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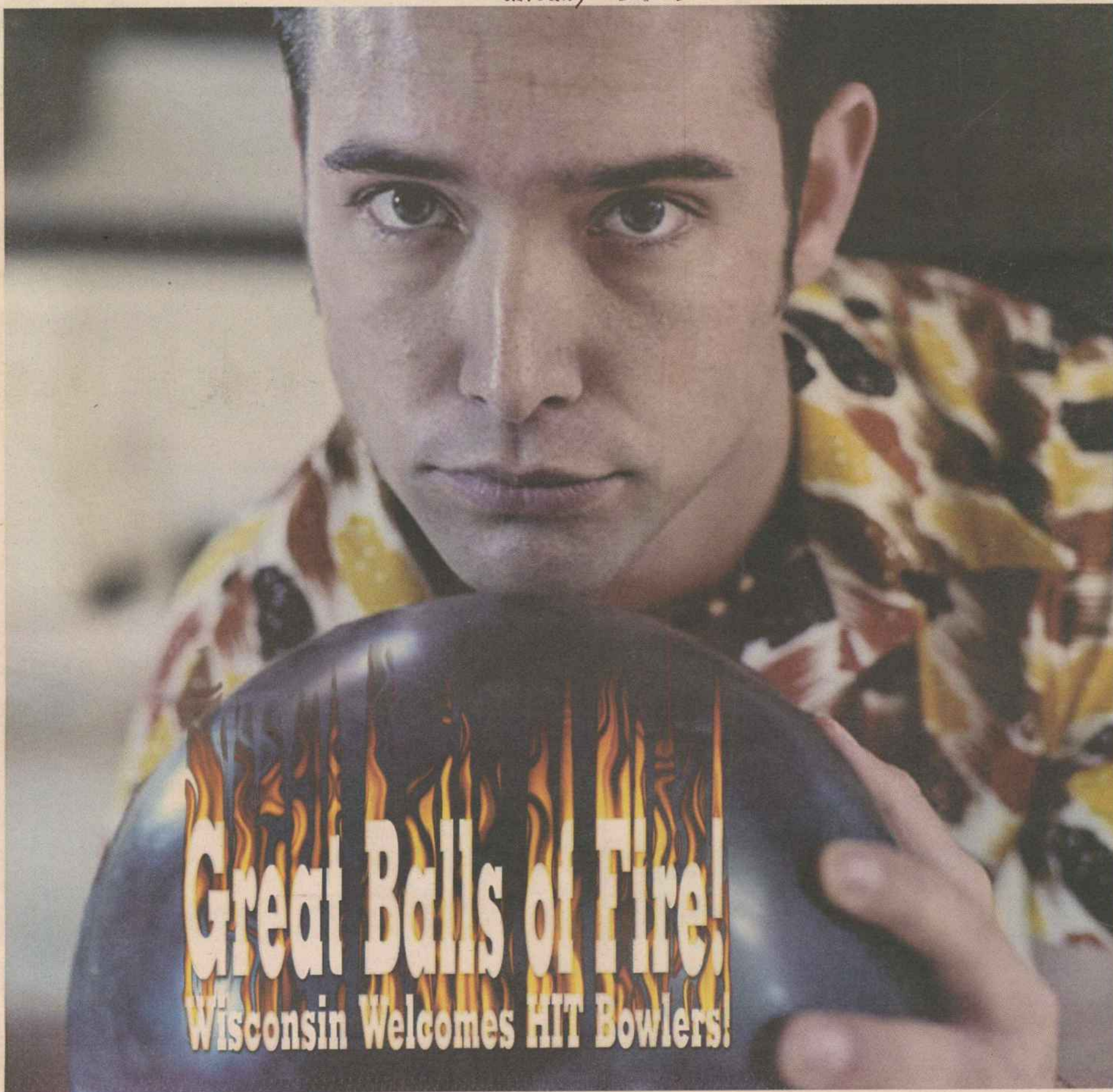


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An Open Letter to Wisconsin's LGBT Community



Dear Friends,
Thank you to the many concerned and committed individuals who participated in the PrideFest town hall on Wednesday, November 12 at UW-Milwaukee. Your desire to help and personal generosity demonstrate just how valuable PrideFest is to Wisconsin's LGBT community.

Our state's LGBT citizens and allies must now unite and rally to save PrideFest. Without your help, it will cease to exist. The challenge before us is monumental, but our community has proudly demonstrated in the past that such fundamental and critical goals can be achieved.

The Cream City Foundation (CCF) is proud to lead the effort to rebuild the integrity of PrideFest and to ensure that the festival continues for future generations. CCF and the new PrideFest Legacy Task Force pledge that this effort will be done with complete transparency and financial accountability to Wisconsin's LGBT community.

PrideFest is committed to paying off its debts. Wisconsin's LGBT community must raise \$65,000 by January 31, 2004 in order for PrideFest to continue. To achieve this goal, CCF and the PrideFest Legacy Task Force have established the Legacy Fund, a one-time fundraising campaign to help pay PrideFest's debts.

Please give today to save Wisconsin's most visible LGBT event. For 16 years, PrideFest has been an important factor in improving the lives of LGBT people throughout Wisconsin. Together we can create a community miracle and build a lasting legacy by preserving PrideFest for future generations.

Yours In Pride,

The PrideFest Legacy Task Force
Brenda Coley, Susan Cook, Jennifer Gryniewicz, Scott Gunkel, Peter Minns,
Cindy Taylor, Paul Williams and Denise Wise



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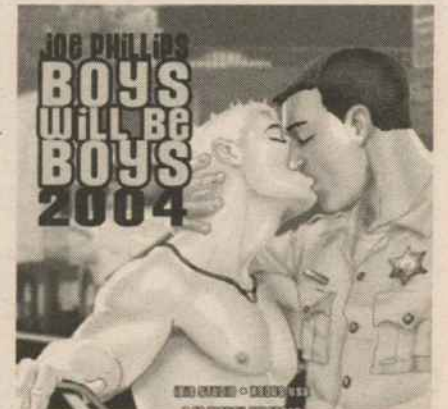
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DOMA Dies By a Single Vote

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Madison— AB475 Wisconsin's so-called "Defense of Marriage" (DOMA) bill has died following the failure of the State Assembly on November 12 to override Governor Doyle's veto to the bill. The bill, which would have reworded the state's current heterosexual marriage definition from "husband and wife" to "one man and one woman," died in a 63-33 vote, with three representatives absent. AB475 had earlier passed that body by a 68-29 in late October.

Calling it mean-spirited and unnecessary, Doyle vetoed the DOMA bill on Nov. 7, just two days after the State Senate approved the measure by a 22-11.

The failure of override is believed to be the first time in US history that a gubernatorial veto of similar legislation has been sustained by the legislature that passed it, according to Action Wisconsin. The statewide LGBT civil rights group claims over 8,000 anti-DOMA messages were delivered to lawmakers during the bill's three month progress through the legislature. Additionally, 500 people attended committee hearings, witnessed floor votes or participated in AW's September 30 LEAD Lobby Day.

The Family Research Institute of Wisconsin, the group that has promoted sponsorship and passage of this and similar DOMA bills since 1995, decried the outcome. In a press release, FRI executive director Julaine Appling commended Assembly lead sponsor Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin) or his continuing efforts to protect the state's citizens from legal challenges to the "undefined words husband and wife" and dismissed opponents' redundancy arguments as "pure vitriolic political palaver."

Opponents Claim Doyle is Promoting "Gay Agenda"

Gov. Jim Doyle was attacked for allegedly promoting the "gay agenda" following his DOMA veto and his announced support for the inclusion of domestic partnership benefits as an issue in union contract negotiations for state employees.

Gundrum, in a November 12 press release, tied the DOMA veto to Doyle's alleged "behind closed doors" promotion of the expansion of benefits to non-married employees regardless of sexual orientation. Gundrum claimed the governor was "obsessed with the gay agenda."

A day earlier Doyle had defended his support of the expansion of benefits as a negotiation issue in a press conference. Doyle noted that "it's worthy to put on the table, to see whether the unions have any interest in it." Doyle tied his support to the ongoing health care coverage crisis. "I think we should be trying to work to get health care for people."

Six of state government's 19 unions have requested that extending health insurance coverage to domestic partners be a subject of current negotiations. Several of the unions have been seeking such benefits expansion for nearly a decade. Doyle's predecessor Scott McCallum specifically had precluded domestic partner benefits from the bargaining table.

Action Wisconsin Executive Director Christopher Ott accused Gundrum of distorting the benefits issue. "Treating employees fairly is not a 'gay agenda,' it's a basic principle," Ott said. "It's become a common practice for companies to offer domestic partner benefits as a way to ensure fairness."

Ott noted that over 75 private employers in Wisconsin already offer domestic partner health insurance. Ten other states, including neighboring Iowa, offer domestic partner benefits to state employees.

Mass. Court Strikes Down Gay-Marriage Ban

Boston— In a much anticipated ruling, Massachusetts' highest court ruled on Nov. 18 that it is unconstitutional for the state to deny marriage rights to gay couples but stopped short of issuing marriage licenses to the seven couples challenging the law.

In a 4-3 ruling, the Supreme Judicial Court said the state "failed to identify any constitutionally adequate reason for denying civil marriage to same-sex couples." The high court ordered the legislature to come up with a solution within 180 days. The case, *Goodridge vs. Department of Public Health*, sought the right of seven gay couples to marry. The ruling falls short of that goal.

The ruling closely matched the December 1999 Vermont Supreme Court decision that led to that state's legislature approving civil union laws, giving couples many of the same benefits of marriage.

Writing for the majority of Justices, Massachusetts Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall called marriage "a vital social



Gina Smith, left, and her partner, Heidi Norton, of Northampton, Mass., smile during a news conference following oral arguments at the Supreme Judicial Court on a challenge to the state's prohibition on gay marriage, in Boston, Tuesday, March 4, 2003. Smith and Norton are among the seven same-sex couples challenging the prohibition after seeking marriage licenses from their town and city clerks and being turned down.

institution" and noted that the state's Constitution "affirms the dignity and equality of all individuals," and "forbids the creation of second-class citizens."

The court rejected the state's argument claiming that the primary purpose of marriage was procreation. The court ruled "it is the exclusive and permanent commitment of the marriage partners to one another, not the begetting of children, that is the sine qua non of marriage."

The Massachusetts legislature appears divided over the issue of gay marriage. Presently, they are considering a constitutional amendment that would legally define a marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Speaker of the House Tom Finneran of Boston, has said he will push that proposal.

A similar amendment, launched by citizens, was proposed in Massachusetts last summer, but the then Senate President Tom Birmingham (D) refused to let the Constitutional Convention hear or vote on the proposal. Proponents of the measure, who collected 100,000 signatures from citizens, cried foul and said they were denied "a referendum process."

Ron Crews, executive director of the Massachusetts Family Institute, a group opposed to gay marriage, said he was "disappointed that the court did not uphold and affirm marriage" but added that he was "grateful" that the court passed the matter to the legislature.

"The matter is now onto the legislature and I believe they will have to act on the constitutional amendment," Crews said.

The Constitutional Convention is scheduled to meet on Feb. 11 to possibly begin debate on the marriage amendment.

Mass. Ruling Galvanizes Gay Marriage Foes

President Bush vowed to defend the sanctity of marriage after Massachusetts' highest court struck down the state's ban on same-sex unions.

"Marriage is a sacred institution between a man and a woman," Bush said in a statement released shortly after he arrived in London for a state visit.

He said the ruling by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court "violates this important principle."

In Washington, congressional Republicans renewed calls for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages.

Legislation is already in the House, and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said following the Massachusetts court ruling that he expects a separate version of the bill will be presented in Senate. The amendment already has 96 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives.

An amendment to the Constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the House and the Senate and then ratified by three-fourths of the states.

"We must amend the Constitution if we are to stop a tyrannical judiciary from redefining marriage to the point of extinction," the conservative Focus on the Family said in a statement.

"Radical homosexual activists have made their intentions clear - 'couples' will now converge on Massachusetts, 'marry,' and return to their respective states and file lawsuits to challenge Defense of Marriage Acts (DOMAs) and try to force the states to recognize their 'marriages,'" Alan E. Sears, president of the Alliance Defense Fund, said in a statement.

Rev. Jerry Falwell recently claimed that the coordinated efforts of conservative Christian groups had resulted in one million signatures on petitions in support of the constitutional amendment.

Democratic Candidates Oppose Mass. Marriage Ruling

None of the leading candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination support the Massachusetts court ruling on same-sex marriage.

While they all said they support the right of same-sex couples to receive the same benefits as married couples, only the three candidates at the back of the pack, Al Sharpton, Dennis Kucinich, and Carol Moseley Braun would come out and support gay marriage.

"As a society we should be looking for ways to bring us together and as someone who supports the legal rights of all Americans regardless of sexual orientation, I appreciate today's decision," said Wesley Clark. "As president, I would support giving gays and lesbians the legal rights that married couples get."

However, Clark said he did not support the right of gays and lesbians to marry. John Kerry and John Edwards issued statements Tuesday restating their opposition to gay marriage.

Howard Dean would support civil unions, such those enacted while he was Governor of Vermont, but not marriage. "The state should afford same-sex couples equal treatment under law in areas such as health insurance, hospital visitation and inheritance rights."

Gay Activists Praise Decision

Gay activists and civil rights advocates across the country were virtually unanimous in their support and praise of the decision.

"This is a historic day for lesbian and gay couples in Massachusetts who until today have only dreamed of being able to get married. The court has said explicitly that civil marriage can't be limited to different-sex couples. The state legislature will now look at how — not whether — Massachusetts couples will have equal marriage rights," said David Buckel, Lambda Legal's Marriage Project Director.

"Our work is not done, and this victory is not final," said Rev. Troy D. Perry, MCC Founder in a statement. "There is already a strong movement in the Massachusetts Legislature to circumvent this court ruling with an anti-gay amendment to the state constitution."

The American Civil Liberties Union praised the ruling as well.

"This court ruling says that individuals who are police officers, firefighters and teachers who serve in our military and pay taxes cannot be denied the same rights as other couples simply because they are gay or lesbian said Matt Coles, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "The court today recognized that a constitution that protects individual rights does not allow government to say that only some families will be protected."

Wisconsin Reaction

The Massachusetts Supreme Court's ruling on gay and lesbian couples' right to marry is a strong statement for equal rights for all citizens, according to State Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison).

"I applaud the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision that recognizes that all people should be treated equally, regardless of their sexual orientation. I look forward to a day in Wisconsin where we can have laws that recognize the civil rights and equality for all our citizens," Pocan added.

Republican legislators were less enthusiastic about the decision and pledged to pursue a state constitutional amendment to ban same sex marriage in Wisconsin.

Rep. Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin) said state Republicans were working on "appropriate language" for such an amendment and that the ruling in Massachusetts demonstrates that Wisconsin needs a ban on same-sex marriage.

Action Wisconsin hailed the decision and said it will help advance equality throughout the country. "We believe the Massachusetts decision will demonstrate to people everywhere that the sky doesn't fall when lesbian and gay couples have the rights and responsibilities of civil marriage," said Action Wisconsin executive director, Christopher Ott.

Pocan noted that the bill recently vetoed by Governor Jim Doyle would have had no effect on the Massachusetts ruling. Current Wisconsin law would not allow for recognition of other state's laws. Only federal law could supersede state law, something that a "Defense of Marriage" law would be unable to affect anyway, according to Pocan.

Federal legislation already prevents Washington from recognizing same-sex unions. The federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), while not outright banning gay marriage to get around court rulings that bar federal interference in state matters, affirmed that states are not required to recognize a same-sex marriage performed in another state.

PrideFest Town Hall Launches Major Fundraising Drive to Save Festival

**\$65,000 Needed by
January 31 for Festival
to Avoid Bankruptcy**

Milwaukee — A standing-room only crowd of over 75 persons attended an "emergency" PrideFest town hall meeting on Nov. 12 at UW-M. The meeting concluded with an enthusiastic show of hands giving near unanimous support for a proposal to save PrideFest, Wisconsin's beleaguered LGBT pride festival held annually at the Summerfest grounds.

The nearly two-hour meeting illustrated PrideFest's dire financial status and an option to ensure the festival's survival. A new PrideFest leadership team was introduced and the new group unveiled an aggressive fundraising appeal to pay off PrideFest's debt. That appeal brought in nearly \$35,000 within the campaign's first 48 hours.

The new PrideFest group also clarified that in addition to paying its creditors, PrideFest must raise additional funds required to produce a festival in 2004. The new group hopes to accomplish that goal through additional fundraising campaigns, corporate sponsorships or grants.

If the debt is paid, the Cream City Foundation would administer the festival in 2004 along with a reorganization of PrideFest led by a new "PrideFest Task Force." CCF President Denise Wise pledged the effort to save the festival would be done with "complete transparency and accountability."

Brenda Coley, a member of the Task Force, stated that responsibility for the production of the festival beyond 2004 would likely be accomplished through an open bidding process and interested organizations or parties would be asked to submit proposals to CCF.

The town hall, hosted at UW-Milwaukee by CCF and the UW-M LGBT Resource Center, was the first town hall meeting called to discuss the status of PrideFest since its June announcement of a projected shortfall of between \$120,000 and \$150,000. An unofficial audit by the CCF posts the current debt at approximately \$120,000. A complete and independent audit of the 2003 festival, funded by CCF, is under way.

Yves LaPierre, Director of the UWM LGBT Resource Center, and Rev. Lew Broyles of the Metropolitan Community Church, opened meeting followed by introductions of the new PrideFest leadership.

Wise updated the crowd on events since June, stating that CCF began working with PrideFest during the summer to determine the extent of the debt situation. Negotiations with the PrideFest Board of Directors produced an agreement which included resignations of the its board. CCF took on a more direct leadership role in September and quickly assembled a diverse community group to investigate options for the festival.

Wise detailed PrideFest's current financial status and outlined PrideFest's revenue and expense trends over the last three years. The festival showed revenue growth of 13% in 2000-'01, 5% in 2001-'02 and 4% during this past season. Expenses during these periods grew 21%, 5% and 34%, respectively.

