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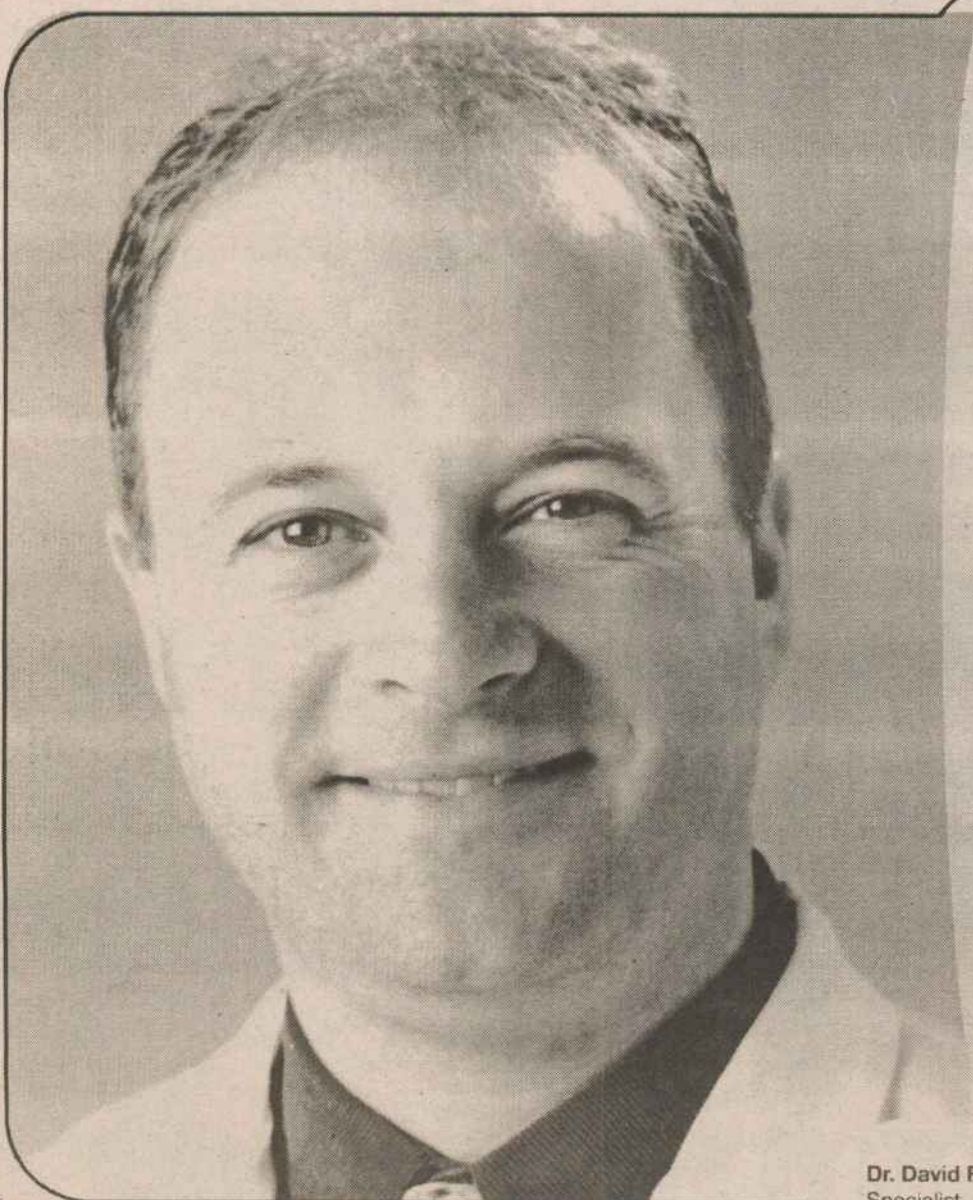
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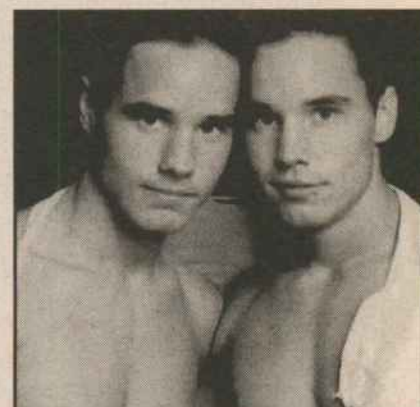


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GOP Readies Anti-Gay Stance

Washington — The Republican Party national platform is expected to include a condemnation of same-sex marriage and to support a constitutional amendment barring gay and lesbian couples from being wed.

"There is a lot of energy out there, a lot of concern about gay marriage," said RNC chair Ed Gillespie. "So it wouldn't surprise me if it were addressed in some form or fashion in the platform."

Gillespie, in an interview with the Washington Times accused gays of "intolerance and bigotry by attempting to force the rest of the population to accept alien moral standards." As a result, he said "tolerance is no longer defined as my accepting people for who they are."

"I think when people say, 'Well, no, that's not enough that you accept me for who I am, you have to agree with — and condone — my choice,' that to me is religious bigotry, and I believe that's intolerant. I think they are the ones who are crossing a line here."

Gillespie went on to tell the paper that on the other hand, "when people are free to pursue the choices that they want in the privacy of their home, that's tolerance."

Gillespie said the plank likely would define marriage as "a monogamous, heterosexual union, and would forbid states from legalizing homosexual marriages." But, he suggested it also might be broadened to include civil unions such as those in Vermont and California. "Frankly I don't see the difference between the two," he said.

His comments are expected to play well with the extreme right within the GOP. A Republican bill is in the House of Representatives calling for a constitutional amendment and Senate majority leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), has said he would support it.

But, gay Democrats were quick to condemn Gillespie's remarks, especially his reference to gay Americans as intolerant bigots.

"Gillespie is the one displaying his bigotry, not gay Americans," said Dave Noble, NSD Executive Director. "Suggesting that someone is a bigot because they want the legal right to visit a dying partner in the hospital is wrong, and frankly, disgusting."

In July, President Bush said marriage should be between a man and a woman, and "we ought to codify that one way or the other." (story). Federal law (DOMA) already defines marriage in heterosexual terms.

In early September, a national poll was released showing that while most Americans oppose same-sex marriage, but an even greater number reject a constitutional amendment.

Married Gay Couple Barred From U.S.

Toronto — A married gay couple on their way from Canada to a human rights conference in Georgia were not allowed to enter the United States today because the two men insisted on filling out a single Customs clearance form declaring themselves a family.

"We were not going to divorce ourselves in order to enter a country," Kevin Bourassa, a 45-year-old gay activist, said. "We could have gone in as single individuals, signed two forms, but to do that would be an affront to our dignity and human rights."

Bourassa said he and his partner, Joe Varnell, first approached the United States immigration desk at Pearson Airport in Toronto and an officer stamped their forms. But when they went to a Customs agent for final clearance, the agent would not accept a joint declaration.

Gays Begin Planning for GOP Convention

By Rex Wockner

New York — The so-called "backlash" to the so-called "Summer of Gay" may not reach its zenith until next August at the Republican National Convention in New York City.

"The Summer of Gay," of course, refers to the stunning sequence of gay issues that burst to the forefront of media and public attention in June, July and August of this year — Ontario's legalization of same-sex marriage; British Columbia's legalization of same-sex marriage; the U.S. Supreme Court's legalization of gay sex; George W. Bush's denunciation of same-sex marriage; the proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage; the Vatican's denunciation



New York City activist Ann Northrop.
Photo: Rex Wockner

of all gay relationships; the Democratic presidential candidates' near-unanimous support for gay civil unions and gays in the military; Wal-Mart's embrace of gay employees; the Episcopal Church's election of an openly gay bishop; Michael Savage's firing; the smash success of TV's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy;" the controversy of TV's "Boy Meets Boy," and Madonna, Britney and Christina's French-kissing at the "MTV Video Music Awards."

Did we forget anything? Liza's breakup? Maybe. Then, of course, there is this looming earthquake: Massachusetts' Supreme Judicial Court may legalize same-sex marriage any day now. If that happens, Religious Right leaders may suffer the nation's first mass heart attack.

Given that conservative reaction to this year's huge gay successes may come to a head at the GOP conclave, how are activists preparing for the possible homophobic hurricane?

"There are direct actions being formulated locally by various lefty groups, peace groups, environmental groups ... and certainly there are gay people involved in that stuff," said longtime New York City lesbian activist Ann Northrop.

"If the constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage is hot, that will increase the participation of gay groups," she said. "I would like to see gay groups heavily involved whether the constitutional amendment is hot or not because I think Bush and the Republicans are such evil monsters that we have to go after them no matter what."

Northrop, however, is worried that demonstrators will be tightly controlled.

"My fear is that ... we will see what we've seen here for a long time now — very, very, very heavy police protection of the

convention and a pushing of dissent to very far-away margins," she said. "They will shut down dissent no matter what it takes, they will violate everyone's civil rights to do so."

FOREMAN: BEST APPROACH UNCLEAR

The head of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, Matt Foreman, says it's not clear what approach to the convention would best serve the gay cause. Historically, NGLTF has helped execute direct-action protests at the Democratic and Republican conventions.

"We've discussed this for hours on end," Foreman said. "Part of the goal is to make the investment of the resources worthwhile in terms of a message that you get out via the media. ... The point is to think creatively in a way that will get some attention."

Foreman, who is based in New York, shares Northrop's concerns about a police clampdown.

"The police here during the '90s have become progressively more repressive around marches and demonstrations," he said. "They have become experts at preventing people from exercising their First Amendment rights. The anti-war demo in front of the U.N. earlier this year is a classic example of that. They kept people from getting to the demo, they made arbitrary arrests, they used horses inappropriately, they made it so you couldn't hear or see the speakers. It will require incredible planning because the police here have just become extremely difficult."

But marching and chanting just for its own sake may not accomplish much these days, Foreman said.

"Demonstrations are effective only when you can make a point to a broader audience," he said. "If all we're doing is providing an outlet for people to vent, to show their rage and anger, that is not what is going to produce a good election result."

"The real work," Foreman said, "is going to be getting people out to vote, and voting those bastards [the Bush administration] out of office."

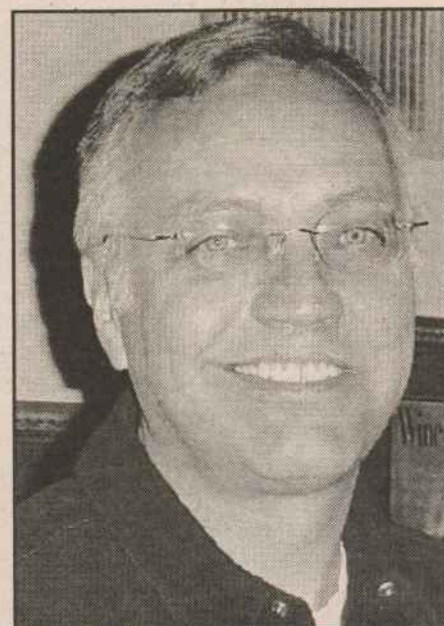
"The vast majority of Americans do not support what this administration is doing," he said. "The reason the president is in power and the reason we keep losing so many battles is because our side — the people who believe in equal rights, choice, affirmative action — we don't get together. We don't focus and we don't get people out to vote. We need to set aside petty issues, focus on issues we agree on and get people to vote. Fundamentally, the people of America support the core values that all of us on the center-to-the-left believe in."

HRC: RIGHT WING IS FIRED-UP

The Human Rights Campaign also has been involved in organizing convention protests, in addition



HRC's David Smith. Photo: Rex Wockner



NGLTF Executive Director Matt Foreman.
Photo: Rex Wockner

to press conferences, receptions and other events.

"We've been talking internally about both conventions and how they will play out in terms of media and focus and what the issues will be," said Communications Director David Smith. "In 1996, we rented an old theatre near the convention site, and various gay organizations came and scheduled events and engaged in activities that were consistent with their message."

"In 2003, it's largely going to depend on how this issue unfolds," Smith said. "The Right Wing is organizing like never before. I've never seen them behave like they're behaving right now. Many of them are openly saying the issue of gay marriage is better than abortion. It's galvanizing their grass roots. ... If a vicious, mean-spirited campaign emerges, there will be increased gay organizing."

"Conventions are all about media coverage," he said. "They are for communicating with the country through the media."

QUEERS WON'T BE SILENCED

ACT UP-type groups were active during the 2000 GOP Convention in Philadelphia. Julie Davids, executive director of New York's Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization for Power, says "queers" and AIDS activists plan more of the same next year.

"It's important that people recognize that protest is important and possible in New York City, and it's going to be extremely prevalent at the Republican National Convention," Davids said.

"We believe it's important to link HIV organizing with queer organizing and with other social and economic-justice areas — housing, prison issues, criminal-justice issues, welfare, health care, Medicaid, Medicare, immigration, attacks on civil liberties."

A preliminary RNC planning meeting of groups working on these issues took place in New York Sept. 18, Davids said.

"The conventions are a good opportunity to show the interrelation of these issues and allow people to bring their whole selves to the efforts," she said. "This is also an opportunity to bring our communities together to forge stronger working relationships that will last beyond the convention. We want to rebuild a strong, grass-roots base in this country that includes people who support queer rights and understand the importance of continuing to struggle against HIV/AIDS."

City of Madison Accused of Whitewashing Gay Bias Complaints

Madison — A state investigation has found that there is probable cause that the city of Madison discriminated against two municipal workers because of their sexual orientation and then tried to cover up the bias.

In an initial probable-cause investigation equal rights regulators determined, the state Equal Rights Division found that the city may have violated the Wisconsin Fair Employment Law on four counts in its treatment and termination of the former employees.

Jeffrey Earle and Douglas Sonntag were fired by city parking utility manager Robin Williams in 2002.

Unless the parties settle, the Equal Rights Division will schedule a hearing before an administrative law judge who will decide whether the city in fact violated the law.

Earle and Sonntag are among several parking utility employees who have filed complaints in recent years with the city Affirmative Action Office charging that Williams discriminated against them because they are gay. That office, however, said the complaints were unfounded.

Following a series of articles about the complaints in the Madison Times, Mayor Dave Cieslewicz ordered an investigation.

In July, Cieslewicz announced that a "thorough" investigation showed there had been no bias against any workers in the

Parking Authority.

Earle and Sonntag then took their complaints to the state.

"I am very pleased the state took this seriously because the city of Madison opted not to," Sonntag told the Madison Times.

Sonntag said that while much of the blame lies with Williams, the ERD finding confirms that many in the city dropped the ball on the complaints, including employees in the Human Resources Department, the City Attorney's Office and the Affirmative Action Office.

Arnold Posed for Erotic Mapplethorpe Nudes: Report

Los Angeles — The reporter who uncovered the Monica Lewinski scandal claims a new scoop: full nude erotic photographs of Arnold Schwarzenegger taken by renowned gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe.

Matt Drudge, on his Drudge Report, says that "voters have never seen an elected official in such detail."

Although copies of a benign nude photo of the bodybuilder-actor-politician that appeared in the 1970s publican After Dark have been circulating for months on the internet, the Mapplethorpe photos are reportedly "shocking."

In a world exclusive, Drudge reports that pictures so steamy they have been kept under lock at the New York Estate of Mapplethorpe who died in 1989.

Operatives with the Schwarzenegger campaign are reportedly rushing to ensure that pictures are not published.

Mapplethorpe is considered the foremost American photographer of the 20th century. Openly gay, his outrageous homoerotic pictures caused a fury in the 1980s over an exhibit in Cincinnati. The Contemporary Arts Center was charged with pandering obscenity.

The exhibition, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, included a self portrait of Mapplethorpe with a riding crop inserted in his ass. Other photographs were of male models having sex and close-up shots of penises.

The furor over the exhibit reached the halls of Congress. Led by Republicans, federal funding the arts was slashed.

In his report Drudge does not indicate if the pictures are of Schwarzenegger alone in the photos or if other male models were with him.

There has been no official comment from either the Schwarzenegger campaign or from the Mapplethorpe Foundation which oversees the artist's estate.

The revelation came as a federal appeals court in San Francisco rejected a three-judge panel's decision to put off the gubernatorial recall election for months. The court unanimously reinstated Oct. 7 as the date for the vote.

Davis Signs California DP Bil

Sacramento — Gov. Gray Davis signed a domestic partner bill tonight granting same-sex couples in California nearly all the same rights and responsibilities as married spouses.

"A family is a family not because of gender but because of values, like commitment, trust and love," Davis said before he put pen to paper amid cheers and applause from the standing-room only crowd at San Francisco's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center.

But not everyone in the room was supportive — a representative of state Sen. William Knight passed through the crowd, warning that Knight would challenge the law in a lawsuit to be filed in Sacramento.

Knight wrote Proposition 22, the 2000 ballot initiative approved by 61 percent of voters, which confirmed that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid and recognized in the state of California."

