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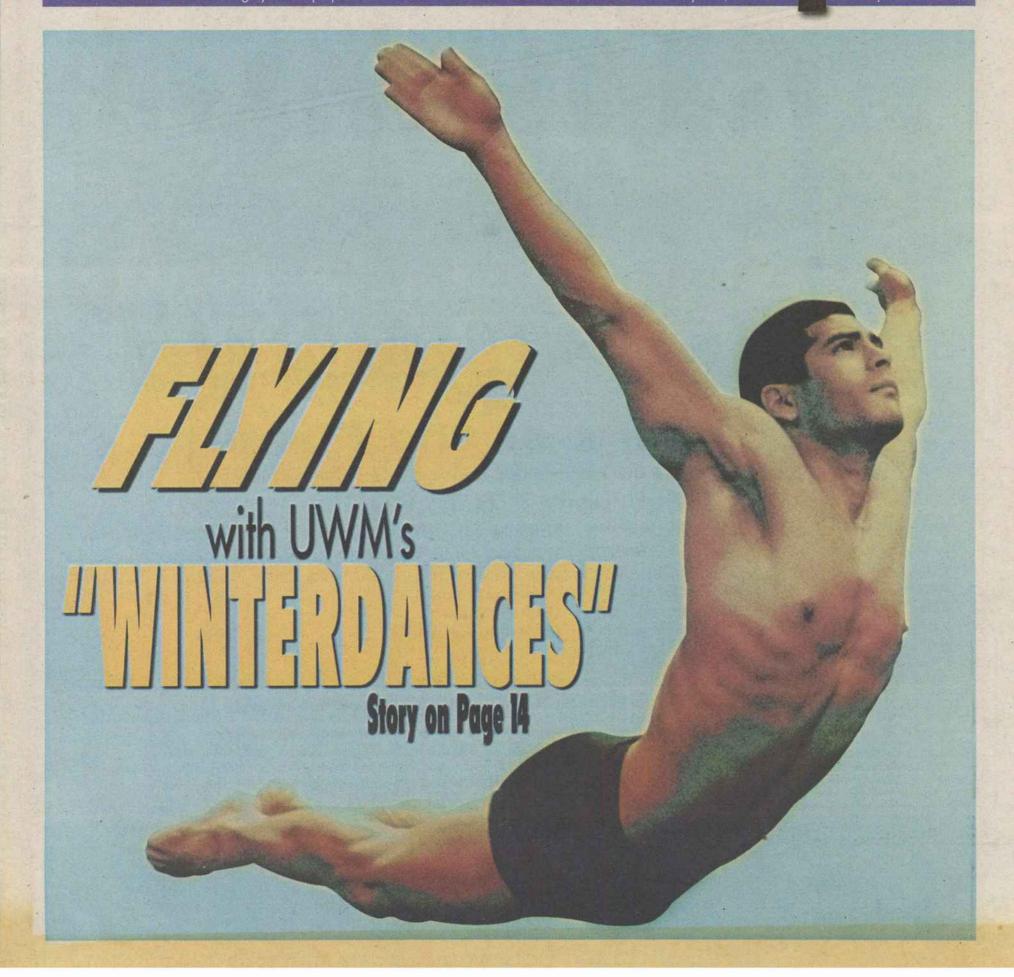
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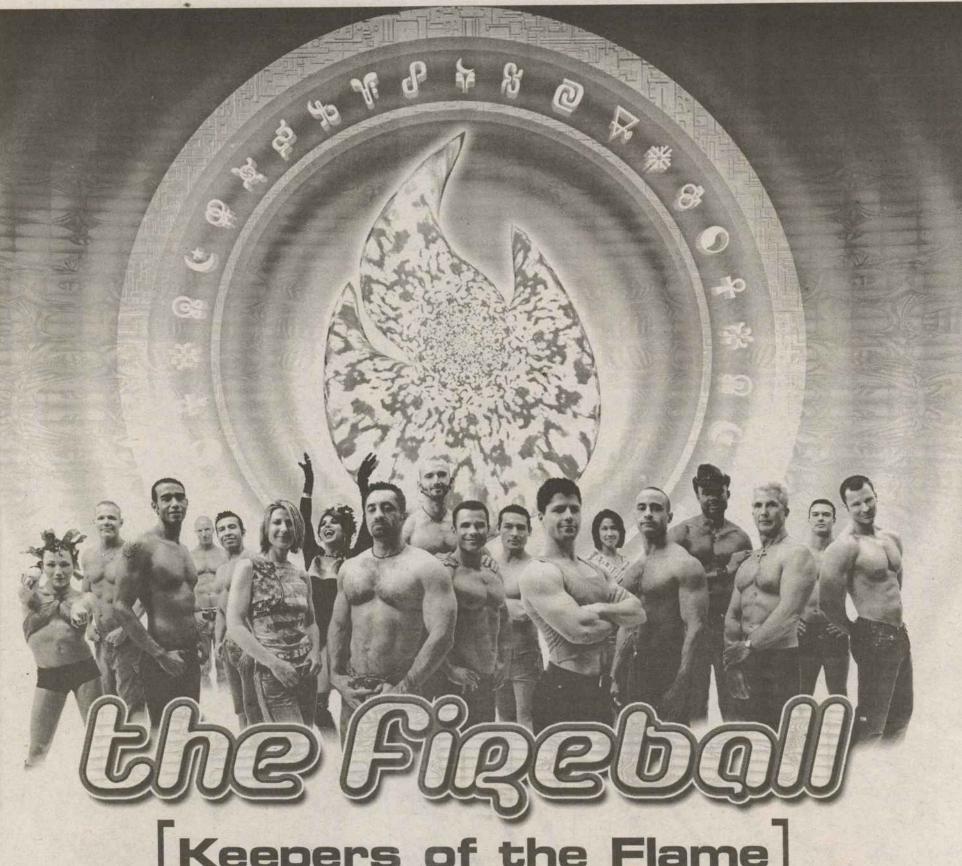
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S.F. AIDS Honcho: Sucking Is Safe

By Rex Wockner

San Francisco — There is zero evidence you can catch HIV from sucking or getting sucked, says Jeffrey Klausner, director of STD Prevention and Control Services for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Klausner laid out his conclusions in recent online chats with users of the Gay.com Web site.

"The truth from the University of California San Francisco and the San Francisco Department of Public Health is that the risk of transmission of HIV via oral sex is very, very, very, very, very low and may be zero," Klausner wrote.

"Other sources of information in the U.K. and elsewhere are not based on sound epidemiological data. ... We recently completed a study of men in San Francisco who have only had oral sex and found zero new HIV infections. ... In terms of HIV, oral sex both ways is very, very safe."

Klausner noted that "saliva has natural anti-HIV factors" and said sucking remains safe even if you have a sore in your mouth or

"There are no data that show that bleeding gums, sore throats, bad teeth or mouth sores actually increase the risk of transmission," Klausner said. "For years, either we have not had data or had bad data. Now, reliable data shows the risk of HIV from oral sex is either zero or very, very low."

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Gay men should have as much oral sex as they want, he said.

"My advice is: Enjoy oral sex and get regular check-ups," he said. "A good check-up includes throat testing for gonorrhea, rectal testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia, urine testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia and blood tests for herpes, syphilis and HIV.

"DEMAND these tests from your doctor, clinic or health department," Klausner stressed. "These tests are out there and essential to maintaining good sexual health."

The online chats, sponsored by the city health department and Internet Sexuality Information Services, take place in Gay.com's Special Events Forum on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. CST.

Photographer Herb Ritts's Death Came After Years of Battling HIV

Los Angeles — In an exclusive interview with The Advocate, a close friend of Herb Ritts confirms that the superstar photographer, who died late last year of complications from pneumonia, was HIV-positive.

"He had been very productive for many years living with HIV," says friend Stephen Huvane, a publicist with PMK/HBH. "He had only been in the hospital for a few days before he passed away."

Huvane specified, however, that Ritts's death was not directly HIV-related. "Herb was HIV[-positive], but this particular pneumonia was not PCP [pneumocystis pneumonia]. But at the end of the day, his immune system was compromised. He died from complications from pneumonia, but he had been living with HIV for many years."

HBO to Air Gay Hitler Theory

New York — HBO is planning to air a documentary which will explore the controversial theory espoused in the 2001 book "The Hidden Hitler" which claimed the Nazi leader was homosexual.

Adolph HitlerThe 2001 biography was released to heavy criticism from historians who disputed its allegations. One aca-



demic writing for the Washington Post chastised the author, German history professor Lothar Machtan, for coming "perilously close to blaming the entire Holocaust on Hitler's alleged sexuality."

The documentary will be produced by Los Angeles-based World of Wonder, whose credits include "Monica in Black and White" for HBO and the upcoming theatrical release "Party Monster."

"The thrust of the documentary looks at the body of evidence that in his early life, Hitler was, in all possibility, gay," said Fenton Bailey, co-director of the program.

An abridged 49-minute version of the

San Francisco Plans Statue To Gay Hero



Harvey Milk

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on Mayor George Moscone killing him as well.

White served five years in prison for the killings and committed suicide after being released from prison.

City Hall officials, Milk's former aides and friends are hoping to raise between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to have a bronze bust of Milk created. There already is a sculpture of Moscone outside San Francisco's City Hall.

Board of Supervisors President Matt Gonzalez, who is leading the effort said that once the money is raised, San Francisco's Arts Commission will choose a sculptor to create the artwork.

"This is an overdue and fitting way to remember the painful loss of a seminal gay leader and ensure his legacy is not forgotten," said Supervisor Tom Ammiano.

documentary aired on Britain's Channel 5 in November with the title "Is Hitler Gay?" The full 75 minutes are expected to air on either HBO or Cinemax next year.

The documentary features interviews with the author and other historians. The production, which took 10 months to complete, visits European cities where Hitler spent his early years, including his hometown of Linz, Austria.

"Hidden" recounts eyewitness testimony describing Hitler's sexual activity during and after World War I. The book also suggests that he murdered a highranking Nazi who attempted to blackmail him by threatening to disclose his homosexuality and persecuted hundreds of thousands of other gays and lesbians to "disguise his own true colors."

San Francisco - The city of

Milk was the first openly gay

San Francisco is preparing to place a statue of slain Supervisor Harvey

elected official in California. He

was sworn in 25 years ago this

month. After less than a year in

office Milk was gunned down in his

City Hall office by former supervi-

the Board of Supervisors and want-

ed it back blamed Milk for block-

lar politician, White turned his gun

White who had quit his job on

After shooting the highly popu-

Milk in front of city hall.

sor Dan White.

ing his return.

When NBC's "Today" anchor Matt Lauer interviewed Machtan about the book in October 2001, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation blasted the program for failing to grill the author on the validity of his claims.

GLAAD news media director Cathy Renna has higher hopes for the documentary. "We would welcome a rigorous and fair examination of the book from all different sides, which it didn't get from the mainstream media when it first came out," she said.

Marvel Releases Gay Comic

New York — Ride 'em in Rawhide! In February, Marvel Comics unleashes its reinterpretation of the classic Western series, Rawhide Kid, with a new twist: He's gay.

Originally introduced in 1955 as a heroic and shy-aroundwomen gunslinger, Rawhide Kid returns in this groundbreaking series with a contemporary spin that establishes Marvel Comics' first-ever gay title character.

"In this new series, the Kid lets his actions do the talking as he keeps the West safe for one and all. All the while, though, he does nothing to hide his sexual orientation," said Marvel Editor-In-Chief Joe Quesada.

"Rawhide Kid is written with a humorous slant, yet we took this series very seriously," Quesada



added. "Historically, he has always been uncomfortable around women and we wanted to examine his motivations further."

In bringing this new title to the mainstream market, Marvel bridges the generation gap by teaming up the original Rawhide Kid artist, 86-year-old John Severin, with noted scribe from televi-

sion and radio Ron Zimmerman.

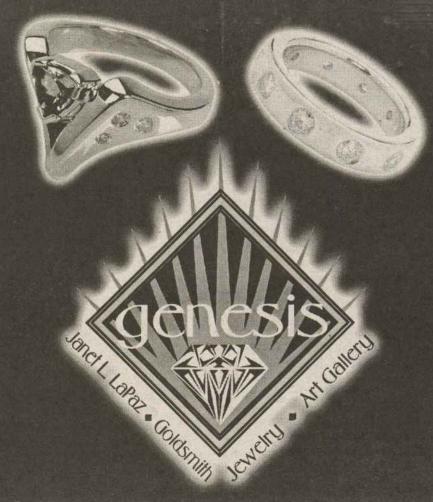
Rawhide Kid will be published under the company's adult reader imprint, MAX.

"It's time for the Old West to meet the new Marvel where we're always looking to bring innovative and relevant stories to long-time fans and new readers," said. Quesada.

Rawhide Kid was created in 1955 to capitalize on the then-popular Rawhide television series. That series ran for 16 issues before ending in 1957. In 1960, Stan Lee and Jack Kirby reinvented the character in Rawhide Kid #17. This version bore some resemblance to the later Spider-Man series, including an Uncle Ben whose death motivates the Kid to fight for justice.

This version of the character lasted until 1979. Since then, the Kid has turned up regularly in the Marvel Universe, both in series of his own, such as a limited series in 1985, as a headliner in the western series Blaze of Glory and Apache Skies and as a guest star in other Marvel titles.

