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#### **Sperm Dotcom to Accept Gay Donors**

London - A cyberspace sperm-forsale clinic which targets lesbians and single women was today claiming to be the first fertility organization to accept gay donors.

Mannotincluded.com has come under fire from religious and family campaigners for offering women the chance to have babies without needing a male partner.

They are charged around \$1,500 to be matched with anonymous sperm donors and are then sent kits which allow customers to inseminate them-

Clinic founder John Gonzales has previously claimed his company will stop women using Internet and newspaper adverts to find sperm donors.

Gonzalez said, "Every single clinic or sperm bank I have looked at, said they would not accept gay donors."

He claimed to have looked at the donor acceptance policies of 25 clinics in Britain, which represents more than two thirds of the total number in the country.

"We have listened to the demands of women coming to us for help and to the concerns of the wider lesbian, gay bisexual public. Unlike other fertility centres we will not be discriminating against gay donors," Gonzalez said.

MNI launched in July last year and has over 3,000 donors and 2,000 recipients registered.

#### **Bid Seeks to Repeal New Mexico Gay Rights**

Albuquerque - Barely a month after New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson signed legislation adding sexual orientation to the state's human rights code, a movement has been launched

The gay rights provisions would make it illegal to discriminate against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people in matters of employment, housing, credit, public accommodations and union membership.

Businesses with fewer than 15 workers are exempt.

The new law does not go into effect until July, but Republican Pam Wolfe has begun a campaign to kill it.

Wolfe told a weekend state GOP meeting in Albuquerque that she is looking at two possibilities for overturning the law.

The first involves a pre-emptive strike. To prevent the law from taking effect pending a referendum, she will require signatures totalling 25 percent of the state's 2002 general election

If the law takes effect, a repeal referendum can be forced at the next general election if she and her supporters gather signatures totalling 10 percent of the 2002 election turnout.

That would require about 50,400 signatures, which must be submitted to the secretary of state at least four months before the November 2004

Gay rights advocates in the state said they were dismayed but not surprised by the repeal effort.

# AIDS Network Plans "Walk, Roll and Stroll"

Madison — The AIDS Network has announced the launch of "Walk, Roll & Stroll" — a September 27 AIDS walk slated to raise funds for the agency and other AIDS service agencies in the Madison

"This new event aims to bring the diverse Madison community together in an effort to renew our commitment in the fight against AIDS," said Bob Power, executive director of AIDS Network.

Power says plans are now underway to bring a celebrity to Walk, Roll & Stroll and possibly perform at a post-walk celebration.

In 2001 and 2002, The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and AIDS Network worked together to include Madison as a second venue for AIDS Walk Wisconsin as well as the walk's primary site on Milwaukee's lake front.

An agreement with ARCW allowed AIDS Network to receive a 50-50 split of net proceeds from the Madison leg of AIDS Walk Wisconsin. In 2001, AIDS Network gained \$41,000 from the Walk. That amount fell to \$23,000 in 2002.

'Our walkers were close to 1,200 in 2001." Power said. "We were disappointed to see that number fall to 700 in 2002."

"There was a decline in Milwaukee as well," explained Doug Nelson, executive director of ARCW. "The economy was down. We were coming off uncertain times. Many special events and fund-raisers went down in 2002. There are ebbs

and flows to these types of events."

"We extended our walk into Madison because we were asked to and because we wanted to help AIDS Network," says Nelson. "Madison has a great progressive community which we thought would embrace it. We kept all the financial risk and responsibility for the Walk. It was a nice arrangement because AIDS Network had no risk.

The Walk, Roll & Stroll is the second major fund-raising event AIDS Network has launched in the past year. The agency is also producing an AIDS ride, ACT I — a six-day bicycle ride through southwest Wisconsin to be held August 4-9.

ACT I replaces the Heartland AIDS Ride which was produced by Palotta TeamWorks. The ride was cancelled after the 2002 event due to declining returns for participating agencies.

Power says the decision to produce their own walk and ride is mainly based on financial considerations. "Primarily it is because — as an agency — we need to be in control of our financial future. That means with fund-raising in particular we need to determine how we spend the money and what we spend the money on. This will give us an better idea of what we would project in revenue for the event."

"Our decision to take on the production of a ride on our own is the same deal as with the walk," says Power. "There were many things Palotta TeamWorks would spent money on which we believe we can

get cheaper or for free."

Power said AIDS Network also had some concerns about the manner in which ARCW has handled promotion for the AIDS Walk Wisconsin event in Madison over the past two years. "Much of the marketing money has historically been invested into point of purchase displays. In Madison, we have found that they don't work that well. Retailers often don't have space to display them and they are very expensive to produce."

"ARCW's efforts included a telemarketing component," says Power. "We don't think that is a good means to recruit

walkers in Madison.

Power says the Walk, Roll & Stroll will rely less on printed materials and instead focus on direct personal contact in its marketing of the event. "That is maybe one of the biggest differences between Madison and Milwaukee.'

Power says AIDS Network will recruit walkers from the Madison area at community events like the farmer's market and

"Why spend all that money on production and telemarketing if we can outreach to all of the community at festivals and things of that nature?" Power asked.

AIDS Network received a \$5,000 grant from the Tony Cox Foundation to help market the event. The University of Wisconsin Health Department has also signed on as a sponsor.

Walk, Roll & Stroll will step off Sept. 27 at Brittingham Park in Madison. AIDS Walk Wisconsin will be held Sept. 28 starting at the Henry W. Maier Festival Grounds.

For more information on Walk, Roll & Stroll, check out AIDS Network's website at www.aidsnetwork.org. For more information about AIDS Walk Wisconsin visit www.arcw.org.

# SAGE-Milwaukee Readies Plans for **Future Growth**

By William Attewell

Milwaukee - SAGE-Milwaukee, a group dedictated to enhancing the lives of older gays and lesbians, is an organization on the move. They recently announced plans to hire an executive director and have significantly expanded their outlong-term care facilities. The group has also launched a website.

The hiring of an executive director is an important step forward for the group according to Murray. "We are trying to put the organization on a professional basis. We want give the organization a future and we don't want to be relying on only few people.'

According to Murray, the executive director would oversee SAGE-Milwaukee's programming, grant writing and office administration.

"We are hoping to hire an executive director later this year," says Murray. "We are currently advertising for that



**Eldon Murray** 

other positions within the organization.

In addition, the group recently hired a consultant to help prepare grants and facilitate the development of a fund-raising program which would help cover the salary of a full-time executive director and other programs.

SAGE-Milwaukee began in 1994 and currently leases offices in the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. Murray says the organization is now serving over 1,000 persons in the Milwaukee area and they currently have over 100 paid memberships.

Murray says the importance of groups like SAGE-Milwaukee will continue to increase as the baby boom generation ages.

"We do know that the elderly population is growing very rapidly in Milwaukee County," Murray said. "We are not reaching the LGBT seniors as much as we'd like to and there are a lot of people who still don't know about SAGE."

For more information about SAGE-Milwaukee, call (414) 224-0517 or visit their website at www.sagemilwaukee.org.

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-ELDON MURRAY

reach to senior members of the LGBT community in recent months.

"Last year was a banner year for SAGE-Milwaukee, says Eldon Murray, founder and chairperson emeritus of the group. "As an organization, SAGE-Milwaukee is transitioning from childhood to adolescence. We are just beginning to take off like crazy."

Indeed, in addition to plans for executive director, SAGE-Milwaukee currently holds weekly programs at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, they have hired a part-time social worker, established a "friendly visitor" program for shut-ins or those in hospitals or

In recent months, SAGE-Milwaukee also sponsored a well-attended workshop targeted on special needs of LGBT seniors for elder care professionals.

It is programs of this type the group hopes to continue says Murray. "We have submitted a grant proposal to fund a training program to train volunteers to go out and train professionals who work with the LGBT seniors."

SAGE-Milwaukee is also implementing a strategic plan and has recently completed an upgrade of their by-laws which will establish the written guidelines and job descriptions for board and

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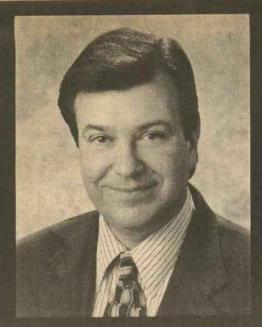
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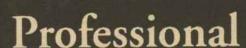
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# Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission Hears Testimony on LGBT Concerns

Creates Working Group to Recommend Reforms

By Jamakaya

n April 24, in what one activist called an historic night for Milwaukee's LGBT community, the Mil-

waukee Fire and Police Commission agreed to establish a working group to investigate policies and practices relating to lesbian and gay public safety employees with the goal of improving their work environments. The working group is expected to reveal its findings and recommendations this fall.

In a first for the city as well as for the LGBT community, two openly lesbian members of the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) and the Fire Department gave dramatic public testimony about the current climate within those agencies for LGBT employees. The Commission also heard from gay and lesbian community leaders who have attempted to work with the MPD since 1991 and from an openly lesbian detective on the Madison Police Department who suggested ways to make the Milwaukee departments more LGBT-sensitive.

"It was one of those rare evenings where you feel like you are watching history unfold," said Patrick Flaherty, Director of Community Relations for the Milwaukee LGBT

Community Center.

Several speakers thanked Fire and Police Commissioner Leonard Sobczak for working to provide the public forum for a new airing of LGBT concerns regarding the Police and Fire Departments. Sobczak, a prominent gay businessman, was appointed to the commission by Mayor John Norquist in 2001.

Scott Gunkel, a long-time gay activist representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin, said: "There's enough pressures in the police department being an officer alone, without the extra pressure of having to live in the closet. No one in this community, no one here at this table wants special treatment or special rights, nor do we want to be treated differently or discriminated against. We want officers in the LGBT community to be able to do their job in the most professional manner."

Gunkel offered some historical background for the current situation. He talked about the establishment of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Police-Community Relations, created by Mayor John Norquist in 1991 in the wake of the

Jeffrey Dahmer murder case.

Among the findings of the blue ribbon panel were: "Appreciation of diversity must be taught not only as a specific topic but through example in all areas. Verbal and behavioral expression of racism, sexism, homophobia or differential treatment is unacceptable. The code of silence in which some officers will not report a fellow officer is also unacceptable. First line supervisors must set an example for those they supervise and be held accountable for ensuring that unacceptable behavior is corrected and stopped. There must be a clear message from command staff reinforced by organizational structures that misbehavior of this kind will not be tolerated. Training alone is not enough. Policy and supervision must reinforce training through correction, retraining, reassignment or termination."

Stephanie Hume talked about the initiation of LGBT training sessions with the MPD.

"We did our first police recruit training in the fall of 1992. Between then and now we have trained approximately 1,300 police officers, over half of the current police department. I'm really pleased to say that over the years our community and the city of Milwaukee have grown. One of the first questions we'd ask in the class in the very beginning was how many recruits either knew someone who was LGBT or had a family member who was. I can honestly tell you that in that first class no one raised their hand. The affirming part is that since that time more and more hands go up and more and more of the officers that we talk to consider what we're doing to be a non-issue. We have done well, but we're not finished."

Milwaukee Police Sgt. Louise Schaefer began: "I've been on the MPD for eight years, and when I saw the notice on the roll call board for this I almost fell over because it doesn't seem that anyone really cares enough to look into it.

#### "IF THIS IS HOW POLICE OFFICERS

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- SERGEANT LOUISE SCHAEFER,

#### MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

That surprised me quite a bit, so I greatly appreciate your efforts here. Unfortunately, I'm not accompanied by a lot of officers. There are many who could sit up here with me. Unfortunately, I extended that invitation and they all said, "No Thanks." And I think that says a lot about their environment, about why they can't come forward."

Sergeant Schaefer spoke of a culture of homophobia within the MPD which sometimes reveals itself through derogatory comments and anti-gay jokes. She also said the fear of being identified as gay or lesbian prevents some officers from lodging complaints about homophobic activity on the job.

In one incident, a sergeant from the Tactical Enforcement Unit was speaking to a recruit class about the relationship of the different units within the Special Operations Bureau and made the comment that "They all get along pretty well, even with those motorcycle officers with their faggy boots."

"This comment was made by a sergeant to an entire recruit class," Sgt. Schaefer said. "If that's the kind of tone the sergeant is going to set for these recruits, then the work of the community members who come in [to do sensitivity training] has just been pushed out the door."

In another incident, copies of a newspaper article about a gay man coming out had been doctored to include the name of a 7th District officer in place of the name of

the gay man. These fliers were left on all the desks in the assembly at District 7 during roll call. "No supervisor removed these fliers from the desks before roll call. They remained on the desks through roll call and they were still on the desks later in the shift. I do not personally know this officer. I do not know his sexual orientation. I

don't think that that matters either way. But this was never addressed at District 7 to my knowledge. It's just that atmosphere of tolerance of this kind of

thing."