The new law expands the rights of gay couples in areas such as health coverage, parental status, property ownership and funeral arrangements.

The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2005.

Etheridge & Michaels Say "I Do"

Los Angeles — Singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge and actress Tammy Lynn Michaels wasted no time in taking advantage of California's new domestic partner law. Within hours of the legislation's signing by Gov. Gray Davis, Etheridge and Michaels exchanged vows at a Los Angeles ceremony.

For the past two years the couple has been living at the singer's Los Angeles home.

In a joint statement the couple called their ceremony as a "wedding". Although same-sex marriage is illegal in California, the two are, under the new law, registered domestic partners.

"We are so grateful for the blessings from our friends and family as we commence our vows, and begin the rest of our lives together," their statement said.

The ceremony attracted Hollywood's A-list. Guests included Steven Spielberg and Kate Capshaw, Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, Al and Tipper Gore, Jennifer Aniston (Brad was invited but is on location with Troy in Malta and couldn't make it), Helen Hunt, Mike Myers, Sally Field, Ellen DeGeneres, Sheryl Crow, Christina Applegate and Kathy Najimy.

Green Bay Mayor Meets with Gay Group

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — First-term mayor Jim Schmidt shared his vision for the city and the region as part of a 90 minute "meet and greet" session with about 20 members and guests of Positive Voice (PV) at the Brown County Library here September 15.

Schmidt, who had been invited by the northeast Wisconsin LGBT educational and social organization, outlined the three major projects begun since he was elected last Spring: the development and expansion of the city's neighborhoods program, the acquisition and development of a high tech industrial park and the revitalization of the downtown area. In turn, gay and lesbian attendees briefed the mayor on their views on community diversity issues.

In addition to the ongoing struggle for same-sex couples to obtain legal civil recognition of their unions through domestic partnership registries and state legislation, several PV members focused on the continued refusal of the city's Coalition To Promote Respect to include LGBT representation on its member council. The city provides a subsidy for the community-based nonprofit organization's multicultural center. The mayor promised the group that he would look into the matter.

Others brought up the impact of the near doubling of the city's other minority communities and the similar struggles members of those groups were having in finding adequate, affordable housing and living wage jobs. Attendees noted recent public remarks by Brown County Board of Supervisors Chair Kenneth Simmons that those in county government who want diversity training should "take a bus to Milwaukee." In a public apology earlier that day Simmons had asked forgiveness claiming his original statement "was misconstrued, and which apparently was seen as politically incorrect."

In their concluding remarks both the mayor and PV leaders pronounced the meeting as a successful "first start" in understanding the multiple diversity challenges facing both Green Bay and the county.

Positive Voice's next meeting will be on October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Appleton Public Library. The meeting's presentation will focus on "The Gay Internet."

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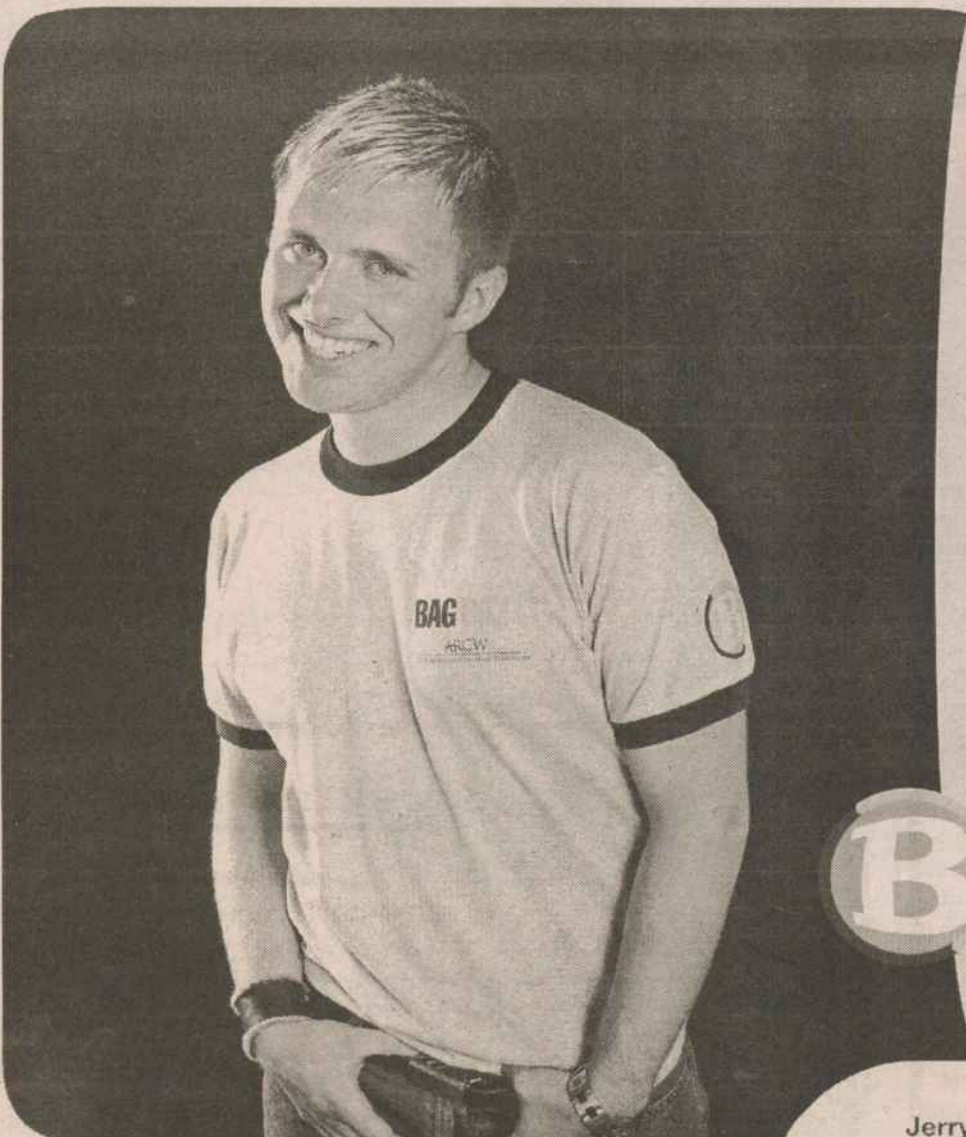
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GROUP NOTES

Transgender Issues Addressed in Presentation

Milwaukee — On September 10, Debra Davis from the Gender Education Center in Minnesota spoke to an audience of nearly 40 people, primarily domestic violence and sexual assault service providers, at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

In conjunction with the Sexual Assault Treatment Center in Milwaukee, the Center's Anti-Violence Project arranged to have Davis present in Milwaukee in an effort to increase awareness and understanding of gender identity and of the impact of domestic violence and sexual assault on transgender people.

"Davis' presentation was very well received," said Kathy Herbst, Director of Programs at the Center. "We were pleased to be able to bring her to Milwaukee to begin the process of educating service providers."

LGBT Community Center Announces CyberCenter Fall Hours

Milwaukee — Beginning on Sept. 29, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's David Bohnett CyberCenter, located at 315 W. Court Street, will be open Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

The CyberCenter, which features sleek new computers and computer stations, provides users with a safe, comfortable space to learn basic computer skills and to discover how to navigate the Internet. The computers are equipped with the latest business software applications (Microsoft

Windows XP/Office XP), CD burners and DVD-Roms.

Please stay tuned for information on the CyberCenter's first class, "Merry Maids for Your Personal Computer (PC)," where participants will learn how to properly care for their PC. For more information about the David Bohnett CyberCenter, contact Roberto Rivera at (414) 271-2656 ext. 1021.

Juana Gloria Vega Scholarship Bestowed on MATC Student

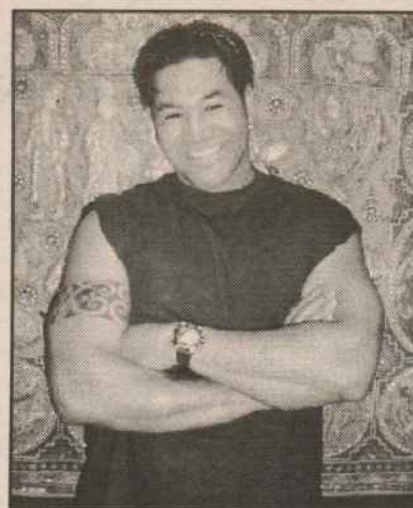
Milwaukee — The 2nd Annual Juana Gloria Vega Scholarship for Lesbian and Bisexual Latina students is being awarded to Calixta Alvarez on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, at 6 p.m. at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court Street.

Calixta is a graduate of the Milwaukee Area Technical College's G.E.D. program and is entering her second year as an English as a Second Language student.

"My goal is to obtain an Associate Degree in Business Mid-Management from MATC. I would also like to bring my mother, sister and two nephews to see what my life is like in Milwaukee. MATC has been very supportive of immigrants and people of low income backgrounds," she said.

Calixta arrived alone to Milwaukee in 1996 from the state of Veracruz in Mexico. Since then, she has worked at Maglio & Co. as a vegetable cleaner and is currently employed at JW Speaker in assembly and quality control.

"At MATC, I see teachers and directors who are always very helpful. I've always felt



NLF Pro Esera Tuaolo to Speak at UWM on Oct. 8

Milwaukee — UW-Milwaukee's LGBT Resource Center will present Esera Tuaolo, the former NFL pro and Green Bay Packer who has

come out as a gay man, on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom of the UWM Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. The occasion is the school's annual Coming Out Week.

For nine years Tuaolo played as a defensive lineman with five teams in the NFL, joining his fellow Atlanta Falcons in the XXXIII Super Bowl. He remained closeted while in the NFL, fearing the reaction of his teammates and coaching staff. Only after his retirement did Tuaolo have the courage to come out, and he has testified far and wide about the crippling toll homophobia had on his short career.

Tuaolo is expected to speak about his unique experiences as a gay pro athlete, and a panel of UWM Athletics administrators and coaches will join Tuaolo to discuss "Homophobia in Sports." The presentation is open to the public.

For more information, call (414) 229-4116, or email yves@uwm.edu.

welcomed and never discriminated against for who I am."

The Juana Gloria Vega Scholarship is named after the visionary Mexican-American lesbian and native of Milwaukee, who was brutally murdered on November 11, 2001 by her former girlfriend's brother. Pablo Parilla is serving 65 years to life. Juana was a GED and Culinary Arts stu-

dent at MATC, but due to personal and financial obstacles she was unable to complete her studies.

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"Big Night Out" is Big Fun for a Cause

Milwaukee — "Big Night Out," the fall gala benefiting Milwaukee LGBT Community Center programs, is already well on its way to becoming a highlight of the LGBT social calendar. On Oct. 11, the evening's festivities unfold at the Northern Lights Theater at Potawatomi Bingo Casino. The night promises an elegant dinner and a silent auction with great entertainment packages to help you get started on your next big night out.

The fun culminates with a terrific concert featuring Natalie Douglas, direct from the New York cabaret scene. As the New York Daily News puts it, Natalie Douglas is "a sensuous and stirring singer with a sound that's all her own." Douglas received the 1998 and 2001 MAC (the cabaret's equivalent of an Oscar or Tony) Awards for Outstanding Jazz Vocalist and has been written up in the NY Times, Out and other national publications. To get a taste, go to www.nataliedouglas.com. To keep

the evening fun and moving, the emcee for the evening is 103.7 KISS FM's Tony Zamboni.

Potawatomi's Northern Lights Theater, an intimate 500-person performance space that regularly hosts national talent, is home to the party. It's part of the 24-hour entertainment at Potawatomi Bingo Casino. The theater has a lower level seating about 300 cabaret-style for dinner, and a balcony for those seeking just the entertainment and auction. For diners, tables of six, five, and four are available, and parties of ones and twos can be seated, too. There is no smoking in the Northern Lights Theater, though the rest of the casino permits it. Organizers describe the dress for the event as festive and semi-formal — though some guests will bring extra pizzazz to the event with black-tie attire.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center will recognize some of its key supporters at the event, giving awards to Jack Smith, founder of the LGBT Center's "Jack Smith Circle of Pride" giving program; the Milwaukee Foundation, and Potawatomi Bingo Casino.

To get your Big Night Out started, call (414) 271-2656 x112 before the requested RSVP deadline of Friday, Oct. 3. Tickets for dinner, auction, and entertainment are \$75 and \$100; and entertainment and auction-only balcony seating is available for \$35. A cash bar is available in all areas. Wisconsin IN Step and Quality Color Graphics are media sponsors for the event.

Red Ribbon Variety Show in La Crosse Oct. 18

La Crosse — The annual Big Red Ribbon Variety Show (formerly "The Show of Pride") will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the La Crosse Center in South Hall A. The fund-raiser benefits the Red Ribbon Family Fund Inc. for AIDS Charities.

The theme for this year is "54 and More! A Salute to the '70s and '80s." The hosts for the Variety Show will be radio personality Samantha "Sam" Strong of Z93 and Red Ribbon Family Fund President Harold Geary. They will preside over an evening of entertainment, fun and surprises.

Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They can be purchased from Players, Rainbow's End, My Place and Z93. All proceeds will benefit men, women and children in the Coulee Region living with HIV/AIDS.

Since 1995, the Red Ribbon Family Fund has been hard at work raising much-needed funds for those living in La Crosse, Trempealeau, Monroe, Jackson and Vernon Counties with HIV/AIDS. During the Oct. 18 gala this year, the Fund is expected to surpass \$100,000, a milestone for the Coulee region.

For more information about the Fund or about the Variety Show, call Harold Geary at (608) 784-2353.

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Counseling Center Offers Support and Therapy Groups

Milwaukee — The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc. (TCCM) announces its fall 2003 sessions of Support and Therapy Groups for gay men, lesbians, bisexual and questioning individuals. All groups are held at TCCM, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., on Milwaukee's east side. Most groups cost \$10 per session. All fees can be waived based on ability to pay. For more information or to register, please call (414) 271-2565.

The following groups will be offered: Gay Men's General Issues, Gay Men's Discussion Group, More Space for lesbians, Free Space coming out group for women, Married Women's group for women married or partnered to men and experiencing sexual or affectional feelings for other women, and Open Space (formerly Silver Space) for lesbians of all ages.

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, a United Way-supported organization, offers bridges to healthy futures for more than 7,000 people annually with programs designed to protect children, strengthen individuals and families, and improve the quality of life in our community. Since 1971, TCCM has been a leader in the Milwaukee area serving those who face homelessness, sexual abuse, HIV infection, concerns related to sexual orientation, and mental illness.

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

Appleton Angels MCC Adjusts Services

Appleton — Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church will be changing the worship time at its Parish Extension in Appleton from 7 p.m. to 6:00pm. Angels of Hope has had a Parish Extension in Appleton since 1997, meeting

first in a storefront location on Locust Street, then moving to the present location at 815 North Richmond Street in 1998.

Angels of Hope MCC is a congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a worldwide Christian denomination of over 300 congregations and 20,000 members with a primary outreach to the LGBT community. UFMCC's message is of the acceptance of all people into the Christian community, without exclusion. The Green Bay congregation was begun in 1986 and meets at 3607 Libal Street in Allouez.

For more information about Angels of Hope MCC, please call (920) 983-7453 (Green Bay) or (920) 991-0128 (Appleton), e-mail at aohmcc@netnet.net, or visit our website, www.angelsofhopemcc.org. For more information about the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, visit www.mcccchurches.org.

Madison Pride 2004 Meeting Sept. 29 at Club 5

Madison — A first kick-off planning session for Madison Pride-2004 will take place on Monday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. at Club 5, 5 Applegate Ct. in Madison. Weather permitting, the patio will be used.

This will be a "getting started" kind of meeting as well as an opportunity to fill open positions which include: Treasurer; Board Member at Large (3); Entertainment Coordinator; Volunteer Coordinator; and Vending Coordinator.

According to David Wilcox, Madison Pride Secretary, "We will also briefly review 2003 finances and discuss what to do about one of last year's sponsors that has yet to pay the agreed sponsorship amount. And of course, we'll discuss whatever else comes up."

The dates for next year are: MAGIC Picnic July 17 and Pride March July 18. For

more information or to get involved, email: davidwilcox@charter.net.

LGBT Center Advocates Turn Out Milwaukee-area for LGBT Lobby Day

Milwaukee — LGBT Center Advocates, the equal rights organization affiliated with the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, is working hard to support Action Wisconsin's statewide LGBT lobby day on Sept. 30.

The event, called LEAD, Legislative Equality Action Day, is drawing citizens from all over the state who will travel to the Madison Capitol to receive basic lobbying training, and then meet in small groups with their state assembly representatives and state senators. A victory party follows.

Milwaukee-area citizens are encouraged to meet outside the LGBT Center at 315 W. Court Street at 10 a.m. on Sept. 30, for either a caravan or bus ride to the Capitol.