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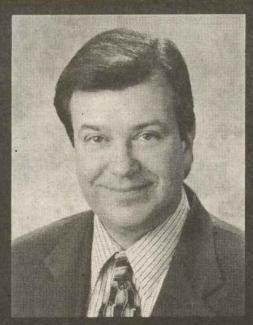


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PrideFest to Kick Off 2003 Festival with Open House

Milwaukee — Mark your calendars! On Saturday, February 8, there will be a "Kick Off" Open House from 7 to 10 p.m. at 907 S. 1st Street.

"There will be food, fun and information about our 2003 Festival. The theme of the festival will be announced. There will be announcements of entertainment and always ways you can volunteer and make PrideFest 2003 the best festival yet," shared Ted Berg, Vice President and Nick Laurent, Entertainment Director.

For more information, please contact Ted Berg at (414) 645-3378 or e-mail him at Tberg@pridefest.com.

Men's Coming Out Group to Start at OutReach

Madison — A men's coming-out support group is forming and will begin meeting in mid- to late February 2003. The purpose of the group is to offer support to men who are dealing with the realization that they are not heterosexual and how that affects their everyday lives and to support those people previously or currently in same sex relationships.

The men's coming out support group will identify and discuss the stages of coming out and explore topics such as how to deal with family members, physical and sexual safety, legal rights and discrimination, and spirituality, among others. The group will run for ten weeks. Two trained volunteers will facilitate each meeting. People who are interested in attending the

meetings should talk to or leave a message for Jim Lamal, one of the facilitators of the group, by February 8th.

The OutReach LGBT Community Center has served Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community since 1973, providing counseling, advocacy, education, youth information and referral services. It also offers a lending library, free publications, and meeting space. For more information, contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582 or email: programs@outreachinc.com.

SPRAWL Hosts Valentine's Ball Feb. 14

Madison – SPRAWL Women's Dance and All-Grrl Gathering will proudly host a women's Valentine Drag Ball at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St., on Friday, February 14, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

"Lesbians often think Valentine's Day is a drag," opined SPRAWL founder Betty Friedan-Ginger at a crowded press conference announcing the event, "so we thought we'd just go with it and have a drag party. Of course, since I'm always in drag, we might also say it's come-as-you-are."

Valentine's Day, the "most het holiday of the year," Friedan-Ginger told reporters, proves difficult for single lesbians and two-woman couples alike. "If you're on a date and you go to the fanciest restaurant in town and moon over your girlfriend like the straight people are mooning over each other, you could get thrown out," she said. "If you don"t have a girlfriend, you sit at home, wishing you were in some restaurant about to be thrown out." "Obviously, something has to change," declared the lip-

stick lesbian.

"Single and coupled women, their mothers, their daughters, and their favorite aunts should simply avoid this cultural minefield and come to SPRAWL, where girls kissing girls is quite acceptable, and where many single women have found their true loves – and hot flings."

"What better time to meet your next love, or to celebrate your current flame, than at a SPRAWL Valentine's Drag Ball? Imagine the confusion on your co-workers' faces when you tell them "Valentine's was a drag," with that happy, hazy morning-after look upon your lovely countenance. And you"ll owe it all to SPRAWL."

A single grrrls' On the 14th, Happy Happy Happy Hour begins at 7 p.m.; a dance lesson commences at 7:30; and DJ Sandy Seusser spins an eclectic dance mix starting at 8 p.m.. Drag – however a woman defines it – is optional but welcome, and there could be some unexpected benefits for any woman who takes the risk. Cover is \$5, sliding scale.

One assertive reporter at the press conference told Friedan-Ginger that she'd heard from an undisclosed source at an unidentified gathering that SPRAWL had closed its doors. "I've heard those rumors, too," Friedan-Ginger responded, "and all I can say is that word of my demise has been wildly exaggerated. I go to New York to work on my cha-cha for a couple of months, and the patriarchy thinks women will no longer dance or plot the revolution. I'm here to tell you, we'll be doing both at the Civic Center on Valentine's Day."

Fast approaching the second anniversary of its founding, SPRAWL women's dances and gatherings have attracted thousands of women to events at the Madison Civic Center, the UW University Club, and

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local community centers. Revelers at last summer's Pride Sprawl came from Milwaukee, Chicago, and San Francisco, to enjoy the hospitality of Madison's famous women's community.

Third Annual Drag Ball at UWM Union Feb. 1

Milwaukee – A night of great performances, professional and amateur, will rock the house on Saturday, Feb 1, in the Wisconsin Room of the UW-Milwaukee Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.. The event is sponsored by the Rainbow Alliance.

The show begins at 8 p.m. and admission is free with all donations going to support Project Q, the LGBT youth program of Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center. There will be a cash bar. This year's ball will feature a special performance by the Chicago Kings along with their special "Transformation Booth."

For more information, call (414) 229-4116, or visit www.lgbt.uwm.edu.

MAGIC Picnic Planning to Begin Jan. 25

Madison – It's already 2003 and not to early to begin planning for this summer's MAGIC Picnic. The first planning meeting for the 2003 MAGIC Picnic Weekend will be held at Ray's Bar & Grill, 3054 E. Washington Ave. on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to start planning for a fun-filled weekend of celebrating our lives and our lifestyles. All interested individuals and groups are welcome to attend. There will be some changes this year in regards to organization, but the picnic itself will be held at Brittingham Park on July 20-21.

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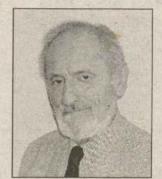


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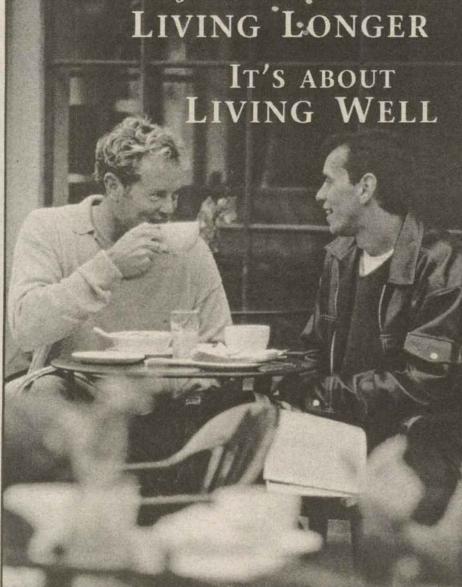


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Brew City Bears Host Upcoming Events

Milwaukee – The Brew City Bears club of greater Milwaukee (a Bear organization) continues with its goal of remaining an active GLBT organization. For several years, the Brew City Bears have continued to give back funds to assist GLBT organizations and the community. Last year's recipients were the Metropolitan Community Church, SAGE, PFLAG and St. Ben's, with each group receiving \$400. The Brew City Bears wish the best for all GLBTs and the community this year.

For more information on the activities of the Brew City Bears, call the Bear Line at (414) 299-0401. Regularly scheduled events include meetings every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. for coffee at Alterra Coffee Roasters, 2211 N. Prospect Ave. Club nights are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at the Boot Camp Saloon, 209 E. National Ave.

This month's Club Night will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25. The night will start at Si's Club House, 904 S. First St. There will be a short membership meeting starting at 8 p.m. followed by a chance to meet and greet fellow members. Complimentary light refreshments will be provided. The group will then go over to Boot Camp for more fun.

Legal Night at the Center Continues in 2003

Milwaukee — Do you have questions about legal issues such as discrimination, partner agreements, bankruptcy, real estate or landlord/tenant relations? The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center provides free legal consultation with LGBT-friendly attorneys on the second Thursday

of the month from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Legal Night was launched in the Fall of 2002 to help fill a gap in service to LGBT communities. Anyone wanting to speak to an attorney on Legal Night must check in at the front desk upon arriving at the Center and will be seen on a first come, first served basis. The Center is located at 315 W. Court Street. For more information, contact the Center's Director of Programs at (414) 271-2656.

And Then They Came for Me: Civil Liberties Forum Jan. 28

Milwaukee — A forum on the threat to civil liberties in the post 9/11 era will be held Jan. 28, from 7-9 p.m., at the Milwaukee LGBT Center, 315 W. Court Street, Milwaukee. The forum is sponsored by Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee's Social Justice Committee, and is open to the general public.

Presenters will include Maria Cadenas, Associate Director of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union; Sister Virgine, detained member of the School of the Americas Watch Group, and Susan Modder, Development Director of the UWM Library.

The title of the forum is taken from the famous words spoken by the Rev. Martin Niemoller in 1945 concerning the loss of civil liberties under Hitler and the failure of people to speak up.

people to speak up.

"In Germany," Rev. Neimoller said,
"They first came for the Communists, but I
didn't speak up because I wasn't a
Communist. Then they came for the Jews,
but I didn't speak up because I wasn't a
Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists
but I didn't speak up because I wasn't a
trade unionist. Then they came for the

Catholics but I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me—and by that time there was no one left to speak up."

The Raging Grannies and the Whippersnappers, who protest in humorous song, will also be a part of the program.

"Making 2003 Your Best Year Yet: A Time Management Seminar"

Milwaukee — If time is one of our most valuable resources, do you often feel you don't have enough of it to accomplish all you want to do?

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Centeris Rainbow U Lecture in January will help you begin the new year on the right foot by tackling the challenges of effective time management and goal setting. "Making 2003 Your Best Year Yet" will help you to identify what you want out of the new year and design your time to make that happen.

Join presenter Craig Bodoh of Personal Effectiveness Plus on January 16 at 7 p.m. and boost your time management and goal setting skills to a new level. Bodoh's extensive experience as a consultant, time management trainer and personal effectiveness coach along with his dynamic presentation skills and commitment to helping others enhance the quality of their lives make his workshops well worth attending.

Rainbow U Lectures, which are free and open to the public, are held the third Thursday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 315 W. Court Street. For more information, call Kathy at (414) 271-2656.

Toy Train Lecture & Appraisal at Historical Society

Milwaukee – "Our Love Affair with Toys," a lecture on toy trains, will be presented by Roger Carp, Assistant Editor of Classic Toy Trains magazine, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Milwaukee County Historical Society, 910 N. Old World Third St.

Visitors are encouraged to bring in their own toy trains if they would like to have an ideal of the age of the train and what its approximate value might be. Appraisals of toy trains will be done between 1:30-2:30 p.m. and after the lecture, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The toy train lecture and appraisal are part of a series of public programs in conjunction with a toy train exhibition, "Toy Trains: Cherished Childhood Memories," at the Historical Society that is running through Jan. 15.

For more information, call (414) 273-8288.

Ballroom Dancing with Same-Sex Partners

Milwaukee — A new LGBT group forming (if there is sufficient interest) in early March at a Milwaukee ballroomdance school with a professional instructor. Cost: \$10 per person per class.

Tentative Schedule: weekly, Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. To register your interest and/or discuss alternate scheduling preferences, please contact Dwight at (414) 906-9278 before Feb. 10, or e-mail dwight@columbia.edu prior to February 3.





MEMORIAL

Amy Sipe Leaves Legacy of Commitment and Fun

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — Late last year, the women's community of Milwaukee — of the whole state of Wisconsin, really — suffered the loss of one of its most admired and committed members.

Amy Sipe, 61, succumbed to breast cancer at St. Mary's Hospice on Milwaukee's east side on November 27. Amy was lovingly cared for by the staff at St. Mary's where she had been employed for 38 years. She died only blocks away from her longtime home, a cozy flat on Downer Ave. where she had lived with a series of beloved cats for decades. Few were surprised to learn that she asked for the remains of Noodles, her most treasured feline companion, to be buried alongside hers.

Amy is survived by her 92-year old father, Amos, her sisters, Starr and Bonny, many nieces and nephews, and hundreds of friends in the women's community who were privileged to know her and enjoy her company. A memorial service was held in December at which family and friends

shared their memories of Amy. Friends Joanne and Jan say they plan to organize a memorial gathering especially for the women's community in the months to come.

For 30 years, Amy Sipe played a quiet, unassuming, but significant role in the lesbian community. She never sought attention or honors, and she might actually be mortified to have this article about her printed in a gay newspaper!

Amy is probably most identified with Grapevine, the group that provided weekly social gatherings and seasonal outings for women. She was the chief organizer of the now legendary Point Beach camping weekends, annual (sometimes semi-annual) events that drew dozens of women to share in the outdoor fun at Point Beach State Park. (This year's Point Beach outing will go ahead, as planned, July 23-27.)

"Amy just loved Point Beach — the nature and how beautiful it is," said her friend Joanne. "She enjoyed getting everyone together up there and seeing everyone have a great time around the campfire. She loved getting up at the crack of dawn and being the first one on the beach to see the birds. She loved the herons."

Those weekends have been touchstones for so many women: introducing new women to the lesbian community and a wider circle of friends, nurturing friendships between diverse women, and serving as catalysts for drawing some couples together. Year after year, Amy made it all happen, and she also had an incredible knack for making everyone — especially newbies — feel equally welcome and valued.

"She really believed in the mission of



Playful friends slap two big ones on Amy Sipe.

Grapevine, to provide a safe space for women outside the bar setting, to meet others, to talk about anything, to have fun," said Joanne.

In addition to the Point Beach weekends, Amy helped organize Grapevine's monthly potlucks, holiday gatherings, dances, kite fly-ins and hay rides. And she was often on the sidelines coaching and cheering on the softball team.

Kathy Herbst said her favorite image of Amy was "at the softball games, clipboard in hand, baseball cap on her head, encouraging the players."

Amy was also a shutterbug, and served as something of a chronicler of the women's community, taking photos at almost every event she attended. Joanne and Jan are going through her papers and say they will try to save materials that may be of historical value.

Amy wasn't a saint. Some friends said she could be stubborn, and more than one used the term "cranky." "She definitely knew how she wanted things done," said her friend Jan.

