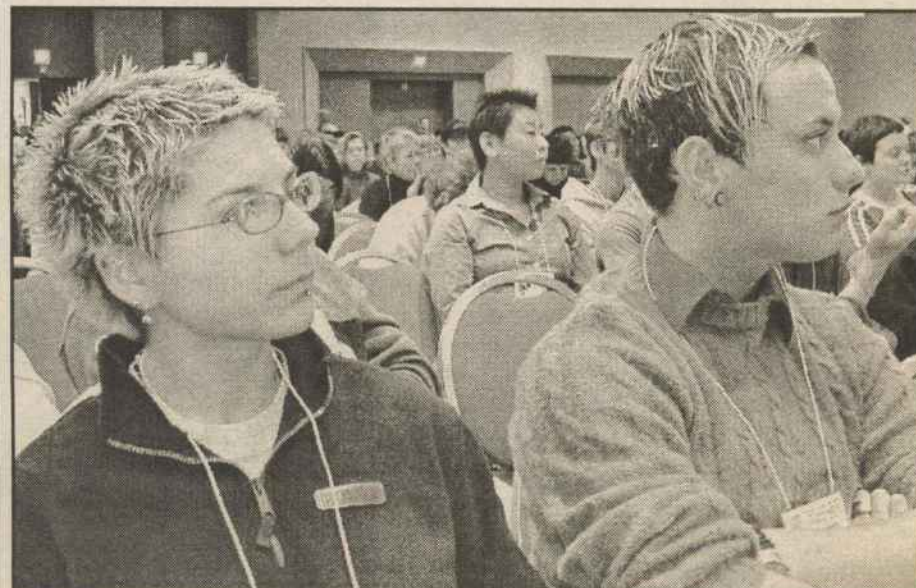
al climate and how the LGBT communities should respond to Sept. 11.

"We've heard stories of lost loved ones, brothers and sisters, parents, children, co-workers, friends. But if there was one mention of somebody's partner on a major network that first couple of weeks, then I missed it. We were invisible along with the homeless people who were killed, along with the undocumented workers whose companies wouldn't even give their names out. The only time 'gay' was mentioned that first week was by Jerry Falwell, saying that we had helped it happen, that we were the cause."

"As queer people we will always be both insiders and outsiders in this country. And in these times, especially, it's important to remember who we are. We have a particular perspective, and we may be a lone, dissenting voice like Barbara Lee [Congresswoman who cast the only vote against giving President Bush war powers], then let it be so. Dissent is a form of loyalty. And as queer people perhaps we understand that justice does not always equal retaliation."

"Who gets to define terrorism? It is true that we are in a state of terror, but let us acknowledge that many people in our country and in the world have lived in terror for a long, long time. the terror of poverty, the terror of racial profiling, the terror of homo-hatred and gender-hatred, the terror of living without health care, without access to drugs, the terror of scapegoating, and the terror of globalization."

"It is said that this is a war about religion. I tend to disagree. This is a war about fundamentalisms. There are many kinds of fundamentalism, and unexamined nationalism is a form of fundamentalism. Any time and every time in history when God has been equated with a race or



Lori Young and Derrek Williams of Superior take in the Saturday morning plenary at Creating Change. Photo: William Attewell



Richard Goldstein, executive editor of the Village Voice address the Creating Change Conference. Photo: William Attewell

a gender or a country, only oppression and injustice have resulted."

"If we want peace, we must be peace. If we want harmony, if we want equality and liberation, if those are our ends, then we must live by those means. If not us, who?"

Friday's plenary featured a keynote by U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, the first woman to join Wisconsin's Congressional delegation and the first open lesbian to be elected to Congress.

Rep. Baldwin began by regaling the audience with a press release issued by the Concerned Women for America about the allegedly subversive nature of the Creating Change conference.

She went on to emphasize her belief that "what we do in the streets is as important as what we do in the statehouse — changing minds and attitudes is equally important as changing laws."

"The tactics and strategies that are successful for winning in our movement are the same today as they were in 1969 at the birth of our movement, and that is: coming out. By coming out, we transform reality and reality for others. I know so many people who long for a world, a neighborhood, a family, a workplace, in which they can express themselves publicly."

"If you dream of a world where you can speak of your partner at work, simply start talking about your partner and you will live in such a world. If you dream of a world where you can hold your lover's hand in public, then hold your lover's hand and you will live in such a world. And if you dream of a community in which you can be out and run for office, then come out and run for office. Because there will not be a magic day when you wake up and it's sud-

denly okay to do things publicly — we make that day!"

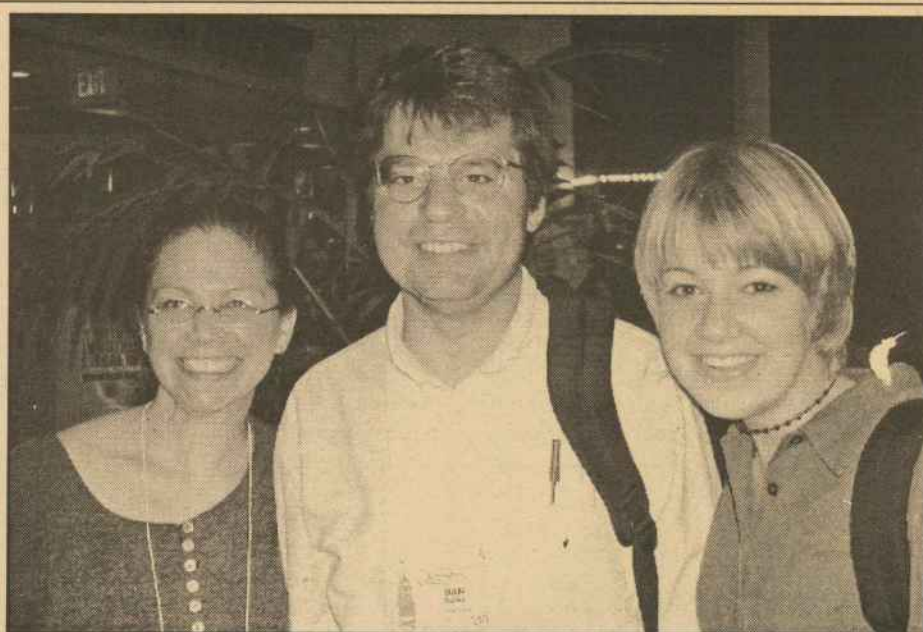
The Saturday plenary featured more comments by Lorri Jean and then a compelling panel discussion on "Terrorism, War, and Democracy: What Does It Mean For LGBT People?"

Pakistani-born Surina Kahn, executive director of the International Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Commission, said that a visiting friend quickly helped her to put events into perspective in the early hours of Sept. 11th. The friend was visiting from the south Asian country of Sri Lanka, where more than 65,000 people have died in a decade of civil strife. Kahn briefly considered telling her employees to remain home that day, but her friend thought otherwise. "Closing an office because of an explosion in another part of the country — that's silly. Don't even think it, there's important work to do," the friend told her.

Kahn noted the understandable uproar from the LGBT community in response to photos of an Afghanistan-bound U.S. bomb scrawled with the message, "Highjack this, Fags." However, she argued that the protest by the LGBT community should have been louder against the bomb itself. "We must push ourselves to address our own nationalism, push our movement into a world paradigm," she stated, to loud cheers of support.

Robert Raben, who served as Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs under Janet Reno, said that opposition to an unjust war should not diminish the LGBT community's support for gays and lesbians in the armed services. He noted that many choose to serve because of issues around class and race. Invoking history, he also noted that for better or for worse, war has often been a time for advancing the civil rights of oppressed people, because it shows that they, too, are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Richard Goldstein, executive editor of the Village Voice, said that the current crisis brings into even sharper focus the need for LGBT progressives to counter the voices of the gay right in the media. These voices argue for civil equality, but not equal opportunity, and feel no kinship with larger social justice movements. "The extent of Andrew Sullivan's civil rights consciousness is seek-



Madison's Rylah Lilith, Dan Ross and Sol Kelly-Jones were among many notable attendees at Creating Change. Photo: William Attewell

ing the right to pass along his assets," he observed about the conservative gay writer.

"War brings about a rising up of a masculinist perspective," Goldstein argued, which is the anti-thesis of an LGBT ethic where masculine and feminine values exist together, and where alternatives to conflict and militarism can thrive. Even liberal publications like the New York Times and his own Village Voice have showcased right wing voices far out of proportion to their representation in what is largely a progressive LGBT rights movement. That's why it's more important than ever that progressive LGBT activists speak out, he added.

Illustrating how life has changed since Sept. 11 for Islamic-Americans, Faisal Alam began by explaining his fears as he prepared to speak at Creating Change, a place where he'd normally feel quite comfortable. The 24-year-old director of the Al-Fatiha Foundation (an international group for LGBT Muslims) spoke with pride about how his was among the first organizations to condemn the Sept. 11th attacks. He noted the personal importance of his faith in his life, and the long history of Islam as a religion of peace.

Alam spoke of his own family's entry into the U.S., of how deeply moved his father was upon passing into New York Harbor

past the Statue of Liberty. But he lamented the current climate of fear in which Arab-Americans and South Asian people face widespread violence and harassment, and where hundreds are being detained without a semblance of their civil liberties. He moved many in the audience to tears as he waved his father's American passport in the air, and declared that "this means nothing now!"

While condemning the attacks of Sept. 11th, Alam said that "as Americans, we clearly must examine our complicity in how we got to where we are at this time." He spoke appreciatively of the support that many at Creating Change had offered him personally, but also made it clear that never in his life had he felt so personally vulnerable in giving a speech. His remarks met with a standing ovation.

Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, spoke at the closing session on Sunday. He, too, addressed the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, especially the new infringements on civil liberties. And he tried to enlist the support of the LGBT community in opposition to the increasing curtailment of civil rights. His thoughtful remarks are featured at length in a related story.

Creating Change Quips

Create Change!

"I implore you to create change. Create change in your neighborhoods, in your state, in your communities, in your families, in your churches. I am convinced that we can create change. We will create change. Welcome to Milwaukee"

—Creating Change host committee co-chair Beverly Jenkins.

Let's Party!

"For reasons that aren't quite clear, doctors are really afraid of big clits. Angela Moreno, one of the stars of 'Hermaphrodites Speak' is here, and she says: 'I don't know what the big deal is over an inch and a half of sensitive flesh that just wants to party.'"

—Cheryl Chase, executive director of the Intersex Society of North America.

Awesome

"Intersex people are not born with two sets of genitals or both kinds of genitals. That doesn't happen. It

would be great if it did. We could have awesome fund-raisers for the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom."

—Cheryl Chase, Intersex Society of North America.

Perverse Homosexuals

"Sandy Rios, President of Concerned Women for America today called on Rep. Tammy Baldwin to pull out of a homosexual conference in Milwaukee, featuring such seminars as Drag 101 and a discussion that will include a look at the laws regulating intergenerational sex (pedophilia)."

—press release faxed to all members of Congress on Nov. 8.

Back at Ya!

"When I hear 'intergenerational sex,' I think of Strom Thurmond."

—Rep. Tammy Baldwin responds.

Disasters R Us

"Lorri moved to San Francisco to take a job that perfectly qualifies her to be the executive director of NGLTF. You

know what that job was? Disaster management ... I'm joking, I'm joking."

—Urvashi Vaid introducing Lorri Jean at Creating Change.

Cream City

"I hope everyone has a great time tonight. Remember, Wisconsin has no sodomy law at all. [cheers] Now you know why Milwaukee is called the Cream City."

—Sue Hyde, Creating Change Director, bidding participants a pleasant goodnight.

No Shopping — Darn!

"Has equality for LGBT people become irrelevant in the aftermath of Sept. 11? Absolutely not! The answer is not, as Bush has suggested, to go shopping — although, many people in our community do have particular skills in that regard ... Instead, by coming to Creating Change, all of you are setting an example for what our communities must do. We must heighten our efforts to build a world that embraces and celebrates human diversity, a world where religion and

politics, church and state stay separate. A world where this nation's promise of freedom and justice for all becomes a reality."

—Lorri Jean.

One Way Ticket

"Sol Kelly-Jones, you're going to Hell!"

—"Pastor" Ralph Ovadal of Wisconsin Christians United (WCU) attempting to terrorize the straight-identified Madison teen activist as she entered the Hyatt-Regency hotel for the Creating Change conference.

"Osama bin Ovadal"

—Conference attendee in the Hyatt-Regency lobby referring Ovadal.

Making Out My Will

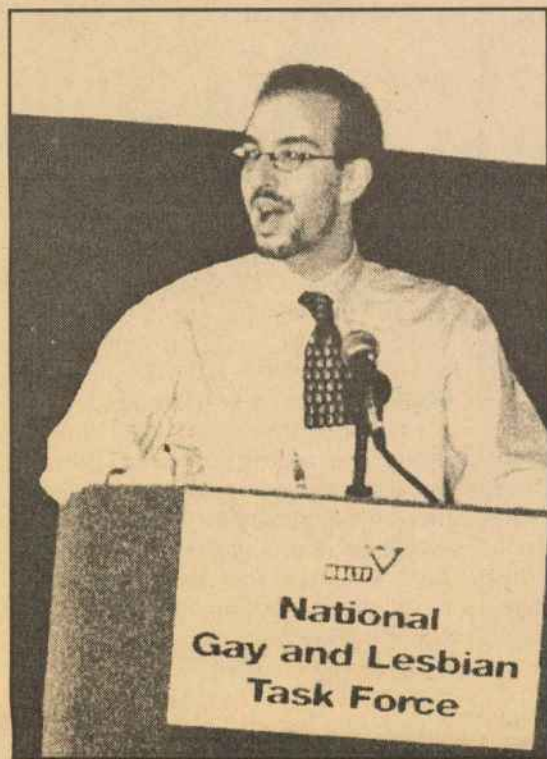
"A lot of people of color look at the (gay marriage) movement as being nothing more than a bunch of rich white boys trying to secure their inheritance rights."

—African-American conference attendee during Creating Change workshop "Marriage in Action: Essential Steps Toward the Freedom to Marry."

ACLU Director Romero Addresses Crisis in Civil Liberties

The keynote speaker at the Creating Change Sunday Brunch on Nov. 11 was Anthony D. Romero, newly appointed Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. Romero, the son of Puerto Rican immigrants, is an openly gay man and only the sixth direc-

tor in the 81-year history of the ACLU. In his keynote, Romero addressed the increasing attacks on civil liberties in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He detailed the alarming provisions of the new anti-terrorist legislation just signed by President Bush, and urged conference participants to let their voices be heard. Wisconsin IN Step is proud to publish the bulk of his comments here.



Anthony Romeo addresses Creating Change. Photo: Jamakaya

The unthinkable happened two months ago today. Reminders of the Sept. 11 tragedy and the current crisis are everywhere. In my native New York City, the markers are many and constant. You've all seen the pictures of the altered skyline, the dust and the smoke that still rises around lower Manhattan, the rubble ... the thousands of fliers of the missing people ... And then there are the American flags ...

In many respects, the flag is the one symbol that's risen from the ash of the terrorist bombing. Showing it has become an act of

defiance, an assertion of American values and American freedoms that will withstand any attack. In addition to pride and defiance, there have been enormous acts of courage by firemen and firewomen, by police officers, by emergency service personnel, and the acts of kindness and generosity of Americans all across this country ...

There's also been some good news in some of the public statements by many, though not all, of our nation's officials, to urge Americans to respect the rights of others, and warn that attacks against Arabs and Muslims will not stand. Although that is exactly what our nation's leaders should be saying, we know from our history that that has not always been the case — that in times of national emergency, government officials have targeted particular groups for outright harassment or discrimination ...

This brings me to the current debate over the appropriate balance between liberty and security in a time of national crisis. After weeks of negotiation, the US Patriot Act, an act that gives new definition to the word "misnomer," was signed into law by your President Bush ... This law is an enormous infringement on our basic lives and liberties. The new law gives government expanded powers to invade our privacy, to imprison people without meaningful due process, and to punish dissent. The ACLU has been at the forefront of those arguing that this is no time for Congress to be pushing through new laws that would seriously diminish our liberties and our freedoms. The US is facing a serious threat to its security, but that threat is also directed to our democratic values, to our freedoms, to our diversity and to our equality.

ANTI-TERRORISM LAW

There are many provisions in this 200-page legislation that simply do not meet the basic test of maximizing our security and preserving our civil liberties. I am going to outline just four provisions that are among the most offensive.

First, the overly broad definition of the word "terrorist." In the law, the definition is so broad and so ambiguous that it could easily be used against legitimate forms of peaceful protest. In fact, organized groups of peace demonstrators, of ACT UP activists, of WTO protesters, could possibly be

charged as terrorists under this provision.

Second, the indefinite detention of immigrants based on the Attorney General's certification that these individuals pose a threat to the national security... Even with the existence of meaningful judicial review, we have no safeguard against abuse and the detention of immigrants for unlimited periods of time. The LGBT community knows quite well the horror of what it means to be arrested or detained because of who we are. Now, we see it happening to immigrants and to our Arab brothers and sisters across the country.

Third, expanded wiretapping authority. The new legislation minimizes the judicial review of law enforcement wiretap authority. Why is that important? Because it would give cops the equivalent of a blank check. This new authority could tap the conversations of people at a very low level of review, and it doesn't have to be limited to someone who's suspected of terrorism. The new law also extends much lower standards to the Internet. The new law allows the government to peek into our private conversations while we're on the net, to reveal personal and private information such as what sites we visit, who we're talking to, the subject of our e-mails ...

Fourth, the use of "sneak and peek" searches. This one really gets me going. Under this segment of the legislation, law enforcement officials can enter your home, your office, your private bedroom, take pictures of your personal effects, download information off of your computer, and not tell you that they are doing so until after the fact. This delayed notice provision undercuts the basic spirit of the Fourth Amendment and the need to provide individuals with notice when the government invades our privacy. If this new law reminds you a bit of what happened in Georgia in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, it should.

In enacting new laws, we must tread cautiously and also stand by our principles as a nation. American history teaches us that we have tended to move in the wrong direction in times of national emergency. In fact, I draw three lessons from our history.

LESSONS OF HISTORY

One, that the conscription of opinion often goes hand-in-hand with the conscription of soldiers. We saw this in the First and Second World Wars, where the First Amendment and freedom of information were conscripted in service of the war. Sadly, we're finding similar efforts to conscript public opinion and the First Amendment in the war against terrorism. ACLU offices all across this country have received complaints of efforts to limit free speech, dissent, and protest. At colleges and universities, we are hearing of efforts to squelch academic freedom and to shut down protests by students ... The free exchange of ideas, open debate, people protesting, demonstrations — all of this becomes much more important in periods of national crisis.

The second lesson: that national crises tend to encourage gross violations of due process. Across this country right after

World War I you had riots and anarchy breaking out in many of our nation's cities ... What happened after those riots was one of the worst violations of civil liberties in American history. During raids, law enforcement officials swooped down on suspected "radicals" in 33 cities, arresting 6,000 individuals, most of them immigrants. The raids involved wholesale abuses of the law, arrests without a warrant, unreasonable searches and seizures, wanton destruction of personal property, police brutality, prolonged detention, no access to family members ... Does this sound familiar? ...