LGBT Center Advocates expects to return to the LGBT Center at about 5:30 p.m.

The trip and lobby day are free, but registration is required so that appointments with legislators can be scheduled and other arrangements made. Call (414) 271-2656 x119 or register online at actionwisconsin.org.

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REALITY CHECK

The Lies The FRI Tells About Same-Sex Marriage

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Given their "virtuous" sounding name, it may seem almost impossible to believe. However, the Family Research Institute of Wisconsin (FRI) is attempting to mislead the citizens and lawmakers of Wisconsin through scare tactics, glittering generalities, circular logic, half-truths and outright lies about the need for its so-called "Defense of Marriage Act."

Let's look at the FRI "Fact Sheet" taken from their own website most recently updated in late August 2003. Then let's look at the real truth of the matter. The "bold sections" below are taken in order verbatim from the FRI site. My rebuttal follows.

FRI "Facts" On Marriage and Wisconsin Marriage Law

Wisconsin's current law refers to marriage being between a "husband and wife." Opponents of AB 475/SB 233 claim that these words are sufficient to protect one-man/one-woman marriage. However, a liberal, activist court could determine because the law doesn't specify that "husband" means "man" and "wife" means "woman," and because there is no clear statement of the intent of Wisconsin's public policy about marriage, that the current law is broad enough to include something other than one-man/one-woman marriage.

SCARE TACTIC & OUTRIGHT LIE:

The word "wife" comes from the 11th Century Middle English. For almost 1,000 years it has meant the female partner in marriage. No court in U. S. history has interpreted the word "wife" to mean anything other than that nearly millennium old, gender specific definition. Moreover, every court decision to date that supports

same-gender marriage refers not to redefining marriage but to extending equality of opportunity to having unions legally recognized to all citizens regardless of sexual orientation. AB475/SB233 replace one heterosexual definition with another and thus in reality change nothing. However, the bills do perpetuate ongoing prejudice against LGBT people — the real intent of the FRI.

Throughout history, all civilized cultures have recognized marriage between one man and one woman as the norm.

OUTRIGHT LIE: Even the Bible refers to the plural marriages of some of its greatest heroes. Plural marriages, the same gender marriages and communal marriages have been recorded throughout world history in multiple cultures. The "norm" has been a diversity of unions, the majority of which have been heterosexual.

Throughout history, all civilized cultures have understood that the best environment for children is to have both a physically present mother and a father, that is, a man and a woman married to one another.

GLITTERING GENERALITY: A classic propaganda technique that makes a seemingly important statement using vague language that states nothing factual. If "understanding" means written documentation, there are numerous historical and contemporary documents that show a diversity of environments can produce well-adjusted children. Well-constructed scientific surveys have repeatedly demonstrated that quality parenting involves consistency, boundary setting and other characteristics. These skills can be performed by any number of individuals, couples or

even groups of adults. The findings by the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association simply trump Bible-based bigotry.

Throughout history, all civilized cultures have recognized that children growing up to be stable, contributing citizens is the guarantee of that culture's future. These societies have therefore historically protected marriage.

GLITTERING GENERALITY COVERING AN OUTRIGHT LIE: Cultures that permit quality parenting are a product of the stable social systems that result from the acceptance of naturally occurring diversity of race, ethnicity, religious belief, etc. Religious intolerance is one of the most pervasive and destabilizing forces in recorded human history. Such intolerance has led to such things as religious wars, pogroms, Inquisitions, heretic burning and - most interestingly - the settling of the majority of the colonies that formed the United States, whose founders wisely created a "godless" Constitution. The FRI of WI is just a contemporary example of such religious intolerance.

Marriage is not just about "love and commitment." It is the union of the two sexes and the union of two families, and the means by which families are built and maintained and family names and lineages are perpetuated.

OUTRIGHT LIE: Apparently the FRI hasn't read the traditional marriage vow that expressly asks each party to "love and honor" and to commit to do same "until death us do part." If family names and lineages were important to those other than royalty, there would not be a hobby known as genealogy. Tracking lineage has uses a variety of records and tracks not only traditional marriages but "unsanctified" unions.

Marriage is not discriminatory. All citizens have the same right: if they meet the other statutory requirements, they can marry if their intended spouse is someone of the opposite sex.

HALF TRUTH: Marriage is not discriminatory, as long as anyone can participate in it with the adult they choose to

commit to. Categorically limiting the civil marriage definition to reflect a particular version of a religious dogma is in fact the very dictionary definition of discriminatory. It also violates both the Constitutional principles of separation of church and state and of equal treatment under the law.

Research has shown and continues to show that monogamous, life-long marriages between one man and one woman result in, among other things, fewer abortions, safer homes for both women and children, safer communities, less poverty and welfare, less premarital sex and out-of-wedlock children, fewer divorces, a healthier society, more revenue and a broader tax base, and more citizen involvement in civic activities.

GLITTERING GENERALITY AND HALF-TRUTH: With the exception of abortion and tax revenue, the same can be said for same-gender unions that are life-long and monogamous. And if same gender couple's relationships are legally recognized, the tax revenue issue will be true as well. The statement also begs the question: with over 10,000 heterosexual divorces disrupting families in Wisconsin in the last decade, why isn't the FRI working to strengthen the above mentioned "lifelong" marriages?

Because monogamous, life-long marriage between one man and one woman brings order and numerous benefits to society, there is a legitimate "state interest." Governments, therefore, should protect and strengthen this institution in public policy and programs.

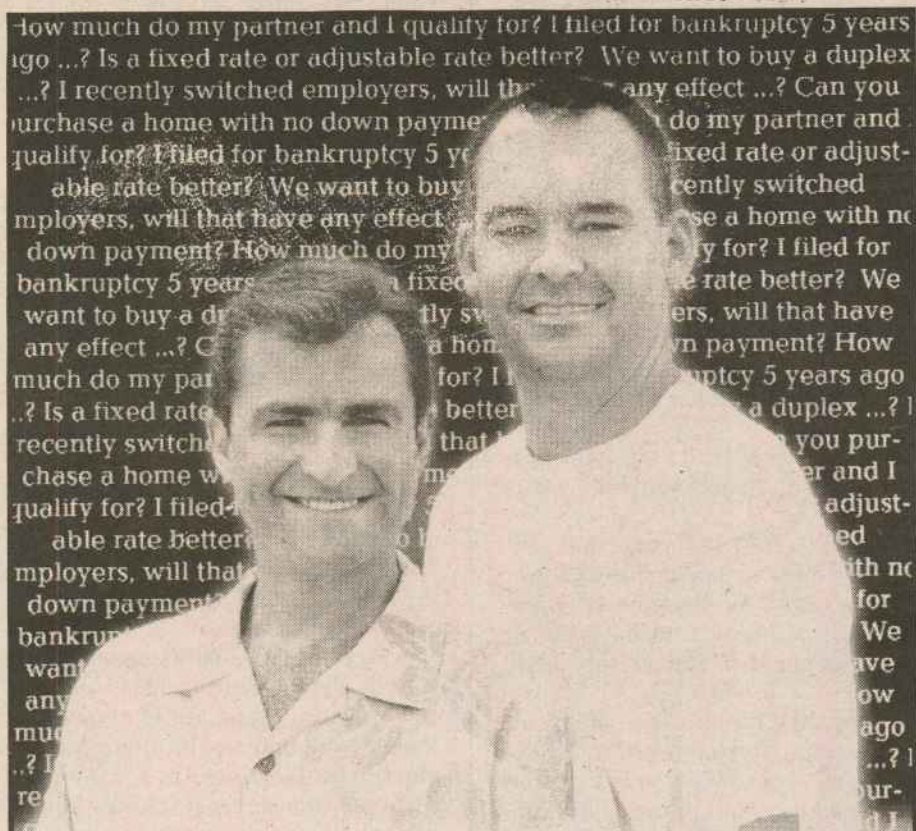
CIRCULAR LOGIC COVERING AN OUTRIGHT LIE: In order to ask for the force of law, you have to prove your case. As the above rebuttals show, the FRI has woefully failed to do so. Inclusion of same-gender civil marriages will also bring greater stability to the LGBT community that makes up anywhere from 4-10% of the entire population. Is such enhanced stability not a legitimate "state interest"? (Just a side note to the FRI folks: you put your summary argument last, not next to last.)

Marriage encourages the sexes to complement each other's strengths and weaknesses. It is the way that men and women, with all their differences, have been united to bring out the best in the individuals and therefore in the children and in society at large.

HALF TRUTH AND GLITTERING GENERALITY: All working relationships between two people - marital or otherwise - work best when the parties bring complimentary skills and deficits to the union. All people are unique and our society in its advancement of full gender equality has demonstrated that beyond basic biology, most of the so-called "differences" between men and women result from sexual stereotyping and cultural conditioning.

In theory at least, individuals and organizations make decisions after coldly reviewing all the facts and weighing all the risk-versus-benefit arguments. When it comes to its "facts" to prove the need for its so-called "Defense of Marriage" law, the FRI simply hasn't made its case.

However, the reality of contemporary American and Wisconsin partisan politics is that all decision-making occurs with foresight that extends merely through the next election cycle. Balanced perspective comes only in retrospect. History will not be kind to either the legislative supporters of Wisconsin's DOMA or its prejudiced progenitor, the Family Research Institute of Wisconsin.



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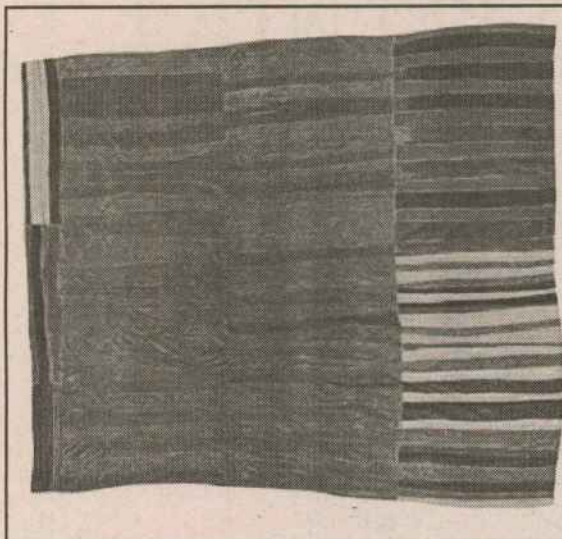


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"Quilts of Gee's Bend" at Milwaukee Art Museum

Milwaukee — "The Quilts of Gee's Bend," an exhibit featuring 70 stunning quilts sewn by 45 African American women from tiny Gee's Bend, Alabama, will be on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N. Art Museum Dr., from Sept. 27-Jan. 4 of next year.

"This collection is an outstanding representation of a great American art form and we are ecstatic to bring it to Milwaukee," said Milwaukee Art Museum Director David Gordon.

Women in the isolated community of Gee's Bend engaged in the traditional art of quilting for generations, motivated by the need to keep their families warm. "The Quilts of Gee's Bend" celebrates these unsung artists for their innovative use of materials and bold command of design. The 70 quilts provide a rare look at a group of 45 20th century artists

whose use of motifs, techniques and textiles change and endure over the course of a century.

The quilts represent four generations of artists who took fabrics from their everyday lives — corduroy, denim, cotton sheets, and well-worn clothing — and fashioned them into compositions that more closely resemble modernist abstract paintings than familiar quilt patterns. The women learned the craft from their mothers or grandmothers, but the emphasis was always on individuality and innovation. Quilters made the tops by themselves and occasionally got together for the quilting. Most of the quilts in the exhibit are of the type known as piece, strip or patchwork.

The Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Thursdays when hours are extended to 8 p.m. For more information, call (414) 224-3200.

"Girl's Guide to Chaos" at the Boulevard

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre will open its 18th season with the Milwaukee premiere of New York writer Cynthia Heimel's "A Girl's Guide to Chaos." The show runs from Oct. 2-19 at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Heimel's collection of scenes and monologues portraying the status of the single urban female will be directed by Milwaukee actress and playwright Rachel Kenison and features the talented comedic cast of Terry Tuttle, Laura Neuser Monagle, Alice Wilson, Amber Williams and Donte Fitzgerald.

"A Girl's Guide to Chaos," adapted from Heimel's witty book "Sex Tips for Girls," tells the story of three single women searching for the perfect man in New York City. For better or worse, this trio of love-lorn women are a little adrift about how the sexes best interact with one another. An insecure scientist, a divorced Texan, and a confused sex object mix up in circumstances that make mate maneuvering a bit tricky. Heimel's comic manifesto deals with issues of sex, love and lust with great dexterity while providing showcase roles for actresses.

For tickets and show times, call (414) 744-5757.

"Packer Fans from Outer Space" in Green Bay

Green Bay — The Weidner Center, in conjunction with the American Folklore Theatre of Door County, is presenting the sci-fi musical "Packer Fans from Outer Space" in the newly restored Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St., in Green Bay now through Oct. 12.

According to its PR, the show is based "very loosely on actual events" and follows the exploits of Juddville fruit farmer Harvey Keister. Harvey, a big Packer fan, is called upon by a group of Packer aliens to save their planet from the evil Space Bears. Marge, his Chicago Bears-loving wife, fears for Harvey's sanity. The inspiration for this offbeat musical was the reported UFO sightings over Door County in 1952.

"Packer Fans" is filled with songs that refer to the fabled Packer-Bear rivalry, like

"You Gotta Hate the Bears" and "Winning is the Only Thing." But deeper truths abound, says its creators.

"It's about the love of family and accepting each other for who we are," said Frederick Heide, co-author of the show. "You don't need to know anything about football to enjoy it." Writing partner Lee Becker opines: "People love the show even if they're from a state without a professional football team — like Minnesota."

Tickets for the show can be purchased at (800) 328-TKTS, or online at: www.weidnercenter.com.

Wynton Marsalis Performs at Alverno Oct. 18

Milwaukee — Alverno Presents kicks off its 44th season with two performances by the legendary jazz musician and trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. The shows are set for Saturday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Alverno's Pitman Theatre at S. 39th and Morgan Ave. in Milwaukee.

Marsalis, who will appear with his septet for the two shows, has been described as the most outstanding jazz musician and trumpeter of his generation. He has won nine Grammy Awards and earned the distinction of being the only artist to win Grammys for both jazz and classical records.

Marsalis has produced 31 jazz and 11 classical records and has sold over 7 million records worldwide. His style combines a scholar's grasp of jazz history with a profound individual expression, evidenced by inventive interplay with melody, harmony and rhythm. His lyrical voicing and tonal coloring assert new possibilities for the jazz ensemble and extend the vocabulary of jazz.

Tickets are \$40 and \$45, \$35 for students. They can be obtained by calling (414) 382-6044 Tuesday-Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

Susan Marshall & Company to Perform at UWM

Milwaukee — The UWM Peck School of the Arts welcomes New York-based Susan Marshall and Company for the first stage of a year-long project with the Department of Dance. Marshall, the recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant, brings her company to UWM for a performance of her newest work, "Sleeping

Beauty and Other Stories," on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is in the Mainstage Theatre, 2400 N. Kenwood Boulevard Ave.

The Oct. 9 performance, the second stop on the company's 20th anniversary international tour, is part of a rehearsal residency at UWM. The residency will include Master Classes and an open rehearsal. Marshall returns in the spring to set a signature work on the UWM Dance students. This work will be performed next summer as part of "Summerdances 2004."

The New York Times has described Susan Marshall as "one of the most significant choreographers working today. Marshall creates emotionally resonant dances that illuminate the human condition. Her highly athletic, physical idiom is technically demanding, eloquently fusing ballet, modern and post-modern release styles with everyday actions and gestures."

In "Sleeping Beauty and Other Stories," Marshall joins with visual artist/set designer Douglas Stein, composer/sound designer Jane Shaw, lighting designer Mark Stanley, and costume designer Kasia Walicka Maimone to create a work that is, according to Marshall, "a contemplation of separation and isolation, exploring love's ability, and inability, to bridge those divides." Marshall strips the classic fairytale to its bare essence, situating it in the realm between dreams and reality, sorrow and joy, and chaos and calm. "Other Stories" is a collection of intimate, intercut dances that use movement's inherent communicative power to reflect the complexity of our intersecting lives.

Over the past twenty years, Marshall, Artistic Director/Choreographer of Susan Marshall & Company, has created more than 27 works for her company. The company has performed throughout the U.S., Europe, and Japan and they are regular participants in the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave Festival.

For tickets to "Sleeping Beauty," call (414) 229-4308.

Madison's Mercury Players Holds Auditions

Madison — Mercury Players Theater will hold auditions for "Loving More," by Tara Ayres and Doug Holtz, and to be directed by Casey Grimm, at 7 p.m. on

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St., in Madison.