But she was a generous friend and a great gift-giver, according to Joanne, who often accompanied Amy to rummage sales. "She was very tuned in to peoples' tastes. So when we'd be out shopping and something caught her eye she'd know just who it would be perfect for."

Jan agreed. "When she gave you a gift, it was one she had really thought about giving — something she knew you would value."

Amy was born in New Jersey but loved New York and the New York Yankees. She attended Yankees vs. Brewers games, and rooted for the Yankees. She also enjoyed boxing (to the chagrin of many friends!) and attended amateur bouts with another avid fan, her pal Barb. Joanne said Amy was also interested in Native American culture and loved to attend pow-wows.

Amy Sipe leaves a legacy of friendship, commitment and quiet leadership behind. Rest well, sister.



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opportunity. We must continue our advance toward full equality for every citi-

zen, which demands the guarantee for civil

lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, it is our great responsibility to work with the new Congress and the Administration to ensure that they honor the vision that the President outlined - and make no mistake,

there is great work to be done,

the scourge of hate crimes.

Dr. King once said, "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking

from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We

must forever conduct our struggle on the

high plane of dignity and discipline. We

must not allow our creative protest to degen-

erate into physical violence. Again and again

Perhaps the best way we can honor Dr.

As we continue on in the spirit of Dr. King in a civil rights movement for the gay,

In Dr. King's time, the nation was suffering from the affliction and divisions caused by the Jim Crow laws which, among other things, prohibited interracial marriage, and promoted segregation and discrimination in employment practices, the military, and in myriad other ways. Today, the GLBT community embraces the example set by Dr. King as we strive for a more perfect equality. His tenacity in the face of unconscionable discrimination heartens us as we battle inequities in marriage law, employment, military service, and more. Of all the injustices listed above - and they are prevalent and powerful on their own - perhaps nothing more clearly highlights our country's continuing struggle with diversity than hate crimes. It is time for our leaders to enact meaningful hate crimes legislation that will protect all Americans, regardless of their skin color, sexual orientation, or gender identity, from



OPINIONS

Honor Dr. King: Work Against Hate

By Elizabeth Birch

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"

hese visionary words spoken by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are as pertinent today as they were when he first spoke them so many years ago. As we remember Dr. King on Monday, Jan. 20, and honor his legacy throughout the year, it is important to remember the

full meaning of his words.

Injustice and inequity are like malignancies: however small they may seem in the beginning they ultimately pose a large and insidious threat. Dr. King's dream for truly make that happen is for the country to unite, in spite of our differences and because of our similarities, to support the

over the deeply insensitive remarks that Sen. Trent Lott made on Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday, President Bush spoke very eloquently about the con-

liberty and equality of every citizen.

Last month, as the nation was inflamed

we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force." King's memory is to follow the example he set, and work for an America that is free of

> **Elizabeth Birch is Executive Director** of the Human Rights Campaign.

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of us work today, Martin Luther King Day,

and throughout the year, to make his

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true equality in America will not be fully tinued importance of civil rights in this country: "This great and prosperous land equal rights. The only way that we can must become a single nation of justice and

> who have tried to secularize America - I point a finger in their face and say, you helped this happen."

Of course there's always the U.S. Army. The award for Most Fuddle Headed certainly must go to the Army for dismissing six linguists trained to speak Arabic just at the time the military desperately need translators in the fight against terrorism. The linguists were dismissed because they were gay.

More frightening, because they have now become the law of the land, are the many repressive provisions in the U.S. Patriot Act, the Homeland Security Act, and FBI guidelines. We cannot naively believe that none of them apply to us or don't really matter. We are no longer safe in thought, word or deed. Uncle Sam can search our homes without warrants. Due process rights might not apply, at Uncle Sam's determining.

Uncle Sam has set up a program for citizen spies in what he quite straightforwardly calls TIPS (Terrorist Information and Prevention System). Uncle Sam can put us on a Wanted List that is totally in error, as was the recent case of men coming in from Canada because -well, just because Uncle Sam says so, or because our skin is brown. Librarians and bookstore owners are required to reveal who has checked out what

books, and cannot call an attorney or even tell anyone the government has stopped in. Any one of us can be put in custody for any or no reason at all, and the government can listen in on any discussions we might want to have with our attorney. We don't have to be activists to be investigated either.

dream a reality.

These measures would not have stopped the 9/11 hijackers, according to the FBI and other security experts, nor will they bring in the terrorists of the future. The fear of terrorism is being used carte blanche to implement a far right agenda that would stop all dissent and difference. And that includes each and every one of us, no matter how clean we think we are, in the LGBT communities.

We need to get past this Uncle Sam to the Statue of Liberty and the freedoms she guarantees. One way to begin is at the civil liberties forum, And Then They Came for Me, Tuesday, January 28, 7-9 p.m., Milwaukee LGBT Center, 315. W. Court Street, Milwaukee.

Another way is to work at the local government level, as with the County Ordinance, now in process, which would prohibit Milwaukee County from complying with certain of the more repressive federal measures that would take away our civil liberties.

Getting Past Uncle Sam to the Statue of Liberty

By Barbara Lightner

ncle Sam has developed a mean streak, favoring a strident moral minority that would put an end to dissent and difference, and block the way to the freedoms promised in the Statute of Liberty.

Some of what's happened around morality has been downright silly. In determining what's best for the breasts of women, Attorney General John Ashcroft spent \$8000 of the taxpayers' money to drape a statue, The Spirit of Justice, which had one exposed breast in the traditional classic mode of sculpture.

The Uncle Sam of the moral minority, Jerry Falwell, gave the opening salvo against the LGBT communities in blaming the attacks of 9/11 on us along with a host of others, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the prime guardian of our civil liberties. Falwell said, "the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU — all of them

REALITY CHECK

Psychic-Free Predictions — Safe Bets For 2003

By Mike Fitzpatrick

s much a part of New Year's as confetti and crystal are the supermarket tabloids spilling off the racks with stories of psychics sharing their sensationalized sooth-saying for the coming year. Though the skeptical squawk annually about near-zero accuracy rates, they're still fun to read. Besides Michael Jackson usually ends up doing something weirder than any Amazing

Amanda or Psychic Samantha could ever conjure up in their most frenzied forecasting.

Pundits, political and otherwise, also peddle predictions, making a more sincere stab at serious trend spotting. Since I wouldn't look good wearing a Jeanne Dixon purple pillbox with barn red lip gloss, I'm going to throw my two cents in with the more serious seers and offer a few psychic-free predictions for 2003. Let's start off in Washington.

1. History will repeat itself in the Bush White House. However, the history that repeats will include a fall in presidential popularity that parallels that which George W.'s father suffered in the aftermath of the previous war with Iraq.

The military maneuvering and political rhetoric all point to armed conflict with Saddam before the last snowflakes fly in Wisconsin this winter. Military logistics experts say late February or early March. Rumsfeld, Cheney et. al. likely will unseat the very same dictator on whom they personally authorized billions of our tax dollars to set up just a decade and a half ago. The folly of it all is not lost on anyone who actually understands the history of the Reagan years.

Other factors exist as well. Most tellingly, the economy is in its worst recession since Bush I. Three successive years of stock market drops have whittled away significant chunks of Baby Boomer pensions. Deferred dreams make voters testy. Like it or not, history shows pinched pockets are blamed on the man at the top. It's how a Democrat third-stringer like Bill Clinton was able to get himself elected in 1992. It was the economy then, stupid, and it will be again.

Moreover, George W.'s arrogant double whammy of re-nominating Charles Pickering to a lifetime federal judgeship before Trent Lott's bigoted body had completely cooled and his handing billionaire buddies tax breaks on their dividends just days later appear to have awakened moderate America from its collective slumber. The voting public seem to have realized November's Republican ballot bust now appears to have left them with a heck of a hangover — two years of one party rule not to be led by those promised compassionate conservatives but by hard right types. The GOP is now living up to every stereotype the Left has parroted since their fall from power in 1994.

I also need to mention the public's reaction to hypocritical handling of that other spoke of Evil on George W's Axis: North

> Korea. You know, the country with the genuine weapons of mass destruction (not counting us of course). Bombs for Saddam and privately-built power plants for Kim? Another beloved Republican's words now echo in the electorate's ears: Lincoln's oftquoted lines about fooling the people all of the time.

To top it off Buss the Lesser's plunging popularity polls (an effective 15% drop just

last week) are happening just at the time Daddy Bush's were peaking during Gulf War I. And Son of A Bush has yet to feel the full economic impact of the war he so desperately wants and will wage.

2. The U. S. Supreme Court Will Overturn the Texas Sodomy Law. My bet is that not only will 1987's misguided Bowers vs. Hardwick precedent will be overturned but the majority opinion will reaffirm 1996's Romer vs. Evans decision that overturned Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2. Personal privacy and equal protection under the law are two cornerstones in U. S. civil rights that no Bible-based bigotry can upset.

The decision likely will come down in a flurry of late June decisions similar to the flood two years ago that gave us the James Dale/Boy Scout loss simultaneously with the Kansas State School Board's victory over Creationism. You can also expect an anguished dissent from Justice Anthony Scalia AKA Captain Catholic. And speaking of Catholics,

3. The priestly sex-abuse scandal in the Roman Catholic Church will sap the sect both financially and politically. Vatican gay-baiting aside, the truth of both the scope of the abuse and its concomitant cover-up by bishops nationwide is coming into media light of day. Laurie

Goodstein's meticulously-researched, front page feature in the January 12 edition of the New York Times documents that only sixteen Latin Rite dioceses of the 177 established in the U. S. have escaped the scandal, one which is now suspected to go back centuries and involves nearly 2% of the entire priesthood.

Though the revelations have slowed, the tide of lawsuits is rising and the faithful are falling away in numbers that make the early post-Vatican II 1970's seem like a trickle by comparison. The increasing financial drain caused by litigation and jury awards combined with the decline in revenue from the collection plates will seriously hinder the church's ability to successfully minister to it members.

The pervasiveness of the cover-up also has shaken the denomination's moral voice and its political impact nationally. Despite the homo-hating fundamentalist fuming that the entire scandal was caused by gay priests, the 75% of non-Catholics who populate the country realize full well that such a long-term, systemic problem could only have occurred with the complicity of those in charge, no matter what the cause.

And for my final prediction, let's look toward. Madison

4. Wisconsin's budget crisis will result in no progress on statewide LGBT rights issues in 2003. Whether you voted or him or not, you have to give our new Governor credit. Jim Doyle appears to be as solely fixated on solving the state's budget mess as a horny gay man in a chat room looking for a date. He's worked out a compromise with the Republican-led legislature to eliminate all non-budgetary items - in other words, conservative social engineering — from the

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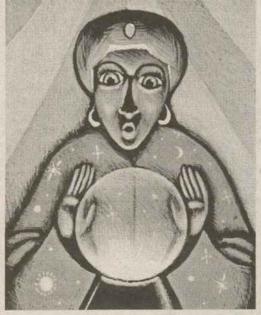
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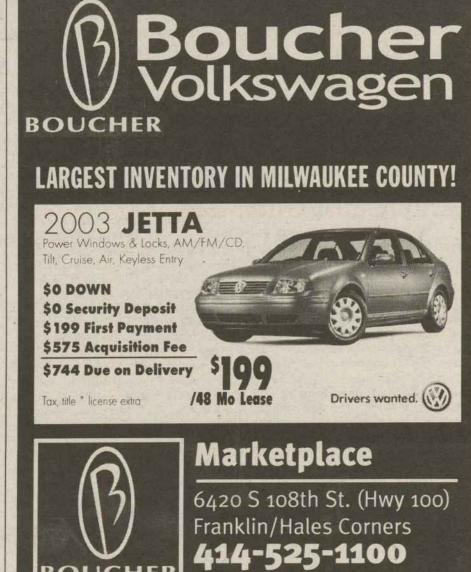
The good news is there should no religious wacko time-bombs like the marriage counseling fiasco that slipped by in the late 90's. Indirectly, that's good news for the LGBT community.

However, Doyle's overt financial singlemindedness and his apparent distancing from his socially progressive running-mate Barbara Lawton sends a much less friendly signal for those concerned with moving forward on LGBT issues such as transgender inclusion and domestic partnership. Even though more moderate leadership in the GOP appears to be running the Assembly and Senate, moving such legislation through the state house to the governor's mansion would be a tough task However, Doyle also appears to be telling us "no" as well. Such a seeming "bipartisan consensus" suggests stasis for social progress on issues with the possible exception of education.

Doyle's early posturing against nonbudgetary issues suggests he does not wish to repeat Tony Earl's combination of tough fiscal discipline with a more liberal social policy. Earl lasted only one term. I think Doyle is eyeing a multi-term run possibly equal to Tommy Thompson's. Staying in the center may be a good career move, but it will not help advance the equalization of civil rights for one of the Democrat's core constituencies — the gay community.

That's it for my predictions. Now its off to the family lanes at the mega-mart where I can saunter through the enquiringly-minded Psychic Sallies awaiting me there as I inch ever so slowly through the check-out line. I hear there's a hot tip about Madonna





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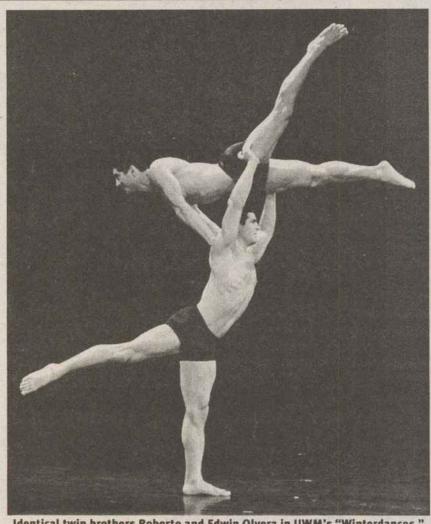
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Identical twin brothers Roberto and Edwin Olvera in UWM's "Winterdances."