The third lesson: that our nation's leaders will often exploit popular fear of foreigners during a crisis period ... The most dramatic example of allowing national crisis to fuel the fires of xenophobia was in World War II, when the government evacuated more than 120,000 Japanese Americans, took them from their homes, and placed them in camps. In March of 1942, the ACLU protested that effort. Unfortunately, we lost that battle in '42, but the government eventually acknowledged its wrongdoing and in 1989 paid restitution to the individuals who were at those camps and their families.

The attack of Sept. 11 not only targeted our personal lives and our property, it was also an attack on the freedom and equality that are the hallmarks of our democracy. Terror by its very nature is intended not only to destroy but to intimidate a people, forcing them to take action that is not in our best interests. That's why defending liberty and freedom during a time of national crisis is the ultimate act of defiance, it is the ultimate act of patriotism. For if we are intimidated to the point of restricting our freedom, the terrorists will have won. We have to take action, but we must do so with thought and concern for our core values.

SO WHAT DO WE DO?

First, we have to keep the pressure on other social justice, civil liberties and civil rights issues. We do not have the luxury of putting our other concerns and our rights on the back burner. We cannot allow the LGBT rights agenda to be subverted in the hysteria and fear of Sept. 11.

Second, we need to urge our fellow Americans to think carefully and clearly about the trade-off between national security and individual freedom, and to remind our fellow Americans that many will seek to restrict freedom for ideological and other reasons that have little to do with safety.

Third, we need to stay informed and involved in the current debate on civil liberties and the new legislation. We have to let our elected officials know that we're watching. We have to remain vigilant, not just in Washington, but in state capitals across the country that are implementing new anti-terrorism legislation.

Fourth, we have to demand that government take the necessary steps to prevent bigoted and unwarranted attacks on our fellow citizens of Arab dissent and members of religious minorities like Muslims and Sikhs. They are our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, not the enemy ...

The late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall said: "This is a country that stands tallest in troubled times, a country that clings to fundamental principles, cherishes its constitutional heritage, and rejects simple solutions that compromise the values that arise from a democratic system."

So my brothers and sisters, the next time you see a flag on a building, on a door, on a lapel, think of Justice Marshall's words and remember that history will surely judge our patriotism not by the flag we wave but by our steadfast commitment to the principles of liberty and freedom that are the heart and soul of that flag.

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Salvation Army Flip Flops on DP Benefits

San Francisco — Equal rights activists expressed great disappointment in the Salvation Army for rescinding a decision to extend health benefits to the domestic partners of its employees in a regional division.

The turnabout came as a result of a pressure campaign by anti-gay organizations, that forced the group to backtrack on a policy that only weeks ago it called "a decision made on the basis of moral and ethical reasoning."

"We are dismayed that the Salvation Army's national leaders stepped back in time and usurped the strong leadership of a local division to include and support all families," said Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "We urge the organization to return to basing its policies on 'moral and ethical reasoning' instead of what appeases anti-gay political pressure groups. If this decision stands, the Salvation Army will have unambiguously identified itself as an anti-gay organization."

On November 12, after a weeklong barrage of lobbying from anti-gay groups, the Salvation Army's national leadership, led by Commissioner Lawrence R. Moretz, instituted a new policy that stripped regional divisions of the authority to make decisions on expanding health benefits. The new directive rescinded the group's Nov. 1 decision allowing its Western Corporation to provide health benefits to the domestic partners of its employees. A terse statement by Moretz indicated the Salvation Army's intent to renege on this policy and hurt families, according to HRC.

"The Commissioners' Conference established a national policy to extend health benefit access to an employee's spouse and dependent children only," Moretz said in the statement. "I assure you, again, that the Salvation Army has not changed its position on marriage and the family, homosexuality or other position statements, nor have we changed any of our basic doctrines or moral positions."

In rescinding the policy and establishing a national policy on health care benefit access to spouses and dependent children only, we must stand united in the battle that will undoubtedly follow from those who would now challenge our biblical and traditional position," Moretz continued. "We will not sign any government contract or any other funding contracts that contain domestic partner benefit requirements."

Birch said the Salvation Army's decision "will surely disap-

point millions of Americans who want the group to be a unifying force in this country that helps all American families, instead of a narrowly focused group that caters to the whims of the extreme right wing."

"The Salvation Army can't have it both ways," she said. "We urge it to remain relevant by embracing the full diversity of America instead of regressing and discriminating against certain families."

In a statement earlier this month announcing the policy to extend employee benefits to domestic partners, the Salvation Army said changes in the American family dictated a change in policy.

"This decision reflects our concern for the health of our employees and those closest to them, and is made on the basis of strong ethical and moral reasoning that reflects the dramatic changes in family structure in recent years," said Col. Phillip D. Needham, chief secretary for the Army's Western Corporation, headquartered in Long Beach, Calif.

The announcement made the Western Corporation the first Salvation Army division to make such policy modifications. The short-lived change brought the group in line with much of corporate America and would have brought the Salvation Army into compliance with San Francisco's Equal Benefits Ordinance. The number of employers that offer domestic partner benefits has increased by more than 50 percent since August 1999 -- from 2,856 to 4,337 today. And the number of Fortune 500 companies offering domestic partner benefits has more than doubled in the past three years, from 61 in 1998 to 151 today.

In July, a controversy erupted after The Washington Post reported on a leaked Salvation Army memo. The memo said that in exchange for the group's support on the Bush administration's faith-based initiative, the administration had made a "firm commitment" to shield religious charities that receive federal funds from city and statewide ordinances that protect gays and lesbians from discrimination.

Under intense pressure from civil rights groups and members of Congress who were outraged by the reported deal, the White House retreated and announced it was no longer pursuing the discriminatory regulation championed by the Salvation Army.

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

Cops to Defend Outing Threat That Led to Suicide

ALLENTOWN, PA — A young man's suicide may come back to haunt the police officer who drove him over the edge.

In early November, Madonna Sterling, the mother of the dead teenager, began trial in her civil suit against the town of Minersville and three officers. Four years ago last spring, her son Marcus Wayman, an 18-year-old football player, was charged with drinking and taken down to the station with a friend. There, officer Scott Willinsky questioned the two about their sexual orientation, lectured them about the Bible, and threatened to tell Wayman's step-grandfather, the family patriarch, that he was gay.

After the boys were released, Marcus Wayman told his friend he was going to commit suicide rather than face the shame of this kind of publicity. At his home in the dawn hours of the following day, he shot himself.

A motion on Sterling's suit has already been heard by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which ruled last year that the Constitutional right to privacy includes the right to control whether or not to go public with your sexual orientation.

"It is difficult to imagine a more private matter than one's sexuality," wrote the panel, "and a less likely probability that the government would have a legitimate interest in its disclosure."

According to the Allentown Morning Call, early testimony in the suit described the life and character of the dead boy, who may or may not have been gay.

His "true" sexual orientation is less of an issue than his relationship with his stepgrandfather, described as a "strict disciplinarian with conservative values," who has since died. According to the Morning Call, Madonna Sterling led off the testimony, collapsing in tears and obliging the court to declare a recess.

Rocky Mountain High for Denver Ts

DENVER — On Nov. 5, the Denver City Council voted 11-1 to add "gender identity" to the city law protecting people against discrimination in housing, jobs and public accommodation.

Denver is part of a growing trend in protecting transpeople either by statute, or by interpreting existing statutory language to include gender presentation.

In California, for example, this year's trans-protection bill was dropped by the legislature after the governor and other legal experts agreed that current laws covering people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender combine to outlaw trans-discrimination as well, and will be interpreted in that fashion in the future. Courts and commissions in Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts have recently come to the same conclusion.

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Founder to Speak at Angels of Hope Anniversary

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) founder Troy Perry will deliver the main sermon as part of Angels of Hope MCC's 15th anniversary observance here December 2.

Rev. Perry will deliver his celebratory message at both the 11 a.m. service in Green Bay and at the 7 p.m. service at church's Appleton extension, located at 815 Richmond St. Fellowship dinners will be served following the services.

Because of its Appleton and Green Bay worship sites, the Angels of Hope MCC is the largest of UFMCC congregation in the

gious vocation in Florida at the age of 13 and his licensing as a Baptist minister two years later.

Following the personal discovery, self-acceptance and disclosure of his sexual orientation, Rev. Perry endured both divorce and estrangement from his wife and children. He lost his ministerial license and attempted suicide.

After rediscovering his vocation and ministry, Perry founded the UFMCC in 1969, initially holding services held in the living room in his Los Angeles home. The denomination has grown to over 40,000 members in 300 congregations in 16 countries.

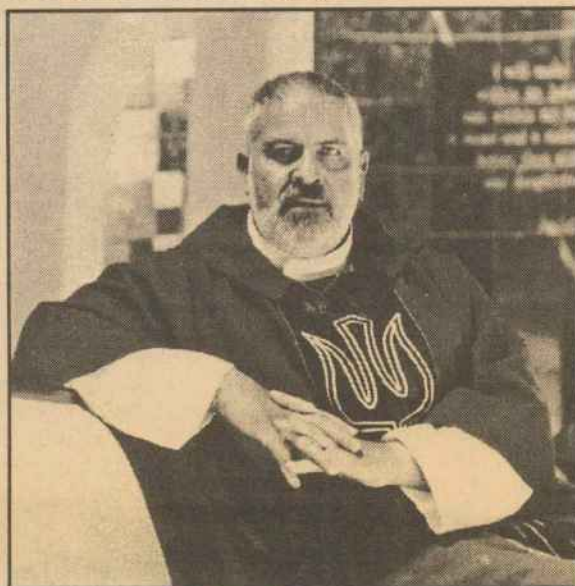
Rev. Perry's ministry and activism have taken many turns during the past 30 years. He has held positions on a number of boards of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered organizations. Perry most recently was a key force behind the Millennium March on Washington in 2000.

Rev. Perry has been invited to the White House on four occasions. In 1977 President Jimmy Carter initially invited him for an in-depth discussion on gay rights.

Perry returned three times during the Clinton administration: first as a participant in the initial White House Conference on AIDS in 1993. Perry returned twice in 1997 as a participant in the White House Conference on Hate Crimes and as an honoree at a White House

breakfast with President honoring 100 national spiritual leaders in the USA.

For more information about the UFMCC, visit the denomination's website at www.ufmcc.com.



Rev. Troy Perry

state. The church began as an outreach of Chicago's Good Shepherd MCC parish. The dozen or so founding members met initially in the back room of what is now the Green Bay office of ARCW.

After several years of conducting services in a number of other rented locations, the church moved to Green Bay's east side in August, 1995, shortly after the arrival of current pastor Ken Hull. The church purchased its present building at 3607 Libal Street in 1997 and has made significant renovations to the site.

As a part of the UFMCC, Angels of Hope has a primary outreach to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. The church welcomes all who wish to celebrate the inclusiveness of the Christian message.

Founder Perry's autobiography, "The Lord is My Shepherd and Knows I'm Gay", recounts the initial realization of his reli-

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State Briefs

Lesbian Community Health Project Presents "My Left Breast"

Milwaukee — "With startling honesty and immediacy, Newfoundland filmmaker Gerry Rogers began filming her ordeal with breast cancer the moment her hair started falling out from chemotherapy." So reads the opening sentence of Academy Award-winning director, Terre Nash's review of this extraordinary film.

If you missed the Milwaukee screening of "My Left Breast" at the UWM Gay and Lesbian Film Festival in October, you won't want to miss it this time around. Sponsored by the Lesbian Community Health Project (formerly the Lesbian Cancer Project), the film will be shown on Thursday, November 6, 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center at 315 W. Court St.

"You won't watch this film, you will experience it — and you will never see the world quite the same way again," says Terre Nash.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Kathy Herbst at (414) 271-2656.

Funky Dance Party Set for Nov. 17

Milwaukee — Everyone is invited to a Funky Fund-raiser Dance Party on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315

W. Court St. A \$7 to \$20 donation is requested, with funds going to support the work of the planning committee for the 2002 BECAUSE Conference of bisexual activists. The conference is scheduled to take place in Milwaukee next May 17-19.

For more information on the dance or the conference, call Tina at (414) 453-0855.

Harvest Ball at UW Memorial Union Nov. 16

Madison — The Ten Percent Society presents its annual Harvest Ball for LGBTs and their friends on Friday, Nov. 16 from 8 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, 600 Langdon St. in Madison.

Admission is \$3. There will be a DJ and cash bar. The Ball is open to anyone over the age of 18 with a college ID, Wisconsin Union members, TPS members, or anyone with a guest pass (which is obtainable from the Ten Percent Society. For more information, call (608) 262-7365.

Volunteers Needed at The Milwaukee LGBTCenter

Milwaukee — Looking for a way to get involved and make a contribution to the LGBT community? Check out the volunteer opportunities at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

Join the Volunteer Committee and

become part of this dedicated group of people who assist with volunteer recruitment and organize the Center's annual volunteer recognition event. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, December 10 at 6pm. Stop in to learn more about the work done by this important committee.

Or, consider becoming a front desk volunteer — one of the helpful, friendly people who ensure that the Center is open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Front desk volunteering is a great way to meet new people and to experience the diversity of LGBT organizations in Milwaukee. In addition, these volunteers provide callers with referrals to everything from LGBT-friendly physicians to social/recreational activities. Front desk volunteers are asked to commit to covering one 4-hour shift a month (more if you can!).

You can get involved with the Volunteer Committee or become a Front Desk Volunteer by calling Kathy Herbst at (414) 271-2656.

New GLSEN in S.E. Wisconsin to Meet

Milwaukee — The new southeastern Wisconsin chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. at the UW-Milwaukee Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., in Room E280.

GLSEN brings together teachers, parents, and community members who are working to end anti-gay bias in K-12 schools. Everyone one interested in this goals is welcome to attend.

For more information, call (414) 333-1034, or email: glsen_sew@hotmail.com.

Tickets on Sale Now for Pre-New Year's Gala

Milwaukee — M&J Productions is hosting a pre-New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance Gala on Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Holiday Inn Milwaukee City Centre, 611 W. Wisconsin Ave.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a cash bar cocktail hour. A buffet style dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. A DJ will provide many of the musical hits of the '70s, '80s and '90s. The event is open to all members of the LGBT community, their families and friends.

Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Dec. 7. For tickets and more information, call (414) 873-7573.

Women Only Packer Party Planned For December 9

Milwaukee — Mark your calendars for the first annual "Women-Only Packer Party" to be held at the LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. On December 9, the Packers play the Chicago Bears with kick-off at noon.

Admission is \$15 and includes beer and chili. There'll be raffles and fun for everyone (including a surprise half-time show you won't want to miss), so bring your friends.

All proceeds will be used to support the Young Women's Empowerment Conference to be held in the Spring of 2002. For more information about the party or the young women's conference, call Kathy Herbst at (414) 271-2656.

Lesbian Named Homecoming Queen

UNION CITY, Calif. — A 17-year-old lesbian at Sweetwater High School was named the school's homecoming queen Friday, Nov. 2, during the annual homecoming football game, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported.

Jennifer Jay, sporting a crewcut dyed red on the left and black on the right and with piercings on her lip, tongue and eyebrow, was the only homecoming queen candidate during a pre-election assembly to appear in a tuxedo vest and black slacks, according to the Union-Tribune.

During the assembly, she shouted "I love you" to her girlfriend Roseana Peyron and danced to music by Green Day that she had selected. Jay, who has been openly gay since her sophomore year, was up against a student government commissioner, two cheerleaders and a leader in a school human relations club. Her mother, Annie Jay, said she worried at first that the nomination might have been a mockery.

After claiming the tiara, Jay said, "I felt like I won the lottery for a second — without the money."

Study: HIV+ People Delay Telling Casual Sex Partners

NEW ORLEANS — A study by researchers at Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine shows that most HIV-positive people delay telling their sex partners and family that they are infected with HIV until their disease has progressed, with casual sex partners the least likely to be told early on, Reuters Health reports.

In interviews with 269 adults attending HIV clinics in New Orleans, the researchers found that after an average of nearly three years since diagnosis, 75% of patients had told their main sex partners about their HIV status but that only one quarter had informed casual sex partners.

The researchers say the low rate of disclosure might be a reflection of the successes many people are having with HIV antiretroviral cocktails, leading some people to believe that because they look and feel healthy, they are less likely to transmit the virus.

Sodomy Law to High Court

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Supreme Court will enter the fight over Arkansas' 24-year-old sodomy law. The court has been asked to decide whether legal activity for non-gays should be illegal for gay people.

The New York-based Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, representing seven gay Arkansans, filed papers in early November, responding to state efforts to keep the law alive.

Arkansas law, the group said, "singles out gay men and lesbians for criminal condemnation for engaging in the very same conduct freely permitted heterosexuals."

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Representatives from gay and lesbian community centers gathered at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center for a Creating Change workshop. Photo: William Attewell

Creating Change Workshops Tackle Diverse Issues

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Milwaukee — First-time conferees who might have thought that LGBT rights were limited to hate crimes, employment discrimination and domestic partnership learned differently after moving from the plenary sessions to the workshops and caucuses at the 14th annual Creating Change conference here.

The nearly 200 sessions offered information and dialogue on more than thirty different topics ranging from aging and ageism to GenderQueer youth. Sessions on faith and spirituality outnumbered those on gay marriage by five to one.

Ballyhooed by religious right groups as

indicative of the "gay agenda," the sole session on intergenerational sexual issues served to provide attendees with legal and ethical warnings about the practice rather than its promotion. The workshop, along with one entitled "Drag 101" were cited in a press release sent to members of Congress by Beverly LaHaye's anti-gay group Concerned Women of America (CWA).

The faxed CWA "action alert" encouraged House representatives to dissuade Rep. Tammy Baldwin from speaking at the conference. Baldwin read it verbatim as part of her remarks.

Several sessions addressed responding effectively to such right-wing attacks. Stacy Roth and Lee Bladgett of the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies used a one-week old press release by the Family Research Council to demonstrate how that anti-gay group spins information in their aptly-titled session "Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics: Skills to fight Back".

Many of the sessions offered organizing basics such as power-sharing, networking, coalition-building and fund-raising for fledgling activists. Other workshops dealt with collateral social justice issues such as racism, sexism, ageism and able-ism. Political strategizing and election forecasts were other heavily scheduled topics.

Caucuses offered by a variety of groups partnering with the conference committee populated the breaks between workshop sessions for those preferred to use their mouths for talking rather than meal-taking. Topics ranged from marriage alternatives to acceptance of people of size.

The large array of workshop and caucus sessions overflowed the Hyatt-Regency facilities capacity necessitating the use of the adjacent Midwest Express Conference Center for nearly one third of the sessions. As a result conferees not only exercised their brain cells but leg muscles as well.