The MPD, like many police departments, has a tradition of badges and badge numbers being handed down to new family members joining the force. When her domestic partner graduated from the academy, Sgt. Schaefer made the request that her partner be issued the badge from when she first became a police officer.

"To my delight the department approved it," Schaefer reported. But on graduation night, when they announced the badges being handed down, "They skipped right over my partner. Didn't mention it, didn't even make the generic statement that she was receiving badge 1089 that had belonged to Sgt. Louise Schaefer, didn't address it in any way." When she inquired about the lapse, she was told it was not the fault of the speaker that night but that "the decision was made much higher up."

"If that decision was made much higher up, higher up than a captain, and that's the message that someone at that level is sending, then I think that shows that it's an unofficial acceptance of how the department is treating its

nembers.

"What concerns me more than any of the events I've just told you about that involve police officers," said Sgt. Schaefer, "is that if this is how police officers treat each other – those that you rely on to save your life in some cases – if this is how they treat each other, then how do they treat the citizens when they go to a call for service?"

Lieutenant Karen White, employed by the Fire Department for 11 years, said: "The biggest reason I stepped forward is that sometimes you need to put a face on certain issues. I'm not here to get any special attention. Nobody really wants all this recognition because they are gay or lesbian or bisexual. I want to be known as who I am, the officer I am, and how I treat people on the job. My sexual orientation has nothing to do with that."

Lt. White said, "I do know that there are some narrow minds who make up for their narrow minds with their big

mouths.

"Nobody has said anything to me but then again I've only been out for three minutes," she said, drawing laughter from the commissioners and the audience. "I can get back to you in three weeks though."

Detective Alix Olson, a 20-year veteran of the Madison Police Department, then described some of the elements which have made the Madison Department LGBT-friendly. Her blueprint for a more LGBT-friendly climate includes: zero tolerance for homophobic or gender identity-phobic language, and discipline for harassment applied consis-

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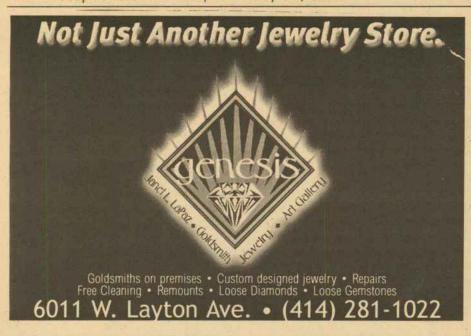
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#### MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

tently and without delay; an anti-LGBT harassment policy publicized and posted in the workplace; inclusive language on all police forms, applications, reports, booking sheets, etc.; more than a few hours of "awareness' training in the pre-service academy; and more training about anti-LGBT hate crimes for all employees, especially dispatchers, street officers, detectives, forensic investigators, court officers, school liaison officers, neighborhood officers.

She also recommended: an increase in out and visible LGBT supervisors and command staff in varying ranks and assignments; extension of the "police family" umbrella to include LGBT and extended same-sex family members; benefits for LGBT employees equal to those for heterosexual employees, including domestic partner health insurance, sickness and bereavement leave, beneficiaries, etc.; LGBT employees visible and active in their union with the union 100% supportive and actively fighting for LGBT benefits; and recruitment of new employees from LGBT venues nation-wide, including a non-discrimination statement.

According to Olson, the MPD should build a real partnership with the LGBT community which includes: department employees visible at LGBT events like PrideFest and community centers (not just for security purposes); a commitment to sensitive, thorough, accurate investigations of anti-LGBT hate crimes; including a list of LGBT community contacts in department resource guides for beat officers; an annual employees award for outstanding police service in the LGBT community; and exploration of grant monies for police-LGBT cooperative ventures.



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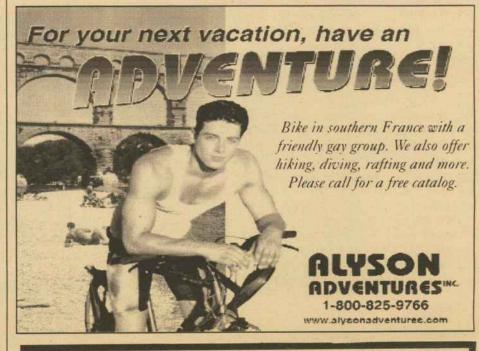
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# **State Briefs**

#### ARCW Opens Mental Health Clinic To Address Emotional Challenges of HIV

Milwaukee — Fear, anger, guilt, loneliness, and anxiety: These are all feelings that people with HIV disease may experience. At ARCW's new Mental Health Clinic, people confronting the emotional challenges of HIV are getting help.

ARCW recently opened its Mental Health Clinic, thanks in part to a five-year, \$800,000 federal grant from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The new clinic is under the leadership of Mental Health Therapists Laura Gentry and Bill Hanel who have 20 years of counseling experience with special focus on HIV related issues.

"Too many people with HIV go without vital mental health services that can help make life worth living," Gentry said. "We're meeting a critical need."

In the few months since opening, Gentry and Hanel report that more than 50 clients have enrolled at the clinic. "We're just getting started and we expect the clientele to grow," Gentry said. "We estimate that as many as 50% of all ARCW clients experience some difficulty in resolving emotional issues related to their HIV diagnosis, and we are here to help them."

Hanel said, "Putting fears into words with help from a good listener can break the isolation of HIV and bring life back to normal. We're striving to provide the best counseling and support available, both in individual and group settings."

People with HIV who receive profes-

sional mental health services have been shown to have much more than an improved outlook on life. They also have better adherence to drug regimens, decreased use of alcohol and drugs, and more stable housing.

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The new ARCW mental health service is also an HIV prevention service. People with HIV who receive quality mental health care have been shown in studies to have higher self-esteem and a lower incidence of unsafe sex.

"Mental health care delivers treatment and prevention at the same time," Gentry said

ARCW is currently certified to provide direct mental health care at ARCW clinics in Milwaukee and Kenosha, as well as in collaboration with Milwaukee Health Services, a community health clinic that prioritizes care and treatment for African Americans.

"Our goal is to empower people living with HIV/AIDS," explained Gentry. "Connecting our medical and dental care programs and our social service programs with mental health services is a nationally-recognized best practice, and it allows us to coordinate and streamline all of the resources ARCW has to offer."

Hanel and Gentry are working to expand the support groups offered at ARCW, including programs for family members and partners of people living with HIV/AIDS. They hope to collaborate with other mental health professionals in Wisconsin to share their experiences.

ARCW mental health services are available for everyone living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Appointments are avail-

able during regular working hours at ARCW's Milwaukee and Kenosha offices and at ARCW's Wisconsin House, a housing facility for people with HIV. Interested persons should contact ARCW at its new patient services line (414) 223-6800 or (800) 359-9272 ext. 6800.

#### Bowling Bash Benefits BESTD

Milwaukee — The 16th annual Mil-M-Aids (Milwaukee and Madison Against Aids) Bowling Tournament fundraiser, held Saturday, April 26, netted \$1,660 for the Brady East STD Clinic

The tournament, which is held alternatively in Milwaukee and Madison, raises funds for a variety of organizations. This year Camp Heartland, BESTD Clinic and the Hunger Task Force are the recipients of the event's proceeds.

Prior to the beginning of the tournament there was a bowl-off between the organizations. Clinic president Kevin Lynch rolled the highest score and won an extra \$100 for BESTD.

"It's great to have organizations such as Mil-M-Aids hold fund raising events for our benefit," said Lynch. "Because we are entirely run and staffed by volunteers, donations go directly to the aid of our clients. We are grateful for being included in this year's Bowling Tournament."

The Brady East STD Clinic is a Milwaukee based clinic whose services include: Free, anonymous or confidential HIV testing and counseling, free hepatitis vaccinations, free men's STD testing, diagnosis and treatment, traveling HIV testing and counseling clinics and educational programming, support groups.

The BESTD clinic is a not-for-profit Wisconsin corporation led and staffed

entirely by volunteers. Its primary sources of financial support are donations and fund-raising activities. No fees are charged for services and no one is ever refused service that BESTD offers.

The clinic has been serving the community since 1974. For more information call (414) 272-2144 or visit us at www.bestd.org.

#### Valuable Lives: Donating Your LGBT Memorabilia

Milwaukee — If it's ordinary people who make history, then you may have memorabilia worth donating.

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The Rainbow U Lecture Series is a project of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. All lectures are held the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Center's Director of Programs at (414) 271-2656.

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## Lavender Greens Organize in Wisconsin

Milwaukee — In March, at the Spring Gathering of the Wisconsin Green Party (Wigp) in Oshkosh, LGBT members and allies met and formed the Wisconsin Lavender Greens which represent the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) community.

The Lavender Green Caucus is already organized nationally and recognized with a delegate on the National Board (see www.lavendergreens.org). Now the Wisconsin Green Party has a Lavender Green Caucus in place, both to represent the special needs of the LGBT community and to attract members of that community to the Green Party.

Those original members decided on a long-range goal of forming county chapters. In April, Dane County formed a chapter and devoted much of their first meeting to developing a Mission Statement and Statement of Goals for Wisconsin. These are posted on the new Wisconsin Lavender Green website which is on line at: www.lavender.wisconsingreenparty.org/. Our news blog is at: www.wisconsingreenparty.org/blogs/.

LGBT persons and allies statewide, who wish to be politically active in pursuit of social justice for our individuals and communities are invited to join us and work together toward that goal.

People interested in joining or more information should contact Dennis Bergren, (608) 839-4060, e-mail: lavender@wisconsingreenparty.org.

# PrideFest Round-Up

Ride the Bar Shuttle Bus To PrideFest

Milwaukee – Back by popular demand, PrideFest is once again offering a shuttle bus to take festival-goers to and from various bars in the LGBT community to the festival grounds. The bus will be stopping at each bar listed below and at the main gate of PrideFest with each trip. It will run on Friday, June 6 from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday, June 7 from 12 noon to 2 a.m. and Sunday, June 8 from 12 noon to midnight.

The last two hours of each night consists of the bus running between the bars so that individuals can bar-hop to their heart's content. Bars participating in this year's shuttle route include: Walker's Pint, Kathy's Nut Hut, Triangle, Harbor Room, Woody's, Switch, Pulse and LaCage. It's not too late for bar owners to get on board! Those interested in joining this group can contact Paul Sherry, PrideFest Treasurer, at psherry@pridefest.com, or call the PrideFest office at (414) 645-FEST and leave him a message.

Bus riders are required to get a ticket from within the bar they are boarding at in order to ride the shuttle bus to the festival grounds. A ticket is not required for the return trip. Please help support the bar owners who have helped make this shuttle bus possible by purchasing a drink or two while waiting.

**Button Gains You Free Entry Into PrideFest** 

PrideFest is once again selling buttons that allow festival goers free entry onto the grounds during specified hours each day. These buttons can be purchased starting Friday. May 16, at Outwords Book Store, 2710 N. Murray Ave., or at the PrideFest office, 907 S. First St. Call PrideFest at (414) 645-FEST after May 16 for other potential locations.

By purchasing the buttons ahead of time for \$4 and wearing them to the festival grounds on Friday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 2 p.m., festivalgoers will receive free entry into the park. Normal daily ticket purchases cost \$9 per day or \$22 for the three-day weekend. The \$4 cost of the button is a great deal and you get a souvenir too!

#### Nominations Still Sought for PrideFest Awards

Each year, PrideFest accepts the nominations of people who members of the LGBT community think deserve recognition and a "thank you" for all the hard work they have done and/or are doing for the community. The candidates can be gay or straight, male or female. It's not about whether they are one of us, but what they've done and are doing for us. PrideFest is looking for nominations of individuals who are deserving of recognition in regards to community service, lifetime achievement, or Stonewall. These individuals will serve as honorary marshals in the PrideFest parade and will be presented an award for their service to the LGBT community on Sunday, June 8, at approximately 4:50 p.m. on the Miller Stage.

The Community Service Award is presented to an individual or organization that has demonstrated exemplary contributions of time and energy to the community and its members. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated long-time leadership and commitment to the LGBT community. The Stonewall Award is presented to an individual or organization that has demonstrated the spirit of the Stonewall Riots by fighting to bring about change for the benefit of others.

If you know of someone who is deserving of one of these awards, please submit their name(s) and credentials and explain why you think they deserve the honor. Submissions must be sent no later than Wednesday, May 14, via email to ctaylor@pridefest.com, or via snail mail to Cindy Taylor, VP & Director of Merchandise, c/o PrideFest, 907 S. First St., Milwaukee, WI 53203. Please include your contact information as well as that of the candidate.

Award recipients are selected by the PrideFest Council. People submitting nominations may be contacted for further information. Nominees selected are contacted to confirm their willingness to accept the award and their ability to be present during the awards ceremony. For more information, call PrideFest at (414) 645-FEST.