"Winterdances" Set for Jan. 24-26

Milwaukee - The UWM Dance Program opens its season with "Winterdances," an evening of six dances by Dance faculty members Simone Ferro, André Tyson, and Long Zhao on Friday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m., and will be repeated Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Peck School of the Arts Mainstage Theatre, 2400 N. Kenwood Blvd.

The three duets that comprise the first half of "Winterdances" represent investigations as varied and unpredictable as human relationships can be. Each duet probes the tension between closeness and distance, intimacy and autonomy, in a relationship between two people. "No Escape," by Simone Ferro, is a duet for a man and a woman that shows a couple bound to and dependent upon one another, but also haunted by loneliness.

"Duality of the Fray," a duet for two women, was originally choreographed by André Tyson - to music by former Alvin Ailey Dance Company colleague Antonio Carlos Scott — for dancers on pointe. Sarah Wilbur and Dani Kuepper of the Danceworks Performance Company perform the duet barefoot this time. It charts the territory between separation and

connection, explains Tyson: "What at first appears to be two simultaneous monologues begins to reveal itself as a dialogue." 'Zoom Out" by Long Zhao is a duet for two men - in this case, identical twin brothers Roberto and Edwin Olvera - that explores the dramatic possibilities of resemblance. The physically intense dance examines the twins' inescapable shared identity and profound intimacy as well as their struggles for autonomy.

Vistas broaden in the second half of the concert, which features larger group works. Tyson's sextet, "UNSAID/unsaid," peels away a calm exterior to expose the fragile emotions concealed beneath. "Dune Shifting," Ferro's dance for eight women to music by Sanja and Balkanika, is a meditation on courage and determination in a time of loss. In "Where Have You Been?' Asked the Sound of the Ocean," Zhao reworks the traditional Chinese ribbon dance for an ensemble of eleven dancers. According to Zhao, a native of China, the dance reflects his sense of living in two cultures, the American and the Chinese.

Tickets for "Winterdances" are \$16 general/\$9 students and seniors, and may be obtained by calling the Peck School of the Arts Box Office at (414) 229-4308.

"Kinsey: The Man Who Loved Sex" at **Broom Street Theater**

Madison - He looked for sex and found it everywhere. Broom Street Theatre's latest production, "Kinsey, the Man Who Loved Sex," is about the life, love and work of Alfred Kinsey, the most famous - or infamous - sex researcher of the 20th century. The original play by Joel Gersmann runs through Feb. 16 at 1119 Williamson St. in Madison.

Kinsey dared to ask the big questions: who does it? What do they do? And how many times? He even asked ground-breaking questions about homosexuality. He authored two classic studies, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male" and "Sexual behavior in the Human Female." The books were so shocking for their time that Kinsey was accused of being a Communist. Evangelist Billy Graham called him a son of Satan. Others tried to remove him from his post as biology professor at Indiana University. His sex institute was stripped of its national science grants. Despite all this, Kinsey continued to work as a lone pioneer in sex research as he interviewed thousands of Americans about their sex lives.

The cast of "Kinsey" includes John Eichenlaub, Shelley Johnson, Robin Gilles, Scott Feiner, Mark Gapen, John Gustafson, Dirk Been and Josh Hobson. Gersmann directs his own play.

"Kinsey" runs Friday, Saturday and

Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. All tickets are \$7 at the door. For more information, call (608) 244-8338.

Early Music Now Offers "A Touch of Spring" Jan. 19

Milwaukee - Milwaukee's Early Music Now will offer "A Touch of Spring to Brighten the Long Winter," delivered by the Dutch vocal quintet Quink, in a program at All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Ave., at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19.

Beginning with a focus on music from England's Golden Age, the program will include elegant madrigals of Bateson, Bird, Farmer, Morley, Weelkes and Wilbye. Benjamin Britten's "Hymn to St. Cecilia" will provide a peaceful transition into the 20th century, to be followed by the lighter touch of Seiber's "Three Nonsense Songs," Patterson's "Spare Parts," and a variety of folk song and close harmonic arrange-

Since Quink's debut in the 1978 Holland Festival, this remarkable Dutch vocal ensemble of three women and two men has risen to the top of its field and is invited to perform on prestigious concert stages around the world. These professional singers have developed a unique sound that allows them to illustrate with style and expressiveness the great variety of a cappella music ranging through all periods, from the Renaissance to fresh new works dedicated to them by contemporary Dutch,

German and American composers. In 1983, Quink received its first international recognition when the group was named finalist in a major European music competition. Quink's first U.S. tour in 1985 was so successful that the group tours the State twice a year.

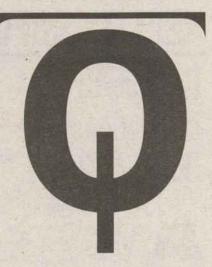
General admission tickets to the Jan. 19 show at the Cathedral are \$25, with a \$5 discount for Early Now Music subscribers and Guild members. Student tickets are \$10. For more information, call (414) 225-3113, or visit: http://my.execpc.com/~emn.

Renaissance Performs "A Phoenix Too Frequent"

Milwaukee - Milwaukee's premiere women's theatre troupe is performing Christopher Fry's sprightly comedy "A Phoenix Too Frequent," now through Jan. 26 at the Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St.

Christopher Fry is one of the most celebrated playwrights of the 20th century. Plays like "Phoenix" and "The Lady's Not for Burning," with their poetry and delicious wit, have earned him the reputation as the Shakespeare of his time. His work has that kind of depth but is also easily understandable by all audiences.

"A Phoenix Too Frequent" is a delightful romantic comedy set in ancient Greece. It follows a beautiful widow (and her reluctant, wise-cracking handmaiden) in her resolve to honor tradition and starve to death in her husband's tomb. When a



young soldier unwittingly stumbles upon them bearing food, wine and words of love, the temptations and swift wordplay begin.

For tickets and further information, call the Off-Broadway Box Office at (414)

Blind Boys of Alabama in Milwaukee, Madison

Madison - The Blind Boys of Alabama, the legendary gospel-singing group that formed in 1939, will make two appearances in Wisconsin, at the Madison Civic Center. 211 State St., on Friday, Jan., 17, at 8 p.m., and at Alverno College's Pitman Theatre, 3431 S. 39th St., on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8

The Blind Boys are enjoying a new surge of popularity, in part due to their contributions to Peter Gabriel's new release. Since 1939, the Blind Boys have thrilled religious and secular audiences alike with inspirational gospel songs. Originally known as the Five Blind Boys of Alabama, the group is now a seven-piece band that includes three surviving founding members.

The group combines the stomping, yelling, happy fervor of a Southern Baptist church service with the serenity of the Delta blues. Their music can be heard on the Grammy-winning album "Spirit of the Century," and on their new release. "Higher Ground." Mother Jones crowed: "Not just for the converted, 'Higher Ground' can soothe the souls of all persua-

For tickets to the Alverno show, call (414) 382-6044. For the Madison performance, call (608) 258-4141.

Woodland Pattern Poetry Marathon Jan. 25

Milwaukee - Woodland Pattern Book Center will present its 9th annual Poetry Marathon on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 1 p.m. to midnight at 720 E.. Locust St. The popular event is a fundraiser for the literary center, where year-round both locally known and nationally acclaimed artists come to share their work.

Among the many writers and performers scheduled to present their work are Antler and leff Poniewaz, Eliet Brookes, Peter Whalen, Stacey Symaszek, C.J. Hribal, Theresa Columbus, John Koethe, Susan Firer, James Hazard, Louisa Loveridge Gallas, James Liddy, Daisy Cubias, Peter Blewett, Carmen Alicia Murguia and Jennifer Morales.

All-day admission to the marathon is just \$6, only \$5 in advance or if you are a member. All proceeds go to the continuing operation of Woodland Pattern. For more information, or to volunteer to read or perform your work, call (414) 263-5001.

THEATRE/MUSIC:

"The Bungler" (Milw.): Moliere's farce gets new life in this production by the Boulevard Ensemble, thru Feb.. 1, Boulevard Ensemble Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. FMI: (414) 744-5757.

"Copenhagen" (Milw.): Taut drama about the 1941 meeting between nuclear scientists Nils Bohr, a Dane, and Werner Heisenberg, a German, as war rages in Europe, staged by the Milwaukee Rep, thru Feb. 9, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"King of Cool: Nat King Cole, His Life, His Music" (Milw.): The Milwaukee Rep offers a musical tribute to the popular crooner and pianist, thru March 9, Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Kinsey, The Man Who Loved Sex" (Madison): Original work by Joel Gersmann about the man who pioneered, yet was vilified for, research into sex in the 1940s and '50s, Fris.-Suns.. 8 p.m., thru Feb. 16, Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"The Last Night of Ballyhoo" (Madison): Strollers Theatre production of Alfred Uhry's bittersweet comedy/drama set in Atlanta on the opening night of "Gone With The Wind," thru Feb. 1, Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 238-8183.

"Late Nite Catechism" (Milw.): Sister continues to pack 'em in at the Miramar, 2844 N. Oakland Ave., thru Feb. 9 – rosary beads for correct answers; a ruler on the knuckles for heresy! FMI: (414) 276-4545.

"Lobby Hero" (Madison): Kenneth Lonergan's comedydrama staged by the Madison Rep, thru Jan. 26, Isthmus Playhouse in the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"The Music Man" (Madison): Meredith Willson's ode to small town life and good old American hucksterism brings "76 Trombones" to the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St., Jan. 28-30. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"Peter Schickele Meets PDQ Bach" (Madison): The musical satirist joins John DeMain and the Madison Symphony, with soprano Michele Eaton and tenor David Dusing, to spoof the classics, Jan. 18-19, Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"A Phoenix Too Frequent" (Milw.): Christopher Fry's romantic comedy about a Greek widow destined to be buried with her husband until a charming soldier makes her think twice about living, thru Jan. 26, Off-Broadway Theatre. 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-

"Proof" (Milw.): David Auburn's award-winning play about a daughter dealing with the legacy of her father's brilliance and madness, thru Feb. 2, Milwaukee Rep's Steimke Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-

"Seussical The Musical" (Milw.): Musical version bringing together many of Dr. Seuss's beloved characters. Cathy Rigby stars as Cat in the Hat, Jan. 21-26, Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

"Shear Madness" (Milw.): It's back! Don't stop the madness, indulge in it! Hilarious murder mystery whodunit

set in a hair salon, with Milwaukee's own John McGivern, thru Jan. 19, Vogel Hall, Marcus Center, 128 E. State St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

"Sing-a-long Wizard of 02" (Chicago): Join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and Toto, too! – and sing-a-long at this stage production which will tour the country after its debut in Chicago, thru March 2, Oriental Theatre (in the Ford Center), 24 W. Randolph St. FMI: (312) 902-1400.

"Suddenly, Last Summer" (Milw.): Tennessee Williams melodrama about madness, sex and a crazy mother, thru Jan. 31, playing in repertory with Moliere's "The Bungler," Boulevard Ensemble Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. FMI: (414) 744-5757.

"Talk" (Milw.): Theatre X stages Carl Hancock Rux's play about different perspectives held about a prominent black writer, artist and activist, thru Feb. 2, Studio Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Winterdances" (Milw.): The Peck School of the Arts Dance Program presents works by faculty members Simone Ferro, Andre Tyson and Long Zhao, Jan. 24-26, Mainstage Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4308.

BOOKS:

Thursday, Jan. 16

Thomas Perry Reading (Shorewood): Author of "Dead Aim," read at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4090 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Patrick Irelan Talk (Milw.): Author of "Central Standard," talks at 8 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Monday, Jan. 20

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, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Calvin Trillin Reading (Shorewood): Author of "Tepper Isn't Going Out," reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4090 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Nicholson Baker Reading (Milw.): Author of "A Box of Matches." reads at 8 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Monday, Jan. 27

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, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Wednesday, Jan.29

Nikki Giovanni Presentation (Milw.): The acclaimed poet and author of "Quilting the Black-Eyes Pea." 7 p.m., Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. FMI: (800) 689-9902.

ARTS GUIDE

FILM, TV & RADIO:

Friday, Jan. 17

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Featuring "Lilies," an award-winning film about tragedy and same sex love, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Gay Video Club (Madison): Featuring "Metrosexuality - 4," "When Boys Fly" and Swimmer," 8 p.m. Call for location: (608) 244-8675 eves.

"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.

Sunday, Jan. 19 & 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.

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

Monday, Jan. 20

"The Queer Program" (Milw.): Live weekly telecast on MATA public access cable channel 96 at 6:30 p.m. Hosts: Michael Lisowski and Charles Daniels. Rebroadcast Saturdays 12 -1 a.m. and 10-11 p.m. FMI: (414) 265-8500.

Wed., Jan. 22 & 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.

Saturday, Jan. 25

"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.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring "When Boys Fly." 7:30 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES:

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): "Confederate Currency: The Color of Money," "Cultural Landscape of the Plantation," and solo exhibition by Patrick Turner. 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): "Muse and Mentor: Allen Caucutt and Barbara Balthazor Balistreri." thru Feb. 23. W62 N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): "Wisconsin Masters Series: Francesca Spicuzza." thru Jan. 26. Tudor style mansion with original furnishings and art collection. 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

Eisner Museum of Advertising & Design (Milw.): "Brought to You By Selling in Sound in the Golden Days of Radio" thru May 11, 208 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 847-3290.