GLSEN's Jennings Stirs Green Bay Students

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — Over seventy area students, educators and community members packed the board of education meeting room at the school district's Broadway administrative offices November 5 to hear Kevin Jennings, Executive Director of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN), detail the latest findings on how LGBT students experience high school.

Though some recent statistics demonstrated a number positive changes over the last half decade, Jennings ninety-minute presentation concluded that gay youth continue to be the disproportionate targets of verbal and physical assault during the school day. LGBT high schoolers also continue to engage in serious suicide attempts that require medical follow-up at nearly seven times the rate of their straight counterparts.

Jennings reiterated the need for schools to address the "three P's" of policy, programming and practice to transform their campus environments from hostile to accepting of LGBT youth. He concluded his remarks by showing a video of the GLSEN-produced public service announcement featuring Judy Shepard that addresses hate speech in schools. The 30-second spot has been aired heavily on the MTV cable television network over the

last year and a half.

Jennings was introduced following opening remarks by Sarah Marjenka of the GLBT Youth Partnership, a gay youth group in the Fox Cities. A recent graduate of Appleton North high school, Marjenka described how the teen group and the gay straight alliance at her school helped to create a more supportive learning environment not only for LGBT youth but other minorities as well.

The meeting concluded with a brainstorming session facilitated by the lead organizers of the new Green Bay chapter of GLSEN, Anne Tobias-Becker and Dana Kuehl. Although several self-styled conservatives questioned the need for such a youth group, the overall tenor of the session produced a core agenda for the fledgling chapter.

Tobias-Becker pronounced the meeting a success. "We more than doubled the number of area people interested in making the Green Bay chapter a reality," she said. According to Tobias-Becker a follow-up organizational meeting will be scheduled in late November or the first part of December.

Individuals interested in becoming involved in the Green Bay chapter may contact Tobias-Becker at 920-448-2196 or ATOBIAS@greenbay.k12.wi.us.

11th Annual You Make A Difference Day

Madison — AIDS Network is having their 11th Annual "You Make A Difference Day" fund-raiser on November 17.

This year the agency has 25 new businesses participating for a total of 109 businesses, which is the highest business participation since the fund-raiser began 11 years ago. The public is strongly encouraged to patronize businesses that display the "Fight AIDS Shop Here" poster in their front window to help support the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Each business will either donate a fixed amount or 10% from the total sales of the day. The businesses include various restaurants, bars, shops and stores. The proceeds will be used to support AIDS Network's Emergency Financial Aid program that assists clients with food, medical, housing, transportation and energy assistance.

"I needed to get a medication that would reverse the appetite suppressant effects that my HIV medication caused. The AIDS Drug Reimbursement Program won't reimburse you for other medications and being unemployed at the time; I had no way of paying the \$20 co-pay for the medications. With the help of my caseworker and using the Emergency Financial Assistance program provided by AIDS Network, I was able to get a check the same day of my request and start my medication right away," said R.G.B. an AIDS Network client (who does not want his real name revealed).

The majority of AIDS Network's clients are living near or below the federal poverty level. The stresses associated with living with low incomes and with HIV/AIDS are immense. It is not uncommon for our clients to have difficulty locating adequate housing, paying utility bills, buying sufficient food for themselves and their families, and getting to important medical and other appointments.

"The Emergency Financial Assistance program allows us as Case Managers the ability to provide services to our clients so that they can focus on their HIV health and well-being, while not having the worry of other life stressors, empowering them to concentrate on their health and protecting themselves," said Craig Adamski, Case Manager, AIDS Network.

AIDS Network provides emergency financial and voucher assistance to their clients, as well as people living with HIV who are not registered clients. With this assistance, people living with HIV are significantly less likely to become homeless, go hungry, be without important medications or miss medical appointments. Emergency Financial Assistance, therefore, provides a critical safety net for people living with HIV/AIDS. While donor participation has primarily been in Madison, this year's list includes new businesses in Spring Green and Rock County. For a listing of business donors, click the link on our Web site at www.aidsnetwork.org or call our office at (608) 252-6540.



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Health News

\$1.5 Million Grant To Enhance ARCW's Drug Treatment, Outreach

Milwaukee — With HIV infection refusing to abate among injection drug users (IDUs), Milwaukee Congressman Tom Barrett announced that the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has been awarded a five-year federal grant totaling over \$1.5 million for treatment, outreach and follow-up services targeted at chronic, hard-core IDUs and their partners in the Milwaukee area.

"Injection drug users are at the epicenter of HIV infection in Milwaukee and across America," said ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson. "This grant will enhance a prevention effort that will serve

health care will be provided to 300 injection drug users.

The grant will add 5 new staff - 2 new outreach workers to provide HIV prevention and drug treatment education, a new drug treatment counselor, a registered nurse to extend health care to IDUs and a case manager to assist IDUs in successfully maintaining drug treatment regimens.

"The SAMHSA grant means Milwaukee will have an expanded, culturally competent prevention and treatment program for IDUs that is linked closely with our needle exchange program," Nelson said. "It's as aggressive an HIV prevention program as you'll find in America."

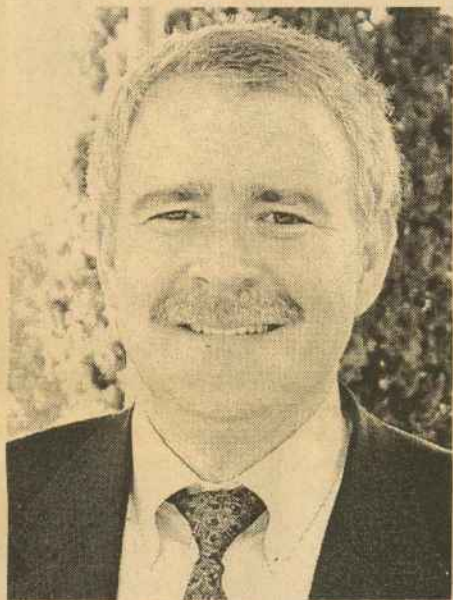
Contrary to Milwaukee's image as a big city that is free of many big-city problems, injection drug use remains at troubling levels in the area, resulting in a substantial HIV risk. In 1999, Milwaukee ranked 26th nationally in drug-related deaths. More than half of Wisconsin's 7,242 reported HIV infections are among Milwaukeeans, with more than a quarter of those infections traced to injection drug use. African Americans and Hispanics account for nearly 7 out of 10 HIV infections among injection drug users.

Those numbers correspond with last year's sudden and frightening reversal of the downward HIV and AIDS trends Wisconsin experienced during the 1990s. In the year 2000, HIV infections rose 4 percent, AIDS cases rose 10 percent, and AIDS deaths rose 11 percent in Wisconsin.

ARCW's services targeted at injection drug users are already making a difference. Each year, ARCW reaches about 60 percent of Milwaukee's estimated 6,000 injection drug users. Those IDUs receive clean needles through ARCW's Lifepoint needle exchange program condoms, risk-reduction counseling, HIV and Hepatitis C counseling and testing, and substance abuse assessment, treatment and referral.

However, an estimated 2,400 injection drug users in Milwaukee are still beyond the reach of HIV prevention and related drug treatment efforts.

"Reaching sixty percent of Milwaukee's injection drug users is an accomplishment that is great, but at the same time, not great enough," Nelson said.



Rep. Tom Barrett

as a national prototype for this highest-risk population."

"In order to curb the tide of rising HIV infections in Wisconsin, we must address the consequences of intravenous drug use, and provide people with the support they need to break the addiction," Barrett said. "I am pleased this grant will enable the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin to expand their important work in our community."

Under the grant from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), ARCW will provide one-on-one HIV intervention to an additional 1,000 minority IDUs in the Milwaukee area. Substance abuse treatment will be extended to an additional 100 persons; an additional 50 persons will receive case management to aid in accessing food, medical care, employment, mental health services, and housing; and

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Reality Check

Creating Change: The Salad Bar of Ideas

By Mike Fitzpatrick

I am conferenced-out. I started this column during the few hours I had between the end of the 14th annual NGLTF Creating Change conference held in Milwaukee November 7-11 and day-job related case management conference in Madison.

I'm now finishing the piece in the late hours of Tuesday night with both my parrots clinging to my shoulders as I type. So much for the boss' Friday deadlines.

I hope this "quality time" will remedy the birds' separation anxiety. They scream incessantly every time I pull out the suitcase now. Honey sticks and millet sprays - the avian versions of alcohol and cigarettes - no longer medicate their fears. I also hope the warm, moist feeling running down my back at the moment is TJ and Byron's special way at getting back at me for deserting them for so many days in the past week, not a critical comment concerning this column.

BS notwithstanding (whether it be bovine, birdie or verbal), Creating Change was a terrific time. It also happened at the wrong time. The conference prevented me from completing the focusing mental massage I typically do prior to polishing off a new column. Its hard to get that needed "alone time" among a throng of 2100 fascinating folk.

The conference truly was a salad bar of both individuals and ideas. This column

If Hitler really had been gay...



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Fifteen years later, we do know better but the blood ban remains. How many of the freedoms recently curtailed by the USA Patriotism bill will remain so, once terrorism is tamed?

Longtime activist Don Kao's moving acceptance speech following the announcement of his winning an NGLTF Community Service award touched on both the aftermath

Caucasian crowd about how some were quibbling about the specifically created people of color-only spaces at Creating Change.

The tone and delivery of the young man's remarks and reminded me of Queer Nation activists confronting startled straights a decade ago. That "in your face" rhetoric caught attention initially then but quickly lost favor.

Those maturing activists recognized such divisive declamation and delivery lost more potential allies than it gained. By the by, it seems to be a lesson still lost of our own Marc Poca who seems to think that grandstanding is more effective than coalition building when it comes to securing domestic partnership benefits for state employees.

However, the great irony of the attendees' remarks is that the whole people of color-only space flap is a redux of white America's racist Jim Crow laws and policies. Rosa Parks may have refused to leave the white-only space on the bus back in 1958 but it wasn't until other activists, many of them white and gay, joined the fray that mainstream America moved to a majority capable of passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Yet subsequent generations of progressive Caucasian Americans have felt the "white guilt" about those laws. I think that those who push for the creation and strict enforcement people of color-only spaces would want to visit similar guilt on their progeny.

Besides, it is corporate culture which remains the leading force behind the continued economic and social oppression of the brown people of the world. And today's progressive allies, many of them again white and gay, have joined the fight against that culture.

The young man's misdirected attack brings me to my last observation about the missing tomato Creating Change's salad bar of ideas. Where was the chance to create dialogue with the Gay Right?

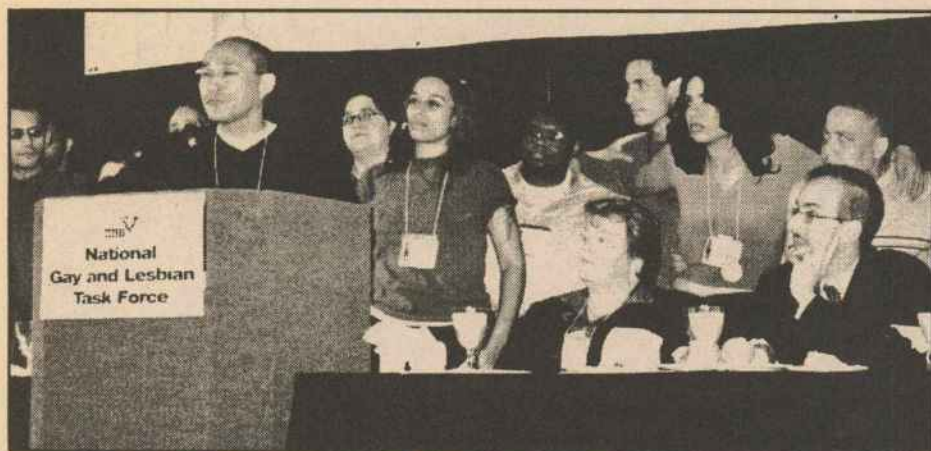
I heard the hisses and boos several times throughout the conference's plenary sessions when Log Cabin Republicans were mentioned. I also heard from local LCR-types that if they had been invited to either participate or set up a booth in the vendor area, they weren't aware of it.

While bisexuals and gender queers of

all stripes may quibble about their lack of inclusion on the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force banner, their presence both in the numbers in attendance and on the dais as speakers and workshop presenters was legion. However, the only amplified announcement of support for anything conservative came in a single ad hoc remark made by Leadership on AIDS program director Miguel Lopez as he accepted his NGLTF Community Service Award even as he donated his \$10,000 prize back to the organization. He was booed.

Why is the concept of a coordinated, bipartisan approach to obtaining equal rights for LGBT people so out of the progressive "mainstream"? In fact, such an effort might just create the critical mass to win even more of straight middle America to our side. The center is where true strength and power lies.

Just as a salad doesn't seem as tasty without those tomatoes, adding conservative considerations to our strategic mix will both enrich and further empower our movement. The pall of September 11 that was cast over the 14th Creating Change caused us to realize that it is extremism which creates terror and that we are all interconnected. Bringing the responsible elements of the Gay Right into the dialogue at the 15th annual event could lead to the genuine creation of change advertised in the conference's title.



Community Service Award-winner Don Kao addresses a plenary session with the support of the People of Color contingent. Photo: Jamakaya

will be similar: a mix of tossed musings about the long weekend, even if the tight time line forces me to miss a tomato or two.

One theme reverberated through out the four days of the official event: the aftermath of September 11. Every plenary presenter and just about every workshop facilitator touched on the terrorist attacks at some point in their sessions. The queer community, who some psychologists say live their entire lives in a kind of post-traumatic stress, appears to have been especially hurt by this tragedy.

San Francisco's Reverend Penny Nixon offered eloquent analogies. Our community, which lives both within and separate from the mainstream felt both included and excluded by the event. We wanted to help by giving blood, she intoned, but couldn't.

What Reverend Nixon failed to recognize in her analogy was an additional direct parallel between the recent terror emergence of Osama bin Laden and the early '80s emergence of the AIDS virus. The donation ban was created to secure the blood supply from a then unknown infectious enemy. We had no better way.

theme and a second theme which ran through the conference: the growing awareness that the LGBT civil rights movement is intricately a part of and must connect itself to the larger social justice movement. His extemporaneous commentary nearly stole the show from the prepared closing address by newly-selected ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero.

Kao paralleled LGBT discrimination with that of people of color and challenged attendees to realize that as they address their own internalized homophobia, they must also work on their internalized racism and class-ism. It is an insight which bears repeating often. The LGBT community has for so long focused on the navel of its own civil rights struggle, it has forgotten that all member communities of the human family were born with a navel too.

Kao's remarks at the close the conference stood in stark contrast to comments made by another Asian American conference-goer during the speak out on how the LGBT rights movement can become stronger. The attendee berated the largely

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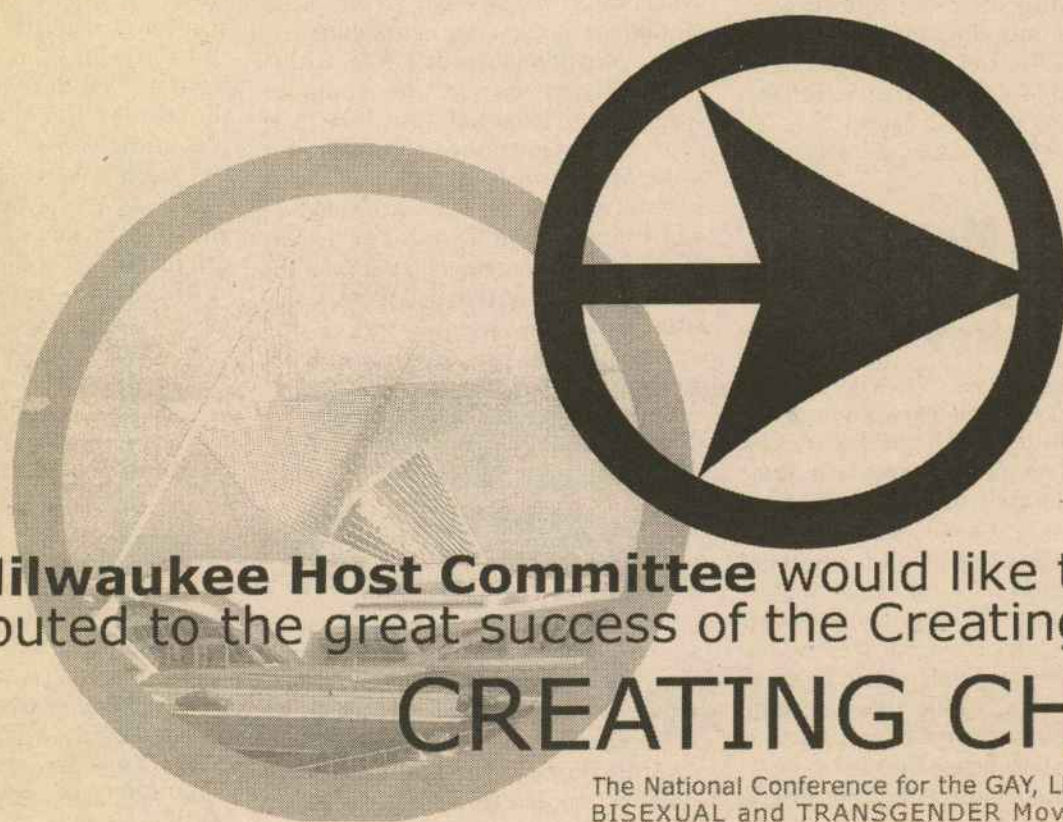
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Paula Scrofano in "Hello Dolly!"

Skylight Offers a Favorite: "Hello Dolly!"

Milwaukee — The Skylight Opera Theatre continues its season with a production of the musical favorite "Hello Dolly!" Jerry Herman's feel-good musical opens on Nov. 23 and runs through Dec. 23 in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway.

Based on Thornton Wilder's play "The Matchmaker," "Hello Dolly!" tells the story of Dolly Gallagher Levi, an irrepressible matchmaker who is hired to arrange a marriage for the wealthy Horace Vandergelder. Dolly, however, has other plans for Horace. An exuberant testimony to the joy of living, the 10-time Tony Award-winning musical is filled with exhilarating songs like "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "Before the Parade Passes By" and, of course, "Hello Dolly!"

The Skylight production features Chicago's reigning musical theatre couple, Paula Scrofano and John Reeger, as Dolly and Horace. They are both winners of Jeff Awards (Chicago's version of the Tonys), and Scrofano has also received three Sara Siddons Society Leading Ladies Awards. Marc Robin, one of Chicago's most acclaimed musical theatre directors directs, and the Skylight's artistic director, Richard Carsey, conducts.

Tickets range from \$12-49. For tickets and show times, call (414) 291-7800.

Foothold Presents "Rhyme & Reason"

Milwaukee — Foothold Dance Performance will present its fall concert, "Rhyme and Reason," featuring two premieres, "Book Score" and "Giving Rise," Nov. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. at the Pitman Theater of Alverno College, S. 39th and W. Morgan Ave.