According to the Mercury Players, "Loving More" is a non-traditional holiday comedy about the changing face of family. It contains queer and polyamorous themes, and may not be appropriate for small children or Rush Limbaugh. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. Five men, six women, and one teenaged boy and girl are needed for the play. Those who wish to audition should contact Gretchen Wheat at: gretchen-jake1@netzero.net, or (608) 255-9335.

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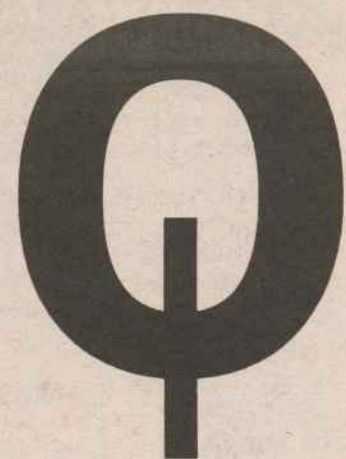
Madison — The weekend of Sept. 27-28 ushers in a new season of concerts produced through the University of Wisconsin School of Music.

The Faculty Concert Series presents Stephanie Jutt, flute, and Jeffrey Sykes, piano, on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. in Mills Hall. The duo performs "Merle Noir" ("The Blackbird") by Olivier Messiaen, and "Sonatine," by Henri Dutilleul. Alan Berquist, a graduate student in flute performance, joins Jutt and Sykes for "Sinfonia Concertante" by Mozart, arranged for two flutes and piano by Robert Stallman. The program concludes with "Trio for Flute, Cello, and Piano," by the American composer Ned Rorem, with Parry Karp, professor of cello and cellist of the Pro Arte Quartet.

The UW Symphony Orchestra performs its first concert of the season on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 4 p.m. in Mills Hall. Kevin McMahon, a Paul Collins Fellow studying conducting with David E. Becker at the School of Music, directs "Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber" by Paul Hindemith. Music Director Becker leads the orchestra in Symphony No. 4 in E-flat major ("Romantic"), by Anton Bruckner.

The Pro Arte Quartet inaugurates its four-concert season for the Faculty Concert Series on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Mills Hall. The program features the Wisconsin premiere of String Quartet No. 4 by John Harbison. In addition, the quartet performs String Quartet in D major, K. 575, by Mozart, and String Quartet No. 1 in A major, Op. 4, by Zemlinsky.

Mills and Morphy Halls are located in the Mosse Humanities Building on the Madison campus, at the corner of Park St. and University Ave. Tickets for the Faculty Concert Series may be purchased in advance through the Wisconsin Union Theater Box Office, at (608) 262-2201. Call the Concert Line at (608) 263-9485 for weekly updated announcements of music events.



ARTS CALENDAR

THEATRE/MUSIC:

American Players Theatre (Spring Green): 24th season of outdoor classical theatre opens with George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" (thru Sept. 27). Shakespeare's "Hamlet" (thru Oct. 4) and "Two Gentlemen of Verona" (thru Oct. 4). "The Cherry Orchard" (thru Oct. 3) and "The Tempest" (thru Oct. 5). Spring Green is about 40 miles west of Madison. FMI: (608) 588-2361 or visit www.playinthewoods.org.

"Ann-Margret & Company: Here! Now!" (Madison): Glitzy Vegas-like show with Ann-Margret and lots of cute chorus boys! Sept. 26, 8 p.m., Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

Bobby Sanabria & Ascensión (Madison): The great percussionist and his band play bolero, calypso, merengue and be-bop as part of the Isthmus Jazz Festival, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"Flanagan's Wake" (Milw.): A new comedy about the rituals of an Irish wake with audience participation — come ready to be part of the fun! Miramar Theatre, 2844 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 967-0302.

"Frankenstein Smankenstein" (Madison): Broom Street Theater offers a new take on the lonely doctor who creates new friends, Fris.-Suns. at 8 p.m. thru Oct. 19, Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"A Girl's Guide to Chaos" (Milw.): Boulevard Ensemble opens its season with Cynthia Heimel's comedy about, well, sex in the city, with three (straight) gals on the make, Oct. 2-19, Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnick Ave. FMI: (414) 744-5757.

Itzhak Perlman (Green Bay): The violin master in concert, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m., at the Weidner Center on the UW-Green Bay campus. FMI: (800) 328-TKTS.

"Little Shop of Horrors" (Milw.): Skylight Opera produces this zany musical based on the cult film and featuring the music and lyrics of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, Sept. 26-Oct. 12, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Mary Stuart" (Milw.): Schiller's drama about the battle of will between Queen Elizabeth and Mary, Queen of Scots comes alive at the Milwaukee Rep, thru Nov. 2, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Packer Fans From Outer Space" (Green Bay): A new musical comedy based on the Packers-Bears rivalry, thru Oct. 12, Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St. FMI: (800) 328-TKTS.

"The Producers" (Milw.): Mel Brooks' new musical sensation lands in Milwaukee Oct. 1-12, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

"A Reflection of Motown" (Milw.): The Skylight Opera's Miller Cabaret Series presents four talented performers in this tribute to Motown, 10 p.m., Sept. 26-27, Oct. 3-4, 10-11, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Richard III" (Milw.): Shakespeare's cruel and conniving king comes chillingly to life in the Milwaukee Rep's season opener, thru Nov. 2, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Romeo & Juliet" (Milw.): Milwaukee Ballet production of Prokofiev's classic based on Shakespeare's tale, Sept. 25-28, Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 643-7677.

"Stop the World, I Want to Get Off" (Madison): The Madison Theatre Guild launches its season with a production of the musical comedy, Oct. 3-18, Bartlett Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 238-9322.

"Two Pianos, Four Hands" (Milw.): Musical comedy revue about two classical pianists growing up at the keyboard, thru Nov. 2, Milwaukee Rep's Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"What Matters" (Milw.): Theatre X opens its new season with an original production featuring the talents and issues of concern to local 20-somethings, Sept. 25-Oct. 19, Studio Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

BOOKS:

Thursday, Sept. 25

Frances Itani Reading (Brookfield): Author of "Deafening," reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6145.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Lori Lake Reading (Milw.): Author of "Different Dress" and "Gun Shy" reads at 7 p.m. at Outwords, 2710 N. Murray Ave. FMI: (414) 963-9089.

Monday, Sept. 29

Peace & Justice Book Circle (Madison): Feminist group reads women's studies, cultural criticism, politics and history, 6 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Tricia Yu Reading (Madison): Tai chi expert and author of "Tai Chi Mind and Body" reads and signs books, 6:30 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Al Franken Talk (Milw.): Comedian and author of "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right," 7 p.m., free, Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. FMI: (414) 286-8703.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Mitch Albom Presentation (Milw.): Author of "Tuesdays with Morrie" and "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," 7 p.m., free, Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. FMI: (414) 286-8703.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Peter Brazaitis Talk (Brookfield): Author of "You Belong in a Zoo," 2 p.m., Schwartz Books, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6145.

Monday, Oct. 6

Jane Jeong Trenka Talk (Milw.): Author of "The Language of Blood" speaks at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Peace & Justice Book Circle (Madison): Feminist group reads women's studies, cultural criticism, politics and history, 6 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Sara Paretsky Reading (Mequon): Author of "Blacklist" reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Mark Salzman Talk (Shorewood): Author of "True Notebooks" speaks at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

FILM, TV & RADIO:

Saturday, Sept. 27

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

Sun., Sept. 28 & Every Sun.

"Her Turn," Womyn's Radio (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM. A weekly show featuring news and information by and about women, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by "Her Infinite Variety" — Women in music — all genres and styles, interviews, live guests and announcements for the women's community, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-2001.

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

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

Monday, Sept. 29

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring "Before Night Falls," based on the compelling memoir of Cuban gay writer Reinaldo Arenas, 7:30 p.m., Outreach, Inc., 600 Williamson St.

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

Wed., Oct. 1 & Every Wed.

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

Thursday, Oct. 2

"Die Mommie Die!" (Milw.): Opening night of Milwaukee's LGBT Film Fest with Charles Busch's campy homage to the women's films of the 1940s, 7:30 p.m., Oriental Theatre, with reception afterward at Beans & Barley. Tix: \$12. FMI: (414) 229-4758.

Friday, Oct. 3

"The Weather Underground" (Milw.): Award-winning documentary about the radical network of the late '60s and '70s, thru Oct. 9, Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

LGBT Film Fest (Milw.): Featuring "Blue Gate Crossing" at 7 p.m., "My Life on Ice" at 9 p.m., Union Theatre, Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4758.

Saturday, Oct. 4

LGBT Film Fest (Milw.): Featuring "Transitions: Gallery of Transgender Portraits" at noon, "Hooked" at 4 p.m., "Gasoline" at 7 p.m., "The Trip" at 9 p.m., and "Rise Above: Tribe 8 Documentary" at midnight, Union Theatre, Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4758.

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

Sunday, Oct. 5

LGBT Film Fest (Milw.): Featuring "Tipping the Velvet" at 1 p.m., "Porn Theatre" at 7 p.m., Union Theatre, Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4758.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

"The Bitter Tears of Petra Van Kant" (Milw.): Rainer Werner Fassbinder's corrosive tale of sexual obsession and jealousy between three women, 8 p.m., Union

Theatre, Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4758.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES:

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): "Cultural Landscape of the Plantation," a solo exhibition by Patrick Turner along with other exhibits reflecting African American heritage, 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): Cedarburg Artists Guild Fall Show and League of Milwaukee Artists "The Color of Harvest," thru Nov. 16, W62 N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

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

Eisner Museum of Advertising & Design (Milw.): "100 Years of Harley Davidson Advertising" and "Brooks Stevens: Advertising for the 20th Century" thru April, 2004, 208 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 847-3290.

Elvehjem Museum (Madison): "Double Take: A Rephotographic Survey of Madison, Wis." thru Sept. 28; and "Medieval Art from the Metropolitan Museum of Art" thru Dec. 31. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Gallery 218 (Milw.): Works on Paper, thru Sept. 28, 218 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 270-1043.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Frank Rodel: Prinzip Collage" thru Sept. 28, Marquette University, 530 N. N. 13th St. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): Works by Mary Preston and Sharon Church thru Oct. 5. Also: performing arts, classes and lectures, 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): "Birds in Art," thru Nov. 9, 700 N. 12th St. FMI: (715) 845-7010.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Concrete Abstraction: Aaron Siskind Photographs" and "La vida en marcha: Mexican Prints from the Permanent Collection" both thru Jan. 4, 2004, 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): "The Quilts of Gee's Bend," Sept. 27-Jan. 4; "The Incredible Elastic Chairs of Samuel Gregg" thru Oct. 19; and "O'Keeffe's O'Keeffe: The Artist's Collection" on permanent display, 700 N. Art Museum Dr. FMI: (866) 626-1323.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "Workhorses of Commerce" features Harley Davidson delivery vehicles, thru Sept. 28; "Milwaukee's Multi-Cultural Heritage," 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): "Captured Seasons," impressionistic watercolors by Barbara Rewey, thru Jan. 4; also, visit the Thai Pavilion and Asian Gardens, 3330 Arwood Ave. FMI: (608) 246-4550.

Paine Art Center & Gardens (Oshkosh): "Boing! Sculptures by Susan Read Cronin, Oct. 1-Nov. 30; and "Journey of the Imagination: Illustrations by James Christensen, thru Jan. 4, W62 N718 Riveredge Drive, 800 Algoma Blvd. FMI: (920) 235-6903.

Tory Folliard Gallery (Milw.): John Wilde, Ed Larson, Mary Alice Wimmer, thru Oct. 4, 233 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 273-7311.

Villa Terrace (Milw.): "Andre Ferrelle: The Living Pictures and Beautiful Flowers," Decorative arts in Italian style villa, 2220 N. Terrace Ave. FMI: (414) 271-3656.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): "Borderline Stories: An Installation by Scott Townsend" thru Oct. 18, 911 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): A/C Art Association Exhibition thru Oct. 5, Carl von Mahr and early Wisconsin Art on continuous display, 300 S. 6th Ave. West Bend. FMI: (262) 334-9638.



Lily Tomlin will appear in Green Bay in a performance of partner Jane Wagner's "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," Oct. 1, Weidner Center on UW-Green Bay campus. FMI: (800) 328-TKTS, or: www.weidnercenter.com.

Best Bets at Milwaukee's LGBT Film Fest

"Die Mommie Die!" and "Tipping the Velvet" Both Top Notch

You will find on these pages coverage of the first week-end of Milwaukee's annual LGBT Film & Video Festival – Oct. 2-8. Look to our next issue for reviews of the final week, Oct. 9-12. For a complete schedule, visit www.aux.uwm.edu/uniontheatre, or call (414) 229-4758. Our coverage begins here with the two features our critics found most outstanding. Shorter reviews follow.

who hates her guts and a son Lance (Stark Sands) who sexual appetites has gotten him thrown out of school and it all adds up to a pretty miserable life for the glamorous but aging Angela.

What's a woman to do? To start with, she finds some solace in the arms of hunky, out-of-work actor, Tony Parker (Jason Priestley) while fantasizing the demise of her wretched, constipated husband.

Just as her sisters Joan and Bette did in so many wonderful pictures of years past, Angela responds swiftly and decisively when presented with an opportunity. Taking the bull not by the horns but the other end, she slips her hateful hubby an arsenic-laced suppository of a size that will surely send a collective shudder through most of the audience.



Scene from "Die Mommy Die"

"Die Mommie Die!" is Camp Hilarity

By Carl M. Szatmary

Hollywood cinema of the 1950s has rarely been funnier than in Charles Busch's hilarious "Die Mommie Die!" the opening night sensation of this year's Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival playing Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the oriental Theatre.

In last year's "Far From Heaven," director Todd Haynes gave today's movie audiences an opportunity to re-evaluate the lushly filmed 1950s melodramas in which such contemporary social issues as homosexuality often lurked just beneath the surface.

Charles Busch and "Die Mommie Die!" director Mark Rucker have less loftier aspirations. Here instead is a glorious send-up of the "women's films" of the 1940s and 50s, the ones Bette Davis, Joan Crawford and Barbara Stanwyck would increasingly star in when their careers were on the wane.

Charles Busch's Angela Arden is cut from the same shimmering fabric. Once a big star, Angela is trapped in a loveless marriage to her producer husband Sol Sussman (Philip Baker Hall), whose own career is on the rubbish heap. Throw in a grown daughter Edith (Natasha Lyonne)

Murder on the big screen has rarely been so excruciatingly hilarious.

Angela might be the picture-perfect grieving widow but daughter Edith isn't buying it for a second. A daddy's girl shown in definitely incestuous tones, Edith convinces her cute but dim-witted brother Lance to help, concocting a plot to find out if Angela is a murderess.

Equally determined to get at the truth of Sol's suspicious death is Tony who happily seduces both siblings — although seducing the already naked Lance in the garden shed is anything but a challenge.

Director Mark Rucker seems determined to give the film the right cinematic look, utilizing plenty of close-ups, lots of quick cuts and gobs of soft-focus. Initially seeming rather artificial, one cannot help but quickly enter into the spirit of fun Charles Busch, adapting his own play for the screen has whipped up quite an addictive cinematic confectionary. Besides boasting plenty of red herrings, Busch's script offers up plenty of memorable lines: "You can't discard me like one of your false eyelashes!" and "he slipped into my life as easily as vermouth into a glass of gin."

Best of all are the fabulous performances of the talented ensemble. Baker's Sol is suitably curmudgeon-like, Stark Sands



Scene from "Tipping the Velvet"

invests a delicious naughtiness and a sly sexiness to his hilarious Lance.

Yet Charles Busch, as both Angela and twin-sister Barbara Arden manages to claw her way into the spotlight at every turn of the camera. Perfectly coiffed and dramatically lighted just as those great stars were in countless pot-boilers, Busch proves she is an absolute star.

Grade: B+

"Tipping the Velvet" – A Lesbian Romp

By Jamakaya

"Tipping the Velvet," a must-see for all women-loving women, will be screened on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at UWM's Union Theatre.

"Tipping the Velvet" is a touching, sexy, funny, wild, passionate, and deliciously melodramatic rendering of Sarah Waters' popular novel — a modern lesbian version of the ribald "Moll Flanders." And who'd a thunk the staid old BBC would produce such a sexually explicit — but morally uplifting, of course — lesbian romp? The original three-part series aired on BBC America this spring. Since many of us didn't see it, what luck to have the entire unedited show presented at this festival!

"Tipping the Velvet" is the coming out and coming of age saga of Nan Astley (Rachael Stirling), a working class girl from the southwest coast of England who becomes a star in the music halls of late Victorian London. Early scenes in which Nan senses that she's 'different' will be immediately recognizable to any queer. In Kent, she becomes smitten with a beautiful male impersonator, Kitty Butler (Keeley Hawes), who invites Nan to London as her dresser. Dare she tell Kitty her true feelings? The expressions of self-doubt, of sexual yearning, of falling in love, and blissful connection are played out in wonderfully over-the-top fashion. The cross-dressing lovers soon become headliners on the London stage.