Elvehjem Museum (Madison): "Rodin Bronzes." nine sculptures by the French master: and "The Art of Gillian Jagger." thru Jan. 19. 800 University Ave. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Virginia Lee Burton: Children's Bok Illustrator" thru Feb. 2. Marquette University. N. 13th and Clybourn Sts. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Hmong Art: Selections from the Collection." Exhibits, performing arts, classes and lectures, 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milw.): "Girls" Hip New Looks." oil paintings by Claire Malloy. Sasha Kinens, opens Jan. 17. 241 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 289-0855.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): "Theater Posters of James McMullan" and "Doodlebobs: Arrist-Designed Toys." thru Jan 19, 700 N, 12th St. FMI: (715) 845-7010.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "New York: Capital of Photography." more than 100 b/w photos of the Big Apple, thru Feb. 16: "Young at Art." exhibit of artworks by local students, thru Feb. 16: Highlights from the Permanent Collection. 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): "Brandt and Weston: Two Geniuses of Photography." thru Feb. 9: "Skin Deep: Three Masters of American Inlaid Furniture (Nathan Lombard, Peter Glass and Silas Kopf), thru March 2: "Clarity of Vision: Minimalist Prints and Drawings." thru March 16. 700 N. Art Museum Dr. FMI: (866) 626-1323.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): Thorsten Lindberg Paintings, "Milwaukee and the Civil War" and "Milwaukee's Multi-Cultural Heritage." 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

The "King of Cool" Recalled at the Stackner Cabaret

Milwaukee – The unforgettable life and smooth, sophisticated style of American icon Nat King Cole is illuminated in David Scully's "King of Cool: Nat King Cole, The Life, The Man," currently playing at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St., through March 9. The starring role is played and sung by Jimi Ray Malary.

In this musical tribute, the legendary entertainer's life is revisited through the songs he made famous and a style all his own. Nathaniel Adams Coles grew up in Chicago where his father was a minister and his mother taught him to play piano. At four, he gave his first public performance in Chicago's Regal Theater. He was singing and playing the organ in his father's church by the age of 12. However, Cole's true love was jazz,



so he moved to Los Angeles to pursue his dream of forming the group that came to be the King Cole Trio. Cole's legacy as both a jazz pianist and a singer of smooth, melodious music lives on in "King of Cool."

The concept of this production involved a collaborative effort among playwright David Scully, director David Hunter Koch, and actor Jimi Ray Malary. Cole's biography serves as a framework for the show, delivered to the audience in what Scully terms the narrative poem format that links all the songs together. The chronology of Cole's music is largely unaltered in the show because it reflects so well what was going on in Cole's life at the time.

William Knowles is Musical Director and pianist for this production. Additional musicians are provided by Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and include John Babbitt, Jeff Hamann, Don Linke, and Paul Silbergleit.

The Rep's Stackner Cabaret, located on the second floor of the Milwaukee Center, is a full-service bar and restaurant. Featuring delicious dinners, as well as late night cocktails, coffee, and desserts, the Cabaret is the ideal meeting place for patrons

attending Rep performances. For dinner reservations, call (414) 224-9490.

Tickets for "King of Cool" can be purchased at the Rep Box Office, by telephone at (414) 224-9490, or online 24/7 at www.milwaukeerep.com.

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QUIPS & QUOTES



Get Off Your Ass

"I'm essentially a lazy son-of-a-bitch and given my druthers, I'd rather stay home. I'm not that fond of making movies. It's the medium where the artist has the least to say about what's done. After several takes, the editor and director come in and they decide what version of the scene they like best, they cut it up and very much manufacture performances. I know a lot of people who are big movie stars who can't act to save their lives. If you do enough takes with them, there's something to glue together."

—Veteran gay actor Harvey Fierstein to Genre magazine.

Fag Hag Stereotype

"The stereotype of a fag hag is of a highstrung, needy woman — Debra Messing and Megan Mullally on television's "Will & Grace," Julia Roberts in "My Best Friend's Wedding" and Tori Spelling in the indie comedy "Trick." Their foils are always gay men who can't seem to get any. In some ways, the relationships are adolescent, possessive and co-dependent. My gay friends and I chuckle at the parody, which at times rings true."

Vanessa Hua writing in the San Francisco Chronicle.

QAF=Good TV

"In [the U.S. version] of 'Queer [As Folk]' almost everyone has sex. A lot. And there is absolutely no doubt that the characters are homosexuals. Now 'that' is what I call a gay TV series. There have been lots of criticisms of 'Queer,' some of which are founded. At first the series was a bit cartoony and the lesbians were particularly boring. Now the lesbians are behaving badly at times as well and the actors inhabit their characters fully. The result is really good television."

- Reviewer **Sophie Cunningham** in the Australian daily newspaper The Age, Dec. 28.

Coming Out 24/7

"People talk of coming out as if it were a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. Once you have uttered the words 'I've got something to tell you...', it is assumed, you need never return to the subject. The opposite is true. Practically every day one wonders whether or not to say something. The love that dares not speak its name is, rather, the love that knows when to keep its mouth shut."

 Colin Richardson writing in London's The Guardian.

Picture Perfect

"His purpose was always to make you look good. He had an extremely elegant aesthetic. Some photographers are working so hard to be elegant that they pummel you with it, but to Herb it came effortlessly. Some photographers embalm their subjects, but he enlivened them."

—Actor **Richard Gere** on gay photographer **Herb Ritts** who died Dec. 26 of pneumonia at age 50, to The New York Times.

Group Dynamics

"Some guys set up some rather interesting dynamics in their lives, for all practical purposes having two boyfriends — the actual boyfriend for sex only and the best friend for emotional intimacy only."

—Columnist

Michelangelo Signorile
in New York City's Gay City News.

Smelling Sweet

"She smelled so nice. You kiss an actor and you don't know what they are going to smell like. But you kiss a girl and she is going to smell good. And she's very soft. They're soft and they smell nice. Guys don't."

-Actress Julianne Moore on kissing actress Toni Collette in the new film "The Hours," to Britain's Sunday Mirror.

Closet Town

"Washington remains one of the most closeted places in the country, even more than the South. It forces you to be dishonest about who you are, and that hurts you."

— Outgoing Log Cabin Republicans Executive Director **Rich Tafel** to the Houston Voice.

Bad Daddy

"More than 40 percent of women in world tennis are lesbians. I couldn't stand it if Jelena turned out to be one of them. I'd kill myself."

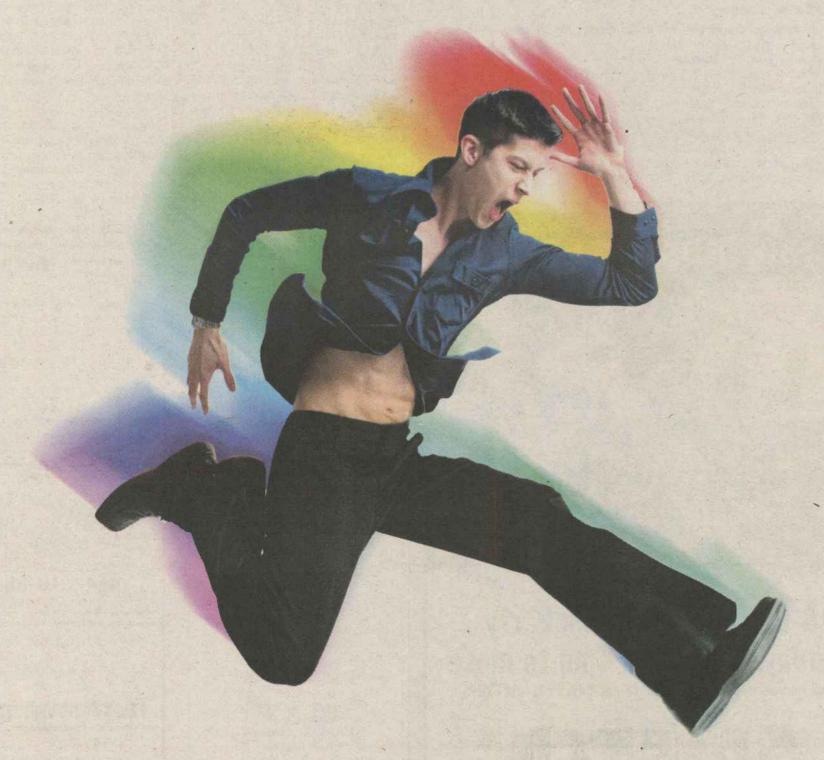
- Damir Dokic, father of tennis star Jelena Dokic, to the Serbian newspaper Svet.



Set, Match

"It's a good thing that I am not his daughter then. Maybe it's too bad I'm not."

— Martina Navratilova speaking in Australia in response to a comment by Damir Dokic that he'd commit suicide if his daughter, tennis star Jelena Dokic, were a lesbian. restaurants • accommodations • nearby getaways • shopping • bar locator • professionals • etc.



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STAGE

"Suddenly Last Summer"

By Carl M. Szatmary

or the Boulevard Ensemble's "winter slot," Artistic Director Mark Bucher has chosen to alternate in rotating rep, Moliere's hilarious farce "The Bungler" with Tennessee Williams's overheated Southern melodrama, "Suddenly Last Summer." It is difficult to imagine a more curious or more challenging pairing.

Tennessee Williams is certainly one of the giants of 20th century American drama with such classic plays to his credit as "The

Glass Menagerie," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," and "Streetcar Named Desire." Perhaps because any of those three titles are guaranteed to bring in an audience, they are unquestionably the most performed plays from the Williams canon.

Much less produced is "Suddenly Last Summer," a rather longish one-act. Transformed by Hollywood into a big screen feature starring the likes of Katherine Hepburn, Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift, "Suddenly Last Summer" is as fascinating and as fragile as so many of Williams's heroines.

The plot of "Suddenly Last Summer" is deceptively simple, as is often the case in Williams. Mrs. Venable's much-loved son Sebastian was brutally murdered in a most horrific manner. To preserve his - and her

own - good name, she is ruthlessly determined to silence her niece Catherine, the one person who knows the truth and seems

To flesh out this skeletal narrative. Williams conjures up an intoxicating blend of poetry and deeply disturbing pathologi-cal psychology into the context of the rarified and oppressive Southern family drama. Williams's cathartic climax was sure to prove sensational to audiences nearly fifty years ago. Less certain is how contemporary audiences are likely to respond.

Unfortunately, director David Chrzanowski's cast never manages to delve beneath their characters' genteel facades, failing to truly inhabit some of Williams's most memorable drawn characters. Chrzanowski's direction seems tentative, actors move as if on a board game rather than naturally from the emotions and motivations derived from the text. Most of all, Chrzanowski lacks the conviction to allow the play, Williams's soaring imagery and lyrical dialogue, to truly take flight.

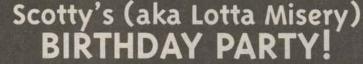
There might, no more quintessential Williams character than Mrs. Venable (Marilyn L. White). Proud and determined, Violet Venable might be failing physically but she is still in possession of a

steely will. White's Mrs. Venable seems far too strong and robust, despite her cane and curiously designed wheelchair. Nor is the actress able to reveal the cold calculation successfully hidden beneath a façade of Southern charm which has long enabled her to manipulate or destroy all who have innocently wondered into her web.

In the play's early scenes we should sense her deft ability to manipulate the young Dr. Cukrowicz (Matthew Jaeger) but we don't. Nor is Jaeger able to effectively portray his character's own internal battle, between doing what is best for his patient. Mrs. Venable's niece Catherine, or what is most expedient in obtaining funding for

Julia Gilling's Catherine fares best, capturing at least some the character's spirit, pain and sense of danger. Late in the play, when her Catherine finally takes center stage, Grilling fully commands the audience. By then, however, it is simply a case of too little, too late.

"Suddenly Last Summer" continues with "The Bungler" until February 1 at the Boulevard Ensemble.





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

Café El Sol (Milw.): Great food and Latin music, ~ 6:30-8:30 p.m., 1028 S. 9th St. FMI: (414) 384-3100, ext. 237.

Fri & Sat, Jan. 17 & 18

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.

Sunday, Jan. 19

Switch (Milwaukee): Switch's very own Scotty turns another year, and a party to the likes you'll never forget is in the planning. Get there early to get a front row seat!

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

Three (Milw): PUMP! Milwaukee, shortest Sunday night Gay Party! Progressive, tribal and vocal house with resident DJ John Murges. \$5 specialty martinis, no cover. Every Sunday, 9 p.m. to close, 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

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.

Fluid (Milw.): Shaken and Stirred with DJ John Murges, featuring Milwaukee,s best music and freshest cocktails every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Ask bartenders Jimmy or Will about Special Martini of the night, 819 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 645-8330.

Thursday, Jan. 23

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

Friday, Jan. 24

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.

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Saturday, Jan. 25

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

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BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Join us for the Pocker Games!

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Open at 3 p.m. with \$1.50 bottle and top beer and sodo.

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

Boom (Milw.): Open at 11 a.m. Packer games at scheduled times. "Queer as Folk," 8-10 p.m.

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): Beer Bosh, 4-8 p.m. Só. 2-4-1 drinks up to S3.75, S1 off all others. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Beer Bosh 3 to 8 p.m. \$6, 24-1 drunks up to \$3.75; \$1 off all other until 8 p.m. Live shows at 10:30 p.m.

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

Fluid (Milw.): \$1.75 rail vodka mixers, 5 to 9 p.m.

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

LaCage (Milw.): Open at noon featuring a Bloody Mary Buffet. Packers Games on 25 screens! Free shot with every Packer ID! Half-time food and fun.