With sets and costumes by Dara Larson and an original sound score by composer Josh Schmidt, "Book Score" is an inventive and humorous dance that celebrates books as keys to the imagination. It includes an eerie dream sequence in which dancers costumed in book masks and book skirts perform a court dance. Foothold artistic directors Tom Thoreson and Diane VanDerhei have also choreographed a fairytale and several compelling book dance vignettes.

Originally presented in March 2001 as duet, "Giving Rise" is an ensemble work for seven dancers. This piece celebrates virtuosic performance and the complexities of partnering; and features a beautiful solo about memory and loss danced by VanDerhei.

Also featured will be Foothold's "Stone Soup." This group work is based on Yvonne Rainer's 1966 post-modern classic "Trio A." Created in collaboration with Cate Deicher and with the permission of Rainer, "Stone Soup" stretches this seminal work through variation and counterpoint to produce an original and provocative work.

Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 for students/seniors and available at by calling (414) 382-6044. For additional information, e-mail: foothld@earthlink.net.

"Almost a Man" at Madison's Broom Street Theater

Madison — Life was wonderful. But one day Richard couldn't get it up and suddenly everything got very weird. Broom Street Theater presents "Almost a Man (It's a Little Hard)," an original comedy about impotence, erections, and the lust for life, written and directed by Joel Gersmann, Broom Street Artistic Director. The show runs Fridays-Sundays through Dec. 16 at

Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St.

With "Almost a Man, Gersmann's 86th original play at Broom Street, the theater lightens up and brightens a difficult subject. This is the second part of a four part series of plays about peculiar medical problems. The first part "Breathless," a play about asthma, appeared at Broom Street in 1999. Gersmann spent two years researching and writing "Almost a Man." For years male erectile sexual dysfunction was only discussed in hidden dark corners of the medical profession. But with Bob Dole selling Viagra on television in ads that show revitalized men running in slow motion by the ocean with their new puppy, erectile dysfunction has come out of the closet and into the daylight of reasonable discussion.

The cast includes Broom Street regulars John Gustafson, Mark Gapen, Scott Feiner, Bob Moccero, Christian Felland, John Harmon, and Sarah Barasch.

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

Present Music Thanksgiving Concert Nov. 18

Milwaukee — Present Music, Milwaukee's acclaimed new music group, will celebrate its annual Thanksgiving tradition with two performances at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knapp St., on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 and 7 p.m..

The Thanksgiving program is featuring the second of six Present Music commissions this year, Chinese composer Qu Xiaosong's "Ji #4 Kou." The piece will be performed by seven players and a vocalist. "Kou" means "knock, ask and thanks" in ancient Chinese and intones words of "Thanks" in the Chinese language.

The concert will also be highlighted by highly dramatic performances by the Milwaukee Bucks Native American Drumming Group, doing opening and closing songs and the traditional Round Dance. Other works on the program include Ben Johnston's "String Quartet #4 Amazing Grace" and Schnittke's Sonata No. 1 for Cello and Piano." Karen Beaumont will present two solo French organ works, Messiaen's "Celestial

Banquet" and Jehan Alain's "Litanies," both of which were written in the pre-World War II era.

Tickets are \$24 and 14. Student tickets are half price. For more information, call Present Music at (414) 271-0711.

Wisconsin Artists Biennial in Manitowoc

Manitowoc — The Wisconsin Artists Biennial, a statewide art exhibition, opens at the Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc on Sunday, Nov. 18. The exhibit includes over 100 high quality works of art by over 80 Wisconsin artists, including various painting mediums and a variety of sculptures.

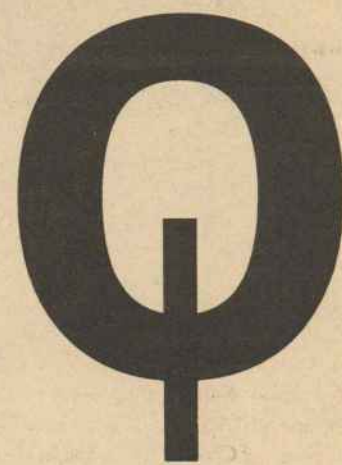
A reception starts at 1 p.m. with a panel discussion on the topic of "Regionalism, Dead and Alive." The three panelists are James Auer, art critic of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel; Tom Lidke, Director of the West Bend Art Museum; and Tom Flanagan, Director of the Art Gallery of UW-Whitewater. Awards for the exhibitors will be presented immediately after the panel discussion.

The art works were chosen from about 400 entries from around the state. The entire show will move to the Anderson Art Center in Kenosha in January of 2002. For more information, call (414) 357-6822.

"House of Yes" at Bialystock & Bloom

Milwaukee — The Bialystock & Bloom Co. is currently performing Wendy MacLeod's funny and unnerving play "The House of Yes" at the Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. The show runs through Nov. 25.

A hurricane rages throughout "The House of Yes," but the real force of nature unleashed in this wicked play is the lethal mix of personalities in the Pascal home. Marty Pascal brings home his new fiancé, Lesly, causing a severe threat to the family's well-being. Lesly is everything the Pascals are not: warm, honest and caring. To prevent the union from taking place, Mrs. Pascal, Jackie-O and Anthony do everything to tear Marty and Lesly apart. Sexual intrigue, game playing and lies fuel the



fires of all the Pascals to wards a shocking conclusion.

B&B Artistic Director Jonathan West directs "The House of Yes." The cast includes Jodi Jean Amble as Lesly, Sarah Behrendt as Mrs. Pascal, Alicia Bercovici as Jackie-O Pascal, Michaelangelo Mataresse as Anthony Pascal and Stephan Roselin as Marty Pascal.

For show times and tickets, call (414) 278-0765.

B&B will also present — for one night only — David Sedaris's "The Santaland Diaries" on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. For more information on "Santaland Diaries," call (414) 382-7400.

"Ancestral Voices" at Chamber Theatre

Milwaukee — Chamber Theatre opens its Studio Series with A.R. Gurney's tender and poetic play, "Ancestral Voices: A Family Story," Nov. 23 Dec. 16 in the Studio Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway.

Written in the tradition of "Love Letters," Gurney gives true meaning to "theatre of the mind" as the actors vividly recall a time long ago. Fissures in a wealthy family are exposed when Grandmother abandons Grandfather for a new husband and a new life. This moving story set in wartime New York in the 1940's is told through the eyes of their grandson who goes to extraordinary lengths to reunite the two people he loves.

The New York Post said of "Ancestral Voices": "This lovely play unites the microcosm of family to the macrocosm of America at war... This is a magical play, not a mere exercise in uncritical nostalgia, but a nuanced reminiscence full of time and change and loss and suffering — as well as joy."

"Ancestral Voices" boasts an all-star cast featuring Ruth Schudson as the Grandmother, Dan Mooney as the Grandfather, Deb Clifton and John Kishline as the boy's parents and David Daniel as the headstrong grandson. The Studio Theater Series provides the ultimate in intimate theatre. Exciting, dynamic, personal, and small, the non-traditional 96-seat "black box" theater offers the audience member a chance to be fully engaged by the action taking place right before their eyes.

For show times and tickets, call (414) 291-7800, or visit www.chamber-theatre.com.

THEATRE:

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"Ancestral Voices" (Milw.): Chamber Theatre presents A.R. Gurney's poetic play about a family in wartime New York in the 1940s, Nov. 23-Dec. 16, Studio Theatre in the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Chesapeake" (Milw.): Lee Blessing's offbeat comedy about an artist's revenge on a conservative senator, produced by Renaissance Theaterworks, thru Nov. 4, Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-0765.

"A Christmas Carol" (Milw.): The Milwaukee Rep's annual production of Charles Dickens' holiday classic, opens Nov. 24, runs thru Dec. 30, Pabst Theatre, 144 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Don Giovanni" (Madison): The Madison Opera does Mozart! Two performances only, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m., Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Theatre of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 266-9055.

Foothold Dance Performance (Milw.): Fall concert "Rhyme and Reason" featuring the premieres of "Book Score" and "Giving Rise," Nov. 16-17, Alverno College Pitmen Theater, S. 39th St. and Morgan Ave. FMI: (414) 382-6044.

George Winston (Madison): The revered pianist and pioneer of the "New Age" sound in concert, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., Oscar Mayer Theatre of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 266-9055.

"Hello Dolly!" (Milw.): "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" to see the Skylight Opera's fresh production of Jerry Herman's beloved musical, Nov. 23-Dec. 23, Cabot Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"The House of Yes" (Milw.): Bialystock & Bloom "no kidding!" present Wendy MacLeod's wicked play about a lethal family, the conniving Pascals, thru Nov. 25, Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-0765.

Lesbian Variety Show (Madison): Kissing Girls' annual show, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Out of towners can charge their tickets by calling (608) 241-8633.

"The Magic Fire" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep production of Lillian Groag's memory play about a vibrant family in 1950s Argentina beset by outside events, runs thru Nov. 18, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

Moscow Boys Choir (Madison): The acclaimed Russian troupe in a special holiday concert, "Christmas Around the World," Nov. 24, 8 p.m., Oscar Mayer Theatre of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 266-9055.

"My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra" (Milw.): Musical revue featuring the songs that made the Chairman of the Board the Chairman of the Board, thru Jan. 6, Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

Present Music (Milw.): Thanksgiving concert featuring the premiere of Qu Xiaosong's "Ji #4 KOU," Nov. 18, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., St. Paul's Cathedral, 914 E. Knapp St. FMI: (414) 271-0711.

"Spinning Into Butter" (Madison): Madison Rep production of a drama about racism on a college campus, thru Nov. 18, Isthmus Playhouse, Civil Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 266-9055.

"Tosca" (Milw.): Puccini's classic of grand opera performed by the Florentine Opera Company in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St., Nov. 16 and 18. FMI: (414) 291-5700, ext. 24.

"The Trojan Women" (Madison): Euripides' tale of tragedy and survival among the defeated women of Troy, Nov. 14-18, Hemsley Theatre, Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. FMI: (608) 262-1500.

"Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy" (Milw.): Three show biz vets barred from their profession talk and kvetch over old times, extended thru Jan. 6, Vogel Hall, Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

BOOKS:

Thursday, November 15

Lesbian Book Club (Madison): This month's discussion is on "The Dyke and the Dybbuk" by Ellen Galford, 6 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson St.

FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Michael Craft and Mark Zubro (Milw.): Enjoy a night of mystery with Craft, author of "Desert Autumn," and Zubro, author of "Sex and Murder.com," 7 p.m., Outwords Books, 2710 N. Murray Ave. FMI: (414) 963-9089.

Melinda Myers Talk (Racine): Author of "Month-by-Month gardening Wisconsin" talks and holds Q&A session, 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 430 Main St. FMI: (262) 633-7340.

Saturday, November 17

Francisco Alarcón (Milw.): Acclaimed poet ("Sonnets to Madness and Other Misfortunes") holds a master class at 10 a.m. (\$20) and a reading at 8 p.m. (\$6/\$5 members), Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Laurel Mills and Jackie Calhoun (Milw.): Mills, author of "Undercurrents," and Calhoun, author of "Tamarack Creek," 2 p.m., Outwords Books, 2710 N. Murray Ave. FMI: (414) 963-9089.

Sunday, November 18

Jaap Blonk Performance (Milw.): An evening of solo voice and live electronics, 7 p.m., \$6/\$5 members, Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Monday, November 19

Peace & Justice Book Circle (Madison): Feminist group reads women's studies, cultural criticism, politics and history, 6 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Wednesday, November 21

Feminist Study Group (Madison): Modeled after Kay Leigh Hagan groups, 8-9:30 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-5084

Monday, November 26

Peace & Justice Book Circle (Madison): Feminist group reads women's studies, cultural criticism, politics and history, 6 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Wednesday, November 28

Studs Terkel Reading (Milw.): Author of "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

FILM, TV & RADIO:

Friday, November 16

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Featuring "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," Jane Wagner's witty multi-character frolic starring her partner, Lily Tomlin, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

"Superman" (Milw.): See the charming Christopher Reeve in this digitally restored extended cut of the 1978 classic, thru Nov. 22, Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Gay Video Club (Madison): Showing "Queer as Folk #22" (Showtime), "Love is the Devil" and "Uniform," 8 p.m. Call for location: (608) 244-8675 eves.

John Waters (Sundance Channel): "Conversations in World Cinema: John Waters" is a close look at the outré gay filmmaker, check local listings for times (also Nov. 22).

"Rocky Horror Picture Show" (Madison & Milwaukee): Midnight screenings with all the queer fun! In Madison at the Majestic, 115 King St. In Milwaukee, at the Oriental, 2230 N. Farwell Ave.

Sun., Nov. 18 and Every Sun.

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

"Better Living Through Show Tunes" (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM. Host Bruce Wheeler, 2-3 p.m. (608) 256-2001 or bwheeler@cuna.com.

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Tues., Nov. 20 & 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 Sun-

days at 10 p.m. FMI: (414) 265-8500.

Wed., Nov. 21 & Every Wed.

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

Thursday, November 22

"Beautiful Thing" (Sundance Channel): First romance between two teenage boys struggling to grow up in the London "projects," check local listings for time (also Nov. 24).

Friday, November 23

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Featuring "Home for the Holidays," directed by Jodie Foster, starring Holly Hunter and Robert Downey Jr. as her gay brother, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

Saturday, Nov. 24

"Rocky Horror Picture Show" (Madison & Milw.): Midnight screenings with all the queer fun! In Madison at the Majestic, 115 King St. In Milwaukee, at the Oriental, 2230 N. Farwell Ave.

Monday, November 26

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Showing "Like It Is," the coming out story of a young man in England, 7:30 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

"Aimee & Jaguar" (Sundance Channel): True story about two women - one a Jewish resistance fighter, one the wife of a German officer - who find each other in the midst of World War II, check local listings for time.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES:

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): African Heritage exhibits, 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): Annual Fall Show of the Cedarburg Artists Guild, W62 N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Arts Guide

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): "A New Journey in Weaving" thru Nov. 25; Tudor style mansion with original furnishings and art collection, 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

Eisner Museum (Milw.): "The New Woman," thru Jan. 27; "The Power of Advertising: Corporate Identities," thru May, 208 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Elvehjem Museum (Madison): Indian miniature paintings, thru Jan. 6, 800 University Ave. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "The Search for a Personal Vision in Broadcast Television," thru Dec. 2, Marquette University, N. 13th and Clybourn Sts. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Teresa Serrano: Dissolving the Memory of Home," thru Jan. 6; and "Hmong Art: Selections from the Collection," Exhibits, performing arts, classes and lectures, 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): Highlights from the Permanent Collection. Opening Dec. 2: "Extraordinary: American Place in Recent Photography," 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): Milton Avery: The Late Paintings, opens Nov. 30, runs thru Jan. 17, 700 N. Art Museum Dr. FMI: (866) 626-1323.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "The German American Farm: A Wisconsin Chronicle," also "Billie the Brownie and the Milwaukee Circus Parade" and "Milwaukee's Multi-Cultural Heritage," 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): "Bolz Conservatory Exhibit: Wild World of Orchids," thru Dec. 31; see the new Thai Garden! Coming Dec. 1: Olbrich's Holiday Express - "Flower and Model Train Show," 3330 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 246-4550.

Ozaukee Art Center (Cedarburg): Fine Art Printmakers, thru Nov. 25, W62 N718 Riveredge Drive. FMI: (262) 377-8230.

Villa Terrace (Milw.): Decorative arts in Italian style villa, 2220 N. Terrace Ave. FMI: (414) 271-3656.

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Gotcha!

By Billy Masters

Normally, at this time of year, I'd devote an entire column to the Emmy Awards. Actually, at this time of year, we'd be reflecting on my Emmy column from two months ago! This column is customarily accompanied by our exclusive Emmy pics. But this year, we have no photos. Why? Because security was SO tight that there was no way to slip my trusty spy camera into the immediate vicinity without attracting the attention of one of the trigger-happy snipers on the rooftops of the surrounding buildings.

In fact, **Melissa Rivers** was delayed getting to the set of E!'s pre-show because she kept setting off the metal detector. That's what she gets for stopping off at the local blacksmith for a new pair of shoes! What a pleasant surprise to see my colleague **Michael Castner** on the E! set looking fit and trim. Mikey's been on the Zone Diet ever since I compared him (unfavorably) to **Marlon Brando** over a year ago. I'd still compare him to Marlon, but now I'm thrilled to say that he's almost comparable to Brando in his prime!

Since so many luminaries were unable to attend this twice-delayed ceremony, the show itself could have been just a tad boring. But we were in the capable hands of **Ellen DeGeneres**, who was undoubtedly the star of the evening. From her uproarious opening comments to the thundering standing ovation at the end, the love flowed back and forth from the audience to the podium. Brava, Ellen. On a sad note, the accolades that she received may not be enough to save her CBS sitcom. The ratings for "The Ellen Show" have been dismal, so don't be surprised if DeGeneres receives a severance check instead of a Christmas

bonus.

Vying with Ellen for star of the evening was **Barbra Streisand**. Although rumors had run rampant that Babs would close the show, people in the audience thought that the stories were just idle chatter, since she was not there to accept her own award. Here's the scoop — Streisand HATES making acceptance speeches. She never intended to show up for that portion of the evening and, in fact, was not even at the auditorium when she won — she was in her car en route to the venue. The producers wisely felt that Streisand not accepting her award only helped the surprise value of her singing appearance. Sadly, Babs wasn't feeling one hundred percent and was visibly nervous. No, she did not lip-synch (as has been speculated). Trust me, if she was going to pre-record this performance, it would have sounded much better. Not to say that she sounded bad — off-day Streisand is still better than almost everyone else. But it was surely the worst Barbra performance I've ever witnessed.

Fortuitously, we have a great Streisand gossip piece that came into Gotcha! Central just prior to the Emmy Awards. Babs took quite a bit of interest in the theatrical re-release of "Funny Girl" and called Sony to arrange a screening for some friends. The brass were delighted to set up a screening room and full concession area gratis. Barbra, James, and about 30 of their closest friends showed up for this screening and enjoyed it thoroughly. At the end of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Brodin said good night to their guests and thanked the staff at Sony for their hospitality. When James turned to leave, he noticed that Barbra was missing. After the staff looked everywhere for her, Streisand was spotted

on her hands and knees picking up the remnants of popcorn, soda, and candy on the floor of the cinema. James quietly tried to usher Babs out the door, to no avail. The Sony rep then explained that there was a staff to clean up, at which Streisand became indignant — "You wouldn't accept any money from me for this screening, so it seems only right that I leave the room exactly as I found it." If singing and acting don't work out, Babs may have a career as a domestic!