"One of the key sources of the debt was the lack of a revenue development strategy that compensated for the rise in expenses during the 2003 season," Wise explained.

Scott Gunkel, Vice President of the CCF, then explained that communication

between the new PrideFest leadership group and PrideFest vendors helped determine clearly what amounts were owed and if the vendors would negotiate payments. He outlined two options that the community group identified. The first option called for paying the negotiated debts to vendors for services rendered during the 2003 festival and declaring bankruptcy for the festival.

After much deliberation and recognition that bankruptcy would likely cause PrideFest to fold and do irreparable harm to the reputation of the LGBT community, the new group then explored and developed a debt reduction strategy.

Gunkel stated that this one-time fundraising appeal must raise \$65,000 by January 31, 2004 or there would be no PrideFest 2004 and the festival risked losing the Summerfest grounds permanently.

"I look at this as a one-time investment in the future of the entire LGBT community. I wouldn't feel right if there was no PrideFest and if I hadn't done everything I could to save it. I hope the rest of the community feels the same," Gunkel said.

With a hopeful eye towards a successful debt-reduction campaign, Susan Cook discussed preliminary plans for PrideFest 2004. They included a reduction in expenses by limiting the festival to two days — Saturday and Sunday; using a smaller portion of the Summerfest grounds; and focusing on local and regional entertainment.

Cook, a past co-director of PrideFest, recounted the proud accomplishments of the PrideFest and its value to the community, including the move to the Summerfest grounds in the company of the city's other major community festivals and the flying of rainbow flags throughout the downtown area during the festival season.

Paul Williams unveiled details of the fundraising drive to retire the debt which would allow the festival survive. The PrideFest Legacy Fund is the group's aggressive fundraising plan which seeks 15 "PrideFest Angels" who will raise \$3,333 each; 30 "Friends of PrideFest" to contribute \$333 or more apiece; and 150 "Supporters of PrideFest" to raise \$33 or more each.

To a hearty round of applause, Williams also announced that three supporters in attendance had pledged that very night to be "Angels." They were Dr. Robert Starshak, Ross Draegert and Stephanie Hume.

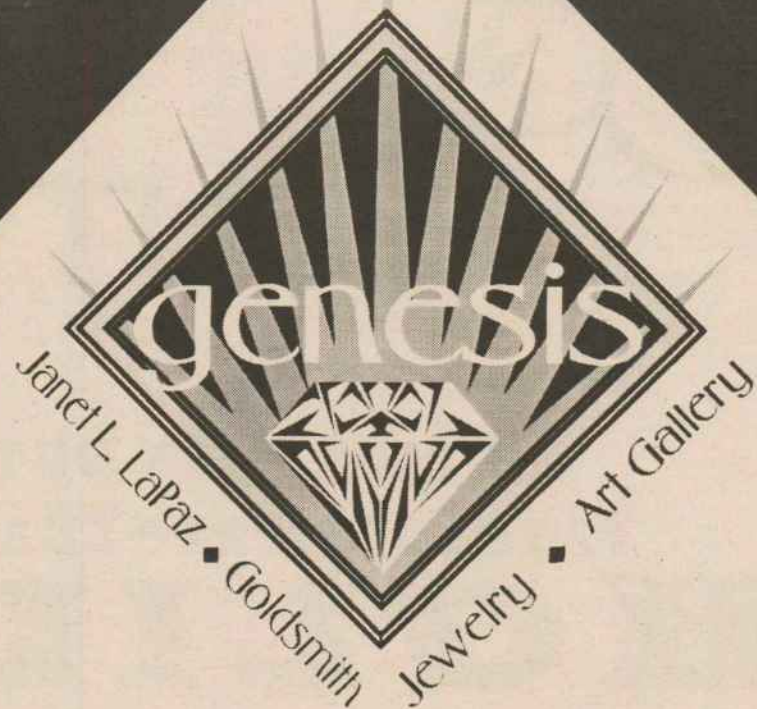
"The first funds are easy because long-time members of the community know how important it is to stay on the Milwaukee World Festival grounds," said Ross Draegert, the first Angel. "I am confident that if we can get the festival back on its feet ... the festival [will not] get into trouble again."

The following 48 hours produced even more dramatic support with eight additional "PrideFest Angels" stepping forward to make pledges. They are the Washington Heights Neighborhood Association; John Blaszczuk; Scott Gunkel; Jim Schleif and Bill Morley; Denise Wise and Kathleen Niesen; Dan Lagerman; BOOM; and one anonymous Angel.

CCF has established a special account for donations that will make all contributions tax-deductible. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the PrideFest Legacy Fund or to learn more about PrideFest, log on to www.pridefest.com, call the Cream City Foundation at (414) 225-0244 or write to: PrideFest Legacy Fund c/o Cream City Foundation, 315 West Court Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

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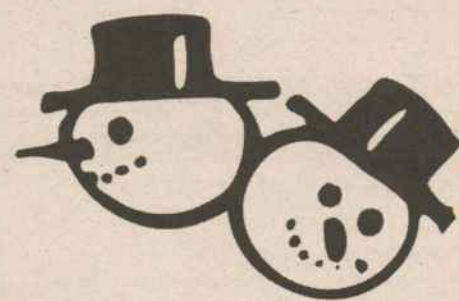
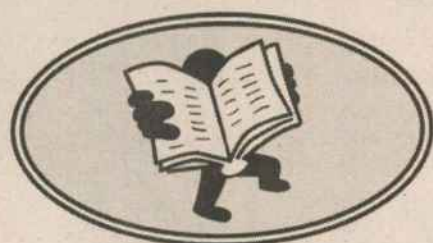
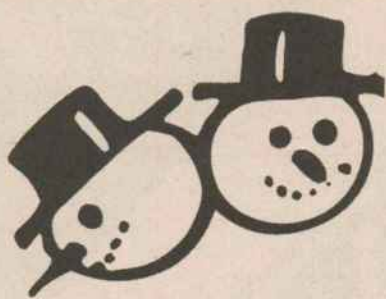
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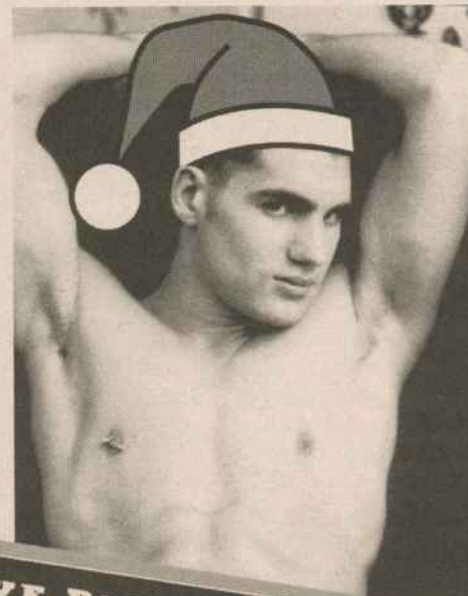
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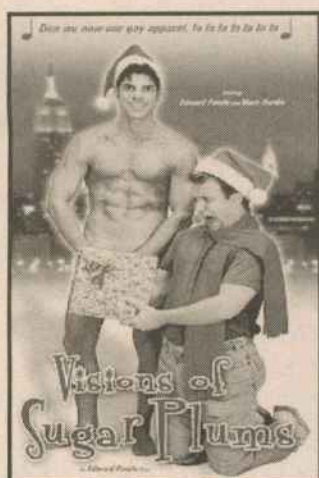
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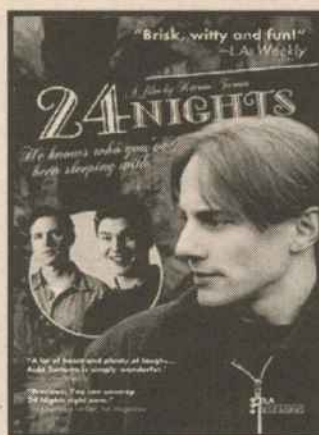
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Ten Percent Society Marks 20th Anniversary with Dance

Madison — Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Ten Percent Society on Friday, Nov. 21 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union from 9 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. Come listen as DJ Sandy Seuser takes you back in time spinning classic 80s and 90s music along with your TPS Dance favorites. Take a break and get back on the dance floor by midnight to dance to the freshest club tracks and hip-hop beats. There will be a cash bar, also.

New for this dance is a picture booth, so those in attendance can get their pictures taken and printed to remember the dance! Proceeds will go to the Ten Percent Society to help improve the dances. Also, there will be boards depicting the history of the Ten Percent Society, including its beginnings and past events.

This event is open to all TPS members, UW students, faculty, staff and guests. Admission is just \$3.

Be a PrideFest Holiday Angel at Outwards!

Milwaukee — You can make your holiday shopping count for something really important this year when you shop at Outwards Books, Gifts & Coffee and you sign up for our "PrideFest Legacy Fund Give-Back Program." Our goal is, with the help of all our customers, to raise an Angel's share of \$3,333.

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Outwards donate 3.3% of your purchase total. There is absolutely no cost to you to sign up! Plus, we'll be including the names of all participants when monies are turned over to the Cream City Foundation in January. What could be simpler? You can show your support for our LGBT Community just by doing your holiday shopping and at no cost to you!

But wait! Are you feeling generous and wanting to show your support for this very important cause? Why not ask us to "round up" an equal amount or more? When making your purchase at Outwards, you can ask us to "round up" an additional tax deductible amount to go towards the PrideFest Legacy Fund.

The PrideFest Legacy Fund has been launched to get PrideFest back on its feet and make certain that our Pride festival will continue to be held at the SummerFest™ grounds, the country's premiere festival facility.

With the support of Wisconsin's LGBT community, we can really make a difference this holiday season.

Outwards Books, Gifts & Coffee is pleased to continue to offer the largest selection of LGBT books, magazines, cards, music, movies, gifts and more in the Milwaukee and Greater Wisconsin area.

Now there's another great reason to shop at Outwards this holiday season — "The PrideFest Legacy Give-Back Program." Some restrictions do apply.

For further information about the "The PrideFest Legacy Fund Give-Back Program," please call (414) 963-9089.

ARCW Presents "Boyz Nite" Every Wednesday

Milwaukee — For a year and a half, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) Bag Boyz gay outreach team has been providing outreach and support to the Milwaukee community. In an effort to provide even more support, ARCW is initiating "Boyz Nite."

Boyz Nite is a small discussion group designed to meet the needs of gay men. Boyz Nite takes place every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., over a six week period and will continue to be announced throughout the year. The first Boyz Nite series will run every Wednesday night through Dec. 17 and will resume after the new year.

Boyz Nite will address topics such as sex, HIV/STDs, club drugs, relationships, gay history and much more. The program will utilize a multi-media approach, with guest speakers weekly.

Men who are interested in participating are encouraged to call ahead to reserve a place in the group. Contact Daniel Klingler, Manager of Gay Community Outreach, at (414) 225-1535.

Advent Service at All Saints Cathedral Dec. 7

Milwaukee — A traditional Advent service featuring a processional, liturgy readings, Advent hymns and carols with the Cathedral Choir will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. at All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Ave.

In 1918, the tradition of the now famous festival of Nine Lessons of Carols for Christmas Eve was first sung in King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England.

Sixteen years later, the Rev. Eric Milner-White, Dean of King's College, composed a further service based on the Pre-Reformation Advent Offices of the English Church. Its purpose was "not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it." This liturgy of preparation is filled with prophetic imagery in music, texts and movement.

The public is invited to join the Cathedral in this Advent journey. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Library. For more information, call (414) 271-7719.

Galano Club Plans New Year's Eve Dance

Milwaukee — The Galano Club, a recovery club for LGBTs, will hold its annual New Year's Dance from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Dec. 31 at 315 W. Court St. There will be a small buffet during the evening, great music spun by resident DJ Garth, noise-makers, and loads of fun. There will also be a raffle during the dance with many fabulous prizes to be won.

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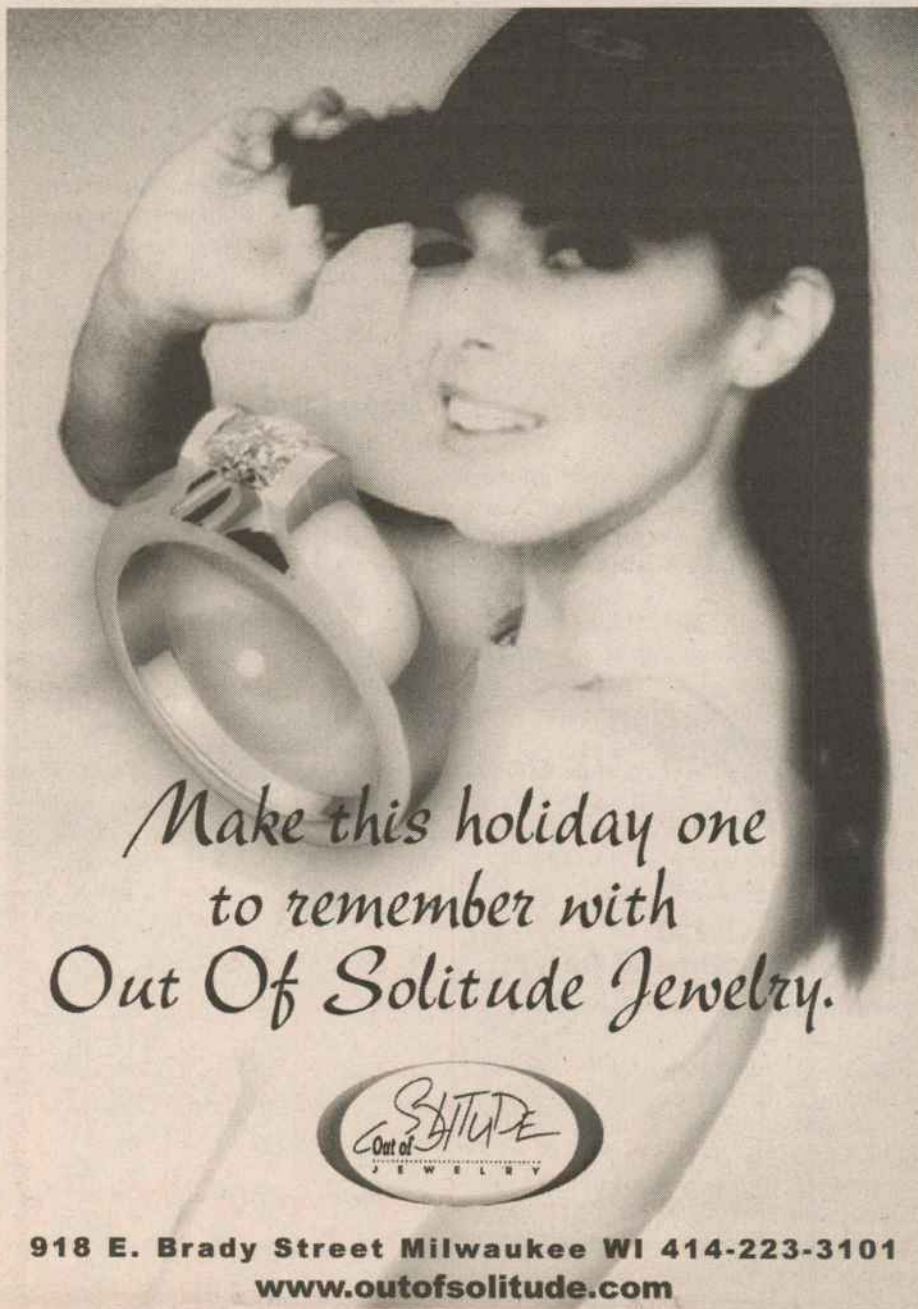


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Madison - SPRAWL Womyn's Dance and All-grrl Gathering will hold its annual Snow Ball on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight in the Marquee Room of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. in Madison.

It's a great excuse to get bundled up and come out to hang with your women friends, not a Ball in the grandest sense of the word, but what could be more grand than seeing all of those smiling faces, sharing a dance or a drink or two, and settling into 2004 in the delightful company of Madison's world-

renowned women's community? All to tunes spun by the fabulous Sandy Seuser.

One of the SPRAWL organizers had her home recently burgled; the major things taken were a stack of CDs and the SPRAWL cash box. If anyone would like to make a contribution to help get things up and running again, please email: sprawl@herspace.com.