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Bor-B-O, 1-4 p.m.

The Nut Hut (Milw.): Coronas, \$1.75, Domestic Beer, \$1.25, Minipitchers, \$1.75.

Off the Tracks (Milw.): 2-4-1 Roll Drinks (during Pocker Games) S8 Beer Bust (during Pocker Games).

Pulse (Milw.): Super Packer Sundays. S6 Beer, soda, coffee and house win. Food at 1/2 Time. Shots with Packer Score. Pulsating Male Revuew at 9:30 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 p.m. to close

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

Switch (Milw.): Service Industry Night

Walker's Pint (Milw.): S8 pitcher of Lite & pizzo, \$4 roil Bloody Marys, both from Noon to 6 p.m. Open from Noon to midnite.

Woody's (Milw.): Barrag's Beer Bust, from 2-6 p.m.

Mondays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Martini Specials with Rick! \$2.50 Rail, \$3.50

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Pizzo & Beer Bust, only S4, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.!

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Packer games at scheduled times. Jock night! Half price drinks - jock required.

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. 3-4-1 drinks for those men in just underwear. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Hoppy Hour, 4-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off oll others ALL NIGHT LONG, \$2 shot specials.

Fluid (Milw.): Hoppy Hour, 2-4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. Absolut mixers, \$2.50, 8 p.m.\$ to close.

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

LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Shake a Drink" all nite. Aces's Free — sixes 1/2 price.

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

The Nut Hut (Milw.): 4 to 6 p.m. Crabby Hour Pull tabs!

Off the Tracks (Milw.): Closed

Pulse (Milw.): Import night. \$2.50 imports.

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.

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., with S1 off drinks.

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Closed.

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-9 p.m., S1 taps, S1.50 rails.

Tuesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snocks served! Marganito Tuesdays with Jake!

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. 'Tini Tuesday. Let us shake for you.

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Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off all drinks. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Hoppy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. Underage night begins at 9 p.m., 50c off all drinks, \$2 shot specials.

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2:4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. \$2 Cold Shots, 8 p.m. to close.

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

LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktoil hour at 5 p.m. "Prize Nite." Win \$100 cash — no cover

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price locker.

The Nut Hut (Milw.): 7-9 p.m. Pull Tabs.

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): Closed.

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

Pulse (Milw.): Two for Tuesday. Two American beers for \$2 from 9pm to 1 a m.

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

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

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., \$1 off drinks. "Shake-a-Drink," 8-close: "shake" against the bartender to win 1/2 price drinks!

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

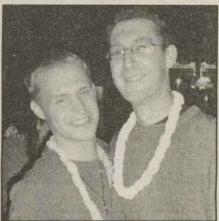
Walker's Pint (Milw.): \$2 Tuesdays \$2 Rail Mixers, Pints, Cold Shots
Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-9 p.m., \$1 taps, \$1.50 rails.



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Group Hug @ SASS. Photo: Mike F.



Cuties of the Week @ SASS. Photo: Mike F.

Wednesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktoil Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snocks served! Doctor's Specials on Wednesdays with Dan only \$2!

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Pull tabs!

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Rail drinks only S1.

Clubs/Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off all taps and rails, \$2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Club 5/Planet Q (Madison):} \ \ \text{Hoppy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2.4-1 drinks up} \\ \text{to $3.75, $1 aff all athers. Male Dancers at $11 p.m., $00 aff all tops} \\ \text{and rails, $2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. $2 shot specials.} \end{array}$

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. S2 Coronas and S2 shots of Jose Cuervo, 8 p.m. to close.

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

LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktoil hour at 5 p.m. 2-4-1 dninks all night! PLUS. '80s dance music!

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price rooms.

The Nut Hut (Milw.): 2-4-1, 6-9 p.m.

Off the Tracks (Milw.): S2 Mini-Pitchers. Pull tubs 6pm-8pm

Pulse (Milw.): Leather Night and Mailbox Wednesday. \$2 Miller products and shots of Dr. and Puckers.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open of 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1 controls all day

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m., with \$1 off all drinks. Balloon Bust starts at 8 p.m. Throw darts to pop balloons and win cash prizes!

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. Super Beer Bust - All U Can Drink! S5 domestic, S7 premium.

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Hoppy Hour, 2-4-1 rails and bottles, 4:30-7:30 p.m. S4 Long islands, S4 pitchers of Lite, 7:30 p.m. to close.

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-9 p.m., \$1 taps, \$1.50 rails.

Thursdays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. 2-4-1 ell night.

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

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C'est La Vie (Milw.): Korooke Night, 11:45 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others all night long. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

Club 5/Ptanet Q (Madison): Hoppy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others all night long! "Will & Grace" at 8 p.m. Karaoke at 8:30 p.m. Women's night with Ioni at 10 p.m. with free pool in foxhole, \$2 shot specials.

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. \$3.50 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.

MONDAY • 4-6pm Crabby Hour Pull Tabs TUESDAY • 7-9pm

WEDNESDAY • 6-9pm

THURSDAY • 4-8pm Domestic Beer — \$1.25

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FRIDAY • 5-7pm

Beer Bust - \$7

SUNDAY

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2-4-1

LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Super Bust" — no cover.

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Crazy 8 rooms and lockers. S1 locker with college ID.

The Nut Hut (Milw.): Domestic beer, \$1.25, 4-6 p.m.

Off the Tracks (Milw.): 2-4-1 Rail, 6pm-10pm. \$1 Miller tops from 6pm-10pm.

Pulse (Milw.): Throw down Thursdays. Purchase any well drink of beer for S1 after paying S5 start. DJ spins at 9pm

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., \$1 off drinks. Karaoke Contest: Win prize \$, from 8:30-close, after "Will & Grace." Patio Open.

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2:4-1 rails and bottles, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Import Night, all imports just \$2.50, 7:30 p.m. to close.

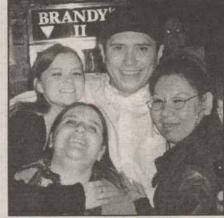
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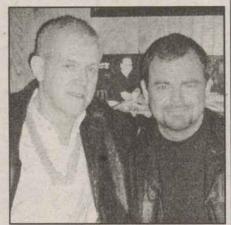
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OPEN: Mon.-Thurs. 2pm-close,

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



Holiday hug @ Switch



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Fridays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Music Videos and Cock-tails.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktoil 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.

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off for men in leather and uniforms. Additional 50¢ off if you are shirtless.

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

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, 3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizzo! Shirtless men half price anytime, 10oz. call Martinis S5, 6-11 p.m.

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Party night!

The Nut Hut (Milw.): Pull tabs, 5 to 7 p.m.

Pulse (Milw.): 3-9pm, Ultra-fabulous pulsing prime time happy hour 1/2 price Upper Shelf.

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 6-9 p.m., with Michael Johnson (aka K.V.), S1 off drinks, 80's music, fun, and "games!" Patio Open.

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 rails and bottles, 4:30-7:30 a.m.

Woody's (Milw.): Hoppy Hour, 4-9 p.m., \$1 tops, \$1.50 rails.

Saturdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds S3, and \$1.30 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 at 11:30 p.m. No cover.

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Music Videos, and Cock-tails.

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 50% off for men in leather and uniforms. Additional 50% off if you are shirtless.

Clubs/Planet Q (Madison): Hoppy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off oll others.

Fluid: (Milw.): 50¢ mugs and 75¢ pints of Miller Lite and MGD, 5-8 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 Harbar Room's own brew!

The Nut Hut (Milw.): Beer Bust, \$7, 4-6 p.m.

LaCage (Milw.): Open at 9 p.m. Where Milwaukee Dances!

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): 8or-8-Q, 1-4 p.m.

Pulse (Milw.): S2 Bud Products noon till 9 p.m. S2.50 small pitchers,



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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.

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

Switch (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m., featuring current dance music, DJ spin. Patio Open

Walker's Pint (Milw.): \$5 Redbull rail vodka — all nite!

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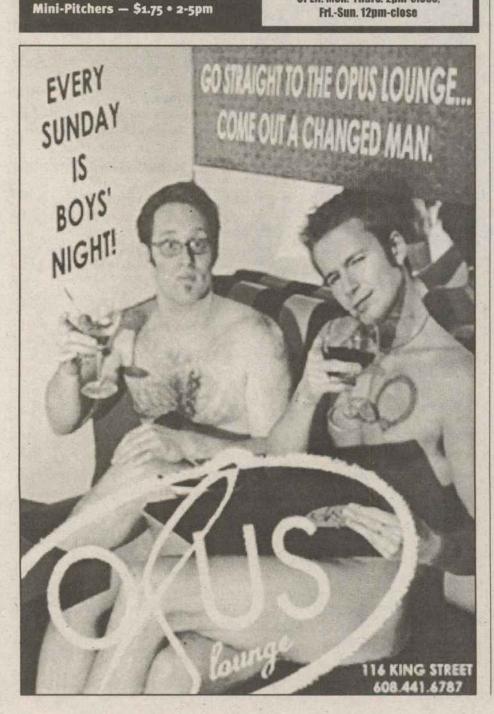
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Community Calendar

December 27, 2002 - January 15, 2003

ACTIVITIES

Friday, Jan. 17

Project Q (Milw.): Drop-in for LGBTQ youth ages 14-24, LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 223-3220, or visit: www.projectq.org.

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Featuring "Lillies," an award-winning film about tragedy and same sex love, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Rainbow Families Retreat (Almond): Annual Winter Retreat Weekend for LGBT parents and their kids (Jan. 18-20), advance reservations required. FMI: (608) 263-5055, email: PJM8356@aol.com.

Gay Video Club (Madison): Featuring "Metrosexuality - 4," "When Boys Fly" and Swimmer," 8 p.m. Call for location: (608) 244-8675 eves.

Toy Trains! (Milw.): Lecture and approisal by Roger Carp, editor of Classic Toy Trains, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Milwaukee County Historical Society, 910 N. Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Sunday, Jan. 19

PFLAG Meeting (Modison): Porents & Friends of Lesbians And Goys monthly meeting, topic: "Gays and the Holocoust," 2-4 p.m., Friends Society Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court. FMI: (608) 271-1286, http://www.pflag_madison.org http://www.pflag_madison.org

Gay Wrestling Club (Madison): Workouts and training, new members welcome, experience not required, 1 p.m. Call for location: (608) 244-8675 (eves.), www.madgaywrestlers.org http://www.madgaywrestlers.org

Bette Davis Bowling League (Modison): Bowling for gays and lesbians, 5 person team format, 3 p.m., Bowl-A-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Springs Dr. FMI; (608) 273-8275 or 837-8889.

Monday, Jan. 20

HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY!

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, Jan. 21

Bi Definition (Milw.): Bi Definition holds discussion on "Porn vs. Erotico," 7 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 299-9612.

Womonsong (Madison): Madison,s feminist community choir rehearses, 7-9 p.m., women of all ages and backgrounds welcome, Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St. FMI: (608) 643-0673.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Honeymooners Bowling (Madison): Bowling League for Gays and Lesbians - 3 person team format, 9:15 p.m., Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Briarparch (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.

Saturday, Jan. 25

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

MAGIC Picnic Planning (Madison): First planning meeting for MAGIC Weekend 2003, 2 p.m., everyone welcome, Ray,s Bar & Grill, 3054 E. Washington. FMI: (608) 241-9335.

Monday, Jan. 27

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.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Civil Liberties Forum (Milw.): "And Then They Came for Me: A Threat to Our Civil Liberties," a forum sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Social Justice Committee, 7-9 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St., Free. FMI: (414) 332-5284.

Madness, 8 to close, featuring \$2.50 margaritas and tequilla popper shots!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

(READ CAREFULLY. Some meetings occur the same day weekly, others the same day bi-weekly or monthly. Groups: please send us updated info.)

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 LGBIs 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, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

Gay AAOpen 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 Lutheron Church, 2001 80th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI: call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Lesbian AA Clased Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI: call (608) 222-8989.Grief Support Group for Lesbians (Madison): Drop-in group for lesbians grieving the death of a life partner, family member or friend. Meets first Thursday of every month, 6-7:30 p.m., Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway. FMI: (608) 276-4660.

HIV/AIDS Support Group & Hotline (Upper Peninsula, MI): These projects serve Bickinson, Iron, & Menomonee 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 Praine 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.

HIV Testing (Milw.): ARCW provides free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing every Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave. Walk-ins welcome. FMI: (414), 225-1535 or 271-HOMO.

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 rewards of being single, open to all lesbians. The group picks a different topic each month. FMI: call (414) 271-2656.

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 outlings, great discussion. Hosted by University Health Services and Sex OutLoud, Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m., LGBT Campus Center, second floor, UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.

Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital (Barbaboo): 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, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 299-0755.

South Madison Health & Family Center (Madison): Free, ananymous walk in HIV testing from 5 to 745 p.m. at 2202 South Park St. FMI: call (608) 261-9270.

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

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 informationwww.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.

Uniterian 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)

Gay AA (Milw.): Sixty Minutes Group, topic meeting. Meets every Friday at 5:30 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

Gay AA (Milw): Group 794, select A topic/as Bill Sees It. Meets every Friday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936. High Tea & Talk - Men,s Group (Madison): High Tea & Talk is an apportunity for men of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men, to chat and graze at Monty,s Blue Plate Diner, 3 p.m., 2089 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 257-9751.

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

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

Modison Transgender Group (Modison): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), Cross-dressers and their friends, families and significant others. Confidentiality assured. Meets second & fourth Fridays of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Outreach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 235-0512 or emailwistsgroup@charter.net.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield). Every Enday 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.