But, as the poet said, the course of true love never did run smooth. Nan's love is cruelly betrayed, she's crushed, bereft, and ultimately chooses to sell sexual favors (as a boy to male patrons!) on the streets. A savior seemingly arrives in the guise of a wealthy dyke dominatrix (the perfectly cast, imperious Anna Chancellor). The domineering Diana takes our Nan in, using her for pleasure and public exhibit while also loving her in her own perverse way. This second episode of the series is delightfully tawdry but alas, once again, things do not end well for our beleaguered heroine.

The final episode reveals whether poor Nan will recover from her latest trauma, and whether she'll reunite with her great love Kitty, or find a more stable life with someone new (Jodhi May, always reliably typecast as the 'good' girl). The stage once again beckons, and Nan makes her final, critical decision during a drawn-out, heart-string-pulling number that is pure corn — but it works!

The performances in "Tipping the Velvet" are outstanding and the main actresses are all wonderful to behold (tho given what she survives, Nan ought to have aged a bit by the end instead of looking as fresh and virginal as she was at the beginning). The glimpses of underground lesbian life in turn of the century London are fun to see. The adaptation by veteran screenwriter Andrew Davies is sharp and moves swiftly. An added kick for old-timers like me is watching actress Rachael Stirling play Nan. In many scenes and from so many angles I saw the image of her real life mother Diana Rigg, who immortalized Emma Peel, my own girlhood lesbian icon from "The Avengers" in the 1960s.

In addition to its endearing mix of pulp and schmaltz, "Tipping the Velvet" is suffused with layers of lesbian culture that will be savored by viewers in many different ways. Sexy, funny and fine — enjoy!

Grade: A

Additional LGBT Film Capsules, Oct. 3-8

Friday, October 3, 7 p.m.

"Blue Gate Crossing (Lanse de Men)"

This Taiwanese feature is an alternately wistful and mournful tone poem about the touching relationship between a young lesbian and a boy in high school. Kerou has a crush on another girl, Yuezhen, who in turn only has eyes for the handsome swimmer Zhang. Kerou serves as a go-between to draw Yuezhen and Zhang together, but Zhang develops a real affection for Kerou instead! The angst of teen desire and heartache are nearly palpable in this very slow-moving but visually stunning and sensitive film.

Grade: B (Jamakaya)

Friday, October 3, 9 p.m.

"My Life on Ice (Ma Vraie Vie a Rouen)"
(with "Nebel (Mist)")

From the directors of "The Adventures of Felix," comes this charming coming-of-age film, "My Life on Ice."

French teenager Ettienne (Jimmy

Tavares) receives a digital video camera for his 16th birthday and life will never be the same. Camera in hand, Etienne spends most of his time annoying his mother (Ariane Ascaride) by filming her constantly, annoying his very cute best friend Ludo (Lucas Bonnifait) by filming him with his various girlfriends and annoying us in the audience by including long sequences of him practicing his figure-skating routines.

The inclusion of "My Life on Ice" at an LGBT Film Festival makes certain that audiences are going to assume Etienne is gay from the start. Yet given that how much time Etienne spends with his camera lovingly focused on best mate Ludo, his handsome history teacher Laurent and seemingly every fireman that Etienne encounters, it is likely that even the most obtuse mainstream audience member will likely to clue into Etienne's sexuality long before the poor lad has done so himself.

The film's awkward and improbable ending, while certain to be a success, proves to be the film's only false note.

Filmmakers Duscate and Martineau capture the tedium of an adolescent's "video diary" far too well but Tavares makes for such an appealing protagonist, few in the audience are likely to complain.

Grade: B (Carl Szatmary)

Saturday, October 4, Noon

"Call Me Kade" and "Sir: Just a Normal Guy" (shown with "Thorn Grass")

This set of videos deal with transgender issues, specifically transitioning from female to male. "Call Me Kade" follows the early stages of transitioning by 14-year-old Kate who has known virtually from infancy that she is really a boy. Supportive parents and friends are a definite plus in this story. Given Kade's youth, it would be great to see a follow-up film five or ten years down the line to see how his new life has turned out.

"Sir" is a chronicle of the FTM change of 29-year-old Jay Snider. This second video is longer and has somewhat more depth partly because Jay is older, more experienced, and better able to articulate his feelings. There is more detail about his physical transformation too. Especially interesting is his realization that although transgender, he finds himself identifying more as a strait man than as part of the queer community.

Both videos should stir some interesting discussions. They are playing with "Thorn Grass," a short tribute to Fred Martinez, a Two-Spirit Navajo teen who was murdered in 2001. The screenings are co-sponsored with FORGE, a local transgender activist group.

Grade: B (Jamakaya)

Saturday, October 4, 4 p.m.

"Hooked" presented by ARCW's Bag Boyz

The joys and the dangers of surfing the gay internet chat rooms are surveyed in Todd Ahlberg's fascinating and yet ultimately unsatisfying documentary, "Hooked." When Ahlberg became intrigued with "online cruising," he sought participants in a survey for the documentary and received a whopping 1,200 responses.

Eventually Ahlberg chose three dozen men from different age groups and ethnic backgrounds. In their early segments, interviewees sing the praises of the wonderful ease and variety of sex and sexual partners available online. Then as the film progresses, many cite a fear of addiction and the emptiness of such anonymous encounters.

Slickly produced, Ahlberg's too often

casual approach and arbitrary editing make "Hooked" a less authentic examination than it might have otherwise been.

Grade: C+ (Carl Szatmary)

Saturday, October 4, 7 p.m.

"Gasoline (Benzina)"

"Benzina" is a short (85 min.) Italian feature that offers a lesbian version of the "Thelma & Louise" girl outlaws-on-the-lam scenario. The premise is fun but the delivery here is slow and predictable, right down to its incendiary conclusion.

Stella and Lenni, young lovers who run a gas station/café, are visited by Lenni's disapproving mother. Mama meets an unexpected demise, and attempting to dispose of her body provides most of the hijinx that follow. The only really amusing touch to me was the mordant voice-over commentary by the corpse.

Callie Khouri gave us a whole lot to love about Thelma and Louise, which made their adventures and desperation so heart-tugging. This film's biggest booboo is that we're given almost no background or insight about the two gals to really make us give a hoot about what happens to them. The sex scenes (on floors and in restroom stalls) failed to raise the heat quotient for me, and the most compelling character seemed to be Stella's dog. (Give that pooch an Oscar!) After watching "Benzina," my partner and I agreed that a more appropriate title might have been "Bad Hair Day."

Grade: C- (Jamakaya)

Saturday, October 4, 9 p.m.

"The Trip"

"The Trip," by first-time director Miles Swain, must surely be the most eagerly awaited film being shown at this year's LGBT Film Fest. Heavily promoted by TLA Video and featured in all of the glossy gay magazines this past summer, "The Trip" is an ambitious gay love story spanning the politically turbulent 1970s and '80s.

Swain's screenplay begins in 1973. Allan (Larry Sullivan) is an eager young journalist and out and proud Republican. Larry is also deeply buried in the closet—at least until he meets long-haired, pot-smoking, free-loving Tommy (Steve Braun). Such opposites are rarely the stuff of great love stories in real life, but heck, this is a movie after all.

It is this film's delicious conceit that Alan meets Tommy while doing a bit of research for an anti-gay book. While Alan explores his budding homosexuality, he continues writing "The Straight Truth." Now, how's that's for a dilemma?

Alan can't tell Tommy, an enthusiastic gay activist, about the book and is thrilled when the publisher decides to postpone its publication. Sadly, his relief is short-lived. With the arrival of Anita Bryant's crusade comes the perfect time for "The Straight Truth" to be released. Immediately, the book becomes a bestseller. Alan is horrified. Then Alan is outed as the anonymous author.

Tommy is enraged. The boys separate.

Ten years flash by in a matter of moments. Alan, after realizing the mess he's made of his life, finally goes after Tommy, hoping for one last moment in the sun with the man he has always loved, before the final credits roll.

Director Swain probably commits every mistake known to first-time directors: much of the dialog is stilted, his political message far too didactic, too many scenes drag on endlessly and he allows some of his actors to shamelessly overact. Still, only the most heartless of LGBT audiences will remain unmoved by a movie that so blatantly wears its heart on its sleeve.

Grade: B- (Carl Szatmary)

Saturday, October 4, Midnight

"Rise Above: The Tribe 8 Documentary"

I'm not a big fan of punk rock but was affected by this documentary on Tribe 8 in an unexpected way.

There's plenty of hard-driving music and concert footage for aficionados, and band members seize the opportunity to explain some of their more infamous on-stage antics, like strapping on dildos (or slicing them!) and simulating sex with male fans. Gee, can't imagine why these gals ran into critics when they first performed at the Michigan Womyn's Music Fest... Video coverage from that culture clash is included here.

Along with their art, interviews with the women expose just what they've had to "Rise Above," in some cases absent or indifferent families; class, race and gender oppression; drug addiction; sexual abuse; and more. Although performing is fun and a great release, it's also clearly hard work that doesn't pay all the bills. So we get to see the rockers in their mundane "day" jobs as well: delivery person, tattoo artist, etc.

More than 10 years after Tribe 8's formation, several original members have left the group, one to expand her musical chops, others to settle into more stable jobs and relationships. I left this video not with pulsating punk music but with the strains of Donna Summer's "She Works Hard for the Money" echoing in my head! Very little glamor here, just hard rock and hard living.

Grade: B (Jamakaya)

Sunday, October 5, 7 p.m.

"Porn Theatre (La Chatte a Deux Tetes)" (with "K.I.P." and "Making Maps")

Jacques Nolot's "Porn Theatre (La Chatte a Deux Tetes)" meanders through one night at a seedy Parisian porn palace showing a heterosexual porn flick charmingly titled, "The Two-Headed Pussy." Action alternates from the circumspect

lobby box office to the ritualistic maneuverings of the theatre's denizens in the run-down auditorium.

Unlike the hunky specimens who populate the porn theaters as depicted in gay porn or the crowded backrooms featured on so many episodes of "Queer as Folk," patrons of this theatre, most seemingly regulars, are older, less attractive and tend to fall into one of two categories: cross-dressers and "straight-trade."

Much like the moves in a game of chess, these men hunt their prey with meticulous deliberation. Sex, when it happens, is random, often spontaneous, quick and anything but pretty. Nolot somehow manages to include just about every conceivable encounter during the screening of the dreadful black & white porn flick, from gay-bashing to a police raid.

Breaking up the monotony of the sexual goings-on, Nolot often cuts to the theatre's lobby. There, the theatre's world-weary ticket taker (Vittoria Scognamiglio) drinks too much and chats up the cute, sexually-ambiguous projectionist (Sebastien Viala) as well as the handsome aging man (director Nolot) she's long had a crush on.

While the ending promises something more than the above-mentioned trio, festival-goers are likely to be left as unsatisfied as most of the porn theatre's other patrons.

Grade: C- (Carl Szatmary)

Wednesday, October 8, 8 p.m.

"The Bitter Tears of Petra Van Kant"

Critic Molly Haskell described "The Bitter Tears of Petra Van Kant" as "a tragic love story disguised as a lesbian slumber party in high camp drag." Rainer Werner Fassbinder's lurid melodrama from 1973 is about three women playing sexual and mind games with each other while holed up in the apartment of powerful fashion designer Petra Van Kant (Margit Carstenson). The object of Petra's affection/obsession is the model Karin (Hanna Schygulla). Petra's assistant (Irm Hermann) also gets dragged into the fray.

Some lesbians have attacked the film as misogynistic male porn, others have recognized its camp sensibility and enjoyed ogling its cast of beautiful actresses. I'm of both opinions, but also find the film claustrophobic and over-long.

Grade: C (Jamakaya)

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"Different Dress" Author Lori Lake at Outwards Sept. 27

Milwaukee — Lori Lake, the best-selling author of "Gun Shy" and "Under the Gun," will make her first Milwaukee appearance on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at Outwards Books, Gifts & Coffee, reading from and signing copies of her newest novel, "Different Dress."

For this special author event, Lake will be joined by Cate Swannell, whose debut novel, "Heart's Passage," has already become an Outwards top seller for the month of August.

"Different Dress" is the story of three women on a cross-country pop/country road tour. The headliner, Lacey Leigh Jaxon,



Lori Lake

is a fast-living prima donna with intimacy problems. She had a brief relationship with Jaime who works on sound on the tour, then dumped her for the new guy (who lasted all of about two weeks). Lacey still comes back to Jaime in between conquests, and Jaime hasn't yet gotten her entirely out of her heart. When Jamie suddenly becomes involved with Kip Galvin, the show's new opening act, it can only mean trouble. "Different Dress" is a honky-tonk, bluesy, pop, country explosion of emotion as these three women duke it out. Who will win Jaime's heart and soul?

Lori L. Lake was born in Portland, Oregon, and moved to Minnesota with her partner after graduating from Lewis & Clark College in 1983. She worked in government for almost two decades and resigned at the end of 2002 so she could devote her full attention to writing, teaching, and reviewing. She is the author of three other novels: "Ricochet in Time," "Gun Shy" and its sequel "Under The Gun." In 2002, Lake was selected as the Twin Cities' Favorite GLBT Author by Lavender Magazine. The novel "Gun Shy" won a Stonewall "Pride in the Arts" Literary Award for 2003.

Cate Swannell's "Heart's Passage" is the story of Jo Madison, a yacht skipper in the Whitsunday Islands of Australia's Great Barrier Reef. She has a dark and violent past she is trying to leave behind, and the last thing on her mind is love. But when Cadie Jones, long-time partner of a US senator, sails in to her life, her priorities change. Eventually Jo's past comes back to haunt her, throwing herself and Cadie into mortal danger. Set in the splendor of Australia's tropics, "Heart's Passage" traces Jo and Cadie's rocky path to an uncertain future.

Cate Swannell lives on Australia's east coast with her cat Siggy and her Dell. She enjoys spending time with her partner, watching Australian rules football and eating Tim Tams.

Lake and Swannell will read and sign copies of their books at 7 p.m. on Saturday,



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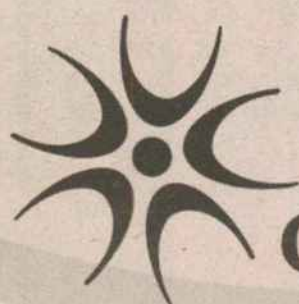
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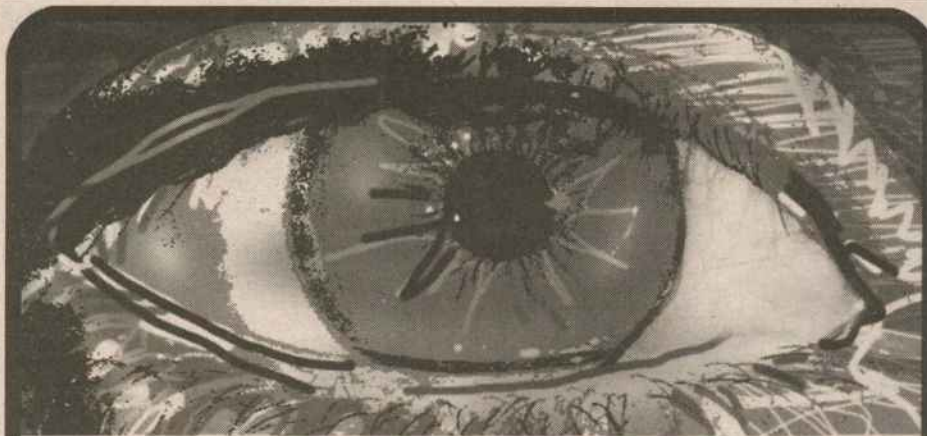


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Friday, Sept. 26

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

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

Fri & Sat, Sept. 26 & 27

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

Sunday, Sept. 28

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

Three (Milw.): PUMP! Milwaukee's Hottest Sunday Night Gay Party! Tonight DJ Rob Winter spins progressive, tribal and vocal house. \$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, Sept. 29

M&M 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, Oct. 1

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

La Cage (Milw.): „What the F***%o Wednesdays! 801 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 383-8330.

Thursday, Oct. 2

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

Friday, Oct. 3

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.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Three (Milw.): INFERNO! DJ John Murges and DJ Rob Winter join forces with Three's gay-friendly patrons and staff to throw a party guaranteed to heat up your weekend! No cover. 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003 or e-mail PumpMilwaukee@aol.com.

Monday, Oct. 6

M&M 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.



At Walker's Pint. Photo by A. Gallegos

Sundays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Juice drinks only \$3. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Top beer \$1.40.