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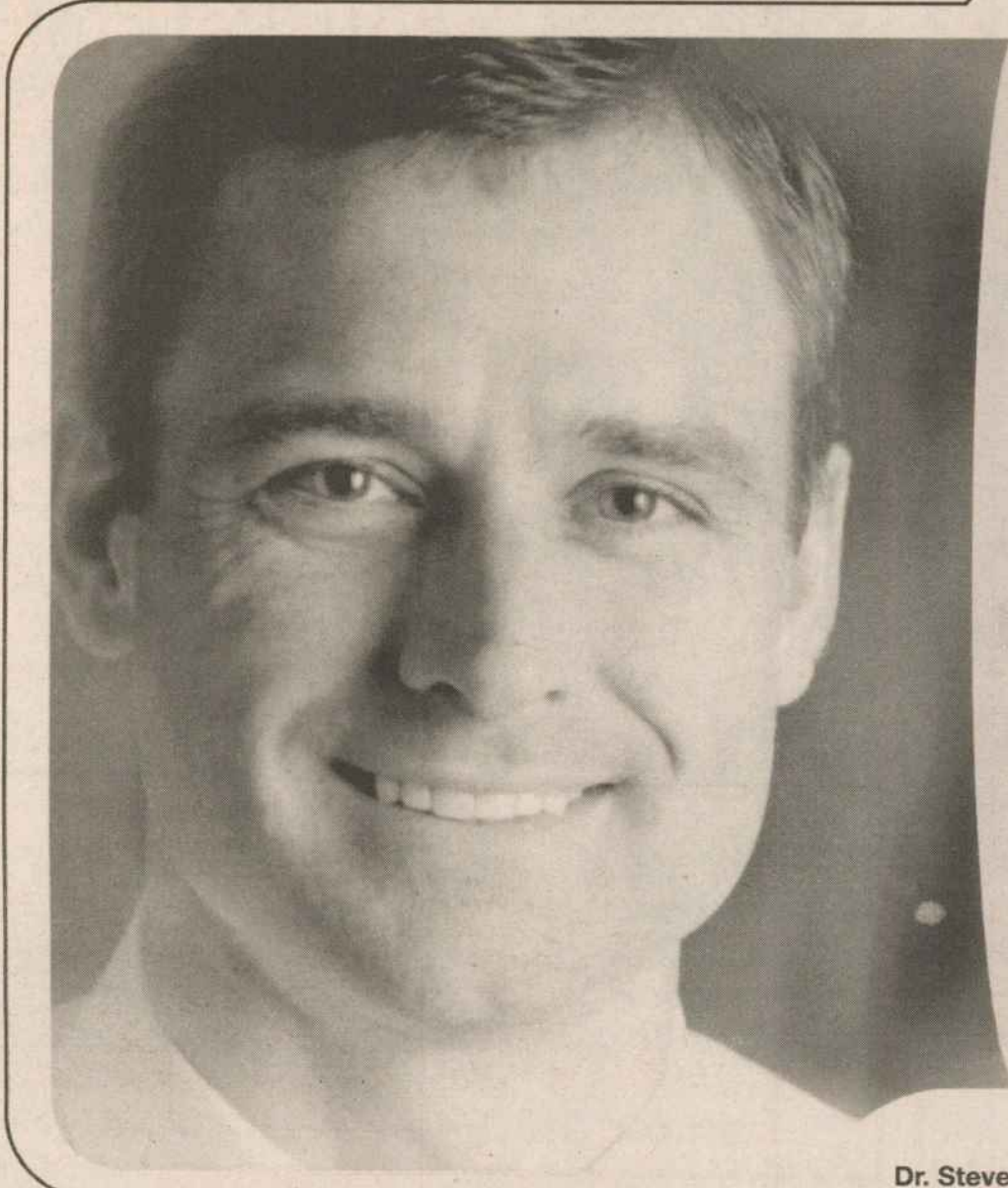
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Women Strategize to Confront Abuse in Lesbian, Bisexual Communities

Milwaukee – On October 23, eighteen women gathered at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center to take part in a dialogue about domestic abuse and sexual assault in the lives of lesbian and bisexual women.

Organized and facilitated by the Center's Anti-Violence Project, the dialogue was seen as an opportunity for women to talk about these difficult issues in a safe environment.

According to Kathy Herbst, Director of Programs at the Community Center, "One of our goals was to identify ways in which we, as individuals and as part of distinct communities, can react and respond to domestic abuse and sexual assault."

The women at the table represented a cross section of Milwaukee's lesbian and bisexual women's community in terms of sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity and socioeconomic background. Participants were diverse, also, in their understanding of and experience with abuse. Some were survivors; some had supported friends who were victims, and others knew abuse happened to lesbian and bisexual women but had no personal experience. This diversity contributed to a multi-layered and complex analysis of what it means to recognize domestic violence and sexual assault issues in the lesbian and bisexual women's communities.

Perceptions and attitudes among lesbian and bisexual women about abuse were seen as wide-ranging. Some women said that it was "prevalent" and "accepted," while others said there was a lot of denial and skepticism about woman-to-woman abuse. Some women still see violence and abuse as a "male" phenomenon perpetrated by men; they see women as being non-violent and somehow "above" that kind of behavior. If a woman rapes another woman, will it really be recognized as rape?

Domineering behavior, treating a woman as property, or isolating her were seen as potential signs of abuse. Alcohol and drugs can intensify abusive behavior, and the role of "bar culture" in enabling domestic violence was discussed. Culture, race and gender roles are sometimes used to rationalize or excuse the abuse.

Some women who acknowledge that woman-to-woman abuse occurs may assume it only happens in certain segments of the community. Others who have witnessed abuse between two women say they are uncomfortable or unsure of whether to intervene. When is it appropriate to speak up?

Most agreed that homophobia makes reporting and dealing with abuse harder and creates a greater stigma.

The evening concluded with participants addressing the question of what services they thought were needed to address abuse and to truly support victims.

"While we agreed that mainstream service providers need to be held accountable to offer appropriate and effective services to all women, including those in same-

sex relationships, we mostly focused on the vital role that friends and community must assume," Herbst told IN Step.

Among other possibilities discussed were: establishing an 800 crisis line staffed by trained survivors and allies; providing opportunities to learn about healthy relationships and how to resolve conflicts; setting up "safe houses" – places where women could go to relax, rejuvenate and receive support; initiating preventive education in the bars; and developing some sort of peer support/educator network.

This was the second in a series of such meetings planned by the Center. The LGBT Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Advisory Council supported the effort, and women from the Healing Center, the Sexual Assault Treatment Center and Sojourner Truth House assisted with both the planning and the facilitation of the evening.

"Although these are not easy issues to address," Herbst said, "lesbian and bisexual women are ready to talk about and do something about domestic violence and sexual assault. Almost all of the participants said they'd attend another dialogue and would encourage other women to do so, also."

"It will be extremely important not to lose the energy and momentum that came out of this discussion. At the same time, the task before us is formidable and deciding what steps to take next will not be easy. Fortunately, the Center's Anti-Violence Project is not in this alone."

Herbst said the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault have brought together individuals from throughout the state to form an LGBT Committee. And in Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and a number of mainstream agencies are committed to working with the Center.

If you would like more information or would like to become involved, please call Kathy Herbst at (414) 271-2656. Your call will be kept confidential.

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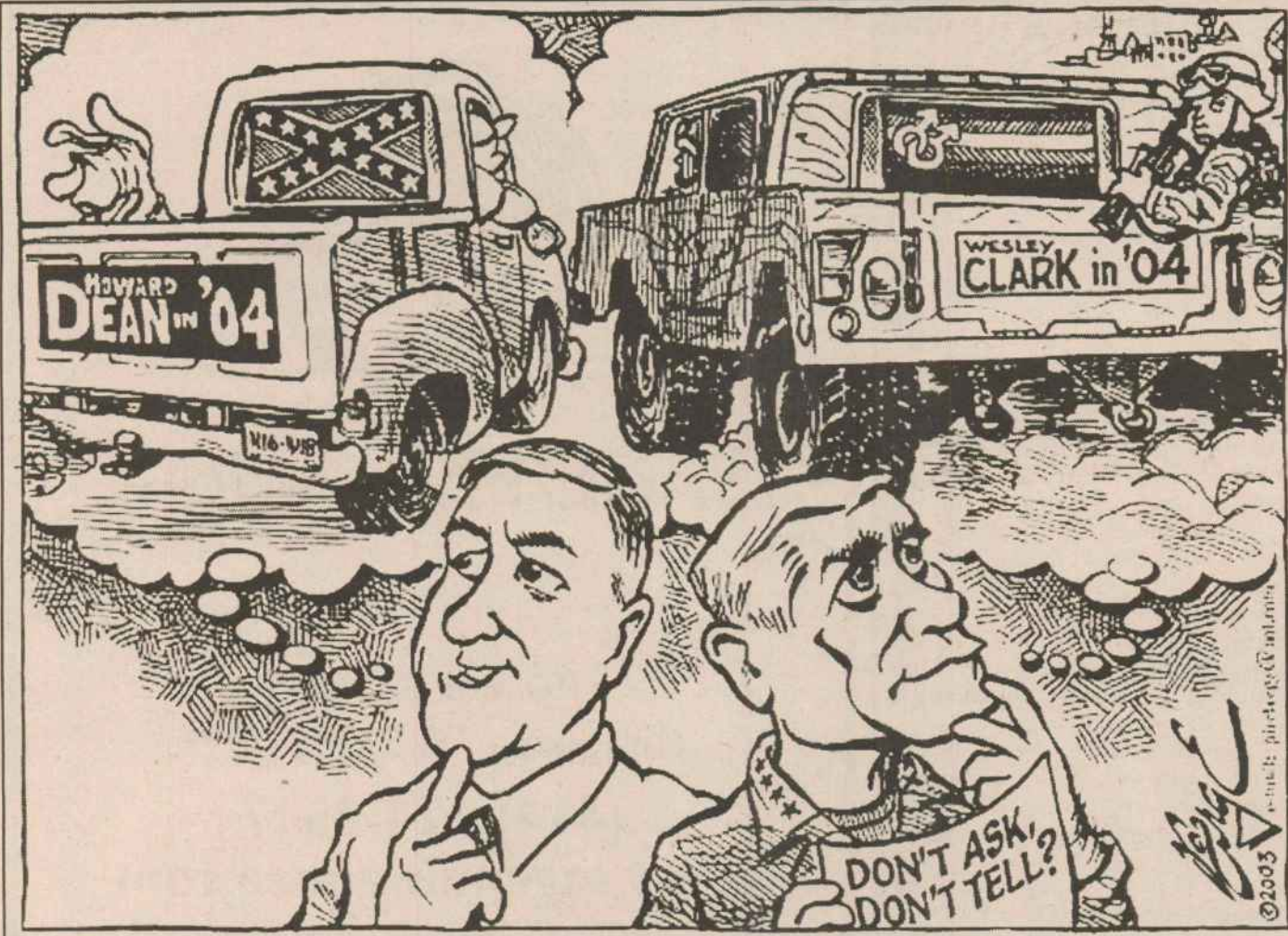
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REALITY CHECK

Ding! Dong! DOMA's Dead — For Now

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Wisconsin's so-called "Defense of Marriage" Act once again has failed to become the law of the land. Certainly not for lack of trying. This was the Family Research Institute of Wisconsin's (FRI) fifth attempt to get the state's lawmakers to make the already heterosexual statutory definition of marriage somehow even more so.

What has changed since the bill's defeat? Nothing. Gay and lesbian couples remain second-class citizens, getting none of the thousand-plus federal and state legislated perks for making personal commitment to the responsibilities inherent in "lifelong, monogamous marriage" that their straight counterparts do.

In their November 12 press release, Action Wisconsin savored their win and documented much of

their hard work on a separate, online "victory page." The failure to override the gubernatorial veto on a bill passed with such large majorities in the legislature was a historic first, but "victory"? I beg to differ. Victory suggests mastery over the issue. At least that's what the dictionary says.

Momentum, if not mastery, certainly seems to be with the FRI. This time the right-wingers missed shoving our queer face in it by just one vote. Considering the Institute started with just seven sponsors for their first DOMA bill in 1995, you have to give Marv Munyon and his successor Julaine Appling a lot of credit. They've achieved a lot in eight years.

Of course, that odd couple has had a lot of help from the extremist right that controls the state GOP's leadership. Not only have they won seats from the Democrats, they've worked to force out the elected Republican moderates within the party. The recent electoral dominance of the Far Right has had all but those in the safest seats in both parties quivering in their boots when it comes to social justice issues.

This conservative cadre also has made it perfectly clear that they will continue to work for the preservation of discrimination in the name of marriage. The push for a DOMA amendment to the state's constitution began with the suggestion of same in FRI's AB475 post-mortem press release. Now that the Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled in favor of same-sex unions, I would not be surprised to see a drive attempt begin as a coda to next month's planned extraordinary legislative session on economic issues.

All is not lost, however. The recent DOMA fight has re-energized many in the LGBT community, partic-

ularly the youngest members of the tribe. Straight allies also have visibly arrived to support us in numbers previously unseen.

More importantly, Action Wisconsin has emerged as a credible, if not yet a completely respected, political force. To achieve the kind of clout that wins genuine victories in the legislature, Action Wisconsin will have to notch a few documented electoral defeats on its belt. A few targeted defeats of bipartisan bigots, especially one or more outside of the Madison-Milwaukee electoral axis could reverse momentum, giving the moderate majorities the spine they need to stand up on social issues.

That means AW's legislative arm needs to build coalitions and coordinate meaningfully with established mainstream progressive political action committees and similar LGBT PACs such as HRL-Pac or the LGBT Center's OutVote project. That arm also have to find the critical funds needed to expand AW's person power. More staff are needed to take those meetings and to jawbone legislators full-time.

Action Wisconsin could also use a little strategic lobbying assist from what used to be one of the most vibrant state chapters in national LGBT political history: the Wisconsin Log Cabin Republicans. Two years after placing one of their own in the White House (Scott Evertz as "AIDS Czar" for those with short memories), the cheesehead brigade of the gay GOP seems to have become little more than a post office box. The LCR website, which IN Step reported last year had become a portal for porn, is now merely "for sale."

In its defense, LCR Wisconsin historically had taken a low-key approach to its legislative arm-twisting. But there is a difference between low-key and nonexistent. LCR Wisconsin's silence during the recent DOMA debate not only was deafening, it

was embarrassing. Hopefully that domain name will be sold to a revived queer Republican group that cares what is happening in the state Capitol and will represent the quarter of the LGBT community that continues to steadfastly support the GOP.

On the other hand, AW's educational arm (Action Wisconsin Education Fund - AWEF) also has its work cut out. In addition to continuing its already successful corporate outreach on domestic partner benefits, media outreach on LGBT issues and community outreach to like-minded activists, AWEF needs to find ways to dialogue those in the LGBT community who think the apparent emphasis on marriage rights is misguided. For many outside the state's big city gay communities, the reality is not securing marriage rights but our already-legislated basic civil rights, all the while avoiding physical manifestations of the anti-gay backlash the marriage issue is fueling.

Another part of AWEF's educational mandate will be to maintain the focus on the civics lessons that need to be reinforced during the ongoing and increasingly center stage national dialogue on gay marriage. AW's Chris Ott alluded to the issue in the group's November 18 press release on the Massachusetts gay marriage ruling. "Opponents of equality are already arguing that only lawmakers should be able to decide these questions, but protecting the rights of minorities is one of the critical things that our judicial system is designed to do," Ott said.

In the coming months Ott and Action Wisconsin will need to remind all involved of the three core realities that inform the gay marriage debate. First, there is the social reality is that families headed by unmarried couples of all sexual orientations have always existed and that real harm comes to those unions from the current state of legal recognition. Secondly, the Constitutional reality of equal protection under the law limits legislative initiatives that further curtail equality, no matter how currently popular or politically advantageous such initiatives may be. Finally, historical reality demonstrates that social evolution is ultimately unstoppable and by its very nature inherently inclusive of diversity.

The current jubilation over the AB475 defeat seems somewhat akin to the Munchkins' celebration in the movie version of *The Wizard of Oz*. Now that Governor Doyle has dropped a house-sized veto on Julaine and her FRI minions, Wisconsin's "friends of Dorothy" may want to join in the DOMA version of "Ding! Dong! The Witch Is Dead."

But just like Oz, it's early in the DOMA movie and a lot of peril awaits down this particular Yellow Brick Road. Only moving steadfastly forward, paying attention to the truths behind the Religious Right's sanctimonious curtain of "traditional marriage," and keeping the social, Constitutional and historical realities in perspective will allow same gender couples reach that "no place like home" final fade out.

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"There was a time when I was like, 'OK, I'm over men. They're mean.' For like six months, not a single thing happened. Not like they weren't drawn to me, but there wasn't a single real attraction. I'm like, 'What's happening? I know I'm not a lesbian'."

— Singer **Britney Spears** to Newsweek.

Straight Acting

"Admitting to myself that I was gay I did years before I admitted that I was camp; that took a lot more reconciling myself to. It's not the ideal. It's not sexy. It's not what most people want; everyone is straight-acting."

— Openly gay BBC America talk-show host **Graham Norton** to Palm Springs' The Bottom Line.

Queer Eye Blackmail

"My daughter turned me onto it [Queer Eye for the Straight Guy]. I've literally stopped watching television, but my daughter kept telling me, 'You have to watch this show.' So finally I did — I can't stop watching it. I told my husband if he didn't stop doing his hair the way he does, I was going to call them over to our house."

— Actress **Mariel Hemingway** to Palm Springs' The Bottom Line.

Ronnie Was Nice to Gays

"Ronald Reagan was the opposite of a gay-basher. [There was] a stink when Nancy Reagan invited her interior decorator and his boyfriend to stay overnight at the White House. Some of the social right was upset when he [allowed that]. That's how opposite he was of the tyrannical, judgmental figure he is portrayed in this [upcoming miniseries The Reagans]. He was a guy from Hollywood. He dealt with gays all his life. He was not a homophobe and a bigot."

— Columnist **Jim Pinkerton** on Fox News Watch.

Real World Will & Grace

"If we gave some real meat to those characters, Will would fit the bill of a lame, wimpy, prissy Susie-homemaker who probably faints at the first hint of chunk on his dick. Jack would spend a lot of time beside a gloryhole, because no one would date him for being such an annoying flaming queen."

— Columnist **Paulo Murillo** in the Los Angeles gay newspaper fab!

Or How About This Take?

"Without baring flesh, exchanging fluids or even shedding blood, Will & Grace has become the craftiest, if not the most radical, show in the history of network television — though not merely for its unabashed depiction of gay existence, or the risqué, multi-entendre-filled dialogue its writers slyly sneak under the censors' radar. Will & Grace is revolutionary for something so utterly conventional it would warm the hearts of bubbes and zeydes across America's urban landscapes: sliding a portrait of a twenty-first-century Jewish American's life into a sitcom about a gay man and his best gal pal."

— **Kera Bolonik** writing in The Nation.

I Do!

"If you can get validation on network TV, who needs to pick up the local bar rag?"

— Dykes To Watch Out For cartoonist **Alison Bechdel** to the North Carolina gay newspaper The Front Pag.

Defense of Gay Marriage?

"We have had [same-sex] civil unions in this state [Vermont] for three years, and as far as I can tell, it hasn't hurt anybody's marriage."

— Presidential candidate and former Vermont Gov. **Howard Dean** to Los Angeles' Lesbian News.

Go Get 'Em Dick!

"It is time for President Bush to end his alliance with homophobic bigotry once and for all and speak out against the Republican Party's hostile election year attempt to amend the United States Constitution to

include a ban on gay marriage. Throughout our history, the Constitution has been amended to afford expanded rights to disenfranchised citizens, not to unfairly single out a particular group of Americans by limiting their rights."