OUTCARE Sexual Health Clinic (Milw.): A satellite clinic of Planned Parenthood inside the LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. Walk-ins Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. FREE services for teens. (414) 277-9370.

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) 224-0517.

True Colors LGBT Youth Coffee Chots (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 (800) 486-6276.

BESTD Clinic - Pozitively Social (Milw.): Drop-in HIV+ men,s gatheringno structure! No preaching! Videos and music, refreshments but no alcohol please. 8 p.m. to midnite, 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: Milw4BWMT@aol.com.

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 1094, topic meeting. Meets every Saturday at 8 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

Patluck/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.

Transsexual Support Group (Madison): Offering support, direction, and social assistance to Transsexuals who are pre-op, post-op, M-F, F-M, 18

or older. Seeks to help transsexuals in every aspect of their transition and journey. Confidentiality assured. Group meetings free. Meets third Saturday of the month at Outreach, 600 Williamson St., FMI: (608) 235-0512, or emailwistsgroup@charter.net.

SUNDAYS

AA Roinbow 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 Lox): 6:30 p.m., Fond du Lox 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, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 1394, Big Book meeting. Meets every Sunday at 8 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201, FMI: (414) 276-6936.

Gay AA (Milw): Group 94, step/topic meeting. Meets every Sunday at 6 p.m., All Saints Cathedral, 816 E. Juneau Ave. FMI: (262) 790-0197

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By Billy Masters

illy was back in Boston to ring in the New Year with the customary Lindsay Wagner Film Festival (a tradition that I don't believe occurs even in the Wagner household). Earlier that day, I was winging my way across the Atlantic from Merry Ole England, where I had a full docket of theatre, theatre, and more theatre. I must say unequivocally that Brenda Blethyn's performance in "Mrs. Warren's Profession" is the most astonishing thing that I've ever witnessed. Blethyn became Mrs. Warren with a ferocity that I've never before experienced in the theatre. It's not surprising that John Barrowman's turn in "Anything Goes" paled in comparison (although he seemed to enjoy the part of the show when all the dancers knocked him to the ground and piled on top of him). Boy George's "Taboo" has one major problem — it ain't got no plot! There are moments that work, but dramatically, the show is a mess. My pal Charles Busch surely has his work cut out for him, since he's rewriting the book for the Broadway production. But kudos go out to **Stephen Ashfield** as an uncanny "Boy George," **Gary Amers** as a delicious "Marilyn," and **Adam** Longworth almost stealing the show as "Leigh Bowery," perhaps the most threedimensional role in the musical (not surprising since Boy George himself plays this role at selected performances).

Although Francesca Annis positively beamed in "The Vortex," Gillian Anderson stumbled her way through her West End debut in "What the Night Is For" - quite possibly reading her first scene off of cheat sheets strategically positioned in her lap! The one thing that the producers of this play have going for them is the performance schedule — I attended a Sunday show, and the house was near capacity. I was surprised, given the universal panning the play received in the press. I asked several people around me why they were there, and they all had the same answer - no other shows were playing on Sunday night! I think that may be their greatest strength! While on holiday, I caught up with

Joan Collins, who informed me that she is planning an imminent return to the stage - although she was characteristically cagey regarding the project. I tried to pry details out of her by mentioning the rumored Broadway revival of "Auntie Mame," and like a Cheshire cat, she grinned and said, "Wouldn't that be great fun?" But a little birdie told me that Collins has also been approached to star in a production of Noël Coward's "Fallen Angels" opposite the splendid Christine Baranski. Collins laughed and said, 'Now, THAT would be something — I did a television production of that play here in England years ago with Susannah York - and you know that I simply adore Noël." To further confuse me, Collins slyly asked, "Don't you think that Baranski would make a fabulous Vera Charles?" Collins is none too eager to tread the British boards again any time soon, particularly given the tepid reception that her last West End engagement received. "I love working in the States. You Yanks seem to enjoy me." Indeed we do!

I find it extremely fascinating that Jacqueline Bisset is playing Bouvier Kennedy Jacqueline

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Boy George

Onassis in the TBS flick "America's Prince — the John F. Kennedy Jr. Story," which premiered on January 12. You see, this isn't Jax's first time playing Jackie she kinda played her in "The Greek Tycoon." She may very well be the only actress to play both a fictionalized and factual version of the same person. I wonder, did someone at TBS say, "Let's get a Jackie Bisset type" to which someone else answered, "Just call Jax — what else does she have to do?" Incidentally, she's the best thing about the flick - but that's no surprise. I should add that the aforementioned Francesca Annis also played Jackie in a made-for-TV flick.

Time for an installment of "Ross Rage." Who would have ever thought when I came up with the name "Ross Rage" that we'd ever have a story of Diane with something more than a "Love Hangover?" Then again, our ladies of the Supremes don't have much luck in cars - Mary Wilson killed her son in one, Florence Ballard was raped in one, Cindy Birdsong had to escape a kidnapper by jumping out of a speeding one, and now Diane was caught driving recklessly in one, with close to, three times the state of Arizona's legal limit of blood alcohol. Of course, Faithful Filth Fans will recall that I reported Ross' drinking problem after the failed "Return To Love Tour," when I heard that she would allegedly spend endless hours in the attic of her Connecticut house with her old gowns, drinking wine and wondering where it all went wrong. And there she was, on a lonely Tucson road, banging on the door of a closed Blockbuster Video store at 1 a.m. screaming, "Who do you have to fuck in this town to get a copy of 'The Wiz'?" She not only failed the field sobriety test (she's always tested badly), but she also couldn't write the alphabet or the numbers one to thirty. In her defense, I'm not sure that she could have done any better if she were sober!

Could it be that Britney and Justin have kissed and made up? Well, they've certainly kissed - we're not sure about the "made up" part. One of our Filthy fans tells me that the couple did quite a bit of smooching as Justy accompanied Brit back to the apartment she's staying in. A few hours later, a rumpled Timberlake emerged with a grin on his face. Well, either a heady make-up session ensued, or he was simply trying on a few outfits!

Could it be that the sexuality of one of our favorite subjects is becoming more of an open secret? That's certainly the case amongst his former cast mates from that hit show that recently returned to the West End. Ah, those were good times back when our boy pretended to be straight and the cast pretended to buy it. But behind his adorable backside, they called him "Madame" instead of his given name. When this creaky chap was recently asked



Justin Timberlake



how he felt about being a gay icon, he stated, "It's an honour to be supported by anyone, gay/straight, young/old, male or female and I think it should make no difference who that person is, only that you should be grateful for them." As long as he's getting everything his heart desires.

When I can hear Joan Collins say, "But, darling, I'm your Auntie Mame," then it's definitely time to end yet another column. We are adding a few new additions to www.filth2go.com. First, I will periodically do gossip updates throughout the week for those stories that simply won't wait. And I will also add "Billy's Boudoir" - a place where I will give members an added glimpse into the daily life and times of Billy Masters. Of course, I am always available to everyone - something else I can hear Joan Collins say! All you have to do is drop a note to my e-mail address of Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Bisset plays Bouvier again! So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.



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Seeking Sabriety - 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.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (Milw.): Closed meeting every Sunday at 6 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 299-0755.

Silver Space - Older Lesbian Discussion Group (Milw.): Meets on the third Sunday of the month at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. S3 donation. FMI: (414) 271-2565.

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

MONDAYS

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

Gay AA (Milw.): "Came to Believe" group — spirituality in the AA program Meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

OUTCARE Sexual Health Clinic (Milw.): A satellite clinic of Planned Parenthood inside the LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. Walk-ins Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights from 5:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. FREE services for teens. (414) 277-

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

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

TUESDAYS

Gay AA (Milw.): The Over and Under 40 group. Topic meeting, everyone is welcome. Meets every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Assn. of Fox Valley, Midway Rd., 1488 Kenwood Drive. FMI: (920) 739-4226 or Sylvia at (00) 675-9400.

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

Madison Community Health Ctr. - HIV Testing (Madison): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV festing from 3 to 545 p.m. at 1133 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-0704.

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

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

Radical Faerie Heart Circle (Madison): 9 p.m., Martha,s Co-op, 225 E. Lakelawn, near McTaggart,s. FMI: (608) 442-1695.

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

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

Yoga Spirit Free Classes (Milw.): Every Tuesday there are free

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 494, 12 Steps/12 Traditions. Meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201, FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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father Robert (Peter Silbert), a brilliant mathematician. Barely into his 20s Robert had achieved extraordinary suc-

academia. Unfortunately, Robert soon succumbed to bouts of intermittent mental illness. Although he had occasional but fleeting months of lucidity, Robert spent the last years of his life plagued by a host of personal demons.

His youngest daughter, Catherine seems to have inherited much of her father's genius for mathematics, eventually choosing to follow in her father's footsteps. During one his remissions, Catherine enrolled in her father's field if not at his school. Yet Catherine would soon find herself dropping out of school to care for her father.

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One other complication is Hal's attraction to Catherine.

Playwright David Auburn allows himself one scant plot device to propel his warm, humanistic drama to its satisfying conclusion the discovery of the "proof" of the title, a theoretical mathematical breakthrough.

At its core, "Proof" is a poignant and elegant character study that provides longtime Rep actress Deborah Staples with her best role to date. Ms. Staples is absolutely marvelous. Her Catherine is filled with loss and ever so frightened of facing life on her own. Knowing just how much she takes after her brilliant but troubled father, she fears a similar future, one of instability and madness.

Such questions have likewise occurred to her distant but well-meaning sister, Claire (Jeannie Naughton). Back but only briefly for Robert's funeral, Claire seeks to resolve Catherine in much the same fashion she resolves any issues that she faces in life: quick-

ly and efficiently. Naughton creates an entirely believable character. On one hand she feels obligated to her sister but cesses, making discoveries that would astonish the world of she has never really understood Catherine or, if she's ever

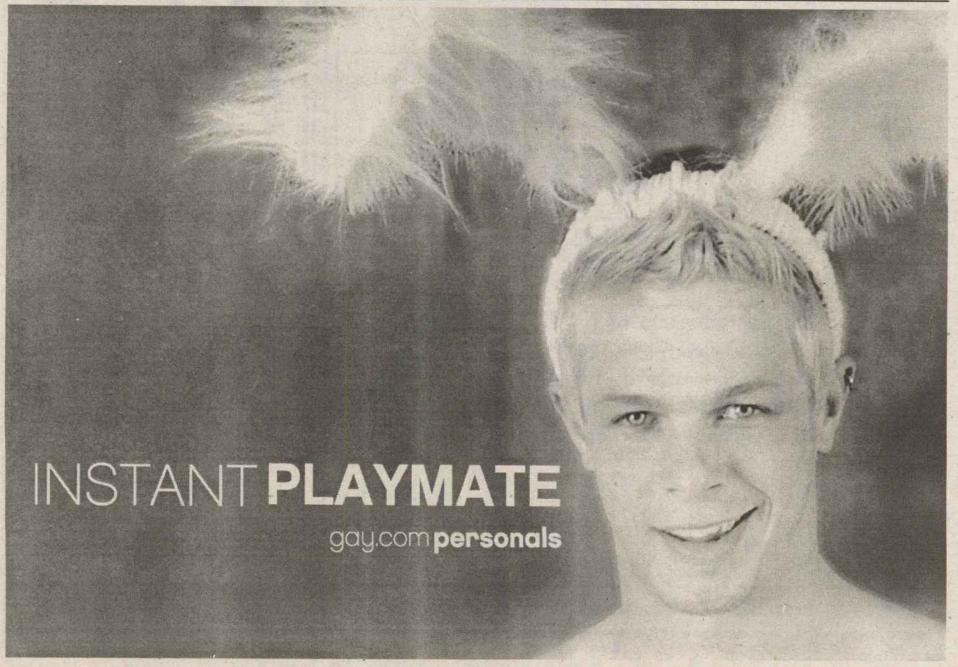
brave enough to admit it, even liked her.

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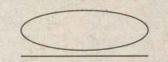
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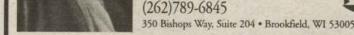
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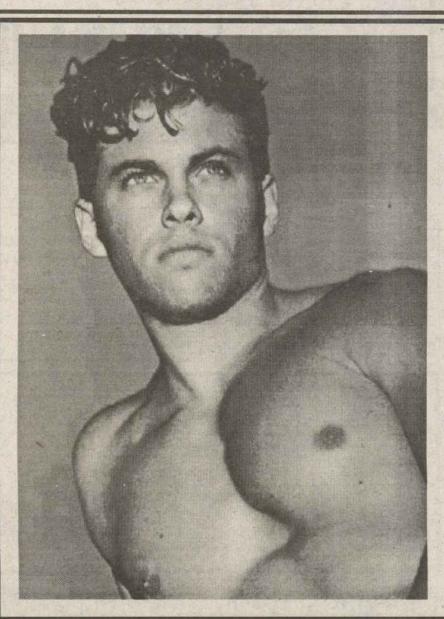
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Dear Friend-

Who is on my list? I can name 10 steaming studs right off the top of my head. So, here you go:

Ruthie's Top 10 Dreamboats

10. Fred Flintstone. Fred has a thing for red heads, and, besides, you know what they say about men with big feet! I wanna rip that lion cloth off him and go prehistoric on his ass.

9. The Pope. This little guy had a tough year, and he's probably sick of people only kissing his ring. If we hit it off, we'd have a great marriage, too. I'd save a ton of money on the wedding dress if he'd let me borrow his.