My dear friend, the incomparable **Chi Chi LaRue**, is having her annual birthday bash in late November. Here in Hollywood, this is one of the hottest invitations in town — second only to the unveiling of latest plastic surgery by a member of the Spelling family! However, in sharp deviation from previous years, anyone and everyone can attend this bash — but it'll cost ya. LaRue has teamed up with Aid for AIDS (a local AIDS organization that helps members of the porn industry), and the cover charge will be donated to this charity. Chi Chi has subtitled this event "Porn Star Turnabout" and tells me that the "turnabout" will feature some of your favorite porn-pups attending the soiree in drag. That's worth the price of admission right there. What's Chi Chi's contribution to "turnabout"? "I plan on being sober!" A novelty, indeed! For more details, head over to

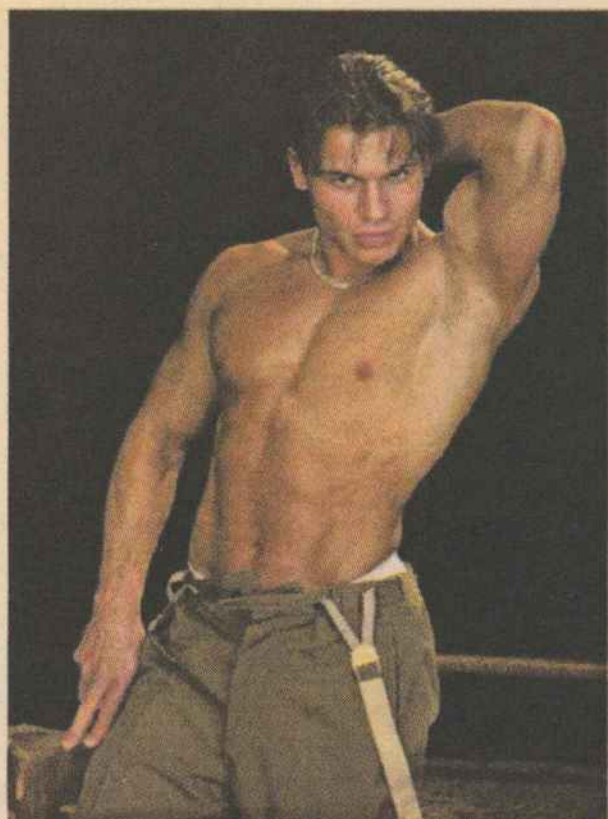


Barbra Streisand

www.ChiChiLaRue.com.

Could it be that a certain Broadway leading man brought his boyfriend to the Emmys? While he misses his roots (and it looks as if his date hasn't seen his roots in years), the talented thesp was basking in the glory of his Emmy nomination, all the while promoting his new television venture. And how convenient that his co-star and he have hit it off so famously! Must have been during the summer, when things get so wet and hot. We must confess that the boy toy certainly looks as if he has the torso (to say nothing of the dick) to keep daddy happy.

When I have time for a porn item along with my Emmy gossip, then it's definitely time to end yet another column. But wait, the gossip ain't over yet. Chi Chi called to ask if the rumors that I'll be appearing in a porno film entitled "Prison Bitch" with **Bobby Blake** are true. There's no truth to the rumors, we're just good friends (a free six months membership to www.filth2go.com to the first person who visits our Web site and correctly identifies that quote). However, Billy DOES make a brief appearance in the newly released porn extravaganza "Going Down and Cumming Out in Beverly Hills" When **Dino Phillips** told me about his spoof on **Bette Midler's** film, I knew that I had to be a part of it. It didn't hurt that a number of my porn pals were somehow involved. **George Fleece, Jack Ryan, Sam Dixon, Logan Reed, Matt Sizemore**, and the hilarious (and delicious) **Kevin Kramer** turned in performances that you have to see to believe (to say nothing of drag empress Jazmine's scene-stealing appearance towards the end of the film). While I was somewhat sad that I was offered a non-sexual role, you can clearly see me in the background just prior to George Fleece's sex scene in the warehouse. When George was watching the tape, he asked Dino whom I was chatting with off-camera. Dino responded, "No one — that's just Billy acting!" You can order the film at www.GreatDaneProd.com. Have any questions for me? Perhaps a porn role you'd like to send my way? Then drop a note to my e-mail address of Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before we start filming "Prison Bitch." Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.



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"Sherlock Holmes and the Purple Prince"

By Carl M. Szatmary

Although Sherlock Holmes and Oscar Wilde could never have met — Holmes is, after all, a fictional character of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's imagination, the potential for such a "what if..." scenario is indeed intriguing. So too is the notion that the fabled detective was not merely an intellectual dandy clad in a deerstalker hat but in fact a deeply repressed homosexual.

Off the Wall's Dale Gutzman decided to jump into the fray with "Sherlock Holmes and the Purple Prince." Offered up as a "naughty Victorian comedy," "Sherlock Holmes and the Purple Prince" neither seriously attempts to recreate the accepted Holmesian style nor does it seek to be an over-the-top, send up. Sadly, the result offered opening night languished somewhere in between, often hilariously entertaining but not always intentionally so.

One's first glance at David Roper's charming set design for Holmes and Watson's set of rooms seems to hold great promise; the row of footlights a delightful touch.

Oscar Wilde (Rev. Lew Broyles) arrives with a case for the detective already making a name for himself in the pages of the Strand magazine. Wilde is worried about the safety of a young lad who works as a

rent boy in a male brothel. The threat comes from a masked man known to all as an heir to the British throne, Prince Albert (Scott Christensen).

Holmes (Dale Gutzman) assumes the case, dons a disguise (a funny putty nose) and ventures forth to the brothel in question. Needless to say, the lad ends up dead, and the game is afoot. As Holmes begins to track down the murderer, one more complication arises — pun intended — another rent boy, Toffy (David Brian). The comely lad takes a shine to Holmes and he is smitten.

Gutzman provides some gratuitous male nudity and plenty of red herrings as his convoluted plot twists and turns before

Holmes uses his powers of deduction to solve the case.

The heart of the problem here lies with how Gutzman conceived his two protagonists. Lew Broyles struggles valiantly with his Wilde, offering his few choice witticisms with restrained panache. All is undone when he must start whining about acceptance for "his sort." This is not the Oscar Wilde historians have revealed, one who remained arrogantly clueless right up until he was sentenced to Reading prison.

Nor does Gutzman's Holmes meet expectations. Invariably depicted with cool dispassion, Holmes here is quite simply a mess of contradictions and emotions. Desperate for cocaine, shouldn't Holmes still have been cleverer than Watson, instinctively knowing where the good doctor would have chosen to hide it?

Even worse is Michael Gudex's Lord Alfred Douglas, here suggested as a young aristocrat with a penchant for slumming, pretending to be one of the rent boys at Madame Insipid's fine establishment. Although Gudex offers a convincing portrayal as a lower-class street kid, he is never even remotely believable as the educated, well-mannered Bosie.

Lawrence J. Lukasavage's Watson is a nice blend of bluster and outrage and Beryl Brennen has a few genuinely amusing moments as Holmes' landlady, Mrs. Hudson. Still, her second act opening music hall ditty seemed supremely self-indulgent.

In the end "Sherlock Holmes and the Purple Prince" proves to be something of a curiosity, too determined to be naughty to be taken seriously, yet too earnest to have simply been fun.

StageQ Presents "Reindeer Monologues," and "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me"

Madison — Tickets are now on sale for StageQ, Inc.'s productions of "THE EIGHT: Reindeer Monologues," by Jeff Goode, and "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me," by David Drake.

"THE EIGHT: Reindeer Monologues" is a dark Christmas comedy that looks at the man in the red suit from the reindeer's perspectives. A furor erupts when a scandal unveils corruption and perversion with eyes looking towards Saint Nick. Christmas will never be the same!

Told in a series of eight witty monologues, each of Santa's flying hoofed critters confesses truth behind the reported shocking allegations. This play is filled with penetrating humor, thanks to Director Michael Bruno who brings his vast acting, directing, and producing experiences to StageQ for the first time.

In "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me," Obie-winning actor/playwright David Drake examines the perks and pits of a gay man's journey of self-discovery in a series of meticulously

crafted scenes that are alternately lyrical, brutal and hilarious. "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me" is an important contribution to the literature of gay pride, enlightenment and activism. Cyra Polizzi, director, has masterfully guided actor Marcus Peterson to craft an artistic and powerful one-man show that promises to touch your life just as David Drake was "kissed" by Larry Kramer's writings. Ms. Polizzi and Marcus Peterson are UW-Madison students. StageQ welcomes their contributions to the Madison arts scene.

Performances for both productions are Thursdays (December 6, 13, and 20), Fridays (December 7, 14, and 21), and Saturdays (December 8, 15, and 22). "THE EIGHT: Reindeer Monologues" plays at 7:30 p.m. nightly. "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me" plays at 9:30 p.m. nightly. All performances of THE EIGHT: Reindeer Monologues and The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me are in The Evjue at The Gerald Bartell Community Theatre, 113 East Mifflin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Tickets for individual performances are \$12 per show. Students with ID may purchase tickets for \$10 per show. Special "Two Show Packs" are available for \$20. Tickets may be obtained online at www.StageQ.com or reserved by calling StageQ reservations at (608) 204-0306.

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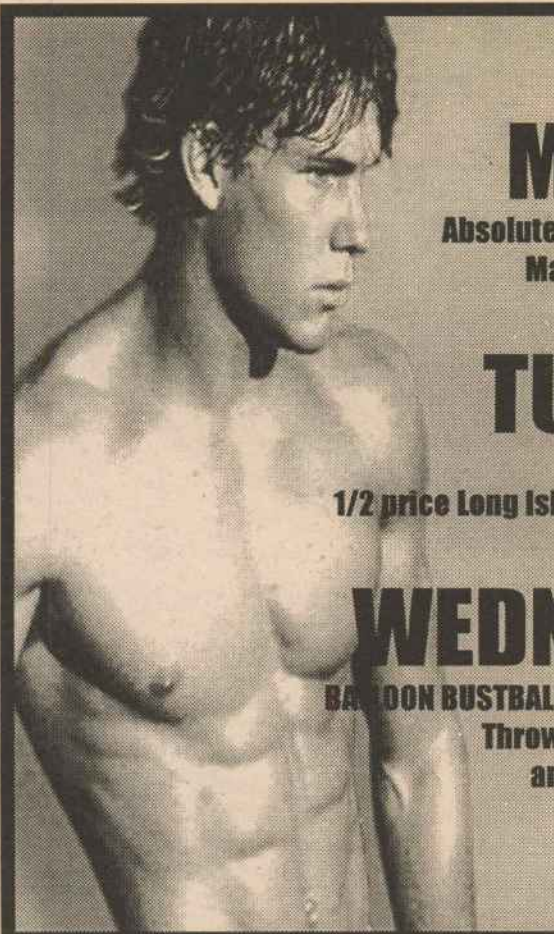
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Queer Folk 2001

By Ed Grover

Here are two new books that are bound to get satisfaction and praise from their readers. The first book is about gay youth, coming out, forming peer groups and has a new twist on the coming-of-age novel. The second book takes a look at how lesbians do it in other parts of the world. Both are great reads and are highly recommended.

Rainbow Boys BY ALEX SANCHEZ

We get a fresh look at juvenile love, sexuality and friendship in a love triangle between three boys. As the story opens, Jason, a high school basketball jock has been calling the "Rainbow Youth Hot Line" and hanging up after making some dumb remarks. Sound familiar to anyone?

Jason thinks about having sex with guys while his girlfriend is giving him a head job in his car. Now he has finally mustered up the courage to attend this queer meeting and he runs into not one, but two of his classmates. The first is Kyle, a swimmer who is just in the process of coming out; he's always had a crush on Jason. The second boy is the school fag, Nelson (Nelly) Glassman. Nelson is a flaming queen who dyes his hair a new color at the drop of a hat. He has a crush on Kyle, and he's a pivotal force in getting things done through an uncooperative, homophobic principal.

Each chapter is told from the viewpoint of one of the trio. There's lots of physical (black eyes and bruises) and verbal (name-calling) abuse from schoolmates and

Jason's alcoholic father, not to mention other adult members of the community. Support comes from Nelson's parents who are already in PFLAG, and that group gets a good plug.

There's a lot of support in this short novel about sticking up for your rights as a queer person and joining queer peer groups if you want to. It's also about having the courage to form gay/straight alliances like GLSEN, The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network that "strives to ensure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression." At the back of the book readers will find more information about organizing and forming peer groups, the Human Rights Campaign, HIV/AIDS, a G/L Teen Suicide Helpline, and Internet Services for G/L Teens. (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, ISBN: 0-689-84100-0, \$17).

Faster Pussycats: Live Girls — After Hours EDITED BY TRIXI

All the action in this anthology is real. These are stories from after-hour dyke spots from around the world, and they are the hottest true-life stories these lesbians have experienced. There are eight sections full of wonderful writing that include chapter headings like Virgins & Good Girls, Drag Kings, Chix in Bars & Chix at Parties, Clubland, Strip Joints, Bathhouses, Fuck Clubs and Fetish.

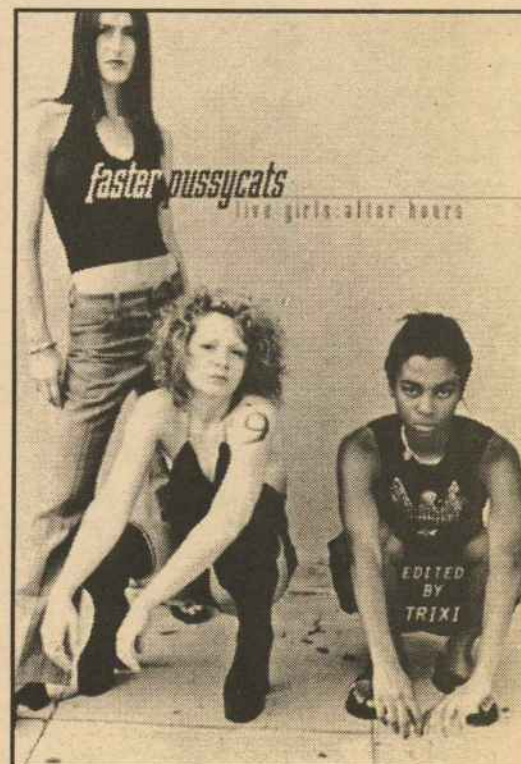
In this collection we get everything from a baby dyke's first spanking to hardcore ritualized collaring. In "The Spanking Booth," Rachel Kramer Bussel writes about attending the first anniversary party of her local feminist dyke-run sex shop. Rachel

says she's bi/pansexual and shy. She's dressed in a short black skirt and a red mesh see-through top with no bra and enough body glitter for two dozen people. Does that turn you girls on? Well it turned on one gal done up as a dominatrix and Rachel gets a good spanking. Imagine the rest.

In a story called "Lady Luck," we hear about a gal who goes to Las Vegas to unwind. She says she's one of those "femme in the streets, butch in the sheets" kinda dykes. There's lots of dope and drinks and gambling and sex and at one point she stomps out of a party and finds some guy who's 5 foot eight, kinda wiry and has flames tattooed on his arm. He has a face like Elvis during his military years. She wants to get fucked for the first time in 13 years and what does she find? A black leather dildo and tits on a drag king. There's more to find out, so read on!

Among other things you can read about are a one-night stand that brings a lukewarm relationship to a full boil, a visit to a Goth bathhouse in Canada, a visit to dyke bars in Amsterdam and a sneak-peek at an unexpected back-alley experience in Korea. These stories go the full range from kinky to kinkier and they should keep you up even after your bedtime ... that is if you even make it to the bed.

As Trixi says: "The nuance of the current dyke is subtle — it's about experimenting with S&M without joining a group, about being butch when you're being topped, about shaving your head so



you can wear wigs, about piercing and poking what is mutually agreed upon without apology, about dives and homemade soaps and makeup and men's shoes—simultaneously." A section at the back gives readers the "skinny" on the contributors. (Alyson Books, ISBN: 1-55583-587-2, \$12.95).

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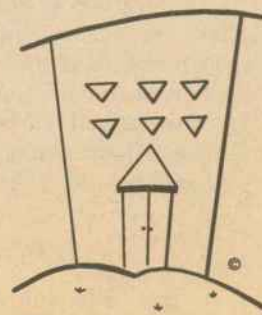
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Friday, November 16

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Featuring "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," a witty multi-character frolic starring Lily Tomlin, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

Harvest Ball (Madison): Ten Percent Society's annual Harvest Ball, \$3 with DJ and cash bar, 8 p.m.-12:45 a.m., UW Memorial Union, 8 p.m., FMI: (608) 262-7365.

SPRAWL Women's Dance (Madison): Kicks off the Lesbian Variety Show weekend, 8 p.m., University Club, 803 State St. \$5, with cash bar, music all night. FMI: spawl@herspace.com.

Saturday, November 17

Frontrunners Run/Walk (Milw.): GAMMA-sponsored run/walk, starts at 9 a.m. at the Watertower at the east end of North Ave. FMI: (414) 365-3453.

Lesbian Variety Show (Madison): Kissing Girls' annual show, 7 p.m. at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave. Tix: \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Out of towners can charge their tickets by calling (608) 241-8633.

David Sedaris (Milw.): The humorist and writer David Sedaris, author of "Me Talk Pretty One Day," will read from his work and sign books, 7:30 p.m., Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St.

Sunday, November 18

Gay Wrestling (Madison): Gay Wrestling Club, workouts and training, new members welcome, 3 p.m. FMI: www.madgaywrestlers.org, or (608) 244-8675 eves.

PFLAG Meeting (Madison): Regular meeting of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 2-4 p.m., Friends Meeting House, 1702 Roberts Court. FMI: (608) 243-0533.

Perfect Harmony (Madison): Chorus rehearsal, 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Ave. FMI: (608) 251-1893

Monday, November 19

Madcap Squares (Madison): New Square dance group welcomes all! 6:30 to 8 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1021 Spaight St. First three classes free. FMI: (608) 347-7974.

Living As A Gay Man (Madison): Drop-in discussion group for gay men, 5:30 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

Tuesday, November 20

Teens Like Us (Madison): GLBTQ Teen support group, ages 14-18, 6-8 p.m., call for location: (608) 251-6211.

Womansong (Madison): Weekly rehearsal of women's chorus, 7 p.m., Beth Israel Center. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, November 21

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): Beginning and advanced lessons taught, 7 p.m., couples dance; 8 p.m. line dance; 9 p.m., open dance. Sapphire Ballroom, 4802 E. Washington Ave. \$3 donation, cash bar. FMI: (608) 255-9131.



Finger licking good @ Fluid on Halloween.

Thursday, November 22

Briarpatch (Madison): Group for middle school LGBT kids, middle school kids of LGBT families, and friends, 6 p.m., 512 E. Washington Ave. FMI: (608) 251-6211.

Friday, November 23

Holiday Invitational Tournament (Milw.): The annual GLBT bowling tournament unfolds at venues around Milwaukee. Join the fun! FMI: (414) 342-0230.

Saturday, November 24

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers (Madison): 3K to 10K run or walk, 9 a.m., Lake Wingra Park, Knickerbocker and Arbor Dr. FMI: (608) 663-6463.

Sunday, November 25

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

Monday, November 26

Lesbians with Cancer (Madison): Support Group for Lesbians living with cancer and other serious illness, 6:30 p.m., Wil-Mar Center, 953 Jenifer St. FMI: (608) 256-6570x2.