— Presidential candidate **Dick Gephardt** in a Nov. 8 statement.

I Smell a Movie

"You couldn't put this in a book — nobody would believe it."

— New York City Mayor **Michael Bloomberg** Nov. 7 after five transgender students from the Harvey Milk gay high school were arrested for impersonating undercover vice cops dressed as female prostitutes and demanding money, credit cards, ATM cards and PIN codes to let their victims go free.

Not in My Country

"No, I would not."

— Democratic presidential candidate Sen. **John Edwards** when asked Nov. 9 on TV's Meet the Press:

"If a gay couple goes to Canada and is married legally and returns to the United States, should that marriage be honored here? If you were governor of a state, would you be supportive of that?"

Long Live the Queen

"Prince Charles is in the middle of a gay-sex scandal and media frenzy that just won't quit. ... Butler-turned-biographer Paul Burrell says he has an audiotape describing a sexual encounter between Prince Charles and a male aide."

— USA Today, Nov. 11.

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Dear Ruthie Hits the Boards Again in "Times Square Angel"

Milwaukee - From the brilliant and queer mind that brought us "Lesbian Vampires of Sodom" and "Die Mommie Die!" comes the holiday musical spoof "Times Square Angel," presented by RSVP Productions Nov. 20-23 and 28-30 at the Off the Wall Theatre, 127 E. Wells St.

All that and Dear Ruthie too!

Yes, Wisconsin IN Step's own Dear Ruthie does a star turn as the hard-edged chorus girl while James Henderson plays the heavenly angel. Larry Lukasavage plays the Voice of God. Other cast members include Harbey Altshull, Jonathan Curvin, Kara Eulgen, Michael Endter, Trey Korte, Ken Morgan, Amber Poklar, Angel Harris and Cynthia Paplaczky.

The zany spoof of such holiday chestnuts as "It's a Wonderful Life" and "A Christmas Carol" is directed by Raymond Bradford. Unlike some of Busch's romps, this one is great for the whole family.

Reserved tickets are \$24, general seating \$20. For tickets and show times, call (414) 327-3552.

Skylight Opera Presents "The Christmas Schooner"

Milwaukee - Skylight Opera Theatre presents the Milwaukee premiere of the holiday musical, "The Christmas Schooner" Nov. 28-Dec. 21 in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. Paula Suozzi directs, with musical direction by Skylight Artistic Director Richard Carsey.

This critically acclaimed musical is based on the true story of a turn-of-the-century shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather of Lake Michigan to bring Christmas trees to homesick German-American families. With a book by John Reeger and music and lyrics by Julie Shannon, "The Christmas Schooner" is based on the history of actual Christmas tree ships that traveled the Great Lakes at the turn of the 20th century, most notably, the sinking of the Milwaukee-built Rouse Simmons off the coast of Two Rivers in 1912.

"The Christmas Schooner" tells the story of the Stossels, an immigrant family in Manistique, Michigan in the 1880s. The Stossels are Grandpa Gustav (Ray Jivoff), his son Peter (Arik Luck), Peter's wife Alma (Johnna Allen), and their young son, Karl (Andy Gladbach and Garen McRoberts). Peter, the successful captain of the Molly Doone, receives a letter from his cousin in Chicago who tells of her wish for "a Tannebaum like they had every year in Germany." Despite his wife's misgivings, Peter braves the dangerous November seas of Lake Michigan to deliver the Christmas trees, and the journey soon becomes a Christmas tradition.

The Miller Cabaret following Friday and Saturday evening performances is called "Anything We Want" with Skylight favorites Becky Spice and Jamie Johns.

Milwaukee Rep Reprises Larry Shue's Hilarious "The Foreigner"

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre is expected to sell out the extended run of its new production of Larry Shue's hilarious "The Foreigner." Playwright-in-residence Shue wrote the play and the Rep first performed it during its 1982-83 sea-

son. It played for two years off-Broadway and has become recognized as a comedy classic. "The Foreigner" opens Nov. 21 and runs through January 4 in the Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre in the Baker Theater Complex at 108 E. Wells St.

"The Foreigner" takes audiences on a comedic journey into the world of the Deep South. Though Charlie Baker's friend Froggy LeSueur had planned a relaxing escape to Betty Meeks' rural Georgia fishing resort, shy Charlie finds the idea of socializing with strangers to be anything but relaxing. Thus, Froggy devises a plan that would allow Charlie to be free of the pressures of social interaction without seeming rude: he tells the other guests that Charlie is a foreigner who neither speaks nor understands the English language. Though initially wary of the idea, Charlie gradually begins to play along as he discovers the perks of being a suspected foreigner. The reactions of the other guests to the presence of this mysterious stranger, coupled with the hilarious antics of the off-the-wall southerners create a production that is brimming with laughs and packed with heart.

Larry Shue was born in New Orleans in 1946 and grew up in Chicago. He joined Milwaukee Repertory Theater in 1977, performing many different roles and becoming the playwright in residence just two years later in 1979. Shue's life was tragically ended in a commuter plane crash in September of 1985, leaving a small collection of plays, including "The Nerd" and "Wenceslas Square," to delight audiences around the world. The Rep's resident acting company members in "The Foreigner" include Laurie Birmingham (Betty Meeks), Mark Corkins (Owen Musser), Lee E. Ernst (Charlie Baker), and Torrey Hanson (Sgt. Froggy LeSueur). Completing the ensemble are John Hoogenakker (Reverend David M. Lee), Tyler Layton (Catherine Simms) and Gerry Neugent (Ellard Simms). This production is directed by Rep favorite J. R. Sullivan.

For tickets and show times, call (414) 224-9490. Tickets can also be purchased online 24/7 at: www.milwaukeeerep.com.

Madison Opera Performs "Roméo et Juliette"

Madison - "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou?" Yo, Juliette, I'm here on the stage of the Oscar Mayer Theater in the Madison Civic Center on Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 23 at 2:30 p.m. The Madison Opera, the Opera Chorus and the Madison Symphony join talents in this production of Charles Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette," sung in French with projected English supertitles.

Taken from one of Shakespeare's greatest dramas, the opera brings to life the tale of the age-old feud between the Capulets and the Mantagues and the star-crossed lovers caught between. Pitting youthful hope against deep-rooted prejudice and intolerance, "Roméo et Juliette" is considered one of Gounod's best works for the lyric theatre.

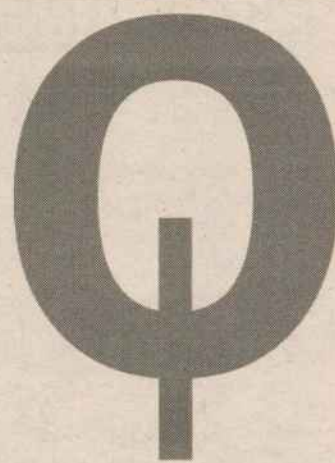
The team of conductor Louis Salemno and director Lorna Haywood bring the characters to life. The cast features dazzling young stars Joanna Mongiardo as Juliette with Chad Shelton as her Roméo and Kyle Ketelson as Friar Laurence. Noted opera historian Joanna Overn will offer pre-opera lectures in the Oscar Mayer Theatre one hour prior to each performance (7 p.m. Nov. 21 and 1:30 Nov. 23).

For tickets to the show, call (608) 258-4141, or stop by the Civic Center Box office at 211 State St.

Danceworks Offers "Lucky Seven" in December

Milwaukee - Choreographers Dani Kuepper and Sarah Wilbur of Danceworks Performance Company (DPC) have joined forces to explore the many facades of 'dance entertainment' in their newest work, "Lucky Seven," a 75-minute dance for seven women. "Lucky Seven" will be performed Dec. 5-21 at the Danceworks Studio Theatre, 1661 N. Water St.

"We wanted 'Lucky Seven' to be a left turn from this season's holiday shows," says Wilbur, DPC Artistic Director. "Perhaps the only common thread between our show and, say, 'A Christmas Carol,' is that they both explore the concept of grace and good fortune. Dani and I put a great deal of trust in the versatility of our



dancers. They are called upon to smash through the glitz and rhinestones of Las Vegas show dancing to find the real gold: simple and beautiful human moments."

Kuepper agrees: "We are also raising the stakes by allowing an audience member to roll dice and help us determine the outcome of the choreography. Adding elements of risk helps shatter any formal exterior and reveal some pretty extreme stuff simmering beneath the surface. The show is not all time-steps and high kicks. You'll have to see it to believe it."

Expect a few twists and turns from the company voted "Milwaukee's Best" by the readers of the Shepherd Express for 2003. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now: \$16 for general admission, \$10 students and seniors. Call Danceworks at (414) 277-8480.

"Winter Wonderettes" at the Stackner Cabaret

Milwaukee - Warm up your holiday with the nostalgia and revelry of The Marvelous Wonderettes as they return to their hometown for a Christmas concert celebration, complete with great renditions of 50s and 60s holiday tunes. This lively mix of rockin' holiday hits and classic Christmas standards plays through January 4 at the Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St.

Four spirited young women, friends since high school and now grown with lives of their own, reunite their old act to form The Marvelous Wonderettes. As a long-time employee of Harper's Hardware, Betty Jean is in charge of the company Christmas party, and naturally, the Wonderettes come to mind as the logical choice for entertainment. However, when Santa Claus turns up missing, the girls must use their talent, with the support of some great holiday tunes, to rectify a Christmas party without the jolly big guy in red. The result is a wonderful show that will have audiences dancing in the aisles and in the mood for some holiday fun!

The actors featured in "Winter Wonderettes" include Misty Cotton (Missy), Susanna Hall (Cindy Lou), Bets Malone (Suzy), and Lucia Spina (Betty Jean). Roger Bean is the playwright and director.

Tickets range in price from \$21 to \$34. For tickets and show times, call (414) 224-9490. Tickets can also be purchased online 24/7 at www.milwaukeeerep.com.

ARTS CALENDAR

THEATRE/MUSIC:

"Bravo, Caruso!" (Milw.): Caruso looks back on his career in this memoir by William Luce performed by Next Act Theatre, Nov. 20-Dec. 21, Off Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-0765.

"A Christmas Carol" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep's annual production of the Dickens classic is performed Nov. 22 to Dec. 28 at the Historic Pabst Theatre, 144 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"The Christmas Schooner" (Milw.): Skylight Opera performs the story of a family and the schooners that brought Christmas trees across the Great Lakes, Nov. 28-Dec. 21, Cabor Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"The Economist and the Ballerina" (Madison): Broom Street Theater in another original work, this one the true love story between a gay economist and a prima donna, thru Dec. 14, Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"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! Thurs., Sats. & Suns., Miramar Theatre, 2844 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 967-0302.

"The Foreigner" (Milw.): Larry Shue's hilarious comedy makes a triumphant return to the place of its birth, the Milwaukee Rep, thru Jan. 4, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"The Guys" (Milw.): Chamber Theatre presents this compelling drama about a reporter interviewing one of the firefighters who survived 9/11, Nov. 28-Dec. 21, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Late Nite Catechism" (Milw.): Sister's back — and you better say your "Hail Marys"! The hit comedy for Catholics nostalgic for the days of classroom abuse, Fri.-Suns., Miramar Theatre, 2844 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 967-4545.

"PS: Your Cat is Dead" (Madison): StageQ presents James Kirkwood's gay-themed, mad-cap comedy set in New York on New Year's Eve, thru Nov. 22, Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 204-0306.

Spalding Gray (Madison): The legendary performer presents his one-man show "It's a Slippery Slope," Nov. 22 at 8 p.m., Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"Romeo et Juliette" (Madison): The Madison Opera, the Opera Chorus and the Madison Symphony join forces for Gounod's classic, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m., Nov. 23 at 2:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Theatre, Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"Sunday in the Park with George" (Madison): Strollers Theatre presents the Stephen Sondheim-James Lapine musical based on George Seurat's painting, thru Nov. 29, Drury Stage, Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 238-8183.

"Times Square Angel" (Milw.): RSVP Productions offers a Charles Busch romp, this one a spoof of Christmas stories, Nov. 20-23 and 28-30, Off the Wall Theatre, 127 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 327-3552.

Wild Space Dance Company (Milw.): Fall dance concert called "Right Before Your Eyes," Nov. 21-22, 8 p.m., Pitman Theatre at Alverno College, S. 39th St. and Morgan Ave. FMI: (414) 382-6044.

"Winter Wonderettes" (Milw.): Musical comedy revue about girl group performing holiday concert at Harpers Hardware, thru Jan 4, Milwaukee Rep's Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Gay & Lesbian Books (Madison): Frontiers holds a special discussion of recent gay and lesbian books from the University of Wisconsin Press, with editor Raphael Kadushin, 8 p.m., Unitarian Meeting House, 900 University Bay Dr. FMI: (608) 839-4060.

Monday, Nov. 24

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.

Monday, Dec. 1

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Tuesday, Dec. 2

Sanford D'Amato Talk (Shorewood): The local chef featured in the "Winning Styles Cookbook" speaks, 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Thomas Cahill Talk (Milw.): Author of "Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

FILM, TV & RADIO:

Thursday, Nov. 20

Videos by Theresa Kak Kyung Cha (Milw.): Featuring "Secret Spill," "Mouth to Mouth," "Permutations," "Vidéoème" and "Re Dis Appearing," 7 p.m., \$2, Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Friday, Nov. 21

"Airplane" (Milw.): The Zucker Brothers' first big comedy sensation stars Leslie Nielsen and Robert Stack in this spoof of '70s airplane disaster flicks, on the big screen thru Nov. 27, Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

Saturday, Nov. 22

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

Sun., Nov. 23 & 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, Nov. 24

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring "Circuit," 7:30 p.m., OutReach, Inc, 600 Williamson St. FMI: www.frontiersmadison.org.

"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.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

"Sing-a-Long Wizard of Oz" (Green Bay): Don your favorite Oz costume and get ready to join the community sing-a-long! Fun pack and prizes for costumes, thru Nov. 30, Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St. FMI: (800) 328-TKTS.

Wed., Nov. 26 & 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.

Friday, Nov. 28

BEAVERS! (Milw.): No, it's not a lesbian porn film, but some of them ARE warm and fuzzy... It's an IMAX extravaganza about the workaholic little critters who build dams in our fair state, thru January, Humphrey IMAX Dome Theatre, Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 W. Wells St. FMI: (414) 319-4629.

Saturday, Nov. 29

"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.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES:

Appleton Art Center (Appleton): "The Native American Experience" thru Nov. 26, 111 W. College Ave. FMI: (920) 733-4089.

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): 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," W62 N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): Otto R. Finger: Essay in Concrete" thru Nov. 30. 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): "Medieval Art from the Metropolitan Museum of Art" thru Dec. 31. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Peter Sehringer: Contemporary German Painting," thru Nov. 30. Marquette University, 530 N. N. 13th St. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): Exhibits, performing arts, classes and lectures, 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): Children's Book Magic, thru Feb. 1, 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 County Historical Society (Milw.): "Quilts and Community" thru March, 2004; "Workhorses of Commerce" features Harley Davidson delivery vehicles; "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 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 246-4550.

Paine Art Center & Gardens (Oshkosh): "Boing!" Sculptures by Susan Read Cronin, thru 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.

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BOOKS:

Thursday, Nov. 20

Minnie Bruce Pratt Reading (Madison): Poet whose books include "Crime Against Nature" and "The Dirt She Ate" reads and signs her books, 6:30 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Friday, Nov. 21

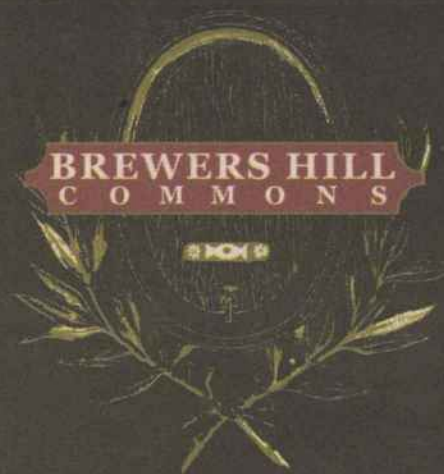
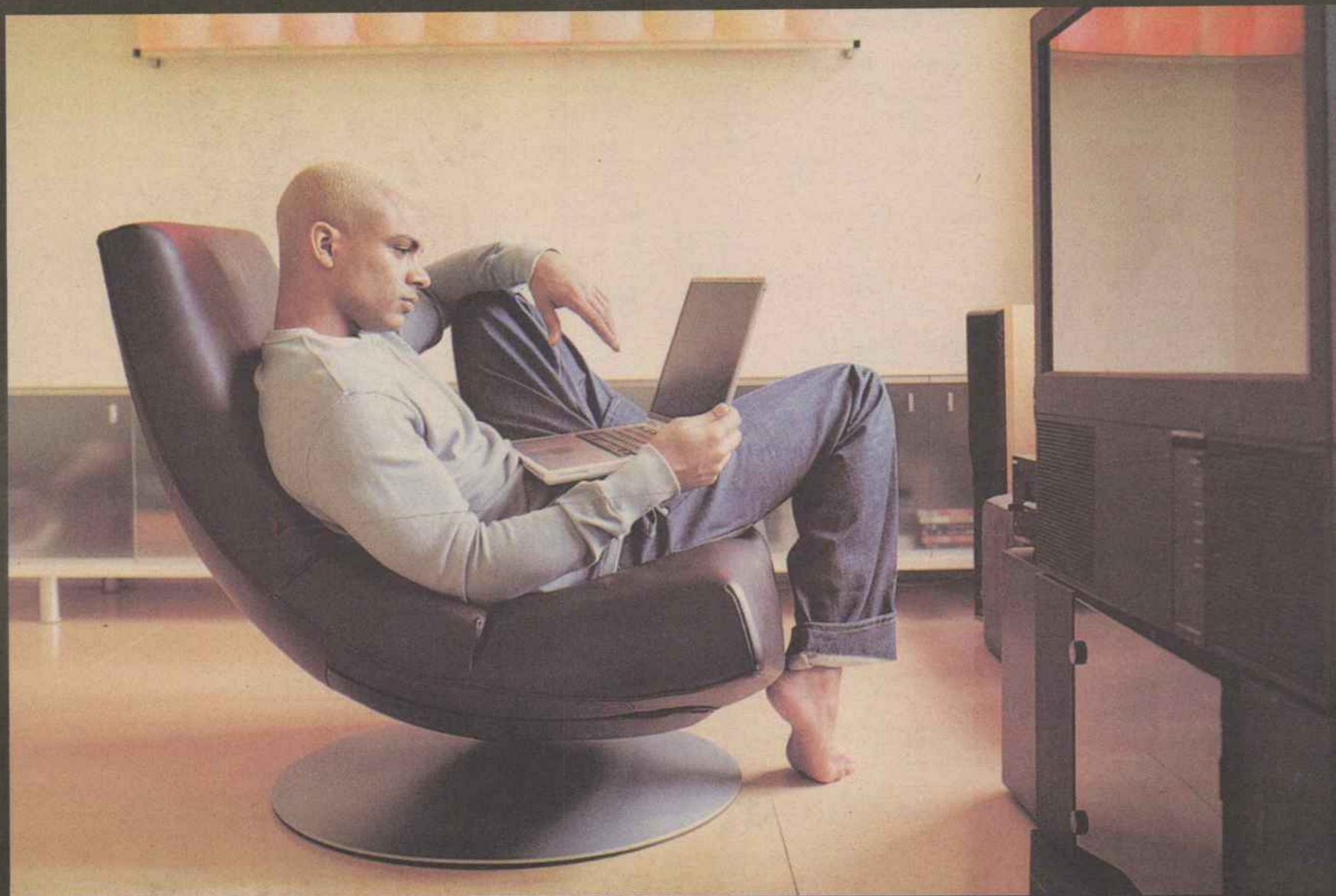
Jennifer Jones Reading (Madison): Local author and professor reads from her new biography "Anna Wickham: A Poet's Daring Life," 6:30 p.m., A Room of