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#### Silver Space Welcomes Women for Pizza and Discussion May 30

Milwaukee – Silver Space invites women of the community of all ages to a pizza party and discussion on Friday, May 30, at 6 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. Silver Space will be celebrating 14 years of monthly gatherings and inviting discussion of how it can continue to meet the needs of today's women.

Silver Space was founded as a discussion/support group for "older" lesbians, though "older" was never really defined. It offers women a monthly opportunity to meet with other women to discuss issues of interest, whether serious or just for fun.

So whether you are a Silver Space regular or a former Silver Space member or have never participated, you — whatever your age — and your ideas are welcome. The discussion will be facilitated by Cheryl Orgas, Support Group Director at the Counseling Center, in conjunction with the Silver Space Leadership Committee. For further information, call (414) 271-2656.

#### Annual Gay Camping and White Water Rafting Weekend in June

Green Bay – The 3rd annual all gay camping and white water rafting weekend is being planned by a northeast Wisconsin men's group and is scheduled for the weekend of June 20-22 near Crivitz, Wis. Included in the fee again this year will be camping Friday and Saturday nights, white water rafting, cookout and beer bash on Saturday night.

Campers will enjoy all the amenities of a gay-friendly campground such as bar and full restaurant, modern showers and restrooms, volleyball and horseshoe pits. For campers interested in a swimming beach, Newton Lake is within 15 minutes of the campground.

Event planner Dave Moorman said: "We have reserved a larger wooded group area of the campground but still secluded from the other 'straight' campers. Last year, the high water level made the rafting incredible, and the Saturday night cookout was just as incredible. We had ribs cooked over the open campfire, cheesy potatoes, creamed green beans and dessert. After sundown, we had a campfire with a surprise, unscheduled entertainment. Later, some of the campers created their own hot, steamy entertainment until the sun came up."

White water rafting on the Peshtigo River is scheduled for three hours on Saturday afternoon followed by the cookout and beer bash. The campground is located about 25 miles northwest of Crivitz, Wis. The reservation deadline in June 14. For more information or to download reservation forms, visit the website at www.gameswi.ohgo.com. Call Dave at (920) 217-4280, or email him at gbhotman@aol.com for additional information or for reservation forms.

#### Womonsong and Perfect Harmony Sing Together May 15

Madison — For the first time ever, Womonsong and Perfect Harmony — two accomplished LGBT community choirs — will perform together in celebration of the special contributions of older adults in the LGBT community. The event is the "Celebration of Diversity" on Thursday, May 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St.

This unique event is jointly co-sponsored by the Madison Senior Center and OutReach Inc. It is open to all members of the public. The gathering is free of charge and includes a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres. Parking is available in the Capitol Center lot. For more information, call OutReach at (608) 255-8582.

# Training for Peer Counseling at OutReach May 17-18

Madison – Training for peer counseling and office support volunteers at OutReach, Inc., Madison's LGBT community center, will take place on the weekend of May 17-18. The Saturday session will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Sunday session will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each daily session will include an hour off for lunch as well as schedule breaks. Both sessions are required to complete the training. Two trained co-facilitators will conduct the in-service which will equip new volunteers with the necessary resource skills to serve the agency's mission of providing counseling, advocacy, education and information and referral services for the LGBT community in Madison and surrounding area.

All those interested should call Harry, the Program Coordinator, at (608) 255-8582, or via email at programs@out-reach.com to set up an initial interview.

#### Madison Area Transgender Assn. to Meet at UW

Madison – The Madison Area Transgender Association (MATA) is a transgender organization located in Madison which meets at OutReach, Inc., 600 Williamson St. It operates the Madison Transgender Support Group, the Wisconsin Transsexual Support Group, and the Friends and Family of Transgendered Support Group.

On May 16, MATA will hold its first meeting at the UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., at 6:30 p.m. This will begin "Transgender Support at UW," which will include meetings on the third Fridays of every month thereafter. The goal is to help those who are transgender at the university along with more people in the community.

This support group, like the one at OutReach Inc., is for all those in the transgender community — cross-dressers, transgenderists, bigender, androgyne, intersexed, transsexuals — that are male to female and female to male, pre-op and post-op, gender questioning, etc.

Rae Knittel, an activist for gender rights and hate crime legislation, coordinates the groups as a volunteer for OutReach Inc. Knittel is a post-op transsexual transitioning for over 14 years and is a member of Gender PAC, Progress for Change, IFGE and AEGIS.

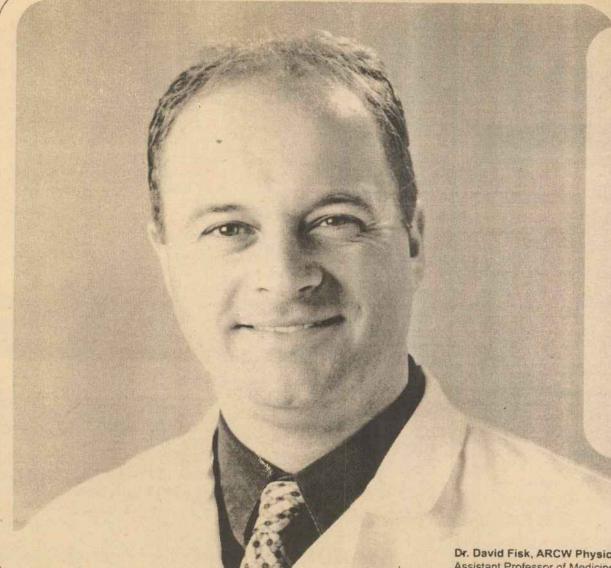
For more information, call (608) 235-

#### Chicago to Hold Its Own Pride Festival June 28

Chicago — Chicago's Northalsted Merchants Association (NAMA), sponsor of the city's popular Market Days each summer, will sponsor "Pride Fest" on Saturday, June 28. This first-ever event is a GLBT community celebration a day before Chicago's annual Pride Parade, which will be held on Sunday, June 29.

Pride Fest's entertainment stage will

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feature both live acts and dance DJs. There will also be food and beverage vendors. Pride Fest as well as the following day's Pride Parade which draws more than 350,000 spectators, cap off a month of GLBT activities and events during Pride month, celebrated each June.

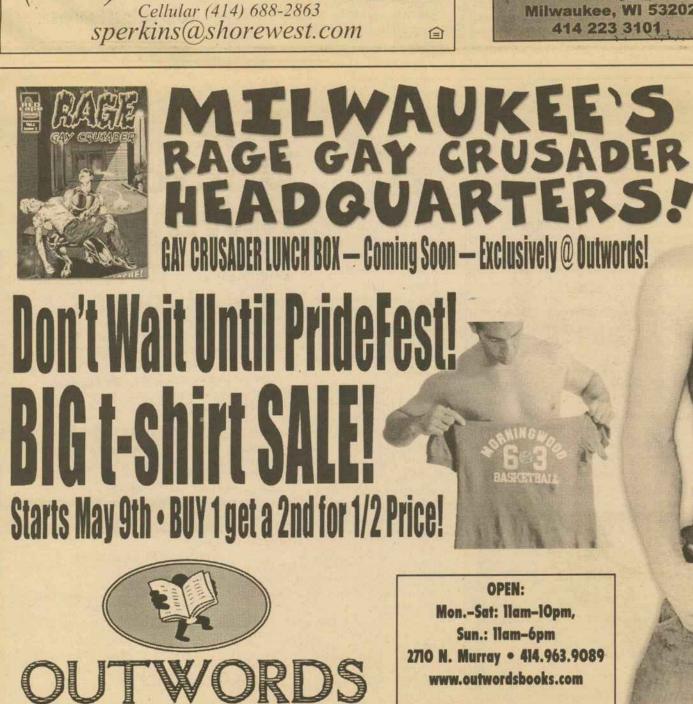
Pride Fest will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the intersections of North Halsted and Waveland in the city's Boystown (or East Lakeview) neighborhood. Suggested gate donation is \$5.

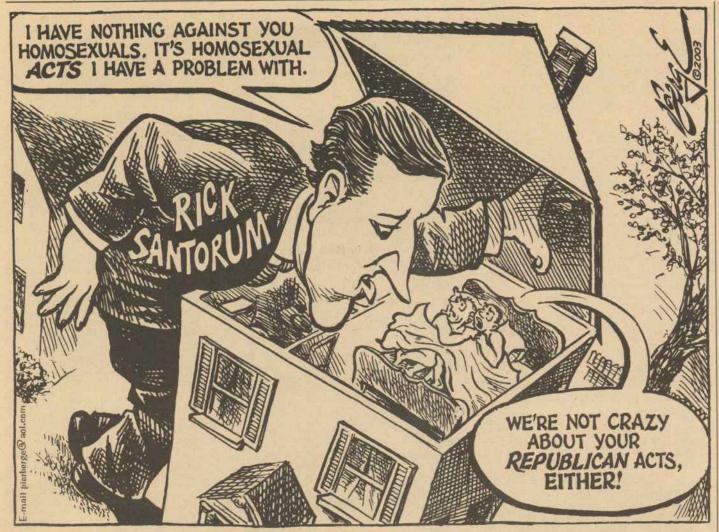
NAMA is a neighborhood business organization comprised of owners of bars, restaurants, retailers and other area businesses. NAMA also sponsors Northalsted Market Days, the Midwest's largest annual two-day outdoor street festival that draws more than 150,000 Chicagoans and GLBT visitors from around the globe. This year Market Days, now celebrating its 22nd year, will be held on August 9-10.

For more information on Chicago's Pride Fest, visit: www.chicagoevents.com.









#### Survey Says "Gay Rights - Nobody Cares"

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Now that American forces have helped to liberate the Iraqi people from their repressive leadership, not to mention most of their priceless antiquities and zoo animals from safekeeping as well, national attention is returning to meditate on the navel we love best: our own. Unable to trot out a single smoking weapon of mass destruction for the cameras, Republican higher-ups are wisely focusing on the urgent most problem facing our country.

So what's the glaring issue galvanizing the GOP? 6% unemployment in a sour economy riddled by corporate leadership's personal greed? Nah, the stock market's up. Tax cuts anyone?

Perhaps it's the nearly 1 in 5 uninsured Americans unable to survive the financial bunker buster of a three day hospital visit? Pish posh! To nearly every enfeebled hand, the poor poll Democrat. Besides, who even gets to stay a hospital three consecutive days anymore? And those new HIPPA privacy rules make sure no one ever finds that out.

If Senator Rick Santorum is to be believed, the most pressing issue on the American agenda is homosexual conduct. Santorum's comments in a recent news interview - plagiarized nearly verbatim from a February "friend of the court" brief filed by Bush federal court judicial nominee Bill Pryor on the Supreme Court sodomy case (Santorum skipped equating

queers with necrophiliacs) - and the subsequent media fallout led to an indirect, unofficial White House anointing of the Senator's stance as "inclusive" of the current American mindset.

Two weeks following his clearly calculated comments, Santorum appears secure in his party's leadership, unlike Trent Lott who was all but physically ejected for his oft-repeated, but still off-the-cuff racist remarks. The reason is simple. In terms of political electricity, race remains a third rail while gay issues have the spark of a 9-Volt smoke alarm battery. As a whole, Americans simply don't care.

Unlike Senator Santorum, I'll attribute my source: the Gallup Organization. Lost last September, amidst the media breast-beating over the first anniversary of 9-11 and the reportage of the rancorous Republican regime change rhetoric on Iraq at the UN, was the news about the release of a report about the comprehensive survey conducted by those prestigious poll-takers on American attitudes toward homosexuality. The report revealed a quarter century of general change for the better, but also pointed out that "the overall sense of urgency to change laws or policies surrounding homosexuality is not strong from either direction."

There's plenty of evidence that suggests the Gallup research is on target. At the federal level ENDA continues to languish, with neither side feeling confident about the political consequences of a win by their side to put the issue to rest with an actual on-the record-vote. In Wisconsin, power appears to remain divided enough to forestall any protracted battle on same-sex

domestic partnership and marriage ban issues, lest the debates spill over into the election cycle. In both the above cases, it's the silence of the mainstream majority on the gay rights issues that politicians fear.

Despite our vested interest in full equality, the attitudes of the majority of the gay community mirror the mainstream mindset. Gay circuit parties routinely outdraw issues-oriented conferences. Gay Days at Disney World routinely draws tens of thousands annually to Orlando, while the NGLTF's Creating Change is ecstatic to have a couple of thou in attendance.

Last April here in Wisconsin Positive Voice's elaborately planned and widely promoted Appleton appearance by national gay Scouting hero James Dale pulled in about 75 people. Many in the audience were straight allies, not card-carrying queers. That same night The Argonauts stopped counting admissions to their "Daddy/Daddy's Boy" contest at a nearby Green Bay bar when the total topped 200.