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

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

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

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): Beer Bash, 4-8 p.m. \$6. 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 Bash 3 to 8 p.m. \$6. 2-4-1 drinks 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 p.m. - 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. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

LaCage (Milw.): Sunday Bloody Sunday - Bloody Mary bar 12 p.m.-9 p.m. Queer As Folk at 9 p.m. LaCage Presents at 11:30 p.m. FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com

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

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

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

Switch (Milw.): Service Industry Night. Plus.

Walker's Pint (Milw.): \$8 pitcher of Lite & pizza, \$4 rail Bloody Marys, both from Noon to 6 p.m. Open from Noon to midnight.

Woody's (Milw.): Open at 2 p.m., Beer Bust from 2-6 p.m. FMI: www.daveant.com/woody's.

Mondays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 2 p.m. to close.

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. Jack nite! Half price drinks - jock required. FMI: www.boommke.com

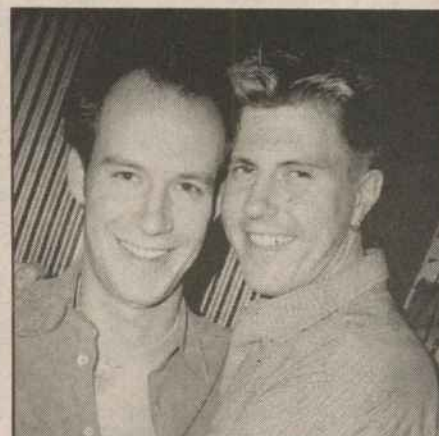
Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. 3-4-1 drinks for those men in just underwear. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

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

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

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



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M&M Club (Milw.): Cocktail hour with Trixie at the Piano! FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

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

Pulse (Milw.): Import night. \$2.50 imports. FMI: www.pulsemilwaukee.com.

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., with \$1 off drinks. Margarita Madness - \$2.50 Margaritas and Shots of Tequila. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Closed.

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails. FMI: www.daveant.com/woody's.

Tuesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Pull tabs, drinks as low as 25-cents.

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. "Tini Tuesday. Let us shake for you. FMI: www.boommke.com.

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 pizza!

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.

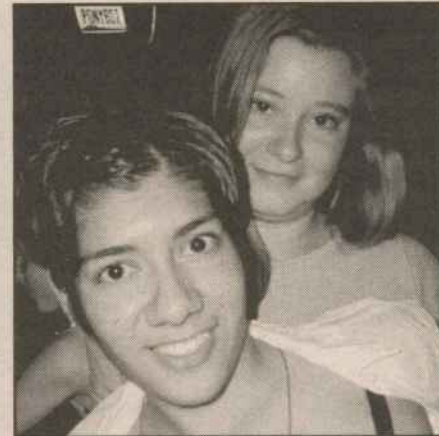
Club 219 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! No cover. \$1 top beer, \$2 rails and bottled beer.

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m., \$2 mixers 8pm to close. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

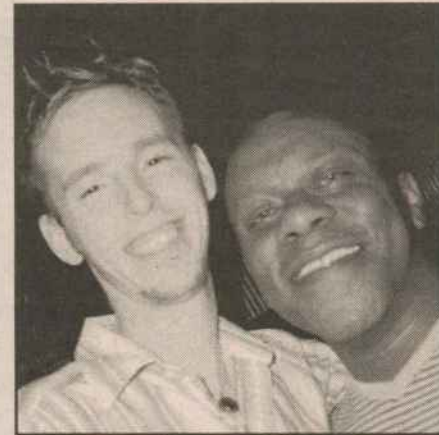
The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, 8-3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Nipple ring nite - gentle tug on



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yours, 2nd drink free! Shirtless men half price anytime. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Prize Nite." Win \$100 cash — no cover. FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price locker.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., Shake-A-Drink - Ace = Dollar Off - and - Six = Half Price. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com.

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): \$2 Tuesdays \$2 Rail Mixers, Pints, Cold Shots



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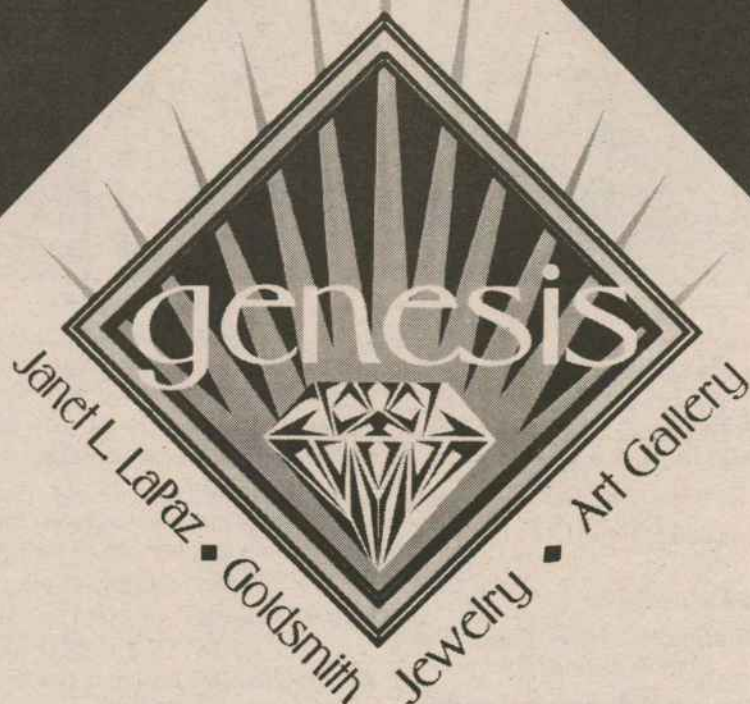
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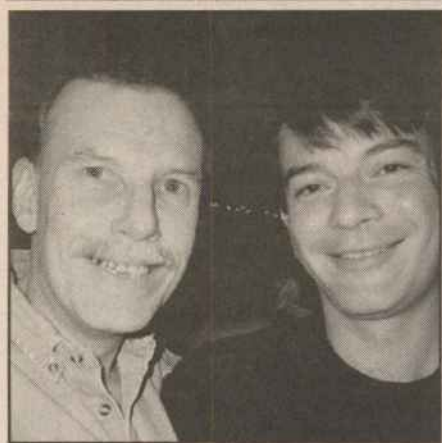


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Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.

Wednesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): \$2 Dacotors and Tap Beer only \$1.40 all nite.

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Pull tabs! FMI: www.boommke.com

Boot Camp Saloon: (Milw.): Cocktail 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 taps and rails, \$2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

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Boom (Mw, D, V)

625 S. 2nd St., 53204 277-5040
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Boot Camp (M, L/L)

209 E. Nat'l Ave., 53204 643-6900

C'est La Vie (Mw, D)

231 S. 2nd St., 53204 291-9600

Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)

219 S. 2nd St., 53204 271-3732

Fluid (Mw)

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Harbor Room (L/L, Mw)

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Switch (Mw)

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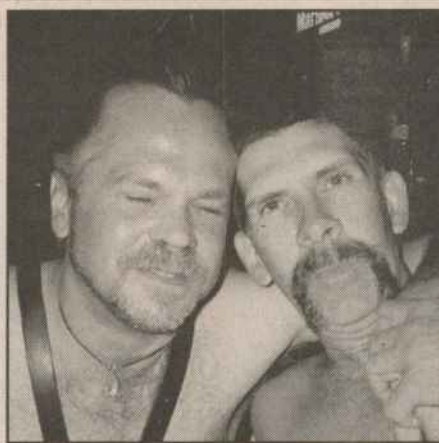
135 E. National 53204 383-9412

Woody's (Mw, D)

1579 S. 2nd St., 53204 672-0806
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Walker's Pint (Wm)

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Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. Male Dancers at 11 p.m., 50¢ off all taps and rails, \$2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. \$2 shot specials.

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. \$1 Off Miller bottles, 8 p.m. to close. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks all night! PLUS: '80s dance music! FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com.

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price rooms.

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

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

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

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

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. \$4 Long Islands, \$4 pitchers of Lite, 7:30 p.m. to close.

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails, NTN Million \$ Match Night. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.

Thursdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Pull tabs, drinks as low as 25-cents.

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

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

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 5/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.

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

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. \$3.50 Cosmo from 8 p.m. to close. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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

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

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Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Crazy 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. FMI: www.pulsemilwaukee.com.

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

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

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

Woody's (Milw.): Double Bubble all day, all night. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.

Fridays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Music Videos and Cocktails. FMI: www.boommke.com

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

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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

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. FMI: www.pulsemilwaukee.com.

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

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

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.

Saturdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$3, and \$1.40 mugs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

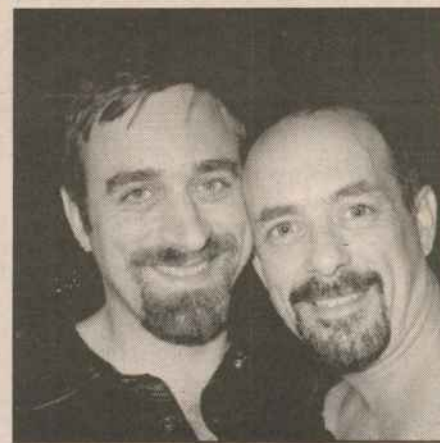
Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Music Videos. and Cocktails. FMI: www.boommke.com

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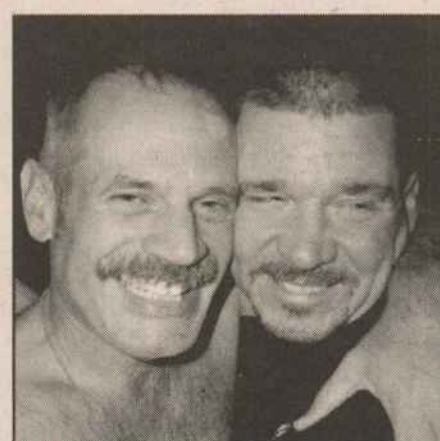
The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys! Shirtless men half price anytime. Pitchers of beer, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4.50 domestic & \$6.50 Harbor Room's own brew! FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

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

LaCage (Milw.): Open at 9 p.m. Where Milwaukee Dances! FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com.



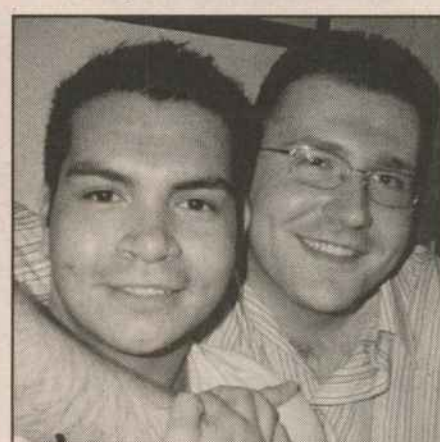
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At Walker's Pint. Photo by A. Gallegos



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Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Bar-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. FMI: www.pulsemilwaukee.com.

Switch (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m., featuring current dance music, DJ spin. Patio Open FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 25 – October 8, 2003

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept. 25

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.

"Take Back the Night!" (Milw.): Protest violence against women with rally, march, candlelight vigil and survivor's speakout. 6 p.m., Peck Pavilion, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 229-2852.

Friday, Sept. 26

Transgender Assn. Meeting (Madison): Featuring guest Mayor Dave Cieslewicz. 6:30 p.m. at OutReach, Inc., 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 259-9225.

Saturday, Sept. 27

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

Walk, Roll & Stroll AIDS Walk (Madison): Pledge walk to raise funds for AIDS education and services in the Madison area, led by disco diva Thelma Houston. 10:30 a.m. registration, Brittingham Park. FMI: (608) 252-6540, ext. 21.

JAM with LAMM! (Milw.): Musical potluck sponsored by Lesbian Alliance, all women welcome, please bring a dish to share and any musical instruments. 6-10 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 272-9442.

Sunday, Sept. 28

AIDS Walk Wisconsin (Milw.): Annual fundraising walk for AIDS education and services, chaired by Gov. Jim and Mrs. Jessica Doyle, Maier Festival Park. FMI: (800) 348-WALK, or www.aidswalkwis.com.

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, Sept. 29

Madison Pride Planning (Madison): First meeting to discuss plans for 2004 Madison Pride events, all welcome, 6 p.m. at Club 5, 5 Applegate Ct. FMI: david-wilcox@charter.net.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): All welcome, beginning and advanced dance lessons for couple, line and folk dances. 7:30 p.m., open dance to 10:30 p.m. 5 Applegate Ct. FMI: (608) 255-9131, email: rrlilmer@facstaff.wisc.edu.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Project Q (Milw.): Drop-in for LGBTQ youth ages 14-24. 4:30-9 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 223-3220, or visit: www.projectq.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

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

Cream City Chorus (Milw.): Milwaukee's LGBT chorus rehearses at 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Opening Night - LGBT Film Fest (Milw.): Come and see the campy feature "Die Mommie Die!" starring Charles Busch at 7:30 p.m. at the oriental Theatre, followed by a reception at Beans & Barley. Tix: \$12. FMI: (414) 229-4758.

Friday, Oct. 3

LGBT Film Fest (Milw.): See detailed schedule and reviews in this issue.

Saturday, Oct. 4

LGBT Film Fest (Milw.): See detailed schedule and reviews in this issue.

Sunday, Oct. 5

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

LGBT Film Fest (Milw.): See detailed schedule and reviews in this issue.

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

Monday, Oct. 6

Monday Night Irregulars (West Allis): Milwaukee area bowling league starts its fall season, newcomers welcome. \$10 each week, 7 p.m. at AMF West Allis Lanes off of 10901 W. Lapham St. FMI: (414) 527-0132, or (262) 253-0610.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 7

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

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Esera Tuaolo Speaks (Milw.): The former pro football star talks about coming out and homophobia in sports. 7 p.m., Ballroom, UWM Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4116.

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

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

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

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, & Menominee Counties. For information on the support group in Iron Mountain, Michigan on the first Thursday of each month, call the HIV/AIDS Hotline at (906) 779-2904.

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

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-

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

LGBT Community Center Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milw.): Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ongoing discussion about unique challenges and rewards of being single, open to all lesbians. The group picks a different topic each month. FMI: call (414) 271-2656.

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

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

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

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (Milw.): Closed meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 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 7:45 p.m. at 2202 South Park St. FMI: call (608) 261-9270.

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

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

location and more information: www.wisgen.org.

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 794, select A topic/as Bill Sees It. Meets every Friday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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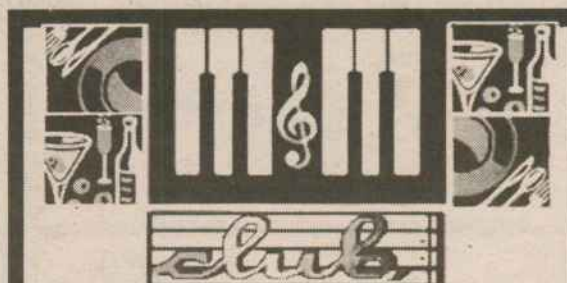
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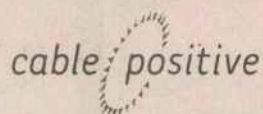
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MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield): Every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome. FMI: Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic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

Transgender Support (UW-Madison): Providing support for transgendered students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, meets the third Friday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., UW Memorial Union, 800 Landon St. (check "Today in the Union" for room). FMI: (608) 235-0512, or e-mail: Wistgroup@charter.net.

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

Black & White Men Together (Milw.): Meetings are the third Saturday of the month, 7-9 p.m., at the LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: 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 OurReach, 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 (Sheboygan): For gays and lesbians in the Sheboygan area, second Saturday of the month. Call for location and more information (920) 208-8695.

Transsexual Support Group (Madison): Offering support, direction, and social assistance to Transsexuals who are pre-op, post-op, M-F, F-M, 18 or older. Seeks to help transsexuals in every aspect of their transition and journey. Confidentiality assured. Group meetings free. Meets third Saturday of the month at Outreach, 600 Williamson St., FMI: (608) 235-0512, or email: wistgroup@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 Hotline at (888) 492-3439.

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

Cream City Squares (Milw.): LGBT square dance club holds weekly dance alternate Sundays through Sept. (then every Sunday thru May), 1-4:30 p.m., Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell 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 7 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 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

Gay Al-Anon (Milw.): Group 94II, 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) 271-2565.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

MONDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two Spirit Society (Milw.): Cultural and social support group for indigenous LGBT people, with tribal origins from North, Central and South America. Monthly events. LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 985-5151.

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Meeting every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at

the Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite #201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

Gay Narcotics Anonymous (Milw.): Closed meeting. Basic Text. Meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (Milw.): Closed meeting. "The Blue Group" meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 494, 12 Steps/12 Traditions. Meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

HIV/AIDS Support Group (Milw.): Every Wednesday evening at the LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. Call Bill at ARCW for more information: (414) 225-1551.

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

HIV Testing (Milw.): ARCW provides free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing every Wednesday from 4-7 p.m., Milwaukee LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 225-1535 or 271-HOMO.