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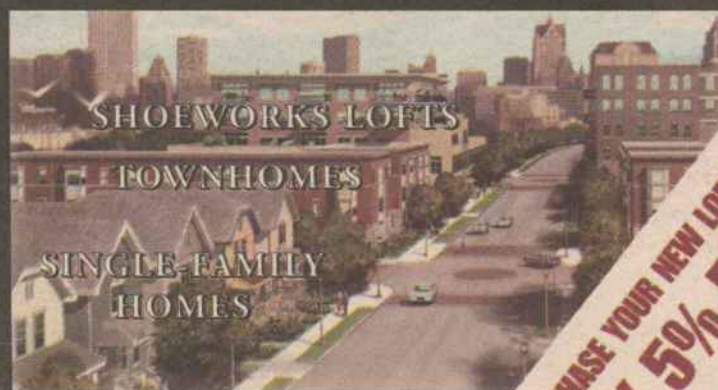
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Tax Cap Sponsors Threaten Services at AIDS Network

Madison — Officials at Madison's AIDS Network say the proposed elimination of their entire city budget will wreak havoc on Madison families trying to cope with HIV/AIDS. Executive Director Bob Power says the alders' proposal will in effect eliminate a case manager and leave 60 plus families without support. Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and Common Council President Mike Verveer have told Power they are opposed to this cut and will fight it on the council floor.

"While we understand the difficult economic times we are having in this city, to completely slash city support for families living with HIV/AIDS seems especially harsh," said Power. Power said the \$24,700 supports one of their six case management positions at AIDS Network and is the only source of funding support for families with HIV/AIDS that the city provides. The Madison Public Health Department provides HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, but then will refer new positives to AIDS Network for case management support and other essential services provided by the agency.

In addition to the city cuts, Power said the agency is facing cuts from both the county and the state. The State of Wisconsin AIDS Program has already reduced the agency's current prevention budget by \$22,000 and Dane County is proposing a \$20,000 cut for 2004.

"Each section of government is saying, well, these small cuts in their budget won't be that bad, but when everyone is making cuts, they add up to significant deficits that won't easily be made up," concluded Power.

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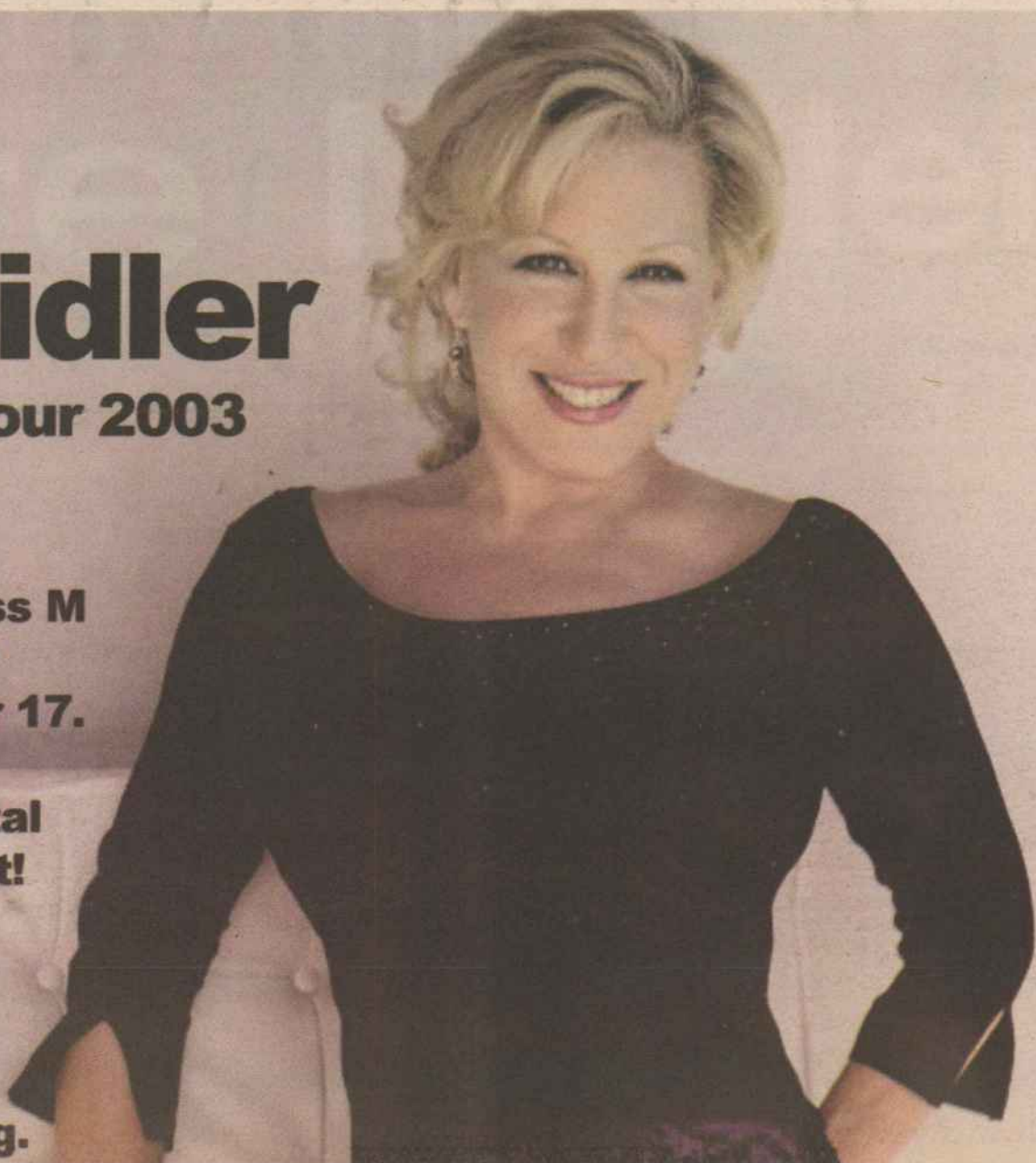
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Friday, Nov. 21

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

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

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, Nov. 21 & 22

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

Saturday, Nov. 22

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic conducts anonymous HIV testing at Club 219, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., 219 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Sunday, Nov. 23

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

Monday, Nov. 24

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, Nov. 26

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

Thursday, Nov. 27

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

Friday, Nov. 28

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Monday, Dec. 1

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.

Trocadero (Milw.): Mojito Mondays, Trocadero's weekly evening of Latin Beats and Libations, featuring John Murgues on the decks and special prices on Mojitos and Cuba Libres. Food available. Perfect way to begin your week, 9 p.m. to midnight, no cover. 1758 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 272-0252.



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Sundays:

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

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

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

Boom (Milw.): Open at 11 a.m. Packer Game Specials: 50 cent tops of MGD & Miller Lite. \$2 Bloody Mary Myrna's.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.

Fluid (Milw.): \$1.75 rail vodka mixers, 5 to 8 p.m. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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.woodys-mke.com.

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.): Happy Hour 5-8pm. 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.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. Absolut mixers, \$2.50, 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. 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

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.

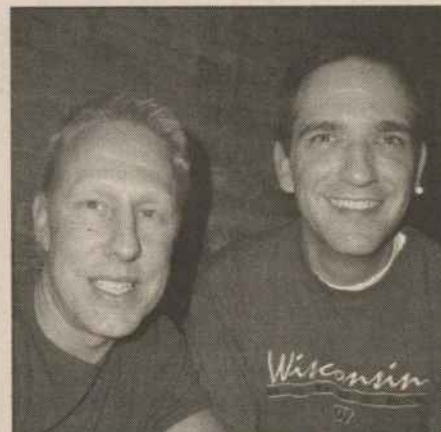
Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. \$3.50 and under drinks over \$3.50 get \$1 off.

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. to 1 a.m. \$1.75 rail vodka mixers, \$1.75 rail domestics, \$1.75 rail imports.



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

Tuesdays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8pm. Tini Tuesdays: Specials on Featured Martini of the week. Plus Free Pizza. 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 tap beer, \$2 rails and bottled beer.

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. \$2 Cold Shots, 8 p.m. to close. 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 yours, 2nd drink free! Shirtless men half price anytime. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

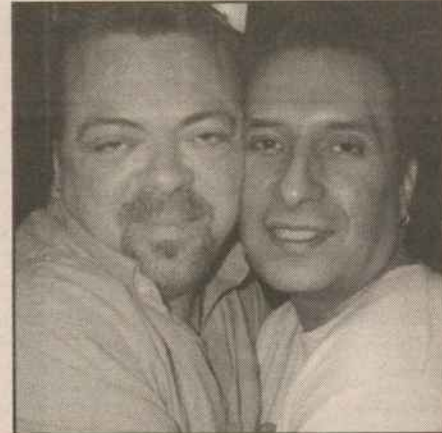
LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Prize Nite." Win \$100 cash — no cover. FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com

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!



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

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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

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

Wednesdays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8pm FMI: www.boommke.com

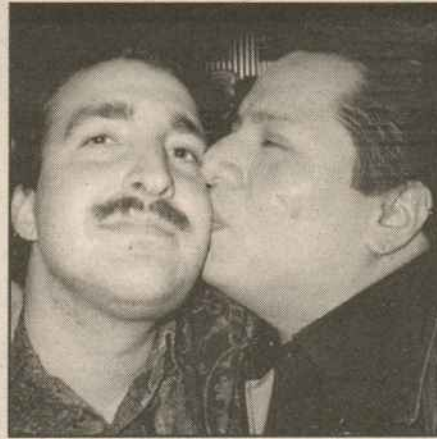
Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink specials.

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

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



Scorpio Party @ The Pint. Photo by A. Gallegos



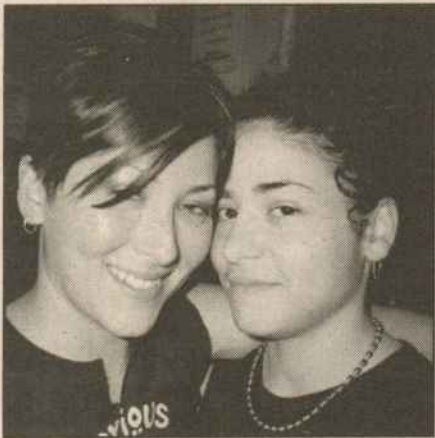
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Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. Male Dancers at 11 p.m., 50¢ off all taps and rails, \$2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. \$2 shot specials.

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. \$2 Coronas and \$2 shots of Jose Cuervo, 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! 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.woodys-mke.com.

Thursdays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8pm \$8 Pitchers of MGD or Miller Lite with a Free Pizza, 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 Cosmos 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

M&M Club (Milw.): Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to close! FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

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.woodys-mke.com.

Fridays:

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

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

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 dancing. FMI: www.boommke.com

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

Fluid (Milw.): 50¢ mugs and 75¢ pints of Miller Lite and MGD, 5-8 p.m. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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.

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!

Woody's (Milw.): Open at 2 p.m. FMI: www.woodys-mke.com.

Milwaukee Club Guide

Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)
196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474

Boom (Mw, D, V)
625 S. 2nd St., 53204 277-5040
WWW.BOOMMKE.COM

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)
819 S. 2nd St., 53204 643-5843
WWW.FLUID.GAYMKE.COM

Harbor Room (L/L, Mw)
117 E. Greenfield, 53204 672-7988
WWW.HARBOR-ROOM.COM

Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)
1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673

La Cage/ETC (Mw, DJ, V, F)
801 S. 2nd St., 53204 383-8330
WWW.LACAGE.GAYMKE.COM

M&M Club (MW, F)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
WWW.MANDMCLUB.COM

Out 'N About (MW, DJ, V, F)
1407 S. Water St., 53204 ... 643-0377
WWW.MILWAUKEE-OUT-N-ABOUT.COM

Pulse (Mw, D, F)
200 E. Washington., 53204 . 649-9547
WWW.PULSEMILWAUKEE.COM

Switch (Mw)
124 W. Nat'l Ave., 53204 220-4340
WWW.SWITCH.GAYMKE.COM

This Is It (M)
418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192

Triangle (M, V)
135 E. National 53204 383-9412

Woody's (Mw, D)
1579 S. 2nd St., 53204 672-0806
WWW.WOODYS-MKE.COM/

Walker's Pint (Wm)
818 S. 2nd St., 53204 643-7468
WWW.WALKERSPINTMILWAUKEE.COM

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 6 - November 19, 2003

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Nov. 20

Transgender Day of Remembrance (Madison): Candle-light Vigil and speeches, 6 p.m., Library Mall at the UW. FMI: (608) 259-9225.

Financial Planning (Milw.): Rainbow U presents "Building Financial Freedom for Lesbians and Gays" with John Witzak, free, 7 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Poetry Reading (Madison): Minnie Bruce Pratt, whose books include "Crime Against Nature" and "The Dirt She Ate," reads and signs her books, 6:30 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Friday, Nov. 21

LGBT 101 for Businesses (Madison): A forum presenting businesses and employers with info about LGBT issues and employees, 6:30 p.m., UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. FMI: (608) 266-7086.

Harvest Ball (Madison): Annual Fall dance of the ten Percent Society, 9 p.m., age 18+ or guest pass required, \$3 at the door, cash bar, live DJs, Great Hall - Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. FMI: (608) 262-7365, or email: TPS@TPS.StudentOrg.wisc.edu.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Gay Books! (Madison): Raphael Kadushin of the UW Press talks about a series of gay-themed books published by our university press, 8 p.m., First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Dr. FMI: (608) 839-4060.

Sunday, Nov. 23

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.

Gay/Bi Fathers (Madison): Support group and potluck for gay and bi dads, 5 p.m., Call (608) 274-5821 for more info.

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, Nov. 24

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): All welcome, Ride That Train Line Dance, 7:30 p.m., then open dance to 11 p.m. 5 Applegate Ct. FMI: (608) 255-9131, email: rtkilmer@facstaff.wisc.edu.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

"Sing-a-Long Wizard of Oz" (Green Bay): Don your favorite Oz costume and get ready to join the community sing-a-long! Fun pack and prizes for costumes, thru Nov. 30, Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St. FMI: (800) 328-TKTS.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

HIT Tournament (Milw.): The 25th annual Holiday Invitational Bowling Tournament kicks off.

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

Thursday, Nov. 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Saturday, Nov. 29

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

Thanksgiving Potluck (Milw.): SAGE, project Q, LAMM and Pflag join forces for the second annual intergenerational Thanksgiving community potluck, 5-7 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. RSVP Please: (414) 224-0517.

Sunday, Nov. 30

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, Dec. 1

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.

Pioneers Meeting (Richland Center): Regular meeting of Pioneers, A Rural Southwest Wisconsin Gay & Lesbian Alliance, 7-9 p.m., Richland County Community Programs, 1000 U.S. Highway 14 West. FMI: (608) 987-4451, or email: PioneersWI@aol.com.

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, Dec. 2

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.

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, Dec. 3

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & 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 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Midtowne Spa, 315 S. Water St. FMI: (414) 225-1535 or 271-HOMO.

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

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

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

LGBT Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison): This weekly group provides outlet for gay/bi students at UWM. Social 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 email: wistsgroup@charter.net.

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

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

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

SAGE, Senior Action in a Gay Environment (Milw.): For older gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals. Offers alternating game nights, movie nights, guest speakers and discussions every Friday, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

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: Wistsgroup@charter.net.

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.

BESTD Clinic - Pozitively 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.

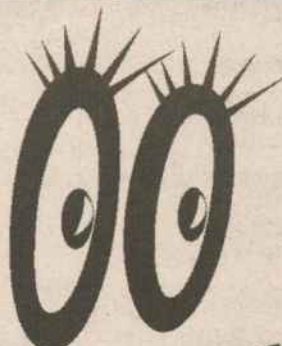
GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison): Every Saturday at 6 p.m. at OutReach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI: call (608) 255-8582.

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

Potluck/Social Gathering (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

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

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

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.): "Come 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: Arr 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 Arwood Community Ctr., 2425 Arwood 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 cal (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 (00) 675-9400.