8. That Balding Local Sports Anchor. I think his name is Roc, I think he works for the local CBS affiliate, and I think he really knows how to stir a woman's butter churn. I want to run barefoot through that man's head. He can go for the extra point between my goal posts

7. Hugh Jackman. All I have to say is -The underwear scene in "Someone Like You."

6. The Guy on the Brawny Paper Towels Wrapper. Sure, he's a drawing. but the image of this hunky lumberjack is the only thing that gets me through cleaning the trailer. They oughta put a nude centerfold of "Brawny" in the middle of the damn roll. I guarantee they'd sell a crap-load of paper towels.

5. Bob Hope. Think about it. This man's loaded and he's already got one foot on the banana peel. Pearl and I still argue over who'd get to chew his food for him.

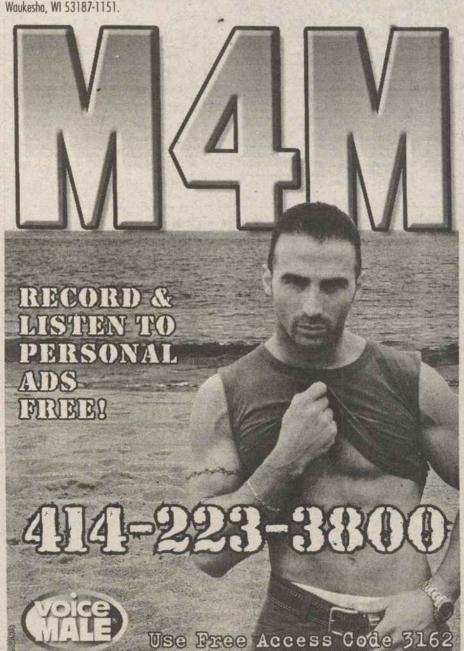
4. Anyone Who Reads My Column North of Oshkosh. I understand there's a few Northerners who read "Dear Ruthie." Whenever I think of those flannel-clad guys reading my column while sitting on the pot, well, I get moist.

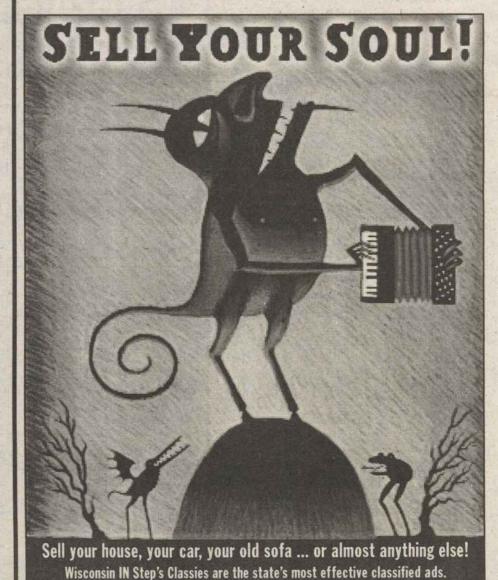
3. My Ex-Husband Schlomoe. There's nothing like sex with the ex and when Schlomoe takes his teeth out, he can really get my juices flowing.

2. Jerry Springer. Now here's a man who surrounds himself with interesting people. I have a hard time telling if I'm watching his show or a home movie shot at one of my family reunions. I love the way he handles trailer folks. It's as if he's one of us. "Here's to you, Jerry! Stop by the Rusty Nail Trailer Park the next time you're interviewing midget strippers who are married to their fathers.

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	P.O. Box 11428, 53211
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	E-mail: mkegamma@execpc.com
	Web: www.MilwaukeeGamma.com P.O. Box 1900, 53201
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	(GLEEMM), Larry
	Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM
	PO Box 208 53201 645-0585
	Gay Youth Milwaukee (peer group meetings) P.O. Box 090441, 53209
	Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group
	(Bill)
1	P.O. Box 44211, 53214
	Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862
	GLEAM/SPECTRUM (GLBT Employees of Ameritech)
	P.O. Box 254, 53201
	P.O. Box 1686, 53201
	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
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	P.O. Box 199, 53201
	MGALA (Marquette U. GL Alumni) P.O. Box 92722, 53202
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	Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873 Men's Voices Milwaukee
	315 W. Court St., 53212
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1	315 W. Court. 53212
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13	Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) . 800-711-6375
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	1614 E. Kane Place, 53202
	PrideFest (annual Pride festival) 907 S. 1st St., 53204
	Web Site: www.pridefest.com
	215 W Court 52212
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	Box 122, 2200 E. Kenwood 53211
1	Riverwest Rainbow Association 1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212
	SAGE Milwaukee (for older LGBTs)
	P.O. Box 510492, 53203-0091
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	PO Rox 76115, 53216
N.	Shoreline (country dancing, instruction) P.O. Box 510283, 53203-0051
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100	315 W. Court St., 53212
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203 W 5th, Shawano 54166	526-2805
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PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Famil	ly, Friends of
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336 Superior Avenue 53081	
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By Michael Johnston

elcome back, and welcome to 2003! I hope the new year is treating you well and that you all had a most memorable Holiday Season. We've returned, and reality takes us from here...

I had a grand time of it being lullabled into the Season by Bonnie & Tony and their sing-a-long. (They should pull an act together and appear weekly.) I was even asked to do a little "We Need A Little Christmas"! MVM members gathered to bring a little more harmony to the night. Certain members of the audience liked changing the lyrics... And the best cookies in civilization were served. Adding to the sounds of the doings were: Rona & Rita doing the egg nog shuffle, Jay Jerry Skals, Tod, Michael & Max, Dame David Howser, Su & Jess, Bill Schumacher, Adain, Sergeant Sweet Lips, Greg & Jack, Carol & Crew launching the infamous partridges, Peter on the guitar, the "3 Wise Men" of Wahl Avenue - Tim, Ken & Jim (right street, wrong party) - to name but a few of the celebrants.

The M&M ringing in or is that singing

in the Holiday... The following night, BooBoo hosted his annual "Customer Appreciation Party. He's one of the quickest wits in Wisconsin - he always leaves me in stitches. Drink specials, a bodacious buffet and a riotous Baby Jane Hudson Review. Featured in the Follies were: Club 219 headliner and show director, the divine Miss Nova **D'Vine** in a Seasonal Head dress of snow, the delicious Desiree Triumph, the reigning Miss 219, the jolly Joey Black, the sensational Shannon Dupree, Fluid's little sex kitten Miss Kitty, the captivating Carona of the M's staff making her exciting debut, the darling Dear Ruthie, Queen of IN Step, doing the original and unpredictable, and of course your Hostess Miss Hudson - Baby Jane, that is, heating up the extravaganza!

BooBoo was on sound, naturally, and Peter and Rona staffed their usual Sunday night post, with their usual aplomb. In the cast making up the ever appreciative audience were: Jim, Wisconsin Leather Daddy 1995, Joey A., DeDe, BooBoo & Candy Stick, Dame David Howser, Debi Vance, Larry, Tommy Kuehl, Tony, Bill Wardlow of Fluid, Switch's Craig and Joel, Roxie LaTour visiting from Ohio, ChiChi and Joan Bennett catching up after their afternoon shift—all making for a great time!

Christmas night I got an invitation to the royal party of the season: **Princess Charlotte Lorraine** opened her palatial digs to all her pals. Everyone gathered to be with our family of choice and rejoice, we did... For years now, instead of exchanging gifts amongst ourselves, we all write out a check to a charity, and once the kitty is filled, the charity du jour is selected randomly from a bowl of worthy recipients. This year, the **BESTD Clinic** was the lucky winner! Congratulations! Charlotte always makes a regal host(ess) her ensemble, tiara intact, was worth the visit alone!

She did have a little competition when Princess Debbie whirled and swirled in ala Loretta Young in green and red tart-an plaid. Among the royals in attendance for this command performance: Rona, Michael, Dame David Howser, Ginger, Steve, Baby Jane Hudson, Roy, David & Miles, Lizzie & June, Fluid's Jimmy & Steve, Peter, BooBoo & CandyStick, Belle Starr, Su Greg & Jess, Boom-Boom, Nancy and the entire royal court – it seemed.

Cordially Yours

Speaking of Princesses: Happy Birthday "Princess" **Ryan** – 22! Heed your Fairy Godmother CoCo: she will lead you into the light! With Birthdays, I must remember "Aunt Esther" and her whip cream... and the "Bag," also marking their milestones. Sunday, January 19, **Craig** pulls out all the stops to celebrate his right-arm man's B-Day. Yes, **Switch**'s very own Scotty turns another year, and a party to the likes you'll never forget is in the planning. Get there early to get a front row seat!

New Year's Eve happened way too fast for me this year. I really didn't even realize it was here, until the morning of! So instead of jetting off to St. Tropez and my dear friend's yacht, I opted for a low-key kind of acknowledgment of the day...

Starting at Cocktail Hour, 4 p.m. at The M&M Club, with Peter. I met Jay there, toasting in the day with M Staffers: Auntie Hazel, aka Chef Jack, Chad and Chris-py – talk about your three wise men of the culinary scene. Onto the RoseBud to meet more friends and take in "Bowling For Columbine," Michael Moore's very awakening opus, a brilliant piece of docudrama. Then it was to Michael & Tim's to make home-made pizza(s). Of course, one of us just enjoyed the delicacies as opposed to preparing it. That is where I rung in the new year, in Wauwatosa with five very dear friends.

Seeing as it was New Year's and nothing closes (until very late or early), Jay and I escaped into the night. First on our list, back to the M's where our adventure began. I had to see Joyce Bevan. "The Queen Of Song." I've heard of Miss Joyce, but never had the pleasure to hear her. You see, she appears every other Sunday, 8 - 11 p.m., at The M's. This lovely chanteuse has been thrilling them ever since she sat behind the piano.

She is something to behold! No one loves a lounge act as much as me. Vaudeville isn't over as long as this Grand Dame. England's best export since the Beatles, is on the key board! What a treat when she and **Trixi** proudly display their tricks... what fun! **Joyce** - dear girl, you have a new card-carrying fan! Adding bubbles to the champagne were: **Legs & Susan**, **Aunt Bea**, **CeCe**, **Princess Debbie & Steve**, **Ginger**, **Tom & Tom**, **DeDe**, **Jezebel**, **Jim & Angela** and a party of revelers! From The M's, **Jay**, my neighbor lady **Rosalind Hoffmann**, and Cordially Yours were leaded.

En route I actually saw a taxicab pulled over getting a citation from Judy Justice! We felt the explosion of the night, so a pit stop at Boom was in order. Wishing everyone a Happy 2003, kissing in the new year with David & Tim and Lee - talk about an eyeful! Some really exciting future fun in February... The next stop on our non-stop party pursuit was The Harbor Room. Gregg & Eddy, Bulge. Bob F., Doug O. and the rest of the fellas made us all feel sooo welcomed! Steve. the Pasta King, my favorite Director Mark, Billy and many familiar friends and faces were still going strong! In fact, I think they're still partying... I slip out at the alarming - pun intended, because that's what time I'm usually getting up -5:30 a.m.! Talk about partying around the clock! Needless to write, New Year's Day was even more low-key than New Year's Eve Day. I finally pulled myself together around 6 p.m. and Joey Buono's is what I needed!

Dave, also of The M&M Club, was bartending at Joey's and he makes a mighty mean Bloody Mary! Jerry and I were quickly remedied, indeed! And Liz's suggestion of pasta resurrected me into the New Year! It was movies time once again. Either I see everything or nothing... I had to catch Leo and Tom's latest flick, "Catch Me If You Can," Spielberg's latest greatest. Who ever thought Leo Dicaprio and Kitty Carlisle Hart would ever do a movie together? In 2003? To Tell The Truth they do!

Jerry Grillo has been very busy, with a new CD and a full performance schedule for 2003. He must have been a very good boy – Santa was certainly good to him! The Official CD release party for "Vintage Grillo" (16 tracks) will be at **Centanni**, 218 N. Water St., Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Can't wait to give it a listen! Hint, hint. The day before Karen "St." Valentine's Day Thunder Bay Grille Pewaukee, 7 - 11 p.m., will be the place to sip and sup as Jerry croons to all of Cupid's "victims." And if you can't wait until next month, The Velvet Room, 720 N. 3rd St., has our very own "Velvet Fog" Friday, Jan.

17, 7-10 p.m.

Theatrical reminders: **Cathy Rigby** flies into town as The Cat In The Hat in "Seussical The Musical." Awaken the child within, Jan. 21-26 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts - Uihlein Hall. For a heaping helping of Green Eggs And Ham, I am ...

The Boulevard Ensemble Theater, now in their 17th year, kicked off this year with a fine production of Tennessee Williams' "Suddenly, Last Summer." The play, plays through Jan. 31 so you still have plenty of time to see it. Described as "A dark and disturbing family portrait set in a New Orleans garden. A startling still life of lust, hypocrisy and shattered love" - no, it isn't my biography - but in a word outstanding! Marilyn L. White was extraordinary as Mrs. Venable - not an easy task as Katherine Hepburn played her the movie! And a young Marquette senior, Julia Gilling, plays the tormented Catherine, holding her own to the formidable Ms. White. It's only 90 minutes long without an intermission. Guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat, while they're on the edge of their

The **Drag Ball at UWM** waltzes in on Saturday, Feb. 1. Get your dance cards ready - this is one Gay-la you don't want to miss.

February also bring the return of "Blue Monday," February 3. Men's Voices Milwaukee are resuming shortly - after a well deserved break. Currently they are accepting new recruits so come on down and audition! I'm told not to be intimidated by the process... They have set their date for their next performance/production: Saturday, May 17, Vogel Hall -of the Marcus Center. Dream girl, dream "One Night Only."

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