Both of those events featured good looking men in uniform. Yet Dale appearance, promoted with widespread regional mainstream media coverage and front page photos and feature interviews in Wisconsin's two most widely-read LGBT publications, couldn't compete with bar promotion publicized with a homemade mix of few photocopied flyers and an email message or two. Even taking into account the timing, admission cost and educational vs. recreational nature of the two events, the ease of pulling a crowd to the leather show still says a lot about our priorities.

Even more disturbing is the "post gay" attitude becoming more prevalent almost daily in the next generation of homosexual Americans. For those of you with little contact with young folks, "post gay" refers to the current attitude that being gay doesn't matter any more. Sexual orientation is no big deal. Just be yourself and have fun, a lot of queer kids say.

In some ways, it warms aging activists' hearts both to see homosexual orientation treated equivalently with handedness, eye color or national origin and gay youth developing an understanding of their sexuality concurrently with their straight peers.

However, the loss of a strenuous "coming out" process for gay youth has its drawbacks. The lack of struggle fails to shape a gay identity that transforms into the political will to forge change. That does not bode well for activist leaders recruiting their replacements.

So if Gallup is right and no one, including queers, really gives a hoot about gay rights, why did Santorum spout off two weeks ago? With their legislative focus and love of news making confrontation, most pundits, straight and gay, both missed the senator's point and the source of his invective. Future progress on gay equality will probably depend on the judiciary not the legislature.

Simply put, Santorum sees the historical precedent. Lawrence & Garner vs. Texas is not merely a Supreme Court review of the 1986 Bowers v. Hardwick sodomy ruling. The arguments that have been presented in front of the court and the questioning by the justices both have reflected much more closely the arguments presented at 1954's Brown vs. Board of Education, which ended in an an equal-protection ruling for African Americans. Exactly one decade later The Civil Rights Act of 1954 made racial equality the law of the land.

Santorum's remarks were actually a calculated attempt to refocus media's and possibly the Supreme Court's attention away from the equal protection arguments. In the process he raised both the far right's canard of "no constitutional right to privacy" that so agitated mainstream opinion makers and the evangelicals' "love the sinner, hate the sin" rhetoric that so inflamed the gay pundits.

In may ways 2003 America feel a lot like the 1954 version. Republicans largely control the federal government. Iraqi war opposition is branded "un-American" by the heirs to Joseph McCarthy such as Rush Limbaugh and Dennis Hastert. WalMart and corporate America self-censors the programming and distribution of any entertainment less than "family friendly' due to pressure from the modern successors to the Roman Catholic Legion of Decency like James Dobson's Focus on the Family or Donald Wildmon's American Family Association. Average Americans are as preoccupied with the latest computer and electronic gewgaws as their 50's counterparts were enamored of color television and car design. Politically we are now as asleep at the wheel on gay rights issues as 50's Americans were to the Negro Problem.

It took the courts to wake America up back then. Santorum knows and fears a repeat of the political fallout that saw the end of Eisenhower laissez faire Fifties with the Kennedy-Johnson liberal Great Society Sixties, a decade that ended with the Stonewall and the energizing of the gay community. The last thing Santorum wants is for his to be the watch during which we finish what we started.



#### 57 Days & Counting

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# **QUIPS & QUOTES**



#### **Drifting Left**

"The politicized left is adrift and stalled on the biggies (gay and lesbian marriage, adoption, military, Boy Scouts, etc.), while gay neocons keep insisting the civil rights movement is cooked and ready to serve. Every few months there's another academic conference on subjects like 'gay shame' and 'gay identity.' Social linguists right now are obsessed with the genetic and/or cultural origins of 'gay accent' (or 'GA'), the noticeable lilt in many gay men's voices that can be detected across languages, ethnicities and continents. Reality television and news

programs have been a boon to GA research, because television's nonfictional gay men are detectably gay, whether the man is out or not."

Washington Post writer Hank Stuever.

#### **Sexual Terrorism**

"I don't go to gay bars. I'm against allgay or all-straight anything. I think separatism is defeat. I'm for mixing. I'm for sexual terrorism when you don't know who's what. That's why I like all the kids, they don't even know what they are, it doesn't matter. So no, I don't go to all-gay places, I don't have a rainbow flag."

 Gay filmmaker John Waters to Phoenix's HeatStroke News.

#### Shakespeare was a Homo

"Did he sleep with another man? I would say yes. Look to where it matters: his work, where Shakespeare certainly writes about gay people. One part which I want to play is Antonio in "The Merchant of Venice." His first line is: 'In sooth, I know not why I am so sad.' The audience knows that it's because his boyfriend has come to him to borrow money to get married."

-Actor **Sir Ian McKellen** on Shakespeare, to The Australian.

#### **Diva Status**

"Outside of Judy Garland, I never heard anyone sing as well as you."

-Tony Bennett to k.d. lang during a National Public Radio interview April 15. They have a new album out together called "A Wonderful World."

#### **Taking It Back**

"We lost our country to somebody who claimed he was a compassionate conservative but once he was elected the compassion was gone. We want our country back and we're going to take it back."

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean, the governor who signed Vermont's civil-unions law, speaking at New York City's gay center.

#### **Changes Nothing**

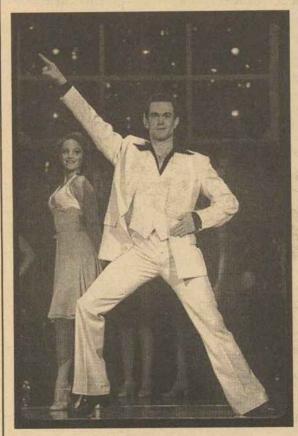
"[My friends said coming out] would change my life. But I never thought when they were telling me — whether it was Ellen or Nathan or Harvey or any of my friends who are out — I never thought for a moment what it would change in my own life. I always thought it would be about the public perception, the adjective assigned to your name for eternity: 'lesbian Rosie O'Donnell.' It's like 'Aries Rosie O'Donnell' or 'size-10-shoe Rosie O'Donnell.' What I didn't realize was that it would change everything about my life. And for the first time, I'm really, really, really happy."

— Rosie O'Donnell at the New York GLAAD Awards, as quoted by the San Francisco Chronicle.





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# "Saturday Night Fever" Plays the Madison Civic Center

Madison – Direct from London and Broadway, the hit musical "Saturday Night Fever" is coming to Madison for three performances, May 16 at 8 p.m. and May 17 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St

In 1977, the hit movie "Saturday Night Fever" catapulted a dozen Bee Gees songs to the top of the pop charts and made John Travolta a star. This stage version, which tells the story of an ambitious and streetwise Brooklyn kid with a burning desire to make it big in Manhattan, is a splashy, high-octane dance marathon full of energy. The Chicago Sun Times called it: "Pure, exhilarating fun! An all-stops0out, dance till you drop production!"

Powered by a disco-driven score including the Bee Gees classics "Stayin' Alive," "If I Can't Have You," "How Deep is Your Love?" and "Night Fever," this music should have you "dancing in the aisles," according to the New York Times. "Saturday Night fever" was adapted for the stage by Nan Kighton, and directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips.

For tickets and more information, call (608) 258-4141.

#### Fats Waller Tribute "Ain't Misbehavin" at the Skylight

Milwaukee – The Skylight Opera Theatre will present the Fats Waller Musical Show "Ain't Misbehavin" May 16-June 8 in the Cabot Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway.

Peak inside a 1930s Harlem brownstone to celebrate the genius of Fats Waller with dozens of musical favorites including "Honeysuckle Rose," "T'Ain't Nobody's Bizness If I Do," Lounging at the Waldorf," "Mean to Me," "Your Feet's Too Big" and "That Ain't Right." The Skylight first presented "Ain't Misbehavin" to sold-out audiences in January of 1994 during the inaugural season in the Broadway Theatre Center.

Skylight favorite Sheri Williams Pannell makes her Skylight stage directing debut with this production. Neal Tate makes his Skylight debut as musical director and pianist. Tate has worked with artists like Cab Calloway, Gregory Hines, Lena Horne, and the Pointer Sisters. Among the musical and dancing performers are Cynthia Cobb, Bill Jackson, Dawn Lyn Miller, Ronn K. Smith, and Una Van Duvall. Choreography is by André Tyson.

The Miller cabaret at 10 p.m. following Friday and Saturday evening performances of "Ain't Misbehavin" (May 17-June 7) is "When You Got It, Flaunt It: History of Mel Brooks, Part I." The show features Dianna Carl and Jonathan West with Paul Helm on piano and Mike Lorenz on percussion, performing songs from the films of Mel Brooks.

For tickets and show times, call (414) 291-7800.

#### Miller Lite Ride for the Arts June 1

Milwaukee – The 23rd annual Miller Lite Ride for the Arts takes place on Sunday, June 1. It starts and finishes in downtown Milwaukee at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St. The various routes travel past several Milwaukee landmarks and continue along the scenic shores of Lake Michigan through numerous Milwaukeearea communities and parks.

With Nearly 200,000 participants since 1981, the 23rd annual Miller Lite Ride for the Arts is regarded among the nation's largest one-day recreational bike rides. This annual summer favorite has generated over \$4.5 million for the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF). UPAF provides financial support to 22 member groups and annual grant recipients, among them: the Florentine Opera, Chamber Theatre, Present Music, Danceworks, Ko-Thi Dance Company and the Milwaukee Rep.

Participants are encouraged to gather pledges or ride as teams and can win prizes for raising specified amounts. This year's top pledge-raiser, with a minimum of \$1,500 in pledges, will receive a trip for two to New York City courtesy of Midwest Airlines and two tickets to a Broadway performance courtesy of Miller Brewing Co. Other prizes include a Potawatomi Bingo Casino entertainment package, a Taylor-Made golf package, TREK bikes and more.

"One of the great things about the Miller Lite Ride for the Arts is that there are now five different routes ranging from five to 75 miles, so everyone can take part at a skill level they feel comfortable with," said Jennifer Kent, Ride co-chair.

Registration includes a Miller Lite Ride t-shirt and admission to the post-Ride Finish Line Party on the grounds of the Marcus Center where participants will be treated to a complimentary lunch, live musical entertainment, performances from UPAF's '22 member groups and sponsor-related activities.

For pledge forms and more information, call (414) 270-4492, or visit: www.millerliteride.com.

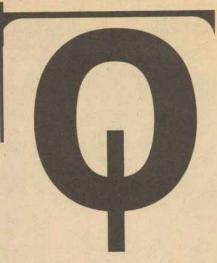
#### Windfall Offers Sondheim's "Merrily We Roll Along"

Milwaukee – Windfall Theatre continues its 10th anniversary season with a production of Stephen Sondheim's "Merrily We Roll Along," one of the master's least produced but most beloved shows. It runs May 9-24 in the company's performance space at Village Church Arts, 130 E. Juneau Ave.

Based on Moss Hart and George S. Kaufmann's 1933 play of the same name, "Merrily We Roll Along" tells the story of celebrated songwriter and film producer Franklin Shepard. Shepard is a composer who sells out his talent, his politics and his family and winds up living a life of empty luxury. In a magical voyage from the present to the past, Sondheim's ingenious structure flows backwards in time, journeying from 1976 to the late 1950s. It traces the ebb and flow of Shepard's friendship with his best friend and lyricist Charley Kringas and old friend and book writer Mary Flynn. When the show starts, they are distant and bitter people who have fallen out with each other. Piece by piece, we learn how it all happened, finally meeting the young, optimistic trio on the verge of their successful careers.

Along the way, we get to ponder some themes familiar to artists and entertainers: L.A. vs. New York, movies vs. theater, commercialism vs. art. Sondheim even gets the chance to parody his own hard-won place in a show biz world where producers insist on a "tune you can hum."

The large cast of Milwaukee musical and theatrical talent includes: Larry Birkett, Linda Stieber, David Flores, Marilyn Garvin, Suzette Nelson, Bob



Hirschi, Jamie Gordon, Andy Gladbach, Mark Salentine and Carol Zippel. This production is directed by Shawn Gulyas.

For tickets and more information, call Windfall at (414) 332-3963.

#### Wedding Spoofs and Abigail Adams on Tap at Boulevard

Milwaukee – As part of its Wisconsin Playwrights Festival, a continuing series of readings and workshop productions promoting new works by local authors, the Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre will present "Never a Bride" and "Bridesmaids Revisited," two separate evenings of original monologues and stories skewering bridesmaids, weddings and marriage.

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"Never a Bride," on Friday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., is a humorous, affecting series of monologues from Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community addressing the notion of being the "odd man out" at traditional wedding ceremonies. It is an evening sure to amuse, provoke and entertain. Then, on Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. Boulevard presents "Bridesmaids Revisited," a funny and unpredictable evening retelling the comic horrors of bridesmaids, missed bouquets and tacky bridesmaids' dresses.

On Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m., a special preview performance of "Never a Bride" will benefit Milwaukee's Brady East STD Clinic. Tickets are \$12, but \$10 of each ticket will go to the BESTD Clinic. The clinic's mission is to provide quality, professional sexually transmitted disease diagnosis and treatment as well as HIV/AIDS prevention counseling and testing in a manner sensitive to the sexual orientation and gender identity of clients. BESTD Clinic provides its services at no cost. Refreshments will be provided.

Finally, "My Dearest Friend," an original script celebrating the life and letters of Abigail Adams, President John Adams' wife and devoted partner, appears as a laboratory production May 23-24 and 30-31 at the Boulevard theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. Boulevard favorite Beth Monhollen breathes life into the letters and words of this dynamic first lady who truly understood patriotism, devotion and sacrifice. This new script is written by Rachel Kenison, a writer whose work has appeared in previous festival installments. Kenison, who has also acted at Boulevard (the lovesick cop Heidi in "Fuddy Meers"), will also direct this staged reading of this exciting work in progress.

Tickets for the May 16-17 "Bride" shows and for "My Dearest Friend" are \$12 general, \$6 for Boulevard subscribers, and \$8 for students with IDs. There is limited seating for all events, so please call (414) 744-5757 to reserve seating or for further information. Also, visit: www.boulevardtheatre.com for additional informa-

tion on upcoming events.

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#### "Pedagogy and Theatre of Oppressed" Conference May 29-31

Milwaukee – The Ninth Annual Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed (PTO) Conference will be held on the UW-Milwaukee campus May 29-31. The conference, co-sponsored by the UWM Peck School of the Arts Department of Theatre, also includes pre-conference workshops on May 27-28, and post-conference workshops by Theatre of the Oppressed founder Augusto Boal from June 1-4.

The conference and workshops are open to the general public, and it is not necessary to attend the conference to take the workshops. To register for the conference, please use the form on the PTO web page at www.unomaha.edu/~pto. Keynote and performance evenings will also be open to the general public for \$10 each; tickets will be available at the door.

According to Mark Weinberg, a member of the UWM Theatre faculty and the site chair for the conference, it is shaping up to be a truly international event. "We have received submissions from seven countries besides the US," Weinberg notes, "and from Thursday morning, May 29 to Saturday night, May 31, things will be nonstop on the UWM campus." He is very excited about encouraging local participation, and has included a networking session for local artists and others interested in forming an arts and activism network.

The presence in Milwaukee of Augusto Boal, the Brazilian founder of the Theatre of the Oppressed (TO) movement, offers a unique opportunity to share his work and knowledge. In the 1960s, Boal developed a process that transformed theatre into a practical vehicle for grass-roots activism. By inviting audience members with suggestions for change onto the stage to demonstrate their ideas, he discovered a method that empowered people to generate social action. Through participation, audience members were not only able to imagine change but to actually practice that change and to reflect collectively on proposals for change.

As a cultural activist, Boal came to the attention of Brazil's military leaders and shortly after the publication of his first book, "The Theatre of the Oppressed" (1971), Boal was arrested, tortured, and eventually exiled to Argentina, then self-exiled to Europe. While in Paris, Boal continued to teach his





revolutionary approach to theatre, establishing several Centers for the Theatre of the Oppressed in Europe and eventually in Rio de Janeiro and in Omaha, Nebraska.

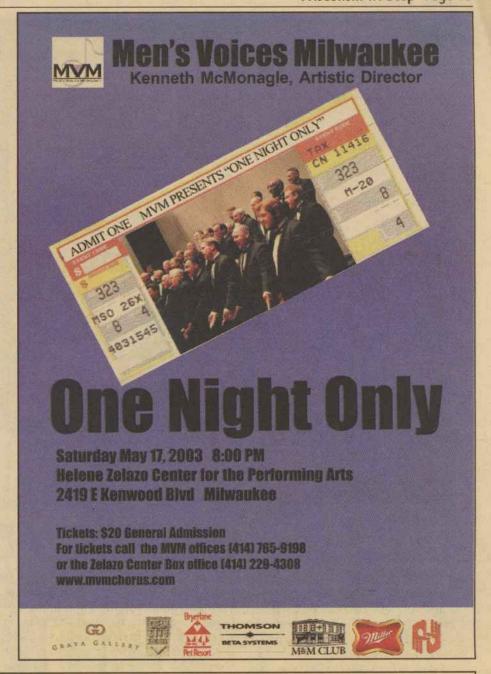
Highlights of the conference include an opening night performance in the Helen Bader Concert Hall in the Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd., by internationally known actor, playwright, storyteller, and award-winning recording artist Awele Makeba (May 29, 8:30 p.m.). Makeba will perform "Rage is Not a 1-day Thing," her one-woman documentary play about the Montgomery bus boycott.

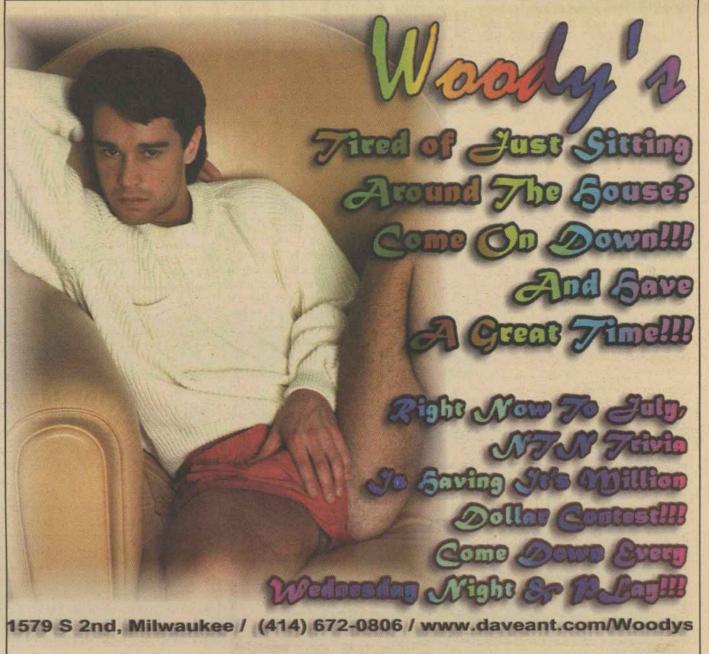
The first keynote address will be delivered May 29 at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Nelda K. Pearson, Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Race, Class, and Gender Studies Program at Radford University in Virginia (Helen Bader Concert Hall). Pearson will talk about "Creating and Holding a Safe Space."

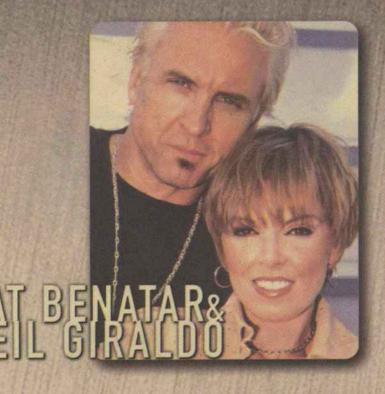
Augusto Boal will deliver the closing address on May 31 at 7 p.m. in the Milwaukee Room of the UWM Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. After the speech, Milwaukee s Project Q, with Fringe Benefits from Los Angeles, will perform their Forum Theatre piece, "Audra's Ordeal."

The 40 conference sessions will include seven Theatre of the Oppressed workshops, ten Pedagogy of the Oppressed (PO) workshops, and nearly two dozen panels and performances.. On Friday afternoon, May 30, from 2-5:30 p.m., there will be a meeting of interested artists, arts organizations, service workers, educators, activists, and NGO administrators to form a city-wide arts and activism network (Room 171, Zelazo Center). This meeting is free, but space is limited and separate registration is required.

For more information about these events, contact Mark Weinberg at mweinber@uwm.edu, or visit: www.unoma-ha.edu/~pto/.

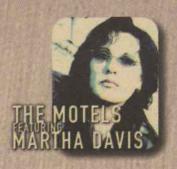














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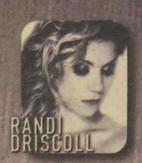






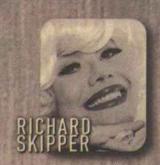


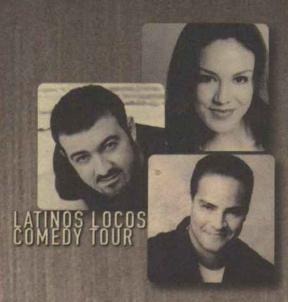








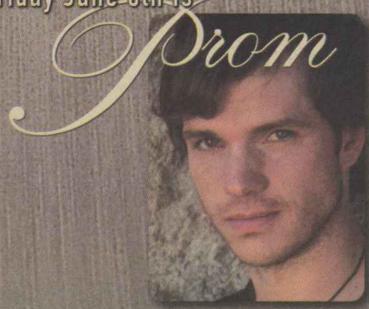






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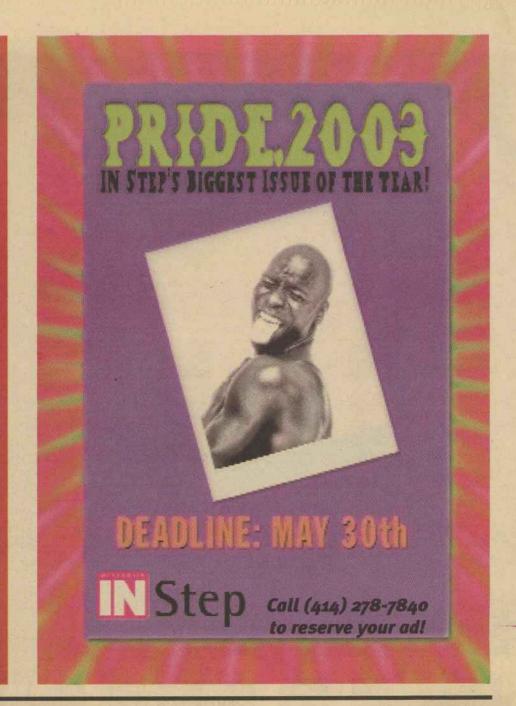
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#### Friday, May 9

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.

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, May 9-10

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

#### Saturday, May 10

M&M Club (Milw.): Singsational performs! 124 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 347-1962,

#### Sunday, May 11

La Cage (Milw.): Flashback Sundays. FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com

M&M Club (Milw.): Rona's second annual "Mother Superior Day" Benefit Show! Come as your favorite nun. Proceeds to benefit Men's Voices Milwaukee. 124 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 347-1962.

Switch (Milw.): "Queer as Folk," 9 p.m. Get ticket with each drink purchase with Grand Prize: trip to Toronto where QAF is filmed. 124 W. National Ave. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com

Three (Milw): PUMP! Milwaukee,s Hottest Sunday Night Party! Tonight it's Circuit Anthems Night! Join resident DJ Rob Winter for an evening of your favorite circuit anthems. \$6 specialty martinis. No cover. Every Sunday 9 p.m. to close. 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003, or www.PumpMilwaukee.com.

#### Monday, May 12

Man Club (Milw.): Trixie at the Piano during Cocktail Hour, plus 2-4-1 drinks, 5-7 p.m. 124 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 347-1962.

#### Wednesday, May 13

Wicked Wednesdays (Milwaukee): 9-11 p.m. V.I.P. Cocktail Hour 8-9 p.m. 1101 Old World 3rd. FMI: (414) 270-9650.

#### Friday, May 16

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

#### Sunday, May 18

Three (Milw): PUMP! Milwaukee,s Hottest Sunday Night Party! Tonight: Leather Night! DJ John Murges as he takes us on a journey of the darket side of his record box. Get ready for IML and get your leather out of the closet! \$6 specialty martinis. No cover. Every Sunday 9 p.m. to close. 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003, or www.PumpMilwaukee.com

Switch (Milw.): "Queer as Folk," 9 p.m. Get ticket with each drink purchase with Grand Prize: trip to Toronto where QAF is filmed. 124 W. National Ave. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com.

#### Sundays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Juice drinks only \$3. Top beer \$1.40. 11am-6pm.

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

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 Bash, 4-8 p.m. S6. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Beer Bosh 3 to 8 p.m. \$6, 2-4-1 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.

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 TD! Half-time food and fun.

M&M Club (Milw.): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joyce or Ginni at the Piano on Monday nights.

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open valleyball. 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. Plus, Switch (Milw): "Queer as Folk" Take in your favorite soap and with every drink purchase you get one valuable ticket. The Grand Prize: round-trip trip to Toronto where "Q.A.F." is filmed. Starting at 9 p.m.

Walker's Pint (Milw.): S8 pitcher of Lite & pizza, S4 roil Bloody Marys, both from Noon to 6 p.m. Open from Noon to midnite.

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

#### Mondays:

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

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

**Boom (Milw.):** Open at 5 p.m. Packer games at scheduled times. Jock night! Half price dinks - 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 S3.75, S1 off all others ALL NIGHT LONG, S2 shot specials.