HIV Testing (Milw.): ARCW provides free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., LGBT Resource Center at UWM, ground floor, Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 225-1535 or 271-HOMO.

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.

Womonsong 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.

WEDNESDAYS

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

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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 5-7 p.m., ARCW Office, 820 N. Plankinton Ave. 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.

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CALENDARS

Calendars 2004

By Carl M Szatmary

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and all of the Christmas decorations have been up on Wisconsin Avenue since before Halloween. It must be that special time of year — "calendar season." Calendars are both fun and functional. Best of all, calendars are inexpensive, make great gifts and come in all shapes and sizes featuring common place as well as extraordinary subjects. And, much like their purchasers, are occasionally quite naughty while others are nice. Some, happily, are both.

For the Boys

Gay men who are used to an embarrassment of riches are likely to find even more hot male calendars than ever before. Rest assured all — or at least almost all — of your favorite calendar titles are to be found for 2004 as well as plenty of intriguing new titles.

Artists and photographers associated with the LGBT community are particularly well represented in 2004.

Those with a classical eye are sure to be captivated by two fine art calendars: "Caravaggio: The Paintings 2004" and "Leonardo: The Drawings 2004." The continued popularity of Keith Haring and Andy Warhol is evidenced by a gaggle of 2004 calendars in a variety of formats and including a range of their works. The "Keith Haring Animals 2004" wall calendar is particularly whimsical.

Another popular calendar that doesn't have to come down when the family's over

for a visit comes from celebrated painter Steve Walker. For 2004, the openly gay Walker has created the eloquent, "Still Lives." As with previous calendars, Steve Walker has including a several new paintings to accompany the many favorite Walker images in "Still Lives."

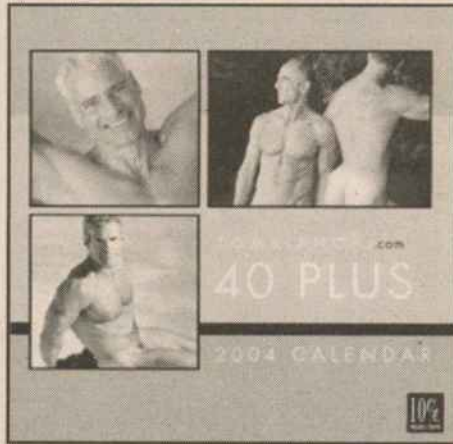
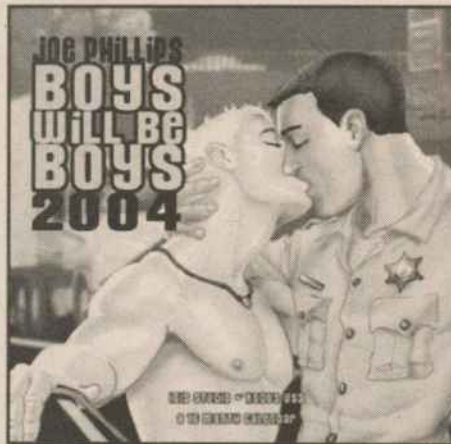
Always playful and fun is "Boys Will Be Boys 2004," from cartoonist Joe Phillips. Once again Joe Phillips has put his talents on paper to create this humorous cartoon view of gay life for his 2004 calendar and again features Phillips' usual collection of hot cartoon boys

All of the top gay photographers are evidently represented by calendars in 2004. Tom Bianchi has not one but two of the hottest 2004 calendars. Perhaps the most surprising calendar title for 2004 is Bianchi's "40 Plus 2004." This unique calendar showcases mature men aged to perfection in fun and sexy situations, all in the great style you'd expect to see from Tom Bianchi.

Also from Tom Bianchi is "On the Couch 2004," another scorching calendar based upon Bianchi's bestselling book, "On the Couch."

Popular Jeff Palmer is represented with "Men 2004" inspired by Palmer's latest photobook, "Temptation." Likewise, Howard Roffman's photographic celebration of the perfect boy has been released both in book form as well as in calendar form, "The Perfect Boy 2004." Other photographers to offer calendars for 2004 include Sam Carson ("First Exposure 2004"), "Ed Freeman ("Work 2004") and Steven Underhill ("Straight Boys").

Nearly every popular adult studio has



gotten in the act, with calendars that feature the men from the videos that fuel so many erotic fantasies. In 2004, the men from Lucas Kazan and the boys from Rad Studios are among those joining the ranks of calendar men.

Perennial favorites return from Titan, Falcon and Kristen Bjorn. The boys from Bel Ami are back with two calendars, one featuring "The New Generation," while the other highlighting Lucas, Johan, Ion and the many other Bel Ami models who've become "Classics." Not to be out-done, there are two, that's right, two different calendars for 2002 from legendary director Kristen Bjorn, "Stallions 2004" and "Body Heat 2004."

Those looking for a bit of ethnic diversity will find calendars for 2004. Two calendars features Asian men (Quinn Payton Yarbrough's "Asian Men 2004," "Naked Asian Youth 2004"), African-American men and Latin men.

For the Girls

There seems to be fewer calendars for 2004 for lesbians. Judy Francesconi is back with just one calendar for 2004 — "Tenderness 2004." Judy Francesconi's talent is especially showcased as she captures the tenderness of women together in this sixteen (16) month 2004 calendar. Playful and tender, her images are powerful representations of the special bond these women share.

An even more risqué calendar comes from the always naughty folks at "On Our Backs" magazine. The editors of the preeminent lesbian erotic magazine, "On Our Backs" have gathered 12 of their hottest, steamiest images to create an edgy, exciting calendar perfect for today's libidinous lesbian.

The art of Georgia O'Keefe and Susan Seddon Boulet have long held special

appeal for lesbians and calendars featuring their work are always popular. 2004 should be no exception. "Goddesses 2004" offers Boulet's uniquely powerful images of ancient goddesses, whether famous or obscure.

Sure to be of interest to sporty lesbians is the "U.S. Women's National Team Soccer 2004" calendar. Enjoy a full year with top players Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy, Brandi Chastain and many more.

Calendars for Everyone

The most welcome new calendar for 2004 must be "A Queer Year Page-A-Day 2004" calendar. It's smart, it's sassy, and it's packed with attitude. But also with facts, history, trivia, and lore—a complete salute to gay culture and history. The lows—Stonewall, "Don't Ask. Don't Tell"—and the highs, including the political activism and gay pride Stonewall inspired. Historic figures from Sappho to Tchaikovsky, and trivia.

With over 20 million pairs sold, pink flamingos are truly a part of the American suburban landscape. Still, what could be gayer than a pink flamingo? Now, these delightful little guys can grace your wall throughout 2004 with Don Featherstone's original, "Pink Plastic Lawn Flamingo 2004" calendar.

Equally unique are the creations of Edward Gorey. Most recognizable from the opening credits of PBS's popular series, "Mystery," Gorey's drawing have always been a bit eccentric. For 2004 comes "The Glorious Nosebleed 2004" wall calendar. The Gorey Engagement calendar is highlighted by "The Doubtful Guest" and "The Stupid Joke."

Rare nude photos of Madonna highlight "Unseen Madonna 2004." Back in 1979 a young woman walked into Martin Schreiber's studio at Parson School of Design in NY to model for a course. These photographs of the young, future superstar have never been previously published.



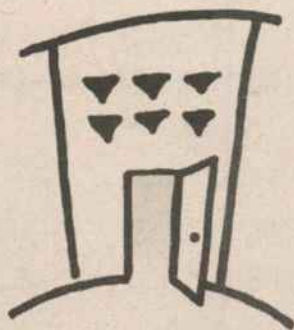
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GOTCHA!

By Billy Masters

The month started off with a bang as **Joan Rivers** returned to Tinseltown with her hit show *Broke and Alone* in LA. What is always astounding about Auntie Joan is her near-perfect delivery, her energy, and her stage presence. We can all poke fun at her gaffs, her questionable taste, or even some material. But she's still here, and comedians half – no, a third – her age would do well to study how she has endured without diminishing her formidable powers. And Joanie isn't above poking fun at her image as the Queen of the Red Carpet: "You all see me on E!, the sun beating on my head, the sweat pouring down my face. I may be asking people, 'Who are you wearing?' but what I really wanna ask them is 'Who the hell are you?'" Stop, Joan, you're killing me!

Since this is a limited return engagement (the show was here in April – Joanie probably agreed to do the show again because the theatre was available and she was in town anyway), the star-gazing was limited to a handful of celebs. **Downtown Julie Brown** had me in stitches with the little asides she whispered to me throughout the opening act. I'm not sure how much **Joan Van Ark** actually saw of the show, since I'm not sure how much she can actually open her eyes, but her hubby was laughing harder than anyone in the theatre. Then there was hunky **Steve Kmetko**, who seemed to particularly enjoy Rivers' riff on **Donatella Versace** looking like a dried-up old saddle bag. That's what happens when you overdo the tanning (hint, hint).

We hear that **Kathy Najimy** and **Mo'Nique** plan to once again resurrect *The Kathy and Mo Show*. Kathy and Mo: Afterbirth has been described as a collection of the gals' "greatest hits" and will debut in February as the last production to play the Canon Theatre in Beverly Hills (where we just saw *La Rivers*). In June, they will bring the show to the Second Stage Theater off-Broadway for a limited four-week run.

If you were headed to NYC to see **Farrah Fawcett** in her Broadway debut, cancel your trip. After a single week of previews, the producer of **Bobbi Boland** announced that the show was closing. On paper, it seemed a perfect fit to have Fawcett play a former Miss Florida who hits the bottle once a mysterious young lady turns up on her doorstep. But when rehearsals began, reports of Farrah being publicly inebriated started circulating, prompting some to wonder if she were a Method actress. I'm guessing that as producer **Joyce Johnson** watched the final performance (with the audience at 30% capacity), she wondered, "What the hell was I thinking?" But what she said was "we learned in previews that the play simply does not work in a Broadway house."

If you want something to do with the family over Thanksgiving, check out Warner Brothers' *Looney Tunes – Back in Action*. I attended the premiere of this flick at the famed Grauman's Chinese Theatre, and it is a treat for young and old. I was whisked back to those days when I watched **Bugs Bunny** and his pals on Saturday mornings. The carnival-themed party was attended by many of the film's stars, including **Brendan Fraser**, **Jenna Elfman**, and **Steve Martin**. Also spotted were **David James Elliot** (who is a tall drink of JAG), **Sylvester Stallone**,

Lisa Kudrow, **John Schneider**, and **Eric Close**. But for me, meeting Bugs was the highlight. Well, that and the fabu music by DJ **Mark Howard**. And don't get me started on the delicious homemade donuts. Mmmm.

If you want to be thankful in private, then check out the **Paris Hilton** sex tape. There were many heated arguments at Filth2Go Central over whether we should release this footage. After we watched the first few moments, the decision was obvious – I have to allow you to see it just because of the enormity of **Rick Solomon's** penis. I was shocked – not so much at the length, but the...how shall we say... "girth". The rest of the video shows that Paris clearly knows what she's doing, trying to position herself for the best camera angle, and orally pleasing Rick while sneaking peeks at the camera. After seeing the tape, Rick's estranged wife, **Shannen Doherty** quipped, "I'd say Paris' film career is off to a rousing start!"

Could it be that the twist for this year's *Joe Millionaire* is right in front of our noses? It sure is if ya live in West Hollywood, because that's where hunky **David Smith** has been hanging out during his down time. Now, I am the last person to muse about someone's sexuality, but as Davey sashayed down Santa Monica Boulevard in those tight Levis, equally tight T-shirt, and his trademark boots, he effortlessly fit in amongst the circuit boys who populate the strip. There appeared to be quite a bit of cruising going on both ways, which brought a smile to my face. It would be a crying shame to waste that bod on a bilingual babe.

Could it be that the Vanity Fair gay photo shoot went off without a hitch? Not a prayer. First there was the brouhaha that only one person on the cover of TV's *Gay Heat Wave* is openly gay. That was not the original plan, but someone who did make the cover demanded that someone else get cut. Moving inside the issue, one fella fought to keep his shirt off, while another not only doffed the shirt but stated clearly, "This is how I stand, how I angle my body, and how I pose – period." In his defense, the end result may be the best photo ever taken of him (even if that Emmy winner's eyes were rolling through the drama). But more interesting were the two couples who insisted on posing together for varying reasons. Two unlikely guys ended up in an embrace because they actually tricked the night before (shhhhh, don't tell anyone). The other two have not yet gone all the way – although some "manipulation" transpired during the shoot! Last but not least, the one person everyone expected to be the ultimate diva was a little lamb and did exactly as told. The photos almost show this person looking "ethereal". High as a kite, or so the story goes.

When "gays" are on the cover of magazines and "millionaires" are walking around WeHo, it's time to end yet another column. Here's a Billy confession – back in September, I was at a party with a colleague who writes a column for the publication that started me on this Filth journey eight years ago (thank you, *Odyssey*). This buddy told me that he heard through the grapevine that Vanity Fair was going to do a cover story about gays on television. Did I think it was plausible? Did I make a single phone call to check out the story? Nope, I just shook my head and said, "Not a chance." Shows you what I know. So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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"Times Square" and "Winter Wonderettes"

"Times Square Angel"

By Carl M. Szatmary

The 1940s were a strange time in Hollywood. On one hand, legendary film director Frank Capra was still spinning his Capra-corn, reaching his zenith with that perennial Christmas favorite, "It's A Wonderful Life." Can there ever be another film out of Hollywood that more perfectly captures the folksy ideal of small town American spirit?

While Jimmy Stewart emerged as something of an All-American Everyman, actresses like Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, Barbara Stanwyck to name just a few spent the 1940s clawing to stay on top, carving out memorable portrayals as dames who were as tough as nails.

Both sides of '40s Hollywood come together in Charles Busch's hilarious parody, "Times Square Angel," a not-so-very traditional Holiday show offered by R.S.V.P. Productions.

Firmly entrenched in Busch's spotlight is Irish O'Flanagan (InStep's very own Dear Ruthie). What sort of a gal is Irish? Think Joan Crawford in "Mildred Pierce." Think Gloria Swanson in "Sunset Boulevard." What the heck, think Neely O'Hara scrapping bottom in "Valley of the Dolls." Irish is so tough that when she says, "I wouldn't trust a man as far as I can throw a drink," you know she has thrown many a man and many a drink.

But she wasn't always like that. Once upon a time, she was a real nice girl, got good grades, was willing to help any friend in need. See even planned to marry Eddie (Trey Korte), the not-too-bright boy-next-

door. Then her mother became ill and she had to leave school to work in a zipper sweatshop. The rest of the first act follows Irish as she toughens up, first becoming a stripper, then falling in love with dashing and rich Dexter Paine III (Michael Endter). Just for a moment, one golden moment, everything seems too good to be true. As is so often the case in stories such as this, it proves to be too good to be true. Mamma Paine tells Irish that Dexter won't get a dime if he marries her and when she offers Irish a big payoff, Irish says to heck with love and grabs the money.

Irish becomes a big star but instead of thanking all of the little people, she steps on them. We know that she will have to face a reckoning. However, can her guardian Angel Albert (James Henderson) teach Irish to fly right before it's too late?

Busch is on firm footing as Dear Ruthie's ravishing Irish works her way to the top. From schlepping schoolgirl to beautiful nightclub headliner crooning, "You're Getting to be a Habit with Me" to her pint-sized co-star Georgie (Michael Endter), Ruthie has us eating right out of her hand.

Busch is decidedly less nimble bringing "Times Square Angel" on home, a la "It's A Wonderful Life." A detour to the junkyard scene straight from "A Christmas Carol" is a real head-scratcher but still great fun in the hands of the hysterical trio of scavengers.

"Times Square Angel" might offer a familiar story but with a marvelous nostalgic twist and a welcome addition to the canon of holiday entertainment.

"Time Square Angel" continues at the "Off the Wall Theatre until Nov. 30

"Winter Wonderettes"

By Carl M. Szatmary

It's still before Thanksgiving and there ain't no snow yet - at least not as this review is being written - but the Milwaukee Rep's Stackner Cabaret is all decked out in holiday colors with the welcome return of those Marvelous Wonderettes in aptly the titled, "Winter Wonderettes."

The occasion is the annual Christmas holiday party at Harper's Hardware - think Cunningham's Hardware from the popular sitcom "Happy Day." The time is the 1950s as seen through the rose-tinted glasses of the 1970s.

Once upon a time Betty Jean (Lucia Spina), Missy (Misty Cotton), Suzy (Bets Malone) and Cindy Lou (Susanna Hall) were the Marvelous Wonderettes. Many years have passed and Betty Jean, now a Harper's Hardware employee, has gotten the old group together to provide the evening's entertainment for the company party.

Such is the loose narrative provided by Roger Bean to hold together a genial, nostalgic trip down memory lane with a couple of dozen holiday tunes from the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

The highlight of the evening is to be the arrival of Santa - as played by Mr. Harper - who will bestow upon the roomful of Harper employees (we in the audience) a bagful of bonus checks. But Mr. Harper is late as usual and the Wonderettes must keep entertaining until his arrival. As the likeable quartet work their way through a variety of traditional and pop tunes, we in the audience get to know the Wonderettes. Suzy is pregnant again, this time hopefully with a boy. Missy is just married with hubby

Bill at a ringside table. Poor Betty Jean's beau has left her again, this time for good.

The Wonderettes harmonize, well, marvelously. There are delightful performances of such familiar and expected songs as "Jingle Bell Rock," "Little Saint Nicky" and "Santa Baby." What really makes the evening fun are the less familiar songs, often punctuated with added humor or emotion from the cast. To commemorate the first snowfall of the year, there is an unexpectedly soulful rendition of "Snowfall." A sizzling "Santa Does the Mambo" just about brought the house down. Bets Malone's Suzy offers a hilariously energetic "Suzy Snowflake" she makes her own. Cindy Lou sheds her hard-as-press-on-nails façade in a poignant "All Those Christmas Cliches. Likewise, when Betty Jean's holiday spirit begins to falter after finding a pink slip instead of a bonus check, she brings the first act to a thoughtful conclusion with a touching, "Christmas Will Be Just Another Lonely Day."