Tuesday, November 27

Teens Like Us (Madison): GLBTQ support group for teens, 14-18, 6-8 p.m. Call for location: (608) 251-6211.

"Jolly Holly Folly" (Milw.): Annual fundraiser for the AIDS Resource Center of Wis., featuring hors d'oeuvres from 20 restaurants (5:30 p.m.) and a performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" (7:30 p.m.) by the Milwaukee Rep. Tix: \$100 and \$75. FMI: (414) 225-1577.

GLSEN Organizing Meeting (Milw.): All are welcome to an organizing meeting for the southeastern chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, 7 p.m., UWM Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., Room E280. FMI: glsen_sew@hotmail.com.

Wednesday, November 28

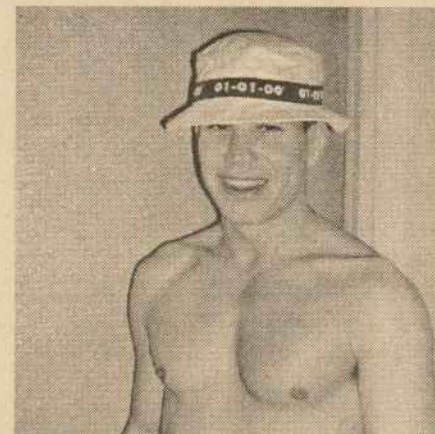
Cream City Chorus (Milw.): Weekly rehearsal, 7 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

BAR SPECIALS:

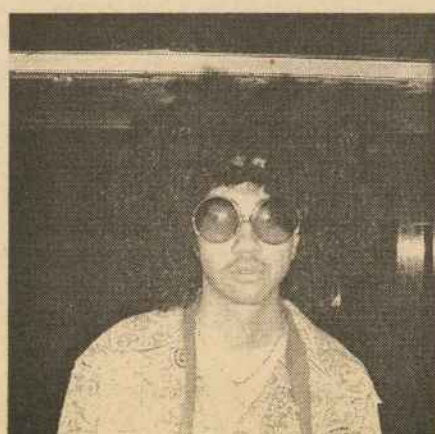
Sundays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Join us for the Packers! Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.90 - til 6 p.m.

Barracks (Madison): Beer Bash, 4-8 p.m., \$6. 50¢ off all rails, taps and bottles, 4-8 p.m.



Cutie of the Week @ Fluid on Halloween.



Afro-mania @ La Cage on Halloween.

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Tacos & Beer with Alvin!

Club Boom (Milw.): "Queer as Folk" at 9 p.m. Previous episode at 8.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Beer Bash 3 to 8 p.m. \$6. 50¢ off all rails, taps and bottles, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Shots of Mudslides, Hot Sex, Pucker, \$2 open-close.

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

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Pints of Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers & Greyhounds - \$2.50! Shirtless men half price any-time.

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

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Bar-B-Q, 1-4 p.m.

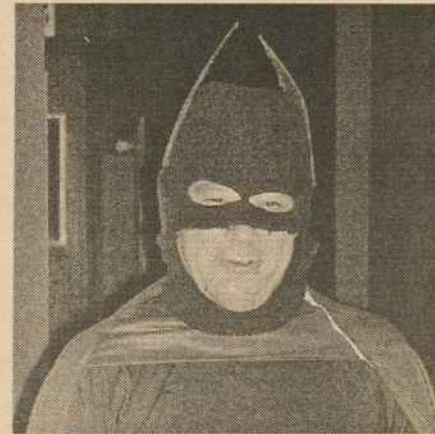
Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

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

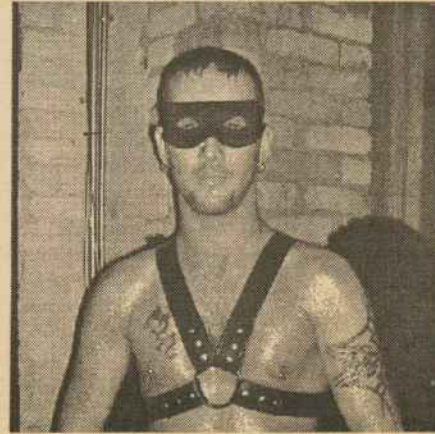
OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Beer Bash, 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. 2/4/1 10



Batman @ Club Boom on Halloween.



Glitter-rama @ La Cage on Halloween.



Those wonderful Boom Boyz @ Club Boom

p.m. to close

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 3 p.m. Beer Bust, \$5 from 9-midnight.

Switch (Milw.): Back the Pack! Packer parties featuring 75¢ pints of beer, free food, free shot for every Packer TD, half-time contests for prize \$, open half-hour before game. SUNDAYS AFTER SUNSET, from 8-close/ \$1 off all drinks and bottle beer to men who "dare to bare" their chests, or "UNDERWEAR!"

Walker's Pint (Milw.): \$8 domestic pitcher & pizza, \$3.50 Bloody Marys, both from open-close.

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

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



Mondays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, All day & Night! Domestic Beer: \$1.75.

Barracks (Madison): 2-4-1 on all drinks up to \$3.75, open-close. \$9. Shots of Lava of Revelstoke, \$1. Shots of Mudslides, Hot Sex, Pucker, \$2, open-close.

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

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Pizza & Beer Bust, only \$4, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Club Boom (Milw.): Closed.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 on all drinks up to \$3.50 all night long!

Fluid (Milw.): \$3.50 Absolut Mixers, 8 p.m. to close.

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, & 3-6 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Shirtless men half price anytime. Bartenders, waiters, owners \$1 off drinks 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m.

Switch (Milw.): ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS "MARTINI-MANIA" FROM 8-close! Watch "absolutely fabulous" from 8-10pm, and enjoy \$2 off martinis all night!!

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): All night, mix and match. \$1 off pitchers of Miller products.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Tappers \$7.5, rail drinks, \$1.50.

Tuesdays:

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

Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off all drinks. Revelstoke spiced whiskey, \$1. Corona 12 oz. bottles, \$2.50. Shots of Mudslides, Hot Sex, Pucker, \$2, open-close.

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

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Shirts Off! Show us what you've got!

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

Club Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 8-10 p.m. rail and tap beer.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Shoreline Dancers Practice, 6 p.m. to ?

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all other drinks. Corona 24 oz. bottles \$3.50. Shots of Mudslides, Hot Sex and Pucker, \$2, open-close.

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

Fluid (Milw.): \$2 Cold Shots, 8 p.m. to close.

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, & 3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Nipple ring nite - gentle tug on yours, 2nd drink free! Shirtless men half price anytime.

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price locker.

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.

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m.

Switch (Milw.): "SHOWTUNES", along with "TEA FOR TUESDAYS"... 1/2 PRICE longisland ice teas from 8-11!

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Double trouble, 6-10 p.m. Same rail prices = twice the liquor.

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

Wednesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Special Export \$5 pitchers and \$1.10 mugs from 9 p.m. to close.

Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off all taps and rails. Shots of Lava of Revelstoke, \$1. Corona 12 oz., \$2.50. Shots of Mudslides, Hot Sex, Pucker, \$2, open-close.

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

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.): Rail drinks only \$1.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 8-10 p.m. rail and tap beer.

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all other drinks. Shots of Lava of Revelstoke, \$1. Half price appetizers, 5-8 p.m. (bar only). Karaoke from 8-10:30 p.m.

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

Fluid (Milw.): Rotating Martini Special, 8 p.m. to close.

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, &

3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Leather Nite! Men in leather, 2-4-1 drinks, 7 p.m.-close. Shirtless men half price anytime.

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

LaCage (Milw.): 2-4-1 all night!

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

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price rooms.

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

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

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

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

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.): Open at 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1 cocktails all day.

Switch (Milw.): BALLOON BUST! starts at 8pm... throw darts to "pop" balloons and win cash and prizes!

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Flavored Long Islands, \$5 a pint or \$8 a pitcher.

Woody's (Milw.): Dart league Night! Happy Hour, 4-9 p.m.

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 (Madison): 5 for \$10 on any Miller product. Pitchers of Bud Lite and Miller Lite, \$6.50. Shots of Lava of Revelstoke, \$1.

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Karaoke Night, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all other drinks. Frozen cocktails, \$3. Pitchers of Bud Lite and Miller Lite, \$6.50.

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): \$3 Cosmos, 8 p.m. to close.

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, 3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Shirtless men half price anytime. 10oz. Cosmopolitans \$4.50, 6-11 p.m.

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

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

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Crazy 8 rooms and lockers. \$1 locker with college ID.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs! drinks as low as 25¢ 3 to 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m.

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

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Import Night, 6-10 p.m. \$1 off imports.

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

Fridays:

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

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Strippers! Enjoy local boyz! 11:30 p.m. No cover.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Double Bubble until 7 p.m. DJ starts at 10 p.m.

Club Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 8-10 p.m. rail and tap beer. Country music with DJ Dan, 9 p.m.-Midnight.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all other drinks.

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

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

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, 3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Shirtless men half price anytime. 10oz. call Martinis \$5, 6-11 p.m.

Ja'Dees International (Racine): Bring on the Bears and Bikers! \$1.25 Top MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weiss.

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

LaCage (Milw.): LaCage Showcase.

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Party night!

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m.

Switch (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 5-9 p.m., FLASHBACK Fridays (9-11), featuring 80's and 90's dj spin!

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

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Domestic tap beer bust, 6-8 p.m., \$2 cold shots, 8-10 p.m.



Will and Grace? Photo by Jamie on Halloween



Oh master! Photo by Jamie on Halloween.



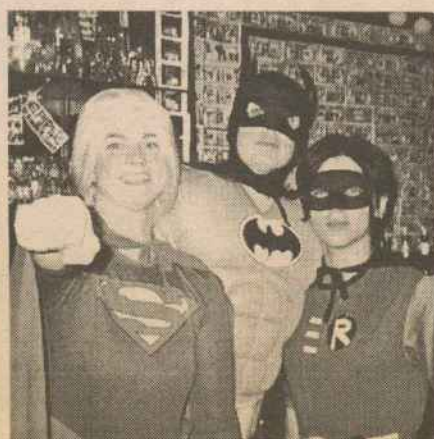
One ringy-dingy. Photo by Jamie on Halloween



Raising the roof. Photo by Jamie on Halloween



Josie and the Pussycats? Photo by Jamie on Halloween



Dynamic trio. Photo by Jamie on Halloween.



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He'lllloo possums! Photo by Jamie on Halloween

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Tappers \$7.50, rail drinks, \$1.50.

Saturdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.75, and \$1.10 mugs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

C'est la Vie (Milw.): Female Impersonators with Big Mama! 11:30 p.m. No cover.

Club Boom (Milw.): Video Dance! 2-4-1 from 8-10 p.m. rail and top beer.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m. DJ starts at 10 p.m.

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys! Shirtless men half price anytime. Pitchers of beer, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4.50 domestic & \$6.50 Harbor Room's own brew!

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

LoCage (Milw.): Where Milwaukee Dances!

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Bar-B-Q, 1-4 p.m.

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

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

Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 up to \$4.25, \$1 off all other drinks.

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 3 p.m.

Switch (Milw.): open at 6pm Saturdays/featuring current dance music - dj spin.

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Bring in 2 non-perishable food items and get \$1 off your first drink. All proceeds go to Second Harvest of Milwaukee.

Woody's (Milw.): Bucky Badger Day!

BAR EVENTS:

Friday, November 16

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Strippers - Enjoy Local Boyz! 11:30 p.m. No cover. 231 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 291-9600.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 & 17

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Live Jazz Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. Reservations suggested. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

Saturday, November 17

Triangle (Milw.): HIV testing, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., 135 E. National Ave. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Rainbow Room (Madison): The Blonde Bombshells, featuring Angelica, Ms. Gay Madison 2001, 121 W. Main St. FMI: (608) 251-5838.

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Female Impersonators with Big Mama! 11:30 p.m. No cover. 231 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 291-9600.

Wednesday, November 21

Fluid (Milwaukee): "Shaken & Stirred" with DJ John Murgas. Jimmy & Will shake up a special Cranberry Apple Pie Martini while DJ Murgas stirs up Milwaukee's most progressive dance grooves, 9 p.m.-close, 819 S. 2nd St. FMI: (414) 645-8330.

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Live Jazz Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Reservations. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

Thursday, November 22

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Karaoke Night, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. 231 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 291-9600.



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COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

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

THURSDAYS:

AIDS Network (Madison): Meditation and Wellness, 6-7:30 p.m., 300 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 252-6540, ext. 26.

Disabilities Support Group (Milw.): Support group for LGBTs with disabilities meets final Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 201, Independence First, 600 W. Virginia St. Contact is Leslie Myers. FMI: V/TTY - (414) 291-7520, ext. 325.

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

Gay AA: "Living Sober" (Milw.): Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

Gay AA/Gay Al-Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday at St. Mary's Lutheran Church, 2001 80th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989.

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

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

Lavender Salon (Fox Valley): Reading and discussion group for gays and lesbians in the Fox Valley area, meets 3rd Thursday of each month, locations vary between Appleton, Green Bay and Oshkosh. Call for details. FMI: (920) 738-0497.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milw.): Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ongoing discussion about unique challenges and



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LGBT Community Center - Rainbow U Lecture Series (Milw.): Every 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. Series encourages awareness, discussion of issues important to the LGBT Community. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

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

OUTCARE Sexual-Health Clinic (satellite clinic of Planned Parenthood) inside the LGBT Community Center, 170 South 2nd Street, Milwaukee. Walk-ins Thursday and Tuesday nights from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. FREE services for teens. (414) 277-9370.

Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital (Baraboo): HIV/AIDS support group meets third Thursdays in Baraboo area. FMI (toll-free): (877) 744-0677.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (Milw.): Closed meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

Wisconsin Gender Organization (statewide): A support, education, and activism network whose primary function is to help Transsexual individuals to succeed and grow before, during, and after their gender transition. Meets the fourth Saturday of each month. For location and more information: www.wisgen.org.

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

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

FRIDAYS:

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Sixty Minutes Group, topic meeting. Meets every Friday at 5:30 p.m., Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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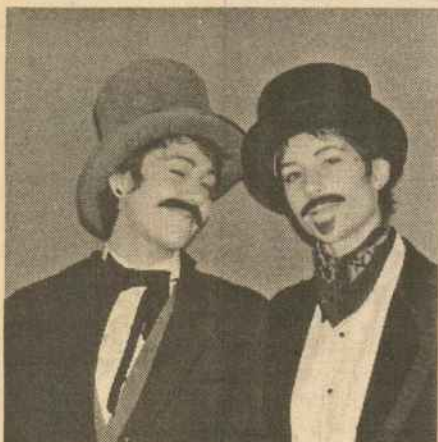
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relationships and the environment in which they exist. Mostly though, she aims to entertain.

Laurel Mills, a native of Maine, is the author of three books of poems including "I Sing Back," winner of the Pippistrelle Best of Small Press Award. Her other poetry books earned the Wisconsin Library

Association Outstanding Achievement Award and the Posner Poetry Award. Her poems have been published in Ms. Magazine, Bay Windows, Common Lives: Lesbian Lives, Sinister Wisdom.

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

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

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

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

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-TF and F-TM), Cross-dressers and their friends, families and significant others. It meets the third Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Outreach offices, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

SAGE, Senior Action in a Gay Environment (Milw.): For older gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals. Offers alternating game nights, movie nights, guest speakers and discussions every Friday, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

True Colors LGBT Youth Coffee Chats (Milw.): 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Open discussion and free beverages. Call for location. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

SATURDAYS:

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

BESTD Clinic - Positively Social (Milw.): Drop-in HIV+ men's gathering: no structure! No preaching! Videos and music, refreshments but no alcohol please. 8 p.m. to midnight, last Saturdays of the month, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Black & White Men Together (Milw.): Meetings are the third Saturday of the month, 7-9 p.m., at the LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: Milw48WMT@aol.com.

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 1094, topic meeting. Meets every Saturday at 8 p.m., Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from 6



Dapper Dan @ Community Center Grand Opening

7-9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

Potluck/Social Gathering (Sheboygan): For gays and lesbians in the Sheboygan area, second Saturday of the month. Call for location and more information: (920) 208-8695.

SUNDAYS:

AA Rainbow Group (Kenosha): Meets at 7 p.m. every Sunday at St. Mary's Lutheran Church, 2001 80th St. (west entrance). FMI: (262) 694-8951.

AA for GLBTs (Fond du Lac): 6:30 p.m., Fond du Lac County Health Care Center, 459 E. 1st St. FMI: Gay AA Hotline at (888) 492-3439.

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 394, step/topic meeting. Meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 1394, Big Book meeting. Meets every Sunday at 8 p.m., Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

Gay Al-Anon (Milw.): Papillion group, topic meeting. Meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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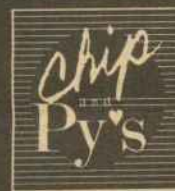
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Jonas Morecock (right) in the steamy "The House of Morecock."

"The House of Morecock: The Animated Misadventures of Jonas Morecock"

By Carl M. Szatmary

Saturday morning cartoons have long been a television tradition. Growing up in small town America, my friends and I were always glued to the set each week to watch "Jonny Quest." To all appearances "Jonny Quest" was a straightforward boy's adventure cartoon. Jonny was a nice blond kid who lived with his dad, and his adopted Indian brother Hadji. Completing this all-male household was Race Bannon, the government agent assigned to protect them.

Race Bannon. Just the name of that hunky guardian cannot help but still evoke fond memories.

Each week our heroes found themselves getting caught up into all sorts of danger. Looking back on this wonderful cartoon many years later, it is hard to imagine a more atypical, "gayer" cartoon.

Until now, Joe Phillips has changed all that. The creator of the popular "Boys Will Be Boys" calendar has just released his first animated video, "The House of Morecock: The Animated Misadventures of Jonas Morecock."

As the video box says, "Saturday mornings will never be the same."

Much like young Jonny, Phillips' youthful protagonist, Jonas Morecock is a cute blond guy who finds himself getting into all sorts of dangerous adventures. But that is where the similarity ends. The adventures that Jonas finds himself drawn into invariably end with multiple orgasms—something we could only imagine happening to Jonny and company.

"The House of Morecock" offers up 10 naughty escapades featuring a variety of strange creatures, exotic locals, geisha boys, online sex, adventures in the woods and sailors. After an initial hot encounter with two delivery men, Jonas travels to Scotland to search for the Loch Ness monster, down to Mexico for a relaxing sun-drenched holiday and even to an alien space ship.

Quite simply the animation in "The House of Morecock" is perfectly dreadful, the dialogue is corny beyond belief, the animated sex scenes become increasing repetitive and what's up with the cheesy narrator trying to sound like Harvey Fierstein?