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.): Cocktail hour with Trixie at the Piano!

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2-4-1 Hoppy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. S3.50 and under drinks over S3.50 get S1 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 \$1 off drinks.

**Triangle (Milw.):** Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. - Absolut and anything, S2.

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Closed

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails.

#### Tuesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Pull Tobs.

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

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Shirts Off! Show us what you've got! Take it off for half price rail,  $8\ p.m.$  to  $1\ a.m.$ 

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

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

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

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



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& 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 cocktail 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.): Holf 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.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - S2.

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. "Tini Tuesday" from 8 to close, \$1.50 off martinis. Cheers!

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): S2 Tuesdays S2 Rail Mixers, Pints, Cold Shots Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails.

#### Wednesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): S2 Docotors and Tap Beer only \$1.40

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

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

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to S3.75, S1 off all others. Male Dancers at 11 p.m., 50¢ off all taps and rails, S2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. S2 shot specials.

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



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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 cocktail hour at 5 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks all night! PLUS: \*80s dance music!

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price rooms.

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

Pulse (Milw.): Leather Night and Mailbox Wednesday. S2 Miller products and shots of Dr. and Puckers.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. 51.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

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

p.m. 2-4-1 cocktails all day.

Switch (Milw.): Hoppy 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! \$5 domestic, \$7 premium.

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Happy 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, 4-8 p.m., S1.25 taps, S1.75 rails.

# NTN Million S Match Night. Thursdays:

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

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

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Karaoke 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 s/Planet Q (Madison): Happy 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 Toni at 10 p.m. with free pool in foxhole, \$2 shot specials.



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

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 S4.50, 6-11 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Pulse (Milw.): Throw down Thursdays. Purchase any well drink of beer for \$1 after paying \$5 start. DJ spins at 9pm

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., S1 off drinks. Karaoke Contest. Win prize S, 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. S6

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

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

#### Fridays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktoil Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Music Videos and Cock-tails.



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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, 3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Shirtless men half price anytime. 10oz. call Martinis 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.), \$1 off drinks, 80's music, fun, and "games!" Patio Open.

Triangle (Milw.): Hoppy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! S3 Margaritas from open to close

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

Woody's (Milw.): Hoppy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails.

#### Saturdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$3,



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Cutie Pies @ Walker's Pint by A. Galleggs

and \$1.40 mugs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

C'est la Vie (Milw.): Female Impersonators with Big Mama at 11:30

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 all others.

Fluid: (Milw.): 50¢ mugs & 75¢ pints of Miller Lite & MGD, 5-8 p.m.

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

The Nut Hut (Milw.): Beer Bust, S7, 4-6 p.m.

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

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

Pulse (Milw.): \$2 Bud Products noon till 9 p.m. \$2.50 small pitchers, \$4 large pitchers 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Hot DJ starts at 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

May 8 - May 21, 2003

#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### Thursday, May 8

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

#### Friday, May 9

SAGE Meeting (Milw.): Jane Alexopolis of the Milwaukee County Dept. on Aging will discuss depression, ways to stay positive and to get help when you need it, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517

Student Film Fest (Milw.): The annual Spring festival of films and videos by students in the UWM Film Department (also May 10), Union Theatre, UWM Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4070. Schurday May 10

"Love Changes Everything" (Madison): Spring concert of Perfect Harmony, Madison's gay men, s charus, 7 p.m. (also May 11), Madison East High School, 2222 E. Washington Ave. FMI: info@perfectharmonychorus.org.

#### Sunday, May 11

Cream City Squares (Milw.): LGBT square dance club holds weekly dance every Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m., Loke Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave. FMI: (414) 445-8080.

Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus (Madison): Weekly rehearsal, new members welcome! 7-9 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Ave. FMI: info@perfectharmonychorus.org.

#### Monday, May 12

Living As a Gay Man (Modison): Drop-in discussion group for gay men, 5.30 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

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, May 13

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

#### Wednesday, May 14

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): Smoke-free, all welcome, beginning and advanced dance lessons for couple, line and falk dances, 7 p.m., \$3, 1007 Stewart St. FMI: (608) 255-9131, email: rrk-ilmer@facstaff wisc.edu

#### Thursday, May 15

Celebration of Diversity (Madison): Perfect Harmony and Womonsong, Madison's gay and lesbian charuses sing together at this celebration of LGBT seniors, 5-7 p.m. Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

Rainbow U (Milw.): The topic is "Preserving LGBT Memorabilia" presented by a panel of local librarians and archivists, free, 7 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

#### Friday, May 16

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.

Talent Show (Milw.): MATC's Rainbow organization is producing "A Night with the Stars" talent show, 8 p.m., \$3, MATC students free, T-Building auditorium, 1101 N. 6th St. FMI: (414) 298-0092 or rainbow-matr@vahoo.com

Transgender Group (Madison): A discussion group for transgenders \* cross dressers, bi-gender, transsexual, 6:30 p.m., UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. FMI: (608) 235-0512.

#### Saturday, May 17

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

Rainbow Families Conference (Milw.): 3rd annual conference of Rainbow Families Wisconsin with workshops, films, networking, fun times for moms, dads and kids, 8:30-4:30, Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampsire St. FMI: (608) 516-0891, or www.geocities.com/rainbowfamilieswisconsin.

Peer Counselor Training (Madison): Two-day training session (also May 18) for volunteer staff and counselors at OutReach, Madison, s LGBT center. Please register in advance by calling Harry at (608) 255-8582.

Men's Voices Milwaukee (Milw.): "One Night Only," Spring concert of Men's Voices under the direction of Kenneth McGonagle, 8 p.m., \$20 general admission, Zelazo Center, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 765-9198. Sunday, May 18

Ballroom Dance (Milw.): Lessons on Sundays at 11 a.m., 614 N. Broad-

way, 2nd floor, \$10. Beginners are welcome, with or without a partner. Professional instruction with an easy manner. FMI: Dwight (414) 906-9778

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.

#### Tuesday, May 20

Bi Definition (Milw.): Discussion topic is: "Bi Inclusion," 7 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 299-9612.

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

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

Gay AA ""Living Sober" (Milw.): Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 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 Lutheran Church, 2001 80th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI: call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115.

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 Dickinson, 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 Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served, transportation assistance is available. FMI: (608) 643-7541 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 les-

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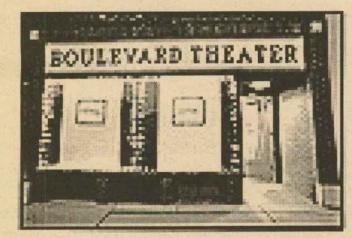


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# Gotcha!

**By Billy Masters** 

side from my visits to the red carpet, I haven't been on a real set with Joan Rivers since her daytime talk show - and she ended up winning an Emmy! That might explain why I was invited to attend this year's Golden Hanger Awards. Well, that and the fact that the awards were being presented at West Hollywood's hottest gay dance club, The Factory. The folks at E! arrived a good twelve hours early to load in the equipment and set up, so by the time I got there, I barely recognized the place. Neither did Auntie Joan, although I reminded her that she did stand-up there back in the '80s, when the complex was called Studio One and big acts regularly performed in the cabaret room, The Backlot. No time for traveling down memory lane - Joanie was tweaking her script, checking her lighting, and making sure that she looked perfect. She got the brilliant idea to wear a bracelet from the Joan Rivers Jewelry Collection as a choker. "Auntie, it's too short to go around your neck," I cried. Out came the masking tape to hold the bracelet around her turtleneck. and then she covered the tape on the back of her neck with her hair. Perfect!

The show itself went off without a glitch. With **Melissa** by her side (looking stunning — and if I say that, you know it's true) and expert quips provided by **Leon Hall** (with **Lypsinka**-esque eyebrows painted on), Joan was in her element. During the commercial breaks, she tried out some jokes on the primarily gay audience and gave away some free gifts from Jamba Juice ("Who wants this shitty mug?

I'll give it to the person with the worst seat - it's a perfect match"). Special kudos to The Factory owners **Sandy Sachs** and **Robin Gans** who, along with the promoters (cutie **Chad Hudson** and buff **Bill Bouvier**), provided a great new home for the Golden Hangers.

Lest I lose you, time for your weekly celebrity nude. Since we've got some scrumptious partial nudes, I'll give ya three this week. When I heard that hunky Marcus Schenkenberg did a television commercial in the buff for German dishwashing soap "Rei," I had to find pics and my overseas fans have delivered. YUM. I'll throw in a photo of Nick Carter in wet clinging shorts (and no underwear) along with a photo of Freddie Prinze Jr.'s ass (not as pretty as you'd expect), because that's what we do at www.filth2go.com.

Last week, Marco Rossi returned. This week, it's Lex Baldwin as our porn star of yesteryear on the comeback trail. We recently reported that the day-trader had begun "meeting fans" through überagent David Forest. Now Forest tells us that Lex will return to doing strip shows in gay bars — including Stonewall in NYC. So, is returning to gay porn the next step for Lexi? Forest had "no comment" but did share some mighty fine photos that Lex took this month. Baldwin's body has never been in better shape — although his face looks decidedly different. Not better or worse, just "different" — and I'll leave it at that. I'll post the new pics, and you can also check Lex out at www.ForestMen.com.

All of these porn stars turning up is good news for designer **Tom Ford**. In an interview with French "Vogue," Ford



**Auntie Joan** 

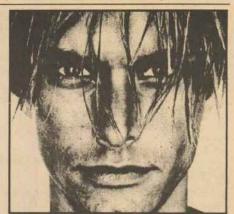
admits that when he watches porn, he pictures himself in all of the "roles." So, I guess that makes him versatile. He says that he enjoys both gay and straight porn, which reminds me of something a notable porn director once told me — "Always have some straight porn in the house — it's the best way to lure straight men to your boudoir!"

Speaking of my boudoir, in the current installment of "Billy's Boudoir," I tackle the subject "How Do We Measure Success?" Check it out in the members' section of www.filth2go.com.

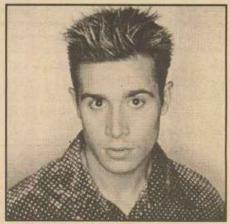
We have some theatre casting news to report. In addition to the previous announcement that Melanie Griffith will join the cast of "Chicago," look for Gregory Harrison to play the role of Billy Flynn this summer. Our pal Hugh Panaro rejoins the Broadway cast of 'Phantom" playing the title role (he's been both Raoul and the Phantom previously and, I should add, he's the hottest Phantom ever). Casting for Joel Schumacher's film version of "Phantom" continues, with Patrick Wilson (speaking of hunky guys) as Raoul. Schumacher has turned down John Travolta for the title role saying, "I think I'll go younger." He also turned down Katie Holmes for the same reason - leaving the field wide open for one of those Olsen girls (or perhaps both).

Could it be that **Star Jones** has put her foot in her mouth? Literally. The gargantuan gabby gal was told by the ABC brass to cool it on plugs for "Payless" during "The View". Since Star is a paid spokesperson, the network brass felt that it was a conflict of interests for Star to keep using her position on the show to give the chain some free publicity. Jones was perturbed, but the network was adamant either keep your mouth shut, or stick with the shoes and keep on walking.

Could it be that a certain newscaster is



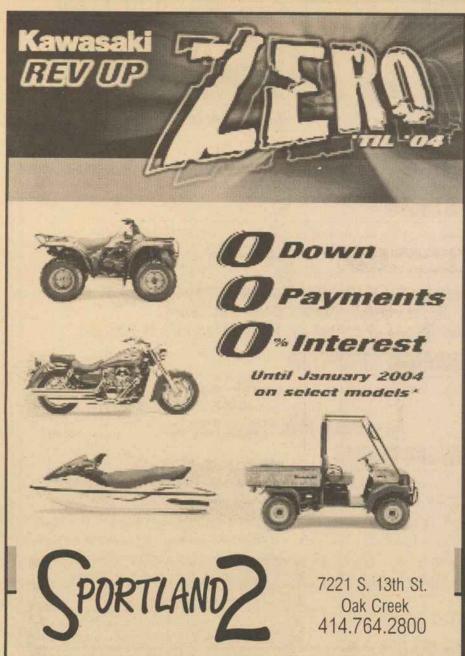
**Marcus Schenkenberg** 



Freddie Prinze, Jr.

looking to spice things up in her own boudoir? So say my sources at that oh-so-seedy sex shop in SoHo (actually it's in the Village, but I needed another "S" word). The clerk who waited on the time traveling lady told me that she had the blues over her inability to satisfy her mate's carnal cravings. He suggested a bottle of gin and spending an hour on foreplay. Knowing her partner, I also recommend a strap-on!