Heck, isn't this a holiday show? You bet! The Wonderettes quickly get back in the spirit in the second act with a wacky salute to Christmas around the world before bringing some unsuspecting Harper employees (audience members) into the festivities.

Vicki Davis's set is just the right mixture of homespun nostalgia and homemade tackiness while Tina Campbell bedecks her Wonderettes in delightful costumes that have just the right amounts of shimmer and sparkle. With plenty of easygoing humor and charm, "The Winter Wonderettes" is a perfect way to ease into the holiday season.

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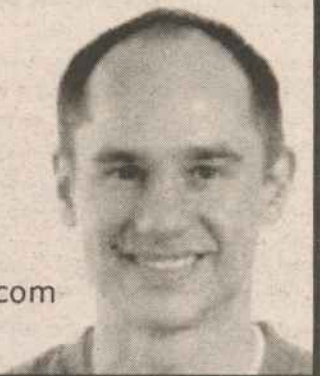
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I don't want to hibernate in a bar all winter. Any ideas, Ms. Socialite, for getting me away from the TV and off the couch - without sitting in a dark smoky bar? (Forgive me, but as wonderful as they may be, trailer-park events are strictly out of the question. No offense.)

Good Time Tom

open 365 days a year? Believe it or not, it can actually be quite fun to visit the zoo on a snowy day and see what animals are enjoying the weather. There are plenty of indoor exhibits to check out, too.

Don't forget about the Milwaukee Public Museum. Stroll the streets of Old Milwaukee or the European Village with your boy toy and maybe you can even sneak a kiss in the back of the silent-movie theater or that impressive lmax movie-show I keep hearing so much about.

How about a tour of the Pabst Mansion? Or, why not stop at the Domes for an eye-appealing afternoon that's certain to chase away the chills and banish your goose bumps for good.

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Don't forget about Milwaukee's incredible art museum and the many galleries around the fashionable East Side. And speaking of the arts, there's plenty of live theater to consider, too. Now more than ever, you'll find a play to fit your mood somewhere in Wisconsin. Take "Times Square Angel" for example!

Okay, okay, yes I'm in it, and I'm sure you're all sick of hearing about it. But it's a damn good show that will have you laughing for a few hours and get you geared up for the holiday season at the same time.

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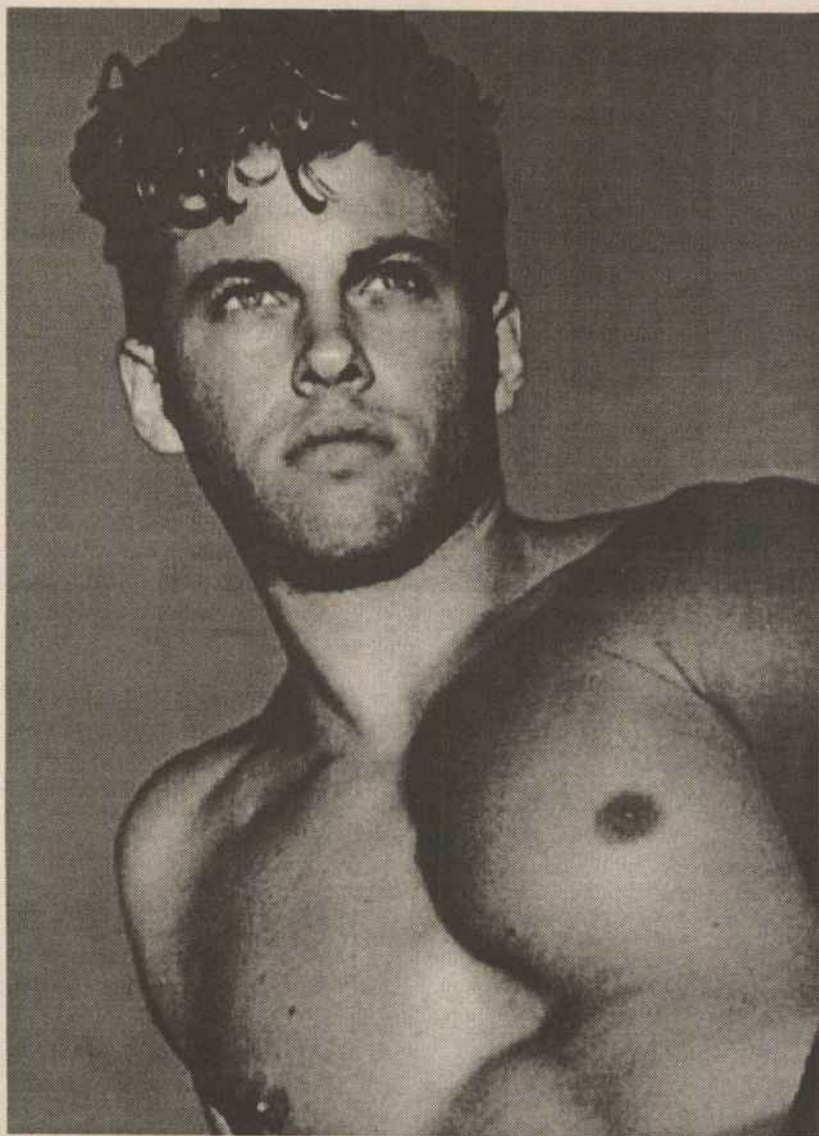
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115 King St. 53701 (251) 2582
Web: www.clubmajestic.net
- Shamrock (GS, MW, F, D)**
117 W. Main St. 53703 (255) 5029
- Greenbush (G/S, M/W, F)**
914 Regent, 53715 (257) BUSH
- Rainbow Room (MW)**
121 West Main St., 53703 (258) 5838

ORGANIZATIONS

- Briarpatch**
512 E. Washington St. 53703 (257) 0394
Web: www.brpatch.org
- Brew City Bears**
P.O. Box 8815, 53708-8815, Milw. (299) 0401
E-mail: bcbeats@aol.com
- Campus Womens Center**
710 University Ave, #202, 53715 262-8093
- Different Spokes G/L/B Bicycling Club** (241) 8184
18-21 Yr Old Social Group (256) 2667
- Flaming Dykasaurus** (241) 7020
E-mail: dykasaur@aol.com
- Frontiers (Gay/Bi Mens Activities Organ.)**
600 Williamson St, 53703 (274) 5959
- Gay/Bi Father's Group**
600 Williamson St, 53703 (255) 8582
- Gay/Lesbian Information Recording**
(ask for tape #3333) (263) 3100
- Gay Mens Video Club**
P.O. Box 8234, 53708 (244) 8675
- GLBT Phone Line (Outreach)** (255) 4297
- Jewish Lesbians** (256) 8883
E-mail: catherine-odette@juno.com
- Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Events)** (266) 9997
E-Mail: kgppgirlz@hotmail.com
- Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group)**
(255) 7447
- LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)**
Dean of Students Office,
75 Bascom Hall, Madison 53706 (263) 5700
- LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge, Resource Center) UW Union** (265) 3344
- LesBiGay Teen Support Group** (251) 1126
(Briarpatch & Picada) or (246) 7606
- Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union**
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
- Lesbian Health Issues Task Force** (242) 6256
E-mail: sievert@co.dane.wi.us
- Lizzards (Lesbians 30 and over)** (586) 4499
E-mail: cannon@maqs.net
- Madison Area Gay/Lesbian History Society** (839) 4060
E-mail: dbergren@facstaff.wisc.edu
- Mad City Bears** (225) 8582
c/o OutReach, 600 Williamson, Madison 53706
- Madison LGBT Business Alliance** (245) 1611
www.lgballiance.org
- Madison Volleyball Group (Jeff)** (251) 8716
- Madison Wrestling Club**
P.O. Box 8234, 53708 (244) 8675
- MAGIC Picnic Committee c/o Outreach** (255) 8582
- Mens Alanon** (255) 8582
- New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)**
P.O. Box 1786, 53701
- OutReach, Inc.**
600 Williamson St, 53703 (255) 8582
email: outreachinc.com, web: www.outreachinc.com
- Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians**
P.O. Box 1722, 53701
- Perfect Harmony Chorus** (831) 3609
P.O. Box 14706, 53714-4706
- Rainbow Community Collective (L/G/B/T Social Org)**
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Ctr. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
953 Jenifer Street (Lira) (608) 238-9150
- Rural Dykes Association (social)** (767) 3150
- SAGE/Madison-Dane** (255) 8582
- Scrawl (Women's Open Mic, Music)** (245) 9681

- <http://www.checkpages.com/brainiacs/allgirlscrawl>
Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org) (240) 0504
<http://www.aplaceforus.org/shakeitup.htm>
- Stage Q (Theater Group)** (663) 6463
<http://www.stageq.com>
- 10% Society (student organization)**
<http://tps.storg.wisc.edu>, e-mail:
P.O. Box 260394, 53726 (262) 7365
- Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)**
P.O. Box 536, 53701
- UW LesBiGay Alumni Council** (262) 2551
- Womonsong (Woman's Choral Group)** (246) 2681
- RELIGIOUS**
- Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)**
University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705
256-2353
- Church of the Holy Spirit (Inclusive)**
2144 E. Johnson St., (meeting at James Reeb)
(661) 4462
- Coming Out, Coming Together (Interfaith)**
(249) 1537
E-mail: cwolfe@mailbag.com
- First Congregational UCC Church** (233) 9751
1609 University Ave., 53705
Web: www.firstcongmadison.org
- Integrity/Dignity**
P.O. Box 730, 53701 (836) 8886
- James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church**
2146 E Johnson, 53704 (242) 8887

Services

- Victoria Hewelt Cazel (Attorney)**
6701 Seybold Rd., Suite 103 (270) 1709
- KMA Systems of Madison (Computer Consultants)**
4702 Dutch Mill Road #14 (222) 9128
- Retail**
- Border's Books**
3416 University Ave., 53705 (232) 2600
- Rubin's**
317 E. Wilson St. 53704 (255) 8998

Milwaukee (414)

Organizations

- Aeon Group (Interactive Fiction Gaming)**
P.O. Box 93953, 53203-0953 (291) 0530
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
(Request gay meetings) (771) 9119
- Bi Definition (Bisexual community events)**
315 W. Court St., Suite 101 (299) 9612
E-mail: bidef@hotmail.com
- Brew City Bears** (299) 0401
P.O. Box 1035, 53201
E-mail: brewcitybears@aol.com, www.brewcitybears.org
- BWMT-Milwaukee** (414) 540-9437, ext 3
P.O. Box 091475, Milwaukee, 53209
bwmtmilwaukee@aol.com
- Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club)**, P.O. Box 1697, 53202
- Counseling Center (LGB support & discussion groups)**
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 (271) 2565
- Cream City Chorus**
315 W. Court, 53212 (276) 8787
- Cream City Foundation (CCF)**
315 W. Court, 53212 (225) 0244
- Cream City Squares**
(G/L Square Dancing Club) (445) 8080
- DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)**
P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201 (278) 0323
- Fest City Singers (gay choral group)**
P.O. Box 11428, 53211 (961) 0713
- Firebirds (L/L group)**, P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159
- Front Runners (running group)** (332) 1527
- Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)**
315 W. Court St., 53212 (276) 6936
- Milwaukee GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)**
E-mail: mkegamma@execpc.com
Web: www.MilwaukeeGamma.com
P.O. Box 1900, 53201 (365) 3453
Membership Info (358) 2111
- Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group** (276) 7626
- Gay Father's Group**
1240 E. Brady St., 53202 (372) 8008
- Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.**
(GLEEMM), Larry (462) 8404
- Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM** (229) 6402
- Gay People's Union**
P.O. Box 208, 53201 (645) 0585
- Gay Youth Milwaukee (peer group meetings)**
P.O. Box 090441, 53209 (265) 8500
- Gay Straight Alliance**
(Waukesha County Technical College)
GSA c/o Student Life C121, 800 Main St.
Peawaukee, WI 53072 (262) 691-5388
- Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG support/social)**
P.O. Box 44211, 53214 (297) 9328
- Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee**
P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862
- GLEAM/SPECTRUM (GLBT Employees of Ameritech)**
P.O. Box 254, 53201 (482) 4310
- G/L Community Trust Fund**
P.O. Box 1686, 53201 (643) 1652
- Great Lakes Harley Riders**, P.O. Box 341611, 53234-1611
- Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)**
P.O. Box 899, 53201

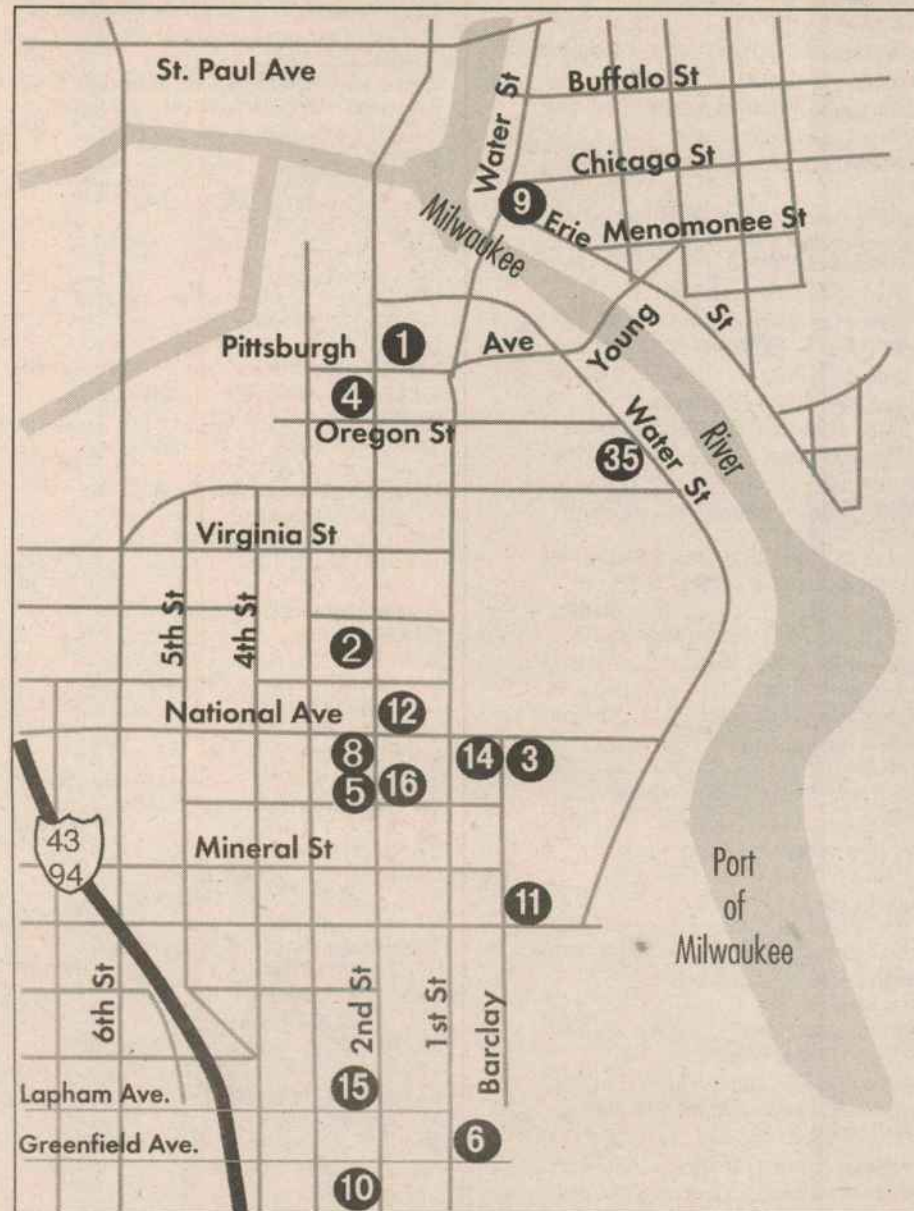
- Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
P.O. Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 548-4344
- LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
315 W. Court, 53212 272-9442
- Log Cabin Republicans (Gay Republicans)
P.O. Box 199, 53201 299-9443
- MGALA (Marquette U. GL Alumni)
P.O. Box 92722, 53202
- Marquette Gay/Straight Alliance
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873
- Men's Voices Milwaukee
315 W. Court St., 53212 765-9198
- Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Brian) 704-1688
- Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
315 W. Court, 53212 271-2656
www.mkelgbt.org
- Milwaukee Symphony Chorus
Auditions/Info 414-559-9330
www.milwaukeesymphony.org
- Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) 800-711-6375
- Orgullo Latino/a Latin Pride
(c/o Murguía) 1532 N. Astor St. 53202 276-8546
- Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833
- Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
315 W. Court, 53212 299-9198
- Pathfinders (youth counseling, shelter)
1614 E. Kane Place, 53202 271-1560
- PrideFest (annual Pride festival)
907 S. 1st St., 53204
Web Site: www.pridefest.com 645-FEST
- Project Q (Youth Program of the Milwaukee LGBT Center)
315 W. Court, 53212, www.projectq.org 223-3220
- The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)
PO Box 090441, 53209 265-8500
- Rainbow Alliance at UWM
Box 122, 2200 E. Kenwood 53211 229-6555
Web: www.uwm.edu/studentorg/glb/
- Riverwest Rainbow Association
1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212 225-1645
- SAGE Milwaukee (for older LGBTs)
P.O. Box 510492, 53203-0091 224-0517
- Saturday SoftBall League (SSBL)
P.O. Box 92605, 53203-0091 454-9204
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755
- Shoreline (country dancing, instruction)
P.O. Box 510283, 53203-0051 747-0388
- Silver Space (for older lesbians)
c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett 271-2565
- Two Spirit Society (Indigenous LGBT People of America)
315 W. Court St., 53212 985-5151
- Wisconsin Haverim (GLBT Jewish Group)
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WisconsinHaverim
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
818 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 271-7719
www.ascathedral.org
- ARCW Spiritual Care
P.O. Box 92487, 53202 225-1565
- Central United Method Church
639 N. 25th St., 53233
- Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St., 53205 344-1746
- Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
P.O. Box 597, 53201 873-9591
- First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist)
1342 N. Astor St., 53202 273-5257
- Lake Park Lutheran Church
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211 962-9190
- Lutherans Concerned
P.O. Box 1676, 53201 372-9663
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church
(UFMCC) 1239 W. Mineral St., 53204
Adm. Office: 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 383-1100
- Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
5226 W. Burleigh St., 53210 445-2696
- Pilgrim Christian Church
15400 W. North Ave., Brookfield 53005 (262) 782-6440
- Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)
2717 E. Hampshire St., 53211 964-1513
- The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)
1636 W. National Ave., 53204 672-4434
- St. Ann's Church
5933 W. National Ave., 53214 259-1229
- St. James Episcopal Church
833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233 271-1340
- Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 273-7617
- Medical**
- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203 273-1991
(800) 359-9272
- Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)
Family Care Center, 1834 W WI, 53233 933-3600
- BESTD (Brady East STD Clinic) (STD/HIV diagnosis/treatment)
www.bestd.org; bestd@execpc.org
1240 E. Brady St., 53202 272-2144
- Health Options (Holistic Health Services)
823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202 225-9303
- Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)
4311 W Vliet, 53208 342-4333
- Positive Health Clinic
Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233 219-7908
- STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N Holton, 53212 264-8800