That said, I must hasten to add that while watching it with an informally assembled "focus group," the erotic adventures of Jonas Morecock proved to be an absolute hit! Jonas is an engaging fellow, not really a slut—just drawn that way. Sure, some of the episodes are pretty lame but there are a couple of winners. In "Moby Dick," Jonas is on a sex cruise, has a truly shocking climax a la "Titanic," flies overboard naked, has sex with a merman before being saved a whole lot faster than Gilligan and the Skipper could ever have hoped to. Whew!

In "Abducted," Phillips does a deliciously mischievous send up of "X-Files." On his way to a "coming out" party, Jonas pulls his car off the road, deciding to take things in hand. Oblivious to all but his impending full release, Jonas is whisked into a space ship and faces most courageously the alien's anal probe. He is saved a bit too soon for his liking by Mulder and "Mike" Scully. Happily for all concerned, Jonas is suitably compensated.

One curiously disturbing note. Sure, cartoon guys probably don't need to think about safe sex—unlike the real guys who'll be watching. Joe Phillips is doing a great disservice by having his sexual liberated protagonist so blissfully clueless. Hopefully in future exploits, Jonas might find occasion to pop on a handy cartoon condom.

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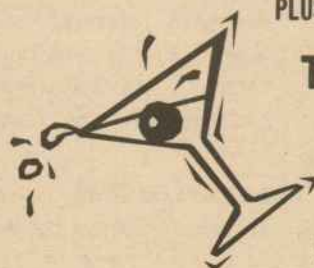
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Dear Ruthie



The holidays are upon us and before the world turns into one big Harry Potter super-store, I thought I'd make a list of things I have to

be thankful for.

First of all, I'm thankful to live in a country where I can say what I want, write what I want, read what I want, dress how I want, and sleep with who I want. I'm particularly thankful for that last part and practice that freedom quite often.

I'm thankful to be employed by a fine publication such as *Wisconsin IN Step*, although God forbid they should give me a raise so I can get my toes painted once in awhile.

I'm thankful I don't have one gray hair on my head (or anywhere else on my body, for that matter), and I'm thankful for Clairol Number 28 ... and a combination of Numbers 37, 41 and 53.

I'm thankful for friends like Pearl, Harriet and my newest friend, Elmo. I'm also thankful that I'm not as old as Elmo is! For God's sake! His only baby picture is carved onto the side of a cave. His birth announcement was in hieroglyphics! Actually, I've got a few years on Elmo, but I'm thankful I look so much better.

I'm glad that Dorito the pool boy dropped his sexual harassment charge. (We both know what REALLY happened in the laundry room, don't we Dorito?) And I'm thankful my maid, Spatula, didn't hurt her back too badly when I asked her to carry me to bed--all the way from the M&M Club.

In conclusion, I'm thankful for alimony, good porn, and whoever invented martinis. But I think most of all, I'm thankful to have readers as wonderful as you! Thanks!

Dear Ruthie,

The holidays will be here soon, and I can't stand the thought of being alone again. It's gotten monotonous to go through this special time of year without someone special. I have family and friends that I share the holidays with, but it's not the same.

I got so sick of trying to meet people at the bars that I don't even think about it anymore. My bar hopping has solely become an opportu-

nity to enjoy the company of friends. I'd like to meet someone special, but at my age, I'm unsure how. Any suggestions?

Signed,
Mistletoe Mike

Dear Mike,

Well, you're off to the right start! You're going out and having fun with friends, and not looking for love. And guess what? That's when love usually finds you!

A few years back I said I wasn't going to answer any more letters asking how to meet others. I had done it time and again and feared that readers would get tired of it. I figured it's been awhile, however, and I'm afraid a lot of people in the community feel the same as you do. So, here I go....

If you'd like to meet more people, consider volunteer work. Give ARCW, BESTD Clinic, the Community Center, or another group in your area a call. No, these fine organizations are not providing singles with pick-up opportunities, but they do offer a great place to make friends and help the community at the same time.

Or, consider joining a gay book club or look into what an athletic-minded group has to offer. Whatever you do, put the emphasis on meeting new people and making new friends--not on looking for love--and you'll stay a step ahead of the game.

No matter what happens, surround yourself with loved ones and your holidays will be bright!

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Keepin' IN Step

Time to Fly

By Jamie Taylor

Despite the 9-11 attacks on New York City and most recently the plane that went down in a section of the New York burrow of Queens, I am still ready and willing to fly. As I type this column, I have the television on in the back ground for the latest news. Early reports do not suggest terrorism but it's a bit too early to tell. That being said, I am still not afraid to get on a plane. I'm ready to accept my fate if in fact anything does happen. So, if you're reading this column the weekend it hits the streets, I will be in Austin Texas visiting my favorite aunt & uncle. The decision to travel was typical for me, a spontaneous decision. A few weeks ago, I was sitting with my friend Brad Taylor discussing the fate of the airlines. The discussion moved quickly to taking a trip to show our confidence in our economy and the airlines. A few phone calls later me, Josh and Brad are taking a much needed mini vacation. After I get back from Austin I may take a road trip all by myself to sort some things out. The last time I did a road trip I went to Springfield IL and had a pretty decent time. I came back feeling a bit refreshed and with a few black & white photo's I took that are to this day my favorite. Maybe something like that but I probably won't know until I get in the car.

Halloween has come and gone and what fun it was. I remember from years back some pretty creative costumes but this year stands out with someone dressing as our new art museum. There were the usual once a year drag queens and the always appreciated "lots of skin showing" costumes worn by cute boys. I chose to go as a photographer this year. In other words I just didn't feel like getting all dressed up so I just went out and watched everyone else. I started at **Triangle** where the annual bar crawl started. The show got started almost on time with 37 contestants. Of course the Milwaukee Art Museum won 1st prize there. The next stop was **Switch** with just about as many contestants. As you can imagine it was as tight as a can of sardines there but fortunately **Craig** made sure the patio was open for the overflow. Our next stop was **Fluid** where it got even more squashed. The bartenders were busting ass to keep up with the demanding crowd. **Bill** dressed up as Baby Jane Hudson and a costume I have never seen done before was Dame Edna by **David Howser**. It really was cool. **La Cage** was packed as well but getting around was a bit easier. By the way, I like the new layout. There is much more bar space at the old corner entrance with the half round bar. Just when you get used to that layout, **George** will decide the place needs a new look. It's important to keep a place like that fresh and new. **Club 219** held a grand Halloween Party as well. My friend **Chris Hammerbeck** covered that party and he told me it was filled with lots of fab drags and "a few hotties" as well. Both **Club Boom** and **Woody's** had great parties as well on Halloween! All in all a great way to spend a Wednesday night!

As you may have heard Absolutely Fabulous is back on the air and plenty of bars are gonna cash in on the popularity of the show with much of the gay community. Among those clubs is **Fluid**, **Switch**, **Triangle**, **Club Boom**, and even **La**

Cage. Pick your favorite bar and head out on Monday nights to catch the antics of Eddie and Patsy with all your closest bar buddies. I'm gonna catch the first new episode at home so I can tape it and edit out all the commercials.

This past Saturday was a blast at the **Rainbow Room** in Madison. The one and only **Miss Chili Pepper** from the famous Baton Show Lounge in Chicago was there for a night of spice and a little bit of sugar (if you know what I mean). The Blonde Bomb Shell show will be held November 17th featuring Angelica (Miss Gay Madison 2001). The following weekend will showcase Izanna Troi. Make sure you stop in for a peek.

Creating Change was the biggest news since the last issue of *Wisconsin IN Step*. Creating Change is the National Conference for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Movement. It was held at



Trick or Treat? Photo by Jamie @ Triangle

the Hyatt Regency here in Milwaukee. There were more than 150 workshops over the 5-day period. I made it there Saturday night just in time for **Doria Roberts**. I snapped a couple pictures before I was told I can't do that. I stayed for her entire set and was very impressed by her musical talents. After that I wandered around shooting more photos and checking out other activities. **Stephanie Hume** was there asking why I hadn't shot her photo so I obliged. Only for you girl! When I finally left the conference, I stopped in at **Cest La Vie** to see how **John** and bar manager **Scott** were doing. All is well in Cest La Vie land. The drag queens put on a great show making me stay longer than I anticipated. I even played matchmaker for one of them. The story is too long to tell you about here. I planned on going into **Dish** but someone told me it was packed and I was ready for bed anyway. The next day was Packer time so I made my rounds checking out who was busy watching the Packers beat the Bears. **Woody's** had a great crowd as usual and **Switch** was just as busy. **Curt Peck** was there with his goofy Packer attire leading the crowd in cheers. **M&M** had a decent crowd as well. **Chi Chi** and **Paul** were the bartenders for the day whipping up a few **Boo Boo** shots. I think I'm sold on those yummy shots. On my way home I stopped in at **Harbor Room** where plenty was going on. The usual Shirtless Sunday crowd was there enjoying their half price drinks. By that time I was worn out and headed home.

That will wrap up yet another addition of Keepin In Step. Hmm sounds strange saying this is my only job at this time but who knows, things may change. Until next time, thanks for reading and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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Rainbow Community Collective (L/G/B/T Social Org)
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Ctr. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
953 Jenifer Street (Lira) 608/238-9150

Rural Dykes Association (social) 767-3150

SAGE/Madison-Dane 255-8582

Scrawl (Women's Open Mic, Music) 245-9681
..... <http://www.checkpages.com/brainiacs/allgirlscrawl>

Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org) 240-0504
<http://www.aplaceforus.org/shakeitup.htm>

Stage Q (Theater Group) 663-6463
..... <http://www.stageq.com>

10% Society (student organization)
<http://tps.storg.wisc.edu>, e-mail: execs@tps.storg.wisc.edu
P.O. Box 260394, 53726 262-7365

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
PO Box 536, 53701

UW LesBiGay Alumni Council 262-2551

Womonsong (Woman's Choral Group) 246-2681

RELIGIOUS

Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 256-2353

Church of the Holy Spirit (Inclusive)
2144 E. Johnson St., (meeting at James Reeb) 661-4462

Coming Out, Coming Together (Interfaith) 249-1537
E-mail: cwolve@mailbag.com

First Congregational UCC Church 233-9751
1609 University Ave., 53705
..... www.firstcongmadison.org

Integrity/Dignity
Box 730, 53701 836-8886

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church
2146 E. Johnson, 53704 242-8887

SERVICES

Victoria Hewell Cazel (Attorney)
6701 Seybold Rd., Suite 103 270-1709

KMA Systems of Madison (Computer Consultants)
4702 Dutch Mill Road #14 222-9128

RETAIL

Border's Books
3416 University Ave., 53705 232-2600

Rubin's
317 E. Wilson St. 53704 255-8998

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

Aeon Group (Interactive Fiction Gaming)
P.O. Box 93953, 53203-0953 291-0530

Alcoholics Anonymous
(Request gay meetings) 771-9119

Beer Town Badgers, P.O. Box 840, 53201

Bi Definition (Bisexual community events)
315 W. Court St., Suite 101 299-9612
E-mail: bidef@hotmail.com

Brew City Bears 299-0401
P.O. Box 1035, 53201
E-mail: brewcitybears@aol.com, www.brewcitybears.org

BWMT-Milwaukee 461-4586, ext 3
P.O. Box 100608, Milwaukee, 53210

Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club), P.O. Box 1697, 53202

Counseling Center (LGB support & discussion groups)
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565

Cream City Chorus
315 W. Court, 53212 276-8787

Cream City Foundation (CCF)
315 W. Court, 53212 225-0244

Cream City Squares
(G/L Square Dancing Club) 445-8080

DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201 278-0323

Fest City Singers (gay choral group)
P.O. Box 11428, 53211 961-0713

Firebirds (L/L group), P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159

Front Runners (running group) 332-1527

Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)
2408 N. Farwell Ave., 53211 276-6936

GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)
E-mail: mkegamma@execpc.com
Web: www.execpc.com/~mkegamma
P.O. Box 1900, 53201 365-3453
Membership Info 358-2111

Gay Father's Group
1240 E. Brady St., 53202 372-8008

Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.
(GLEEMM), Larry 462-8404

Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM 229-6402

Gay & Lesbian Tavern Guild
209 E. National Ave., 53204

Gay People's Union
P.O. Box 208, 53201 645-0585

Gay Youth Milwaukee (peer group meetings)
P.O. Box 090441, 53209 265-8500

Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group
(Bill) 276-7626

Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG support/social)
P.O. Box 44211, 53214 297-9328

Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee
P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862

GLEAM/SPECTRUM (GLBT Employees of Ameritech)
P.O. Box 254, 53201 482-4310

G/L Community Center Trust Fund
P.O. Box 1686, 53201 643-1652

Great Lakes Harley Riders, P.O. Box 341611, 53234-1611

Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)
P.O. Box 899, 53201

Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
P.O. Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 548-4344

LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
315 W. Court, 53212 272-9442

LOC/Women of Color
P.O. Box 93594, 53203 263-1631

Log Cabin Republicans (Gay Republicans)
P.O. Box 199, 53201 299-9443

MGALA (Marquette U. GL Alumni)
P.O. Box 92722, 53202

Marquette Gay/Straight Alliance
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott) 543-9643

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center 271-2656
315 W. Court, 53212
..... www.mkelgbt.org

Milwaukee Symphony Chorus
Auditions/Info 414-559-9330
..... www.milwaukeeesymphony.org

Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) 800-711-6375

Orgullo Latino/a Latin Pride
(c/o Murguia) 1532 N. Astor St. 53202 276-8546

Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
315 W. Court, 53212 299-9198

Pathfinders (youth counseling, shelter)
1614 E. Kane Place, 53202 271-1560

PrideFest (annual Pride festival)
907 S. 1st St., 53204
Web Site: www.pridefest.com 645-FEST

Project Q (Youth Program of the Milwaukee LGBT Center)
315 W. Court, 53212
www.projectq.org 223-3220

The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)
PO Box 090441, 53209 265-8500

Rainbow Alliance at UWM
Box 122, 2200 E. Kenwood 53211 229-6555
..... www.uwm.edu/studentorg/glb/

Riverwest Rainbow Association
1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212 225-1645

SAGE Milwaukee (for older LGBTs)
P.O. Box 510492, 53203-0091 271-0378

Saturday SoftBall League (SSBL)
P.O. Box 92605, 53203-0091 454-9204

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755

Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.
P.O. Box 76115, 53216 873-1849

Shoreline (country dancing, instruction)
P.O. Box 510283, 53203-0051 747-0388

Silver Space (for older lesbians)
c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett 271-2565

Wisconsin Leather Men's Assoc. Inc.
P.O. Box 897, 53201-0897

Wisconsin Outdoor Women (outdoor sporting events)
P.O. Box 94, Hales Corners, 53130 427-2082

RELIGIOUS

All Saints' Episcopal Church
818 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 271-7719
..... www.ascatherdral.org

ARCW Spiritual Care
P.O. Box 92487, 53202 225-1565

Central United Method Church
639 N. 25th St., 53233

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St., 53205 344-1746

Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)	
P.O. Box 597, 53201	873-9591
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist)	
1342 N. Astor St., 53202	273-5257
Lake Park Lutheran Church	
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211	962-9190
Lutherans Concerned	
P.O. Box 1676, 53201	372-9663
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (U/MCC)	
1239 W. Mineral St., 53204	
Adm. Office: 170 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-1100
Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
5226 W. Burleigh St., 53210	445-2696
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)	
2717 E. Hampshire St., 53211	964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)	
1636 W. National Ave., 53204	672-4434
St. Ann's Church	
5933 W. National Ave., 53214	259-1229
St. James Episcopal Church	
833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233	271-1340
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202	273-7617

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)	
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203	273-1991
	(800) 359-9272
Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/Primary Care)	
Family Care Center, 1834 W. WI, 53233	933-3600
BESTD (Brady East STD Clinic) (STD/HIV diagnosis/treatment)	
www.bestd.org; bestd@execpc.org	
1240 E. Brady St., 53202	272-2144
Health Options (Holistic Health Services)	
823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202	225-9303
Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)	
4311 W. Vliet, 53208	342-4333
Positive Health Clinic	
Medical Center Specialties Clinic	
945 N. 12, 53233	219-7908
STD Specialties Clinic	
3251 N. Holton, 53212	264-8800

BARS

Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)	
196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
2 Boot Camp (M, L/L)	
209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie (Mw, D)	
231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
Club Boom (Mw, D, V)	
625 S. 2nd St., 53204	277-5040
Club 219 (Mw, DJ, V)	
219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
Dish (Wm, DJ)	
235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
meralds	
801 E. Hadley, 53206	265-7325
7 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)	
1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Fannie's (Wm, D, F)	
200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
Fluid (Mw)	
819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
Harbor Room (L/L, Mw)	

117 E. Greenfield Ave., 53204	672-7988
22 Kathy's Nut Hut (Wm, G/S, F, D)	
1500 W. Scott 53201	647-2673
7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V)	
801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
10 M&M Club (Mw, F)	
124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
13 South Water Street Docks	
354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
20 Off The Tracks (Wm, D)	
1534 W. Grant 53215	384-5680
14 Switch (Mw)	
124 W. National Ave., 53204	220-4340
15 This Is It (M)	
418 E. Wells 53202	278-9192
16 Triangle (M, V)	
135 E. National 53204	383-9412
31 Woody's (Mw, D)	
1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
32 Walker's Pint (Wm)	
818 S. 2nd St., 53204	643-7468

COFFEE HOUSES and RESTAURANTS

Azteca	
816 South 5th St., 53204	383-8816
Bella's Cafe (Coffee House)	
189 N. Milwaukee St., 53204	273-5620
Big Mamma's Cafe (10am-after hours)	
1106 S. 1st St., 53204	831-0186
Cafe Knickerbocker	
1030 East Juneau, 53202	272-0011
Cempazuchi	
1205 E. Brady St., 53202	291-5233
Chip and Pys	
1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon,	241-9589
Cielito Lindo	
733 South 2nd St., 53204	649-0401
Harry's Bar and Grill	
3539 N. Oakland Ave., 53211	694-6800
10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)	
124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
North Shore Bistro	
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer	351-6100
Silver Dollar Cafe	
831 South 16th Street, 53204	645-8860

HELP LINES

The Force	
(referrals to GBLT counselors)	276-8487
Gay People's Union	645-0585
Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline (Fri/Sat Eves 7pm-11pm)	
	(866) GAY-YOUTH
Milwaukee Metro	(414) 272-TEEN
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	271-3123
Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling)	271-1560
Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymous)	(414) 273-AIDS
	(800) 334-AIDS

SERVICES

Able Amazon (Home Repair)	447-0251
Affiliated Mortgage	453-6700
1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218	
AEJ Promotions (Promotional Products)	
aandjpromotions@aol.com	
Bay Tax Service, Paul Rathjen	332-9584