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

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

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

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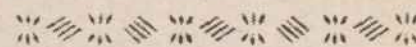
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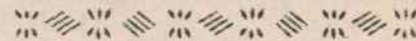
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GOTCHA!

By Billy Masters

Audiences continue to enjoy **Melanie Griffith** on the Great White Way, and by all accounts, her performance has gone from "so-so" to "not so bad." All in all, she's had a ball and now that her limited engagement is coming to an end, she's weighing her options. Alas, no one's writing a musical version of Milk Money, so I guess that means more performances of "Chicago" – she's learned one role, and she's gonna play it into the ground! Look for Mel to join up with the touring company of Chicago when it hits Los Angeles at the beginning of 2004.

But that's not all – Griffith's feeling confident enough to think she could headline the upcoming "Sweet Charity" revival. And, why not? From **Jenna Elfman**, to **Marisa Tomei**, to **Jane Krakowski**, to **Melanie Griffith** – it's virtually a straight line. Melanie got an unexpected response from the producers – the opportunity to "audition." Better than my response, which was a guffaw!

You'd be hard-pressed to think of someone less "gay" than **Dylan McDermott**. So it only makes sense that the powers that be at "Will & Grace" have tapped the former "Practice" star to play **Eric McCormack's** love interest. What IS interesting is that Dylan (who I think is virtually devoid of sex appeal) could possibly stick around for a while – well, what else does he have to do? McDermott will first turn up on October 30.

In some real gay casting news, our own little **Reichen** (who's not so little, by the way) will fulfill his dream of becoming a soap actor when he appears on "The Young and the Restless" as Waiter #1 at the Genoa City Athletic Club on October 22, 23, and 24 (he actually has a line on the 23rd). Reichen said, "I can't think of anything I've ever wanted more in my life than a part on 'Y&R,'" and then proceeded to tell me that when he was an upperclassman in the Air Force Academy, he'd make the freshmen give him a blow-by-blow description of what happened on the soap during breakfast. I can just see it now – "Sir, Nikki and Victor are fighting again!" Don't ask, don't tell, don't miss Y&R!

In some late breaking news, Reichen has met with **10% Productions** about doing a Reichen Calendar for 2004. And, if you're in the West Hollywood area, Reichen's handsome face can be seen high atop 8730 Santa Monica Boulevard on a billboard for Capital Drugs. Thanks to my boys, the **Lane Twins**, for sending me a photo where they pose with Reichen in front of the billboard. I'll post it at Filth2Go.com, and you can check the Lanes out at www.LaneTwins.com.

Here's a casting notice you won't read about in Backstage – porn stud **Aiden Shaw** is searching for a co-star, and he's taken his quest to the 'net. His next project is called "Perfect Fit," and he's trying to find for a "bottom" who will be...well, a perfect fit (those folks at HotHouse.com are SO damn clever). Aiden requires you to send in a recent face shot, full-frontal nude shot, butt-shot, and a brief paragraph saying why you'd be his "perfect fit". Feel free to send me the same things – just for kicks.

Didya know that the "Terminator" has a connection to gay porn? Aside from those full-frontal nude shots he did back in his salad days (to say nothing of those nasty rumors of how he paid for said salad), we've learned that **Arnold Schwarzenegger** actually appeared in a

gay porn! Arnold's former girlfriend, **Barbara Outland Baker**, has revealed that some footage of Arnie from a bodybuilding competition was spliced into a gay adult film by a friend. Needless to say, when Arnold found out, he hit the roof and demanded that all copies be destroyed. But Babs wants to assure us that the California gubernatorial candidate is not at all homophobic – Schwarzie had tons of gay friends and only had problems with bodybuilders who were prostitutes. "That was not a world Arnold respected," she says. Who the hell said respect had anything to do with hookers? Or bodybuilders? Or sex, for that matter.

Arnold's fellow candidate **Arianna Huffington** (nee Stasinopoulos) has gone on record as being in favor of same-sex marriage and all of the rights that go along with it. And she knows a thing or two about gay marriages.

To make our governor's race even more interesting, legendary pinup **Angelyne** has thrown her hat into the ring (you ain't gonna see a hat on that hair). She's courting the gay vote by making a rare public appearance on October 2 at the popular WeHo watering hole Revolver. I don't know about you, but I'll DEFINITELY be there – with a camera (I believe her last photos were on papyrus).

Our bon ami **Bruce Vilanch** has hit the road in the national tour of "Hairspray," which just opened, appropriately enough, in Baltimore. After the preview performance on September 11, Bruce walked to the front of the stage and asked the audience to join him in commemorating the day by singing "God Bless America," which he felt was appropriate since "at this very moment I look just like **Kate Smith**." Kate never had your style, Brucie!

And now, we turn the column over to the Filth2Go lawyers: We recently heard from **Brian Buzzini's** people – and we were shocked. He has "people"? Anyway, the sometime Playgirl pin-up/sometime **Judge Judy** plaintiff/sometime International Male model is perturbed that we'd imply he was gay. We're told that nothing could be further from the truth. Here's what happened – in our recent Ask Billy column, someone asked if Brian was gay. I reported that he was married and had a child, and added that he was a cover



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model for "Instinct" magazine – a magazine that has gone on record stating (and we're quoting): "(Instinct) is the only major gay magazine to have the balls to put only actual out gay men on the cover, thank you!" So, perhaps Brian (or his "people") should take the matter up with the powers that be at Instinct – after all, I only report this stuff.

Could it be that a certain pretty pop princess is investigating her Sapphic tendencies off stage as well as on? So say my sources in the dirty girl's entourage who tell me that her first order of business when hitting a new city is finding the hot gay spots where the beautiful people hang out. Although she knows better than most what a girl wants, she prefers watching rather than actually participating. Sometimes she watches in person, but more often than not she has an assistant surreptitiously video tape these encounters. After all, the last thing she'd wanna be is obvious.

When **Arnold's** doing gay porn, **Bruce** is doing **Kate Smith**, and the



Dylan McDermott



Melanie Griffith

Lane Twins may be doing **Reichen**, it's definitely time to end yet another column. We've run exceptionally long this week, so I barely have time to tell you to check us out on the web at www.filth2go.com. Or write me directly at Billy@filth2go.com, and I promise to get back to you before Aiden responds to my application. Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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Rep's "Mary Stuart"
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By Carl M. Szatmary

The Milwaukee Rep is opening its 50th season in style. Deciding that something spectacular was called for, Milwaukee Rep's Artistic Director Joseph Hanreddy decided to open with two classic historic dramas.

The Rep opened with Shakespeare's familiar cautionary tale of power and its abuses, "Richard III." Now, joining "Richard III" in rotating repertory is Friedrich Schiller's "Mary Stuart," both continuing until November 9th.

"Mary Stuart" focuses upon a unique moment in English history. When Henry VIII died in 1547, he did so seemingly

secure in the knowledge that after his many trials and tribulations, he was leaving a male heir for the throne of England. Young Prince Edward, son of Henry and his third wife, Jane Seymour, was born in 1537. But the lad was sickly and although he took the throne at 9, died in 1553 at the age of 15. His death left a battle between Mary, Henry's only daughter with first wife Catherine and a Catholic, with Elizabeth, the only child of his with the ill-fated, Anne Boleyn.

Schiller picks up the drama in 1586. Mary has been held prisoner in Fotheringay Castle. Earlier in the year a plot to assassinate Elizabeth was uncovered and Mary, Queen of Scots implicated.

But is Mary, no stranger herself to political intrigue, innocent of the plots to kill Elizabeth. Should Elizabeth, whose reign is at best uncertain, sentence Mary to death and end forever her claim to the throne?

Such are the questions that give Schiller's fascinating play its drama and resonance.

What elevates this production of "Mary Stuart" above typical "Masterpiece Theatre" fare is its complex depiction of the two monarchs and those so very important people that surround them. As Schiller spins this royal tale, deception and betrayal are revealed at every turn.



Laura Gordon's Elizabeth in "Mary Stuart."

Although the title character, here Mary Stuart is but a secondary figure. At one moment harried and harassed by those who are her jailers, a temptress to those who might free her the next, Deborah Staples plays Mary as a consummate actress. But what is the real Mary?

Simpler but no less capable is Laura Gordon's Elizabeth. Heavy indeed are the head and shoulders that bear this much contested crown. Elizabeth's motives with regard to Mary's future are particularly complicated. Lurking beneath the façade of steely control is an Elizabeth absurdly jealous of how freely Mary has lived and loved. Yet as a woman who has always placed duty or at least the appearances thereof before all else, her Elizabeth ultimately proves cunning enough to resolve her dilemma while remaining very nearly

unscathed of blame.

Hanreddy's fine ensemble seems to relish playing the noble rogues that surround the two queens. John Hoogenakker's Sir Edward Mortimer skillfully manages to fool all those around him – not to mention most of the audience – as to his true loyalties while Mark Corkin's Burleigh is so oily a fellow, it is near impossible not to suspect his real motives. Only James Pickering's stalwart jailer, Sir Amyas Paulet, proves to be the play's one truly honorable soul.

Add in Helen Q. Huang's opulent costumes, Thomas C. Hase's dramatic lighting and Hanreddy's crisp direction and the result is a historical costume drama that really comes to life.

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it, he would get into it. But he won't budge. How can I
change his mind and get him into this idea?

Three-O Theo

Dear Theo,

Your letter is all too familiar. It reminds me of the time
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You'd think that after a few weeks without his Camels,
Lou would be like normal people and fill the nicotine-void
with alcohol, anger, and cheese but not Lou! Oh, no. He
decided that only leggy blondes could replace the need that
clean lungs leave behind.

Lou started talking about inviting another woman back
to our trailer and into our bedroom. He met some horny
housewife at a rummage sale, and was trying to sell me on
the idea of hitting the sheets with the blonde bimbo. (In all
fairness, Lou was at the rummage, shopping for my birth-
day gift so he isn't all that bad of a guy.)

I told him, "The only busty, long-haired blonde I'll
allow in the sack with us is Fabio. So unless you've got him
on the speed dial, you can forget all this three-way non-
sense." He kept at the idea, however, and I continued to
brush him off (and give him the finger behind his back).

A few weeks later, my doorbell rang, and I found a
dumpy broad in a mini-skirt standing on my "Welcome"
mat. (Actually, my doormat reads, "Where are the Cock-
tails?"). I knew immediately that it was the dame Lou had
been talking about.

She had a Dolly Parton wig stapled to her head and
wore blue eye shadow like it was finger paint. (How's THAT
for a makeup tip?) She was wearing "jellies" and held a
well-used "Hello Kitty" overnight bag - obviously Lou was-
n't the only thing she picked up at that rummage sale.

She said Lou invited her over for "a little fun". She
then asked if I liked to make omelets for breakfast because
she "liked omelets as long as they didn't have onions." Onions
gave her the "oopsies."

Needless to say I invited her in for a beer, opened a
can of Colt 45, and dumped it on her. As much as I hate to
waste good booze, she had it coming.

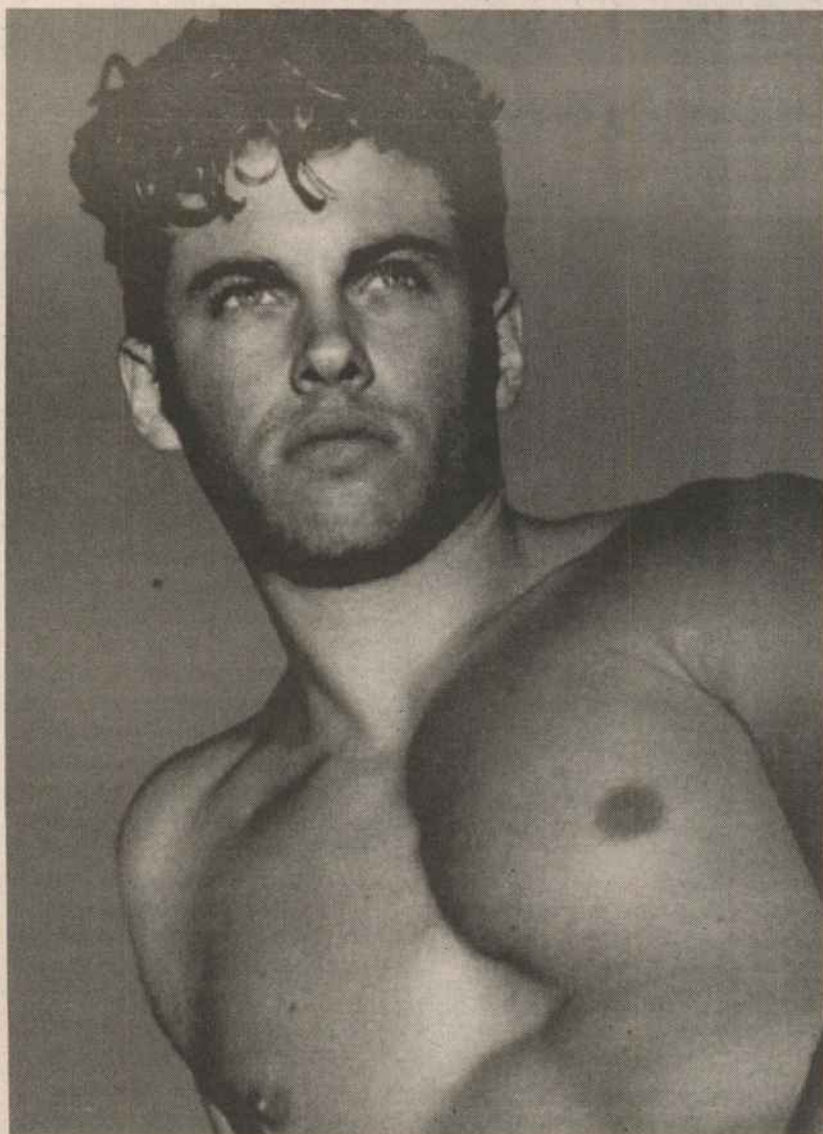
I kicked Lou out of the trailer for three weeks until he
won me over with a Johnny Mathis eight-track, some neon
banana clips, and a Beanie Baby. (More rummage sale
finds, I'm sure.)

So what I'm saying, Theo, is that there is nothing you
can do to change your lover's mind on this topic. You asked
if he was interested in a three-way and he answered you.
You just didn't like the answer.

He's not comfortable with a three-way, and for that
reason alone you should stop pursuing one. Inviting a third
into the bedroom is something both partners should enter
into willingly and after much conversation. If you ask me, it
would not be healthy for your relationship to have a group
encounter if your partner is against it.