When I'm still thinking about Schenkenberg after six other items (and one of them includes a strap-on), it's time for me to look for my straight porn and end yet another column. And yet, would I want to sleep with a straight man? And, if not, why not? Those are the questions I have to deal with. What about you - any questions of your own? Then drop a note to me at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you (publicly or privately) before Star slips into a new pair of horseshoes from her local blacksmith!Since we did just have Easter, "Krishti Ungjall" to my fellow Albanians. "Christos Anisti" to my Greek fans. To the rest of you, remember. one man's filth is another man's bible.





bians. 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 outings, great discussion. Hosted by University Health Services and Sex Out Loud, Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m., LGBT Campus Center, second floor, UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Lanadon 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., Galono Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 299-0755.

South Madison Health & Family Center (Madison): Free, anonymous 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.

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

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

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.

Madison Transgender Group (Madison): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), (ross-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 Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Meet local LGBT people; enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome. FMI: Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

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

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

#### SATURDAYS

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison): Meets from 10 a.m. to noon at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Ave. in K6/Rm. 280, 2nd floor. FMI: (608) 252-6540 or (800) 486-6276.
BESTD Clinic - Pozitively Social (Milw.): Drop-in HIV+ men's gatheringno structure! No preaching! Videos and music, refreshments but no alcohol alease. 8 p.m. to midnite, lost 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 OutReach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI: call (608) 255-8582.

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

Potluck/Social Gathering (Shebaygan): For gays and lesbians in the Shebaygan 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 Rainbow Group (Kenosha): Meets at 7 p.m. every Sunday at St. Mary's Lutheran Church, 2001 80th St. (west entrance). FMI: (262) 694-8951.

AA for GLBTs (Fond du Lac): 6:30 p.m., Fond du Lac County Health Care Center, 459 E. 1st St. FMI: Gay AA Horline 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.

Cream City Squares (Milw.): LGBT square dance club holds weekly dance every Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m., Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stawell Ave. FMI: (414) 445-8080.

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.

Gay Al-Anon (Milw.): Papillion group, topic meeting. Meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus (Madison): Perfect Harmony is Madison's all-inclusive chorus for gay, bisexual, transgendered and gay-friendly/allied men. We are a non-audition chorus. We rehearse Sunday evenings from 7-9 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington St. FMI: (608) 221-9599

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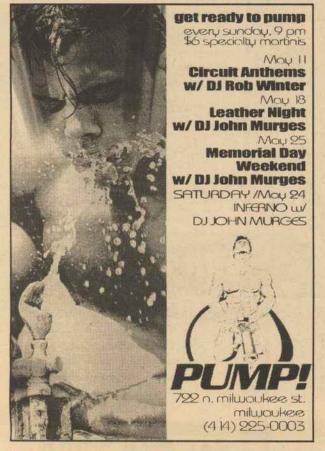
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# "Forever Plaid"

By Carl M. Szatmary

trip to the Broadway Baby Dinner Theatre to see "Forever Plaid" seemed in order after somehow nissing the show a few years back at the Marcus Center's Vogel Hall where it had run for months and months. All one can say is that "Forever Plaid" is a lost puppy of



a show, doggedly determine to entertain, wearing its collective plaid heart on its eight plaid sleeves. An acerbic-tongued friend called this campy musical trifle "Theatre for people who don't go to Theatre." Well, perhaps...

Back a handful of decades, groups of four harmonizing lads — Caucasian lads — sang gooey tunes uneasily mixing cornball humor with innocent romantic sentiments. They were, quite simply, the stuff of dreamy 1950s sock hops. Groups with names like The Four Lads, The Crew Cuts, The Hi-Los, The Lettermen, and The Four Aces racked up dozens of hit records. These groups were very much the 'N Sync of the 1950s and 1960s. They were and continue to be a guilty pleasure, if the opening night crowd at The Broadway Baby is any judge.

Holding together the heavenly collection of pop hits is the slightest of books, which has the four boys who would be Plaid lingering in Purgatory. The Plaids had been on their way to pick up their new tuxedoes — plaid tuxedoes — when a bus of Catholic schoolgirls on their way to see the Beatles sing on the Ed Sullivan Show forever ended their dream of singing a real gig in their fabulous new tuxes.

That is, at least, until now. The Plaids, named Jinx (Reginald T. Kurschner), Frankie (Don Lobacz), Sparky (Tommy Lueck) and Smudge (James A. Skiba) have been granted one last chance to make good before a real audience.

The boys initially fumble about a bit - it seems they have wasted their 30-plus years in Purgatory goofing around. Then, after a tentative "Three Coins in a Fountain," the boys pick up some confidence, offer some silly gags and sing their plaid through-and-through hearts out with such memorable songs as "Gotta Be This or That," "Scotland the Brave" and "No Not Much."

OK, many of these songs are perhaps only memorable for those of a certain generation.

The four lads playing the four Plaids are a likeable and tuneful bunch, more adept at harmonizing than with their childish gags. Their salute to the Ed Sullivan Show very much has the feel of Lucy, Ricky, Fred and Ethel trying to do the Marx Brothers. Still "Plaid" is cleverly devised to allow each to shine in his own spotlight with Reginald T. Kurschner's Jinx wowing the crowd with "No Not Much" and "Cry" while James A. Skiba's impressive baritone rings true in "16 Tons."

Overall, "Forever Plaid" proves a genial skip down a memory lane paved in bubblegum pop.

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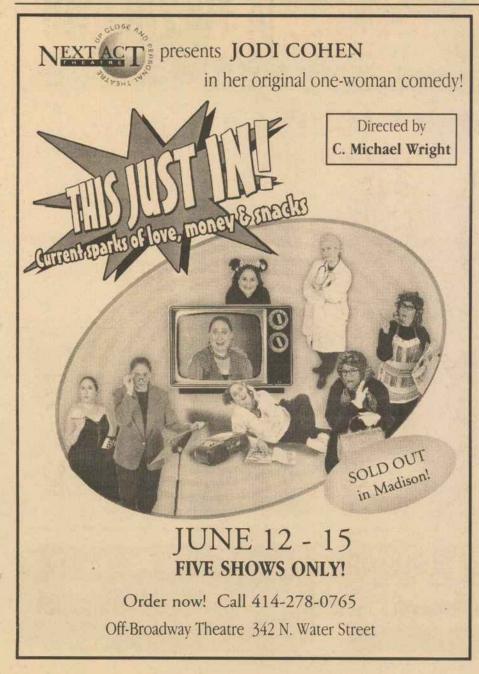
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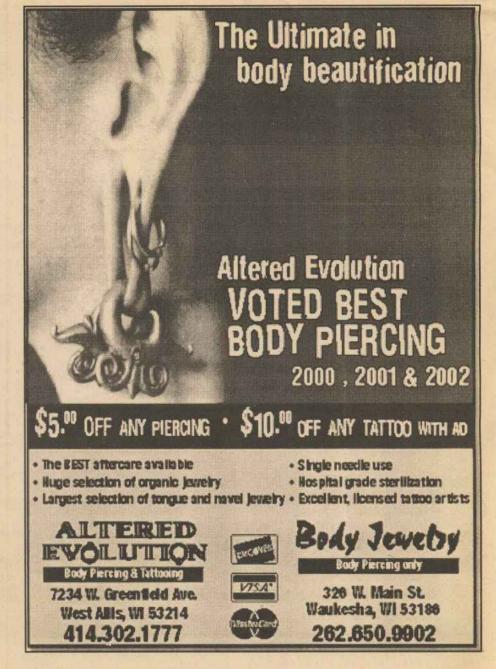
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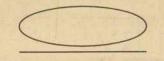
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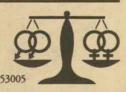
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## **Dear Ruthie**

#### Dear Ruthie,

I met a nice man a few months ago and things have been going well - except in his refusal to visit gay

bars. I find this peculiar since we met in one!

On Friday and Saturday nights he likes going to dinner with friends, hosting get-togethers or visiting straight establishments. He refuses, however, to go to gay bars. He's even been known to leave a dinner party and go home when the group decides to continue the fun at a men's bar.

I'm 48 years-old, and I still like to slam back a few beers at gay watering holes. He doesn't mind if I go alone, but I want a life-partner who will join me on these occasions

He's 50 years-old and closeted. He fears being "outed" by work associates or family members. But at 50, shouldn't he be over that? We do have fun together, but I feel like he's missing out on additional good times just to sit home and watch TV.

Sometimes I feel like he's a stud, but when it comes to going out, he's a dud. What do you think I should do? Love him or leave him?

**Beer-Drinking Bill** 

#### Dear Bill,

I met most of my husbands in bars, too. Bars and monster truck rallies - two good spots to pick up fellas.

I cannot tell from your letter if the concern of being "out-ed" is your guy's reason for not visiting gay bars or if that's just a fact about him in general.

If that's his excuse, there's little you can do. Coming out is an individual decision. If you truly have feelings for him, you should respect his choice. Don't pressure him, support him and help him grow until he's ready to come out.

If you're asking whether you need a man who is totally out. I'm sorry but you'll have to decide that yourself.

There are lots of other issues that could be going on, however, so open the lines of communication with him. (How's that for an advice-giving cliche?) Explain your feelings and listen to his.

Yes, you met in a bar, but he was single and (possibly) looking to meet someone. Now that he found you, maybe he no longer feels the need to hit the bars.

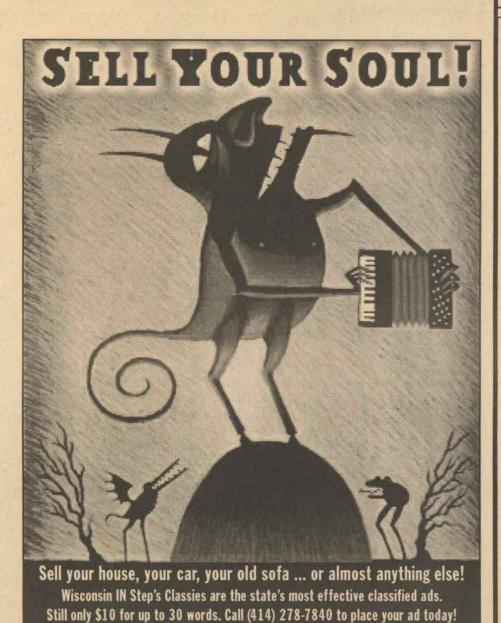
If he IS afraid to be identified by acquaintances, there's not much you can do. Hey! Why not slap a costume on his back (preferably a nun's habit), and take him to the M&M Club's Mother Day bash on May 11?

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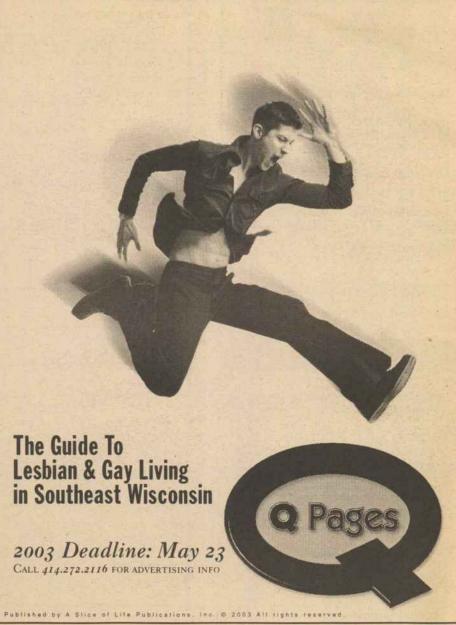
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Enjoying a bountiful Sunday brunch before heading to an alternative bar to sip a casual cocktail may be a way for the two of you to meet in the middle ... and that could be the key.

See if you can't find some common ground. You cool it with the bar issue and he agrees to occasionally escort you to a few establishments of choice. Drop me a line at dearruthie@instepnews.com and let me know how things develop.