Frank J. Berger, (Real Estate)	(414) 213-5842
B&G Construction	405-7843
Sean Buckley (Individual Psychotherapy)	562-2403
Bill Buresh (Real Estate)	529-0500
Calyx Counseling Center (Kate Weishaar, Ph.D.)	
1840 N. Farwell Ave. Ave.	276-4664
Carnival Travel, 611 E. Wells St.	276-3388
Clarity (Writing and Research)	276-6935
Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel)	766-1066
Downtown Autobody (Car Repair)	
3425 N. Holton Ave.	964-7170
Roland E. Daneau, CPA (Accountant)	962-1400
Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling)	
6510 W. Layton Ave., 53215	282-6160
Dykeman Family Heating (heating/cooling)	
1023 E. Brady St., 53202	273-7500
Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)	
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202	272-2427
Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters)	
N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010	
The Garden Room (Garden Design)	
Michael Davis	963-1657
GLINN Network One (Internet Access, www.gn1.net)	
1618 N. Jackson, 53202	289-8640
Hairys Hair Bar	
2385 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.	486-9299
Horizon Travel (Member IGTA)	
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051	255-0704
Hume, Attorney Kathleen	
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners, 53130	529-2129
Bill Hanel, msw (Counseling, Psychotherapy)	276-7626
Denis Jackson, PhD. (Relational training, hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling)	276-8669
Klaus & Meyers (attorneys)	
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners 53130	529-2800
C.A. Klein (Accounting Services)	384-1640
Landmark Plumbing	224-8008
Linda Jo Martin (Psychotherapist)	276-8676
Randy Mickelson, (Ernie Von Schledorn, auto sales)	
Saukville/Port Washington	800-648-6789
Scott Perkins (Realtor)	476-9070, ext. 461
	cell: 801-1356
Red Tail Painting & Restoration	607-1180
e-mail: redtail@execpc.com	
Reiki Master/Wm Jacobs	
(energy balancing)	668-8860
Side by Side (performers)	961-2135
Diane Bloom/Sandy Lewis	
Jeanie Simpkins, (MS), (counseling)	282-6160
Jack Smith (Realtor)	962-4413
home/voice mail	224-1452
Special Touch Massage	536-8232
Streff Advertising/Sandy Lewis	771-8300
7600 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213	
The Right Angle (carpentry)	390-0909
Third Coast Courier (delivery)	562-0935
Travel Directions (Travel Agency)	
515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213	774-2174
Travel Experience (Travel Agency)	744-6020
Wauker Photography (Portraits, Commitments)	
by appointment only	383-0740
Wells Ink, Advertising & Design (Advertising, PR)	
1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, 53202	272-2116

RETAIL

2Burn (Ventless Fireplaces, Gifts)	
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11708 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	607-7000
Absolute Furniture	
5520 W. North Ave.	875-8326
Adambomb Gallerie (tattoos, jewelry)	
524 S. 2nd St., 53204	276-BOMB
Avante Garde (Body Piercing, Tattoos)	
7219 W. Greenfield, Ave.,	607-4068
Body Ritual (Body Piercing, Jewelry, Gifts)	
2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202	273-3777
Clinton Street Antiques	
1110 South First Street	647-1773
Changin' Times	
932 E. Brady St., 53202	281-7473
Constant Reader Bookshop	
1627 E. Irving Pl., 53202	291-0452
Eclectic i (art/gifts)	
411 E. Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217,	906-0665
Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)	
2201 E. Capital Dr., 53211	963-1006
Genesis (custom jeweler, goldsmith)	
6011 W. Layton Ave.	281-1022
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)	
Hwy 20, Racine	886-5111
Grava Gallery (framing)	
1209 E. Brady St., 53202	277-8228
Mega Discount Nursey	
1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154	571-6565
Miss Groove (gifts)	
1225 E. Brady St., 53202	298-9185
Out of Solitude Jewelry	
918 E. Brady St., 53202	223-3101
Outpost Natural Foods	
100 E. Capital Dr., 53212	964-7789
exchange@execpc.com	
Outwards (LGBT Books and espresso bar)	
2710 N. Murray Ave., 53211	963-9089
exchange@execpc.com	
Popular News (adult books, videos)	
225 N. Water St., 53202	278-0636
Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse	
6833 W. North Ave.	607-9672
Rubin's	
224 E. Chicago St. 53202	278-8100
Sportland 2 (motorcycles)	
7221 S. 13th St.	764-2800
Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)	
1418 E. Brady St., 53202	272-6768
Wishful Things (Antiques)	
207 E. Buffalo, 53202	964-9799

Spa/Health Clubs

Midtowne Spa (Gay Health and Recreational Facility)	
315 S. Water St., 53204	278-8989

CENTRAL (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Scholfield, 54476	(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481	
	(715) 592-6245, ext. 5920200
Joseph T. Chojnacki, Ph.D. (Psychologist)	
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort	
Eagle River, 54521	1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgeinn.com	
G&L Society/Wausau	848-0608
UWSP 10% Society	
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	
UWSP, Stevens Point, 54481	346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)	
P.O. Box 152, Wausau, 54402	848-0343
Oz (Mw, DJ, V)	
320 Washington, Wausau 54401	842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education	
2108 4th Ave., Stevens Point 54481	345-6500
Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO)	
c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449	
Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim:	(715) 384-6731
Prince Edward B&B	
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)

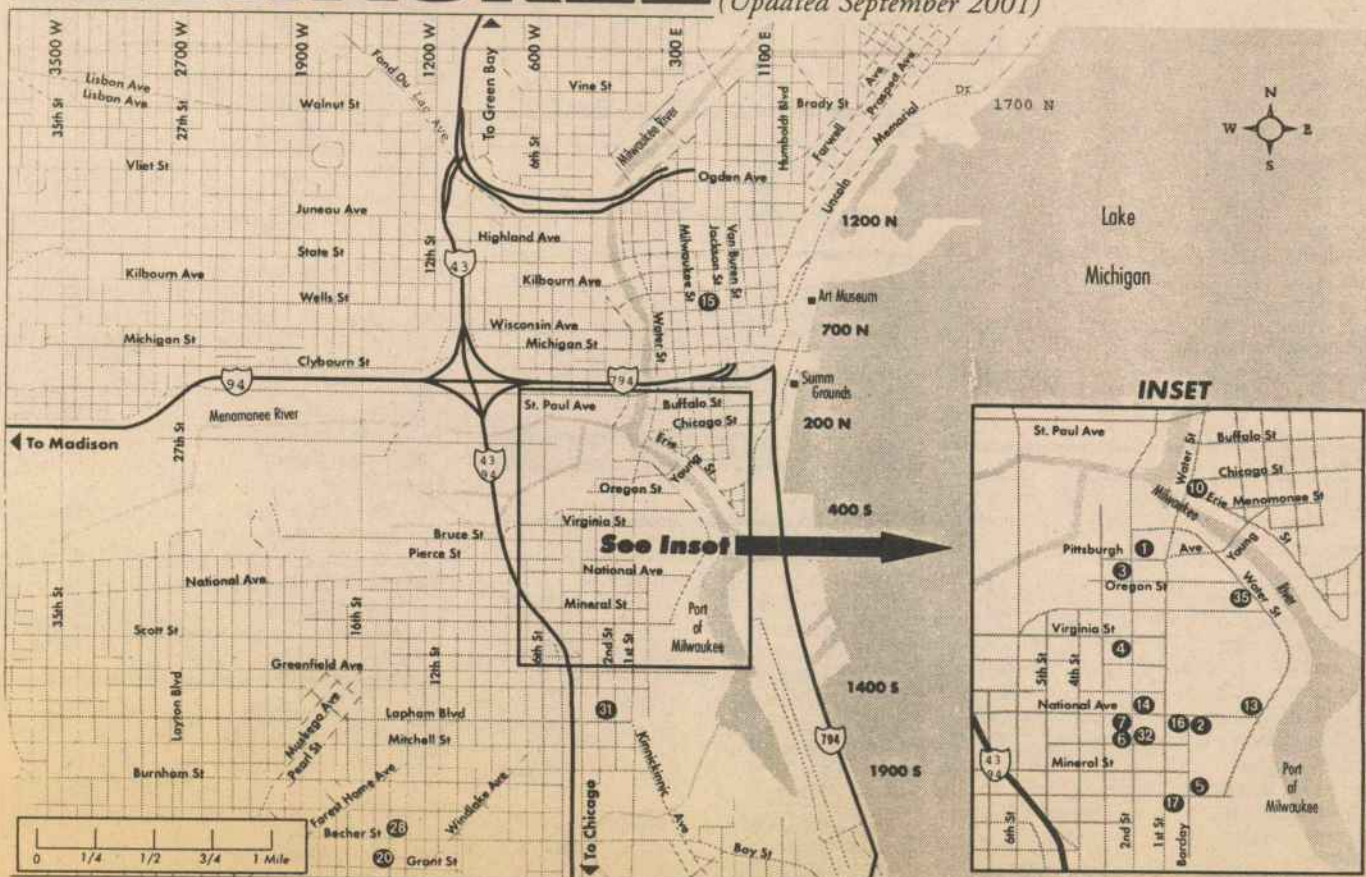
Gay/Lesbian Support Group	
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806	
Northern WI Lambda Society	
P.O. Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of	
Gay/Lesbians/Bi's	359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)	
P.O. Box 695, Washburn, 54891	682-2890

SHEBOYGAN (920)

Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081	457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians	
Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422	
Sheboygan Antiques	
336 Superior Avenue 53081	452-6757
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation)	
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan	458-4889

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin 1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140	657-6644 (800) 924-6601
Club 94 (MW, DJ) 9001 120th Ave (Hwy C& I-94) Kenosha 53140	857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming) 6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143	657-5667
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer) Hwy 20 Racine 53403	886-5111
JoDee's (MW, DJ) 2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403	634-9804
What About Me? (WM) 600 6th St. Racine 53403	632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting) Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine 625 College, Racine 53403	554-6611 634-0659
UW-Parkside G/L Organization 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141	595-2244
PFLAG Kenosha/Racine (c/o St. Mary's Lutheran Church) 2001 80th St., Kenosha 53143	658-3555
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union 309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190	472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie	63-4421
Wychowolde (Jewelry & Gifts) 8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168	843-4209

SOUTH CENT. (715)

AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info) P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545	756-2550
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast) 11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563	868-6646
Cathren House (B&B) Mineral Point	987-2612

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.arcw.org) 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880	394-4009 (877) 242-0282
Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men) PO Box 264, Superior 54880	
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board) PO Box 152, Wausau 54402	842-1377
Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast) 33 E. Spruce St, Chippewa Falls	723-0943
Eagle Cove B&B (eglcove@comcast.net) W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750	448-4302
GLOBE (Campus Lesb/Gay group) 105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701	
JP Creations (WEB Design) LGBT Community Center of Chippewa Valley (gaycenter@hotmail.com) www.geocities.com/glbtcmmunitycenter/ PO Box 383, Eau Claire, 54702	477-8802 (715) 559-5751
The Trading Company (MW, DJ) 304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701	838-9494
The Main Club (MW, DJ) 1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880	392-1756
Northland Gay Men's Center 8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802	(218) 722-8585
Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) Greater Chippewa Valley PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011	
Q2 (social/support for LGBT youth) P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702	836-7710
Scooter's (MW) 411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703	835-9959
Trio (WM) 820 Tower, Superior, 54880	392-5373
Twin Ports Pride P.O. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803	(218) 728-5825
UW Stout 10% Society c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UWS Menomonee, 54751 UW Eau Claire Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles) 22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729	

S. WEST & CENTRAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org) Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420 La Crosse, WI 54601	(608) 785-9866 (800) 947-3353
The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group) PO Box 131, Platteville 53818 e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu	348-5596
Cavalier Lounge (MW, DJ) 114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601	782-9061
Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth) 3219 Commerce St., La Crosse, 54603	735-4829 781-2783
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Box 131, Platteville, 53818	
My Place (MW DJ) 3201 South Ave., LaCrosse 54601	788-9073
LaCrosse L/G Support Group c/o Campus Ministry Center	784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News Box 932, LaCrosse 54602	
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601	782-6082 782-9802
Under the Rainbow (Alternative Books) 122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601	796-0383
Rainbow Ridge Farms Bed & Breakfast Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance) Code 4419, e-mail to pioneerswi@aol.com PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581	783-8181 800-484-8131
Players (MW DJ)	

By Michael Johnston

It's so wonderful to gather once again. As the Holidays start warming our hearts, I have some heartwarming experiences to share. From Nov. 7-11, Milwaukee, was the place to be – the Hyatt Regency, to be a little more specific. I had the chance to take in a day at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation's 14th Creating Change Conference. It was a very well-run convention, the likes of which this town has ever hosted. The whole second floor of the Hyatt was so full of life and action – it was so positive. I've usually had to travel to D.C. to partake in experiences of this nature.

I sat in on a most fascinating plenary session Saturday morning. I was invigorated and thoroughly entertained by **Lorri Jean**, the executive director of NGLTF. She is a most articulate speaker who held her audience's attention quite admirably.

Following Ms. Jean's address, there was a panel discussion: "Terrorism, War and Democracy – What Does It Mean for GLBT People?" It was the most stirring, thought-provoking Saturday I have ever experienced. In fact, as of this writing I'm still contemplating the many points brought out that you do not hear, read or see in the mass media we have access to. I do realize some views, opinions and outlooks are a bit progressive, but I've always had a thirst for all data available and forming my own take on issues.

My heartiest congratulations to all involved locally – Host Committee co-chairs **Neil Albrecht, Stephanie Hume, Beverly Jenkins, and Leonel Marchan**, among others, for being instrumental in bringing this event to Milwaukee.

My dear east coast connections, friends, mentors and former employer **Jon Martin and Tom Reed** returned ever so briefly to Brew City. It was fabulous getting together once more, no matter how brief! I guess it's true, life is what happens while we're busy making plans (John Lennon). Proof that friendship carries on in spite of the miles, it was if we never said good-bye. A truly amazing dinner party was hosted by **Dr. Robert Starshak and Ross Draegert**. Even though we still live in the same town, I hadn't seen them in ages! Also on hand to share in this lovely occasion was Milwaukee's favorite **Tony Rhodes**.

As life would have it, we all assembled on Halloween night, yet it was more like Thanksgiving! Our regal repast took place at Bartolotta's Dream Dance at the casino. The dining room is aptly named – a dream come true, indeed! I can not endorse it enough: the food, service, presentation, quality, quantity. Me of the endless appetite ended up taking a doggy bag home, and I haven't a pet! Patrick, our server, out did himself as well!

Jon and Tom look great. They are turning D.C. on its ear and, as always, it was a pleasure to be in their presence. After an extraordinary celebration, I had to leave our version of Las Vegas to dash off to judge a "Costume Contest." As I ran off into the night, there were the frenetic sounds of people finding their fortunes...

My evening continued at **Switch** where **Craig** asked me to come down and try to pick a winner. I stress the word try because there were 26 contestants in a room full of stunning creations, in and out of "costume." The thing I love about Halloween is it kicks-off the Holidays and you never know who you'll run into and if

you'll recognize them... Such was the case when Joe, as always a fashion plate, although that night the designer was off and his GI Joe-look was downright salutable! Dean-A-Hula, loved the coconut bra – ouch! **Dame Edna** elegant as ever, **Baby Jane Hudson** (not the local entertainer) just as entertaining, two Liberaces (is that Liberaci?), the return of **Bianca** and **Michael, Big Ass Bird, Hobbs, The Spa Girls, Demon Diva, Jeanie, Show Girls – Gay-lore! Fire Man Mike** – what a hose! (he gives great CPR, too!), **Jacob** the hottest cop, scarecrows, piñata, patriotic little people, lots of red, white & blue! **Craig and Scotty**, in costume of course, had fun with their funhouse turned horror house and Jay manned the beer garden as only he could do. The individual with the best costume at Switch turned out to be a salute to Lily Tomlin as Ernestine the operator, no bad connection there. In fact, Ernestine ended up with top honors at the finale held at La Cage. Congrats, you were fabu! Did your feet hurt the next day?

Ab-Fab Mania is taking over the town – Martini-mania on Mondays with \$2 off of martinis and the return of Patsy & Edina. Don't forget, Tuesdays at Switch is now "Show Tunes Night" from 8 p.m. to close. On Tuesdays, Tea for Tue, with 1/2 priced Long Island Ice Teas with that hot toddy himself – Tod. Wednesday is "Balloon Bust," with prizes, bar tabs, cash...

On Thursday, Nov. 1, I was invited to a dear colleague's birthday celebration at The Triangle. I think **Dan** turned 25, or somewhere around there, and a fun pizza party took place that led us into Friday! James was on hand to make sure everything was picture-perfect! The Autumn decor added an interesting sense of warmth to the club. We started the party out with John, who probably wore out his shoes, with all the running he did, and closed the night out with Dave. Both bartenders made sure we were never running on empty! Harry the magician was on hand pulling things out of everywhere but up his sleeve... Brad Taylor certainly knows how to throw a party...

Don't forget that **Steve and Woody's** celebrates the Green & Gold in style. Catch the Packers and their fabulous beer bust for every game!

Keep in mind yet another convention of sorts is "hitting" Milwaukee. The 23rd annual Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT), the oldest in the land, will be "bowl-ing us over" Thanksgiving weekend! The Board has once more invited me back to femcee their "Welcome Show"

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Thanksgiving night at Club 219 at 10 p.m. I love it, I get connect with the legends of 219... **Kimberly Ann, Lily, Kylie, Nova** – such a history, or is it "herstory" there?! By the by, the best lashes in the land are at MACS on First Street!

"Jolly, Holly, Folly," the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's fall event, takes place Tuesday, Nov. 27. Willard Romantini will once again preside, as well as 25 restaurants offering delectables, and The Milwaukee Rep will present "Arsenic And Old Lace." A truly satisfying evening for one and all! Tickets are \$75 - \$100 with all the food, libation and live theater – talk about a deal!

I'm thrilled to congratulate in print my friend and former co-worker **Jim Moore** on his new role in our community. Jim has been named Director of the Wisconsin AIDS Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Inc. I had the pleasure of knowing Jim way back in his "baby days" as event coordinator at ARCW, and then later we worked together at Landmark Enterprises. I know with his dedication and determination many people's lives will be greatly improved.

World AIDS Day, Saturday, Dec. 1, will be commemorated with an unveiling of "The Faces Of AIDS: A Photo Documentary From The Heartland." ARCW and the Wisconsin AIDS Fund will bring this exhibit to the Marcus Center Atrium, 929N. Water St., 4-5:30 p.m., with light hors d'oeuvres. It will give us a time to reflect, refocus and recognize those living with this disease.

The Wisconsin Cream Chorus, Ltd. has its 15th season arranged. Currently they are selling subscriptions, a way you will not miss out on any their performances, like "Ice Crystals: Through Winter's Window," Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. at Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire St.; "Diamonds In The Heartland," Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. in Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St.; and "WCCC On The Crystal Set," Saturday, June 22 at 8 p.m., Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. Wow what a line up!

Interesting comment made by former President Gerald Ford after all these years endorsing same-sex marriages and benefits. I knew Betty would keep him in step...

Remember it's the glamour, not the grammar! I wish a very special Thanksgiving to you all. I am so thankful for all of you!

And I shall remain, Cordially yours,



Note Lewis, Tammy Baldwin and Dave Bodah pose for the camera at Creating Change. Photo: William Attewell

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