Your guy knows you're interested, and he might
change his mind sometime, but for now the answer is sim-
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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
820 Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee 53202 (414) 273-1991
.....(800) 359-9272

BiNet USA (National bisexual political organization)
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Log Cabin Republicans/Wisconsin(414) 299-9443
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New Beginnings PENPALS (Mo. newsletter)
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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)
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Madison, WI 53701(608) 255-8582

Quest (bi-weekly G/L Bar/Entertainment publication)
PO Box 1961, Green Bay, 54301
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.....(800) 334-AIDS

WI Conference of Churches
(AIDS Caring Community)(608) 244-0894

Wisconsin DHHS HIV/AIDS Program
Drug Reimbursement Program
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1 W. Wilson St., Rm. 318
P.O. Box 2659, Madison 53701-2659(800) 991-5532

WI Legislative Hotline(800) 362-WISC

Fox Cities/NE (920)

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Crossroads (Wm, F)
1042 W. Wisconsin Ave.,
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Rascals Bar & Grill (MW, F)
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ORGANIZATIONS

AA Hotline (for gay meeting referrals)731-4331
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
120 N. Morrison St., Suite 201, 54911733-2068
Website: www.arcw.org

Gay, Lesbian, Other, Whatever (GLOW)
Lawrence University, 207 South Meade,
Appleton832-7051
Web: www.lawrence.edu/sorg/glow

GSA at UW-Fox Valley
1478 Midway Road, Menasha832-2671
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GLBT & Q Youth Partnership (Youth support group)
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HIV+ Support Groups Northeast733-2068

Lavender Reading Salon (Book Club)832-6184
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The Network (LGBT Awareness)
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Box 75, Little Chute, 54140749-1629

Web: www.pflagfoxcities.org
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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
.....733-1883
.....788-4797

Religious

Angels of Hope (MCC Church)
815 N. Richmond991-0128

Green Bay (920)

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2600 E. Philip Lane Appleton731-0849
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Green Bay/NE

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301 S. Broadway, 54303

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1126 Main Street, Green Bay, 54301

Buddies (MW)437-9256
1264 Main Street, Green Bay, 54301

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1106 Main, 54301

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840 S. Broadway, 54304

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Za's Historic West Theatre (Mw, G/S, DJ, V, F)
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MEDICAL
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
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.....800-675-9400
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130 E. Walnut, #406 54301438-8141

Marriage and Family Therapy Center (Gerald Wellens)
735 E. Walnut, #406, 54301432-8777

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Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305-2096

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P. O. Box 2040, Green Bay 54306-2040

Katrina Kaye Productions (USofA preliminaries)
Green Bay435-4107

PFLAG Door County (Sandy)743-8146
Meetings: Hope Church, 12th & Michigan, Sturgeon Bay

Positive Voice (Gay and Lesbian Support)
P. O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305435-4404
Web: www.positivevoice.org or PVnew4gibt@aol.com

Rainbow Alliance (St. Norbert College)
100 Grant Street DePere 54115-2099
www.snc.edu/rainbow/index.htm or rainbow@snc.edu

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Madison (608)

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AIDS Network (HIV/AIDS Service Organization)
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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
222 State St., 53701258-9103
.....(800) 518-9910

Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)
1552 University Avenue 53705262-7330

Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital (HIV Counseling/Testing)
80 1st St., Prairie du Sac, 53578643-7583

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CE's (Wm)
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Web: www.club-5.com

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115 King St. 53701251-2582
Web: www.clubmajestic.net

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Rainbow Room (MW)
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ORGANIZATIONS

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E-mail: bcbeats@aol.com

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Frontiers (Gay/Bi Mens Activities Organ.)
600 Williamson St, 53703274-5959

Gay/Bi Father's Group
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Gay/Lesbian Information Recording
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Gay Mens Video Club
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GLBT Phone Line (Outreach)255-4297

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UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706

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Madison Area Gay/Lesbian History Society 839-4060
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www.lgballiance.org

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Scrawl (Women's Open Mic, Music)245-9681

<http://www.checkpages.com/brainiacs/allgirlscrawl>

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Stage Q (Theater Group)663-6463
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10% Society (student organization)
<http://tps.storg.wisc.edu>, e-mail:
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Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
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Brew City Bears299-0401
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E-mail: brewcitybears@aol.com, www.brewcitybears.org

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

Front Runners (running group)332-1527

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Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
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LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
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Marquette Gay/Straight Alliance
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Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) 800-711-6375

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Web Site: www.pridefest.com 645-FEST

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

The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)
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Rainbow Alliance at UWM
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Web: www.uwm.edu/studentorg/glb/

Riverwest Rainbow Association
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SAGE Milwaukee (for older LGBTs)
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Saturday Softball League (SSBL)
P.O. Box 92605, 53203-0091 454-9204

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755

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Silver Space (for older lesbians)
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Wisconsin Haverim (GLBT Jewish Group)
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Zohar Harari: zoharwi@yahoo.com (414) 202-8074
Mark Behar: mpbehar@wisc.edu, (414) 277-7671

Wisconsin Outdoor Women (outdoor sporting events)

P.O. Box 94, Hales Corners, 53130 427-2082

RELIGIOUS

All Saints' Episcopal Church
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www.ascathedral.org

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

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

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1821 N. 16th St., 53205 344-1746

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P.O. Box 597, 53201 873-9591

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1342 N. Astor St., 53202 273-5257

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Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (U/MCC)
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1636 W. National Ave., 53204 672-4434

St. Ann's Church
5933 W. National Ave., 53214 259-1229

St. James Episcopal Church
833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233 271-1340

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130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 273-7617

Medical

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
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(800) 359-9272

Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/Primary Care)
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BESTD (Brady East STD Clinic) (STD/HIV diagnosis/treatment)
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Fluid (Mw) www.fluid.gaymke.com
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Harbor Room (L/L, Mw) www.harbor-room.com
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Bar Map: #6

Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)
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Bar Map: #7

La Cage/ECT (Mw, DJ, V, F) www.lacage.gaymke.com
801 S. 2nd St., 53204 383-8330
Bar Map: #8

M&M Club (MW, F) www.mandmclub.com
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
Bar Map: #9

Out 'N About (MW, DJ, V, F)
..... www.milwaukee-out-n-about.com
Bar Map: #10

Pulse (Mw, D, F) www.pulse.milwaukee.com
200 E. Washington St., 53204 649-9547
Bar Map: #11

Switch (Mw) www.switch.gaymke.com
124 W. National Ave., 53204 220-4340
Bar Map: #12

This Is It (M)
418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192
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Woody's (Mw, D) www.daveant.com/woodys
1579 S. 2nd St., 53204 672-0806
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Walker's Pint (Wm)
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189 N. Milwaukee St., 53204 273-5620

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124 N. Water 53202 347-1962

North Shore Bistro
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer 351-6100

Out 'N About (lunch, dinner, Sat. & Sun. brunch)
..... www.milwaukee-out-n-about.com
1407 S. Water St., 53204 643-0377

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Help Lines

Gay People's Union 645-0585

Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline (Fri/Sat Eves 7pm-11pm)
..... (866) GAY-YOUTH

Milwaukee Metro (414) 272-TEEN

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
Information and referral 271-2656

Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling) 271-1560

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..... (800) 334-AIDS

Services

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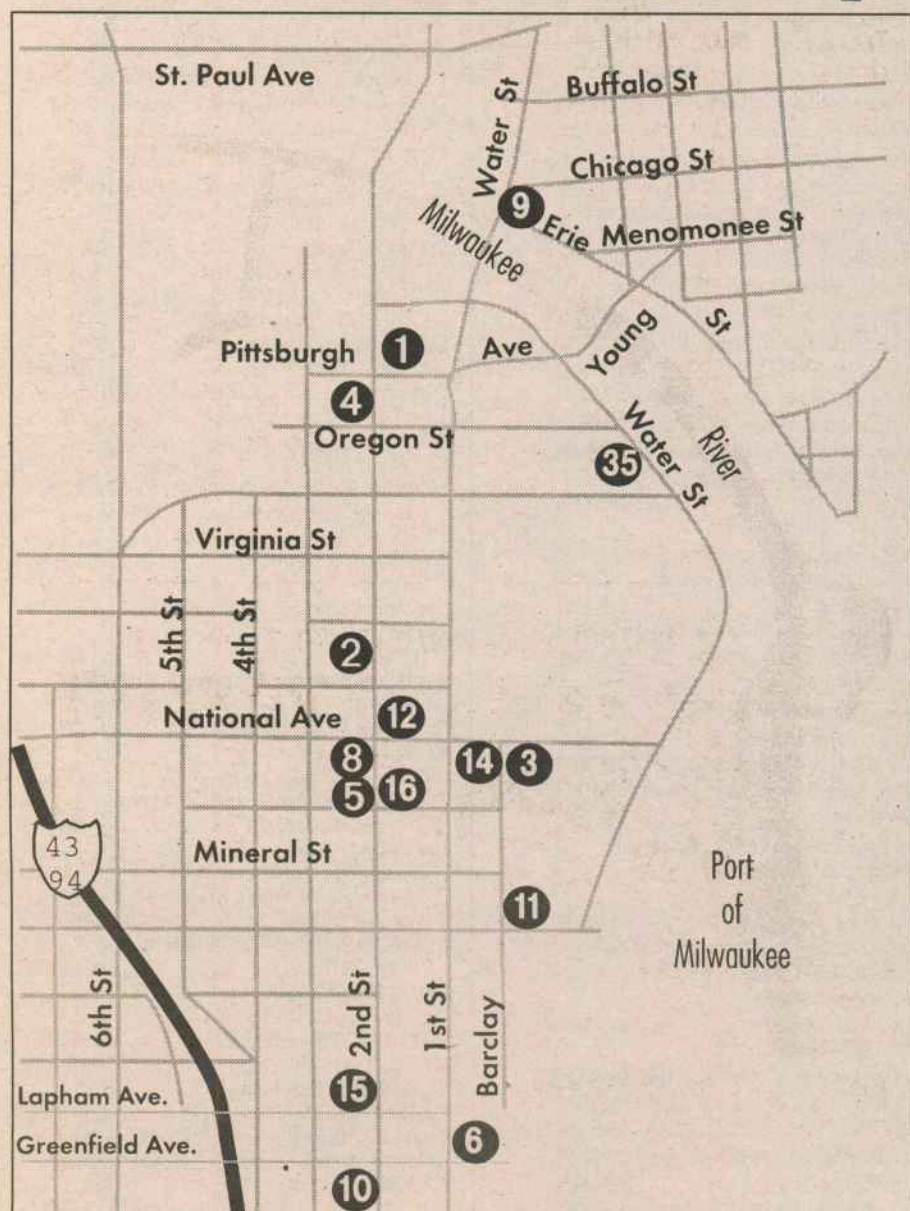
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By Michael Johnston

And now it's "Cordially Yours." As the leaves start to turn and fall — so begins

our Social Season. So, get out your date book and fountain pen and away we go!

On Friday, Sept. 26 thru Sunday, Oct. 12, The **Skylight Opera Theatre** launches their season with "Little Shop Of Horrors." You don't want to miss seeing Seymour become an overnight sensation! For tickets, call: (414) 291-7800. "Little Shop" will be returning to Broadway this year, so see it here first!

On Sunday, Sept. 28 it's **AIDS Walk Wisconsin!** Honored Chairs this year are Governor **Jim Doyle** and First Lady **Jessica Doyle**. They will be reminding us all that "Every Step Counts"! And it really is as easy as 1-2-3! I just love that Oz girl Dorothy (who I've always been a friend of) and her sequin slippers in the ad campaign. I guess we are after that rainbow! Kick-off is at the Lake Front at 12 Noon.

Afterwards, everyone is heading over to **Switch**. **Craig** will be hosting a post-Walk party in his popular beer garden. Enjoy the chance to sit back and put your feet up! And it wouldn't be AIDS Walk Sunday without dinner at **The Pasta Tree**.

Thursday, Oct. 2 brings **The Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre's** 18th season opener. Congratulations! The plethora of plays are sure to please. Beginning with "A Girl's Guide To Chaos" by Cynthia Heimel, a saucy, sassy comedy VERY "Sex In The City." It runs through Oct. 19.

"Saturday Night" a très rare **Stephen Sondheim** piece — actually a Milwaukee premiere — will play Oct. 23 - Nov. 19. "Barefoot in the Park," that **Neil Simon** perennial, plays Dec. 11-28. "Theatre District" by **Richard Kramer** — yet another BrewTown premiere — is slated for Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) - Jan. 18. **Samuel Beckett's** "Waiting For Godot" is scheduled for Feb. 19 - March 7. The new adaptation of "Around The World In 80 Days," the **Jules Verne** opus, is March 11-28. Concluding the season will be: "Wisconsin Playwright Festival" in April, Boulevard's Festival of new works by local artists. Break a leg, **Mark!** For reservations, call (414) 744-5757.

Friday, Oct. 3 is Absolutely The Best Party "One Night In Heaven" from 7:30 p.m. to Midnite. It's an outrageously fun Cocktail Party to benefit **The Wisconsin AIDS Fund**. To book your flight to Heaven, please call (414) 272-5805. There's a new location this year. Heaven can be found at 325 W. Walnut in the Historic Brewer's Hill area. You don't want to miss the "Saints Go Marching In," do you? Cheers!

A night of "Pigs & Wigs"! Rita's 40-ish, ish, ish Birthday Benefit. On Saturday, Oct. 4 The **M&M Club** will be the scene of "Rita's WigStock" benefitting **HIT** and **IGBO-25**. Beer, soda, pig - hat and/or wig required! Food 5-9 p.m., Show 9:30, Disco 10:30 to the Bewitching Hour. All for \$15. I have the honor of fem-ceeing all those **HIT** Beauties a great farewell to the fair weather. Check out **HIT's** web page at: **HITMilwaukee.org**.

The following Friday, Oct. 10, finds a "Fundraiser for Wisconsin's Senator **Russ Feingold**." **Dr. Robert Starshak**, M.D. and **Ross Draegert** will be hosting/organizing this most important event. Senator Feingold is one of five Senators who spoke against the discriminatory Federal Marriage Amendment at a Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee hearing on Sept. 4. The location to make a difference is "The Garden Room" on E. Capitol Drive in

Shorewood, 5-7 p.m. Contact **Andrea Fowler** of Re-Election Office in Madison at (608) 831-7877, or e-mail: **Fowler@RussFeingold.org**.

The answer is. What makes for a fun Saturday Night? The Question is: **HIT's Annual Trivia Contest** Saturday, Oct. 11. It will be held at the **AMF Bowling Lanes** in West Allis. Always a terrific time - I can't wait! I've been cramming!

One week later on Saturday, Oct. 18, comes **The Cream City Chorus's Cabaret**. The Village Church on Juneau Avenue will provide the venue. I get to be the emcee - eat your heart out **Joel Grey!** Come hear the Chorus - as one and their own individual talents as well.

Sunday, Oct. 19, **The M&M Club** will be commemorate anniversary #27! You know it's going to be quite the Polka-Palooza! Nobody knows how thorough a blow out like our **BooBoo!**

Recently I had the joy of experiencing a **Martini Madness Monday** at The M's. I'm happy to report the magic is still there! **Ms. Rona** behind the bar, garnishing those 'tinis and the tantalizing Trixie - the "King of the Keyboard" - tickling the ivories like no one can! That's the recipe for chasing those 'blue' Mondays away!

That should fill up a few pages of your calendar — now a little review time: **Wilma Finger-Do's** flawlessly, fabulous **Fluid** birthday! Yes, **Bill Wardlow** the fantastic Fluid-er, celebrated Birthday #40 in style. **Chris Francis**, his partner at his side, as well as devoted bartenders **Dee** and **Matt** at the helm. What a party, decorating the newly decorated digs were: **Jerry, Brian & Jim** aka Dan, **Tim & Troy, Lee and Tod, Dan Petry & Michael, Dan Musha, Jeff Gosseck, Princess Debbie** - with a sparkling new bauble around her neck, **Michael Jonas & Triangle's Max, Michael & C.C., Ricky** from Russia, **Roger, Harry, Alan, "Cheap Talkin' ChiChi," Nova D'Vine, Peter Nys & Eric, Honey-Honey**. The Boys form **Triangle** - looking very delicious - cheering on headliner **Lana St. James** - looking as lovely as ever, **Lady Gail** and **Tim**, the return of **Molene!**

Madge the cake lady, **Steven & Junior** all the way from Chicago - owner's of **Benny's** on Lincoln Ave., **Chad & Crispy, Suzy Wong** - always right of **HIT** fame, **Ariel & Sonny** (aka Kitty/Brian) from **Fluid** and **Sonny** from the neighboring **Walker's Pint**, the dazzling **Dame Edna Ross** Performing live! Accordion on hand, "Rolling Out The

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Barrel" accompanied by the legendary **Lizzie Bordeaux** on the Hum Strum. I got the pleasure of sipping d-vicious "Holly Go-Lightly(s)," feasting on scrumptious shrimp scampi and introducing the bevy of beauties that entertained. My thanks once again to **Goldi Adams** for making me one of them!

From there it was to **ETC/LaCage**. **Bill** was on the bar — make that at the bar — **Wayne** was serving, **Chef Tim** receiving complements, **Steven** came down to pay me call, **Roland Hoffmann, Jerry Skals, Schmidty** — and here is where **Thom** the decorator from "Queer Eye" gave me the seal of approval with a kiss! Where were the cameras? To close out the night, night caps at **The Harbor Room**. **Gregg** is always the quintessential host with the most! **Rick** (Bulge), **Jerry** (Fortuna) and **Eddy** - filled our glasses.

I did have an extraordinary dining experience I must share with you all — it's **Coast**. **Coast** is located on our lakefront in the spot otherwise known as **Nola's**. What a difference \$400,000 makes! It's nothing like you knew it as. I can't suggest strongly enough to you to give it a taste. Supping there is like nothing we've had here before. Fine dining for the casual diner. Our server **Seth** - simply the best, the host - in a word tops, the home-made pop-overs a pleasant extra. The **Zilli Family** of Waukesha - literally bring all the **Coast** to our coast at **Coast**. **Rick Fores** a familiar, friendly Milwaukee favorite can be spotted occasionally at the bar.

If you get the chance to catch "Camp," do so. It's a bittersweet trip back to teenage, this time with show tunes! No, it's not my autobiography!

Good wishes to **Jay Winters** on being elected unanimously to the role of General Manager of **Men's Voices Milwaukee**. I know he'll bring the chorus far, very far — perhaps all the way to Montreal! Their Holiday show "Christmas Is" is scheduled for December at the Zelazo Center on Kenwood Blvd., the theater they used last May to such acclaim.

Congratulations to **Sheldon & Brian**. It must be that red hair!

In the "Whatever happened to?" department, I ran into **Larry Masters**. He's alive and well and weekendng at his new plush pied-de-terre in Chicago. Rest assured the Flower Studio is still blooming with the best that any garden has to offer!

I don't bold the names and places in this column, so if for any reason you don't appear in boldface it's not me - blame the type setter!

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