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OutBound (Monthly Entertainment Guide) P. O. Box 1461, Brookfield 53008.....(414) 915-3806 Website: outbound@media2go.com Pride in Wisconsin Government (LGBT public employees) c/o OutReach, P.O. Box 310 Madison, WI 53701 ..(608) 255-8582 Quest (bi-weekly G/L Bar/Entertainment publication) PO Box 1961, Green Bay, 54301

.(414) 433-9821 Rainbow Families Wisconsin (LGBT-Family Support) 600 Williamson St., Suite 1P, Madison 53703-3588 ...(608) 270-1024

Website: www.geocities.com/rainbowfamilieswisconsin/ **USofA Wisconsin Pageants** 

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..(800) 334-AIDS WI Conference of Churches (AIDS Caring Community) . ..(608) 244-0894 Wisconsin DHFS HIV/AIDS Program Drug Reimbursement Program

Health Insurance Premium Subsiy Program 1 W. Wilson St., Rm. 318 P.O. Box 2659, Madison 53701-2659 ....(800) 991-5532 WI. Legislative Hotline ......(800) 362-WISC

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Web: www.pflagfoxcities.org Rainbow Alliance for HOPE (UW-O group) Reeve Memorial Union, 748 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh 54901, HOPE@uwosh.edu Web: www.uwosh.edu/organizations/hope Rainbow Over Wisconsin 703 E. Wisconsin Ave., 54911-4830 Web: www.rainbowoverwisconsin.org TSON (Transgender Support) Appleton .788-4797

Religious Angels of Hope (MCC Church)

815 N Richmond ... ...991-0128

Green Bay (920) Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2600 E. Philip Lane Appleton ...... vuuf@focol.org Web: www.focol.org/fvuff Prarie Lakes UU Society P.O. Box 574 Ripon, WI 54971-0574 .745-2446

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Web: www.positivevoice.org or PVnew4glbt@aol.com Rainbow Alliance (St. Norbert College) 100 Grant Street DePere 54115-2099 www.snc.edu/rainbow/index.htm or rainbow@snc.edu

Straight & Gay Alliance (SAGA) UW-GB(Brian) ... ...465-2343 Web: www.uwgb.edu/tenpcnt

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http://www.checkpages.com/brainiacs/allgirlscrawl Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org) ...... ....240-0504 http://www.aplaceforus.org/shakeitup.htm Stage Q (Theater Group) ..... http://www.stageq.com 10% Society (student organization) http:\tps.storg.wisc.edu, e-mail: P.O. Box 260394, 53726 . ...262-7365 Unicorns of Madison (L/L club) P.O. Box 536, 53701 UW LesBiGay Alumni Council ......262-2551 Womonsong (Womon's Choral Group) .....246-2681 RELIGIOUS Affirmation (L/G United Methodists) University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 Church of the Holy Spirit (Inclusive) 2144 E. Johnson St., (meeting at James Reeb) ..661-4462 Coming Out, Coming Together (Interfaith) .249-1537 E-mail: cwolfe@mailbag.com First Congregational UCC Church ......233-9751 1609 University Ave., 53705 Web: www.firstcongmadison.org Integrity/Dignity P.O. Box 730, 53701 .... ..836-8886 James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church 2146 E Johnson, 53704 ...... Services Victoria Hewelt Cazel (Attorney) 6701 Seybold Rd., Suite 103 ..... ....270-1709 KMA Systems of Madison (Computer Consultants) 4702 Dutch Mill Road #14 \_\_\_\_\_222-9128

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E-mail: mkegamma@execpc.com Web: www.MilwaukeeGamma.com Gay Father's Group

1240 E. Brady St., 53202 ..... Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw. (GLEEMM), Larry ......462-8404 Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM ......229-6402 Gay People's Union P.O. Box 208, 53201 ....645-0585 Gay Youth Milwaukee (peer group meetings) P.O. Box 090441, 53209 .... Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group

.276-7626 Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG support/social) Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee

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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 ... LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)

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Milwaukee LGBT Community Center271-2656
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www.milwaukeesymphony.org
Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.)800-711-6375 Orqullo Latino/a Latin Pride
(c/o Murguia) 1532 N. Astor St. 53202276-8546
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315 W. Court, 53212
1614 E. Kane Place, 53202
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Web: www.uwm.edu/studentorg/glbc/
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Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755
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c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett271-2565
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St. James Episcopal Church
833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233
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By Michael Johnston

an you believe the first quarter of the year is over? Too, too fast! My favorite time of the year, our Renaissance!

Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day 2003! So remember Mama and then bring her down to The M&M Club and the "Mother Superior Show." Help our Miss Rona celebrate 26 years of service at The Club and serving our community. I'm thrilled to remind you that besides Rona getting back in the habit, Charlotte Lorraine will be returning to the Mother House as well as Dame David Howser, Dear Ruthie - our very own advice Goddess, Trixi the sainted pianist of the Convent, the debut of Princess Debbie - from Princess to Showgirl, and even me, Sister Cordially Yours! If you can't beat them, join them!

The following Saturday, May 17, lend an ear and any other vital organ available to Men's Voices Milwaukee (MVM). They're conducting their Spring Concert "One Night Only." What a dream girl! It will be at UWM's Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets: \$20. For tickets, call the MVM offices at (414) 765-9198 or the Zelazo Center Box Office at (414) 229-4308. Also visit: www.mvmchorus.com.

Afterwards, post-party at Boom's "Hawaiian Luau" with Special Tropical Drinks, Dress, or is it UN-Dress? For the occasion... grass skirts, coconut bras, thong is not wrong!

David & Tim will be hosting a "Memorial Day Cook-Out" Monday, May 26, starting at noon.

Starting Wednesday, May 28, "Hump Night Wednesdays" will be the last Wednesday of every month. Boom will Boom-er-rang you into the next month! Saturday, May 31. "PRIDE Kick-Off Party."

P.S.: Get well Tim, you being on your back, with your legs up in the air... Well, on second thought. Soon you'll be up and at them again! Can't keep a good man down!

Saturday, May 31, is going to be a busy night... MVM will be doing a "Christmas In Summer Cruise." A Holiday Buffet at The M&M Club at 7 p.m.., Shuttle in style to the launch at 8:30 and board the Edelweiss Cruise Boat. There'll be Fireworks, RiverSplash, Prizes, a Silent Auction and many seasonal surprises ho,ho,ho! This complete evening of folly is a gift to you for \$50. Come join the Chorus in song and fun on the high seas (okay, the Milwaukee River). Reservations: (414)765-9198

ARCW, Doug Nelson and Christopher Krimmer have a lot to be proud of! The February, 2003 issue of Wisconsin Lawyer ran Counselor Krimmer's piece as their cover story! One can only dream... I'm besides myself when I make the masthead. The article is entitled "HIV Confidentiality: Who Has the Right to Know?" Krimmer is a frequent contributor to this fine publication as well as Director of ARCW Legal Services.

I had a grand time of it last month at

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Mr. Harbor Room: Lee Trudell's Fund Raiser at Boom. Here it was Easter eve while I was the only one in an exquisite Easter bonnet created especially for moi by Dan Petry. While I may have been the only "mad hat-ter," baskets were a plenty... Boom's first "Underwear Party 2003," a "Basket Contest" - with four fabulous finalists: Greg O., Mohawk Jeff, Jim, and the winner Todd, with the bod! What a Spring-time Fling we had with the capacity crowd! And they were all so generous! The Wisconsin Leather Daddy 2003 Mr. Stephen Seefeldt, last year's Mr. Harbor Room was in attendance adding impressive support.

Sean & his new beau Todd, Craig and Joel from Switch, Rolling Rock Richard, Jeff Gosseck, Jeff B. celebrating his B Day, Jeff & Eric, Greg. Paul, Rosalind and Miss Candy Stick added all different kinds of treats to our Easter Basket Ball.

While I'm in my leather phase, I recently cocktailed with the award-winning Alvin York. He's all geared up, in more ways than one, to show the Windy City and the rest of the world all he has to offer... He is always soooo gracious and polite! Talk about good breeding! Mark my words, this man will go far - I knew that the night I met him less than a year ago when he was sashed Mr. Harbor Room. Alvin wanted me to once again convey his gratitude to the boys of Brew City

for our continuing support, help and love. Another winning smile out there is that of Miles. You can meet and greet him at Switch every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Certainly worth the trip!

Also in the category of winning smiles I must include Wilma! Yes, Bill Wardlow. the force behind Fluid, is beaming ear-toear and for just reason. Fluid, his ever-popular emporium, of pleasure will soon be opening their door. I understand the new decor is simply stunning and a must-see. I'm sure we'll all be standing in line when the Fluid starts flowing again... It'll be a Holiday! Memorable one at that!

Yet another smile adding to the ranks or rather the bars: Steve over at Woody's has added Marc to the menu of marvelous men to serve you. Go and get serviced, pronto!

Yes, my schedule gets quite muddled sometimes. For instance, I had every good intention to attend Mil-M-AIDS 2003. However, dear friends of mine were getting married. Congratulations Dan & Jenny you were never lovelier! What to do, what to do? So between the ceremony and the reception – a visit to the awards. Unfortunately, there was a glitch - the Bowlers were a bit delayed. Victor's on Van Buren made for a victorious venue to hold a banquet. It's such a groovy cocktail lounge. Great food too! Gary, Misty and Sarah - what dolls were so welcoming! Cindy O., our on location hostess, was as always, beyond description. Kudos to her and her co-horts: Debi Vance, Bob Gliniecki and Rick Steiner and their legion of devoted volunteers friends, families and fans.

I did see some of the athletes before racing off to the ball. The passionate participants included: Bill "Fluid" Wardlow Princess Charlotte Lorraine, Cheap Talkin' ChiChi, Wayne, Chad Hirsch, Ginger, Roland Hoffmann, Jeff L., Mark Horan, Jerry Skals, Baby Jane Hudson and teams of Madison Bowl-athon-ers. However, the strangest stranger in the crowd was none other than Mark Belling. Who knew he was a bowling fan? Yes, the mouth that roars at WISN radio was at the bar, at the door and permanently attached to his cell phone. I think he was trying to work up the nerve to HIT on our Miss Cindy O. Oooooh my... Maybe I should leave that story to my sister-in-print ChiChi?

Congratulations to Cafe Lulu on their Second Anniversary! The ladies of Lulu have completed two highly successful seasons and soon will be expanding. Sarah and Cammie, you've done it and have a lot to be proud of this Summer!

PFLAG's "Grand Dame" Brigitte Vojcsik will be gracing three billboards for the Wisconsin State Fair. She's truly my favorite Super Model and super model for support of our community.

The Beauty Extravaganza was all that and MORE! Beauty was all over that night as they took over the ancient Turner Hall and turned it into a new century. The art both applied and performance was in an over used word, awesome. The people watching were incredible. Soooo very UN-Milwaukee. And all for \$10 that went to the YMCA and children's causes. Quite a night! Lamplighter Lane Studios was one of the more unique booths I spent time at. Operated by Kevin Baldwin. Jerold Fox, Liam Hughes and Corey Taratuta, the leading product they offered was pieces of priceless porcelains, china, Wedgwood... and turning them into wearable art: pins, pendants... If you have a piece of heirloom china, pottery and it's been "ruined," you can give it a second life and purpose, therefore keeping it in another form for you and your family. Their products are available at Ovation & Co. Boutique, Marcus Center Lobby, 929 N. Water St. (414)273-7121, Riverview Antique Market, 175 S. Water St. (414)278-8999, or by private showing.

The beauty-full people populating Beauty's Gala were: Sarah Jonas of Cafe Lulu and her husband Scott, Jason Evans, web-designer extra-ordinaire. Beauty's very own Bjorn Nassett, nee BJ Daniels, Bill D., Jerry & Kevin. Michael Karl of M. Anthony Hair Design, Tim Greene, Jay Reinke and throngs of faces and figures too many to mention. Talk about a success...

And finally, a very hard piece to pull together for you - a fond farewell to Mr. Frank. Jim Frank, known to one and all as a flawless bartender at This Is It and as a friend I always referred to as my "Personal Pet," has left us, oh to soon, at 33. Jim's beloved partner Jim wanted me to express his sincere thanks to all the dear friends, well wishers and condolences shared by so many. Donations to ARCW in Jim Frank's name will be a great way to remember a great man. Special gratitude to Jeaneen Dehring, Jim's best friend, for all the support and amazing comfort she offered to Jim and the Frank family. A celebration of Jim's life was held and many turned out and commemorated his contributions to their lives, including a most impressive floral arrangement from his team mates of SSBI In the future, a special party will be held in Jim's memory at Fluid, a chance to toast my "Personal Pet." Far too soon, my friend...

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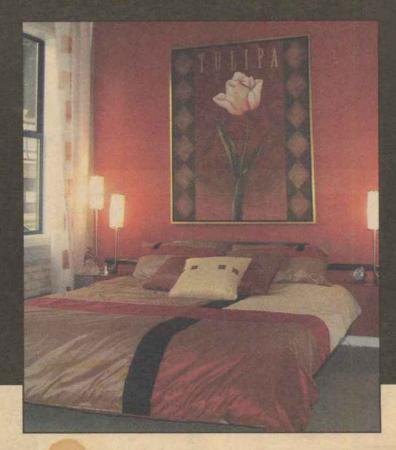
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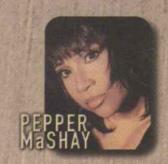




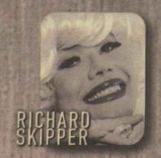






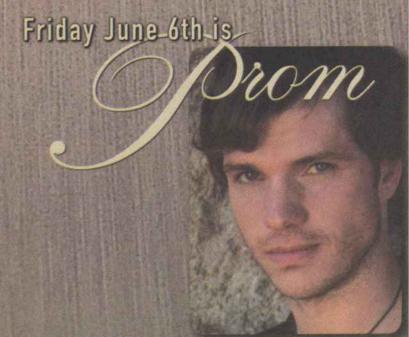






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