- Bars/Clubs**
- Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)
196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474
Bar Map: #1
- Boom (Mw, D, V) www.boommke.com
625 S. 2nd St., 53204 277-5040
Bar Map: #2
- Boot Camp (M, L/L)
209 E. National Ave., 53204 643-6900
Bar Map: #3
- C'est La Vie (Mw, D)
231 S. 2nd St., 53204 291-9600
Bar Map: #4
- Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)
219 S. 2nd St., 53204 271-3732
Bar Map: #4
- Fluid (Mw) www.fluid.gaymke.com
819 S. 2nd St., 53204 643-5843
Bar Map: #5
- Harbor Room (L/L, Mw) www.harbor-room.com
117 E. Greenfield Ave., 53204 672-7988
Bar Map: #6
- Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)
1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673
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
- 1407 S. Water St., 53204 643-0377
- Pulse (Mw, D, F) www.pulsemilwaukee.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
Bar Map: #13
- Triangle (M, V)
135 E. National 53204 383-9412
Bar Map: #14
- Woody's (Mw, D) www.daveant.com/woodys
1579 S. 2nd St., 53204 672-0806
Bar Map: #15
- Walker's Pint (Wm)
818 S. 2nd St., 53204 643-7468
Bar Map: #16
- Restuarants**
- Azteca
816 South 5th St., 53202 383-8816
- Bella's Caffé (Coffee House)
189 N. Milwaukee St., 53204 273-5620
- Cafe Knickerbocker
1030 East Juneau, 53202 272-0011
- Cempazuchi
1205 E. Brady St., 53202 291-5233
- Chip and Pys
1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon, 241-9589
- Cielito Lindo
733 South 2nd St., 53204 649-0401
- Harry's Bar and Grill
3539 N. Oakland Ave, 53211 694-6800
- 10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
- North Shore Bistro 272-0111
- 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
- Silver Dollar Cafe
831 South 16th Street, 53204 645-8860
- 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
- Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymous) (414) 273-AIDS
..... (800) 334-AIDS
- Services**
- Affiliated Mortgage 453-6700
1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218
- A&J Promotions (Promotional Products)
aandjpromotions@aol.com
- Bay Tax Service, Paul Rathjen 332-9584
- Frank J. Berger, (Real Estate) (414) 213-5842
- B&G Construction 405-7843
- Sean Buckley (Individual Psychotherapy) 562-2403
- Bill Buresh (Real Estate) 529-0500
- Calyx Counseling Center (Kate Weishaar, Ph.D.)
1840 N. Farwell Ave. Ave. 276-4664
- Carnival Travel, 611 E. Wells St. 276-3388
- Clarity (Writing and Research) 276-6935
- Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel) 766-1066
- Downtown Autobody (Car Repair)
3425 N. Holton Ave. 964-7170
- Roland E. Daneau, CPA (Accountant) 962-1400
- Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling)
6510 W Layton Ave, 53215 282-6160
- Diva Plumbing Co. 324-6698
Residential & Commercial, divaplumbers@aol.com

- Dykeman Family Heating (heating/cooling)
1023 E. Brady St., 53202 273-7500
- Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 272-2427
- Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters)
N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010
- The Garden Room (Garden Design) 963-1657
- Hairys Hair Bar
2385 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. 486-9299
- Horizon Travel (Member IGTA)
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051 255-0704
- Hume, Attorney Kathleen
5665 S 108th, Hales Corners, 53130 529-2129
- Denis Jackson, PhD. (Relational training,
hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling) 276-8669
- Warren Klaus (attorneys)
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners 53130 529-2800
- C.A. Klein (Accounting Services) 384-1640
- Linda Jo Martin (Psychotherapist) 276-8676
- Randy Mickelson, (Ernie Von Schledorn, auto sales)
Saukville/Port Washington 800-648-6789
- Scott Perkins (Realtor) 476-9070, ext. 461
cell: 801-1356
- Red Tail Painting & Restoration
e-mail: redtail@execpc.com 607-1180
- Reiki Master/Wm Jacobs
(energy balancing) 668-8960
- Side by Side (performers) 961-2135
Diane Bloom/Sandy Lewis
- Jeanie Simpkins, (MS), (counseling) 282-6160
- Jack Smith (Realtor) 962-4413
home/voice mail 224-1452
- Special Touch Massage 536-8232
- Streff Advertising/Sandy Lewis 771-8300
7600 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213
- The Right Angle (carpentry) 390-0909
- Tech Support (computer technical support) 698-9493
- Third Coast Courier (delivery) 562-0935
- Travel Directions (Travel Agency)
515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213 774-2174
- Travel Experience (Travel Agency) 744-6020
- Wauker Photography (Portraits, Commitments)
by appointment only 383-0740
- Wells Ink, Advertising & Design (Advertising, PR)
1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, 53202 272-2116
- Retail**
- 2Burn (Ventless Fireplaces, Gifts)
11708 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa 607-7000
- Absolute Furniture
5520 W. North Ave 875-8326
- Body Ritual (Body Piercing, Jewelry, Gifts)
2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202 273-3777
- Avante Garde (Body Piercing)
7219 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, 53214 607-4068
- Clinton Street Antiques
1110 South First Street 647-1773
- Constant Reader Bookshop
1627 E Irving Pl., 53202 291-0452
- Eyez Unique (optical)
2238 S. Kinnickinnic Ave, 481-0868
- Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)
2201 E. Capitol Dr., 53211 963-1006
- Genesis (custom jeweler, goldsmith)
6011 W. Layton Ave. 281-1022
- Great Frame Up
507 E. Silver Spring Dr. 962-4889
- Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)
Hwy 20, Racine 886-5111
- Grova Gallery (framing)
1209 E. Brady St., 53202 277-8228
- Mega Discount Nursery
1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154 571-6565
- Miss Groove (gifts)
1225 E. Brady St., 53202 298-9185
- Out of Solitude Jewelry
918 E. Brady St., 53202 223-3101
- Outpost Natural Foods
100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212 964-7789
exchange@execpc.com
- Outwords (LGBT Books and espresso bar)
2710 N. Murray Ave., 53211 963-9089
exchange@execpc.com
- Popular News (adult books, videos)
225 N. Water St., 53202 278-0636
- Rosebud Cinema and Draffthouse
6833 W. North Ave. 607-9672
- Rubin's
224 E. Chicago St. 53202 278-8100
- Sportland 2 (motorcycles)
7221 S. 13th St. 764-2800
- Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)
1418 E. Brady St, 53202 272-6768
- Wishful Things (Antiques)
207 E Buffalo, 53202 964-9799
- Health Clubs**
- 35 Midtowne Spa (Gay Health and Recreational Facility)
315 S. Water St., 53204 278-8989
- Central (715)**
- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Schofield, 54476 (800) 551-3311
- Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481
..... (715) 592-6245,
ext. 5920200
- Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449 387-5442
- The Edgewater - Inn & Resort
Eagle River, 54521 1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgenn.com

Milwaukee Bar Map



- GRL Society/Wausau848-0608
- UWSP 10% Society
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68
UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481346-4366
- LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)
P.O. Box 152, Wausau, 54402848-0343
- Oz (MW, DJ, V)
320 Washington, Wausau 54401842-3225
- HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education
2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481345-6500
- Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLLO)
c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449
Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim:(715) 384-6731
- Prince Edward B&B
203 W 5th, Shawano 54166526-2805
- Wausau Narcotics Anonymous
(ask for Gay meetings)536-LIFE
- Women's Resource Center UWSP
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481346-4851

North Cent. (715)

- Gay/Lesbian Support Group
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806
- Northern WI Lambda Society
P.O. Box 802, Rhinelander 54501362-4242
- SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends
of Gays/Lesbians/Bi's359-7432
- Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
P.O. Box 695, Washburn, 54891682-2890

Sheboygan (920)

- Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
Shirley: 458-2506Carolyn:467-0422
- Wesley United Methodist Church
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan458-4889

Racine/Kenosha

- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140657-6644
.....(800) 924-6601
- Club 94 (MW, DJ)857-9958
9001 120th Ave (Hwy Ct I-94) Kenosha 53140
- Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)
Hwy 20 Racine 53403886-5111
- JoDee's (MW, DJ)634-9804
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403
- What About Me? (WM)
600 6th St. Racine 53403632-0171
- Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)554-6611
- Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
625 College, Racine 53403634-0659
- UW-Parkside G/L Organization595-2244
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141
- PFLAG Kenosha/Racine(262) 649-2729
P.O. Box 580058, Pleasant Prairie, 53158
e-mail: pflagkenosha@aol.com
- UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union472-5738
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190
- Wychowde (Jewelry & Gifts)843-4209
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168

South Cent. (715)

- AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)
P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545756-2550

Northwest (715)

- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin836-7710
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701
.....(800) 750-2437
- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin394-4009
1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880
.....(877) 242-0282
- Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)
PO Box 264, Superior 54880
- Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast)
33 E. Spruce St, Chippewa Falls723-0943
- Eagle Cove B&B (eglcove@cannon.net)448-4302
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750
- GLOBE (Campus LesBiGay group)
105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701
- LGBT Community Center of Chippewa Valley
(gaycenter@hotmail.com)
www.geocities.com/glbtccommunitycenter/
P.O. Box 383, Eau Claire, 54702(715) 559-5751
- The Trading Company (MW, DJ)838-9494
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701
- The Main Club (MW, DJ)
1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880392-1756
- Northland Gay Men's Center(218) 722-8585
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802
- Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
Greater Chippewa Valley
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By Michael Johnston

First off, forgive me. My last effort, was a wee bit self-indulgent. **The Florida Fantasy Fest**

2003 was flawless, and I highly recommend it, obviously! I didn't realize there wouldn't be any room for all the rest I needed to share with you... There never seems to be enough room, time, space ...

R.S.V.P. Productions' "Time Square Angel" by Charles Busch opens Thursday, Nov. 20. Running the weekends of: Nov. 20-23 and 28-30 at Off The Wall Theatre, 127 E. Wells St. (414)327-3552 (\$20 at the door/\$18 advance). The main reason to see this show? - its star, our very own *IN Step* Angel, **Dear Ruthie**. If you enjoyed "Lesbian Vampires" you're bound to be entertained by this one. R.S.V.P. Productions is celebrating their 1st Anniversary. Last year at this time was their premiere production of "Judy Garland." Congratulations, **Ray Bradford**, the producer behind R.S.V.P. Productions and many more productions to come!

Of course, history will soon take place right here on our sunny shores. The Thanksgiving Holiday will bring **HIT's** (the Holiday Invitational Tournament) **Silver Anniversary Jubilee**. Yes, since 1979 avid bowlers the world over have made their pilgrimage to Milwaukee to enjoy freedom, friendly competition and FUN! Beware from Wednesday on when the games begin! My piece of the pie has been the honor of hosting "The HIT Welcome Show." To be honest, I can't recall which year that started. Previously, I sang with the Chorus at The Banquet, then in the mid-80's was part of **Delago Productions** doing entertainment during the Banquet. The '90s brought about a new regime and my talents were re-assigned to "The Welcome Show." My only regret as we enter this mega-show is my dear friend **Joe Kender** isn't in Moo-Town any longer or available to make his immeasurable contributions. Nevertheless the show will go on Thursday, Nov. 27, at 10 p.m. at **Club 219**. It's a wedding theme, so throw the rice and maybe you'll catch the bouquet ...

Men's Voices Milwaukee present their Holiday faire, "Christmas Is..." on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Helene Zelazo Center, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd. For tickets, please call (414) 765-9198 or (414) 229-4308. MVM is 60 voices strong!

The following Tuesday, Dec. 16, MVM-ers will be "doing" The Rockettes! Rest assured, it's all on the up and up... For \$75, you can attend a VIP reception, upstairs at The **M&M Club**. Hors D' Oeuvres, wine, beer, soda, transportation to and fro - as well as sparking conversation will be in the offing. This opportunity provides an excellent chance to see the brand-spanking-new Milwaukee Theatre. After hearing all the raves **Michael Feinstein** brought to our town after opening this new jewel, I simply can't wait! What a great idea for a Holiday gift...

Boom was benevolent to host a fundraiser for MVM. Over \$1,000 was raised for the singers. **Lorne Newman**, a hilarious and rather dashing comedian from NYC, made quite a Milwaukee splash, joking about Manhattan and his lifestyle both gay and Jewish. From that vast well you know he had a lot to share. **David** of Boom-dom was kind enough to introduce me to Lorne and he shared with me that he is off to the Left Coast. Who knows - he could be a household name by next year at this time. **Mel Fine** was on the bill

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as well. She brought a fun, female flair to the night. With her surname and timing one could only wonder if she is an offspring of the comic giant Larry Fine of the unforgettable Three Stooges.

The night started with localite **Al** bringing the laughs on. In the crowd enjoying the comedy that night: **Jay Winters**, executive director of MVM, **Rona**, president of MVM, **Ken McMonagle**, Chorus Master, **Ray Schafer**, **David Howser**, **Timm Olman**, **Corey Hayward**, The **Pasta Tree's** very own **Bobby** (Cher-ing the night with all), **Jerry Skals**, **Jeff L.**, **Peter Nys**, **Ron**, **Ron**, **Tom**, **Craig** and **Scotty** from **Switch**, **Ginger**, **Paul**, aka Joan Bennett, **Keith** and many, many adding to the merriment.

On the same note (pun intended), the **Wisconsin Cream City Chorus** will not be doing a Holiday Show this season. Instead, they're pulling together a smashing salute to the songs of the movies. A la Streisand? So come January of the new year, **Plymouth Church** will be the scene for a songfest soiree of the cinema.

The **Florentine Opera Company** opened its 71st season with Verdi's "La Traviata." The enthusiasm was resounding! It was encouraging seeing so many students attending. It was wonderful seeing **Tom Look** up and about and enjoying his "Night at the Opera." Wisconsin Leather Daddy '95 **Jim** made his Opera debut, and that gregarious gardener **Michael Davis** as reaping the joyful sounds. Afterwards it was on to **Eagan's** on Water. Here I was able to congratulate the Florentine Chorus under the direction of **Scott S. Stewart** on their continuous contribution to the culture of our city. **David**, **Dennis**, **Carol**, **Darwin**, **Kathy** ... I even spotted the Diva **Jan Grissom** who aria-ed her way into our hearts in the role of Violette Valery.

Besides making for an ideal after-the-theater spot, **David and Co.** ensure that Sunday Brunch can't be any finer in our fair hamlet. **B.B.** always rolls out the "Lavender" carpet for us. On a recent regal repast, rounding out the revelers were: **DeDe** of The **M&M Club** - looking forward to his & **Jezebelle's** Vegas vacation, **Jim** - proving black leather isn't only after 6, **The Triangle's** leading legend, **Lana (James) St. James**, **Ben**, **Josh** and **Brian - Fluid's** cocktail-merry-maker.

I was simply amazed at the compelling performances delivered in **Bialystock & Bloom's** "Never The Sinner." **John Logan's** take on the Leopold & Loeb "Trial Of The Century." Kudos to **Jason Economus** (Richard Loeb), **Nathanael Press** (Nathan Leopold, Jr.) and **Mark Metcalf** - bringing to life the famous **Clarence Darrow**, very reminiscent of **Jimmy Stewart**. All three making their B&B debut. How these enormously talented actors memorized all their lines and delivered them with such conviction - stupendous!

We started this adventure out with dinner at the **Coquette Cafe**. This place is where it's at! Everyone must have been craving the cuisine of the Coquette! Flawlessly French faire, great service, delicious desserts! Dan (Doo-Dah) designs the most delicious dining experiences. Hand-crafted quilts were warming the walls, making a great tie-in with the Milwaukee Art Museum's current "Quilts of Gee's Bend" exhibit.

Dr. David Stowe and **Gene Webb** welcomed all to their awesome Wahl Avenue abode in honor of, and raising

awareness and much needed funds for, US Rep. **Tammy Baldwin**. The illustrious guest list included: Sen. **Russ Feingold**, Rep. **Jerry Kleczka**, **Tom Barrett**, State Rep. **Tim Carpenter**, **Dr. Robert Starshak**, & **Ross Draeger** - to name but a few of the enlightened. Congratulations to **ARCW's Chris Allen** on his new position, Father. Yes, parenthood can now be added to Mr. Allen's resume. Please welcome bouncing baby boy **Scott Sebastian** - all 10 lbs, 6 ounces!

Taylor's will be hosting its annual Holiday Party, Wednesday, Dec. 17. This will provide an ideal chance to wish **Megan**, **Dan's** trusted bartender, a fond farewell. She pours her last cocktail at Taylor's on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Megan will be making her way to the Big Apple. I just know she'll blossom there!

Craig at Switch is promoting a phenomenal deal for your Holiday Party. A great way to entertain at his pub deals with the food and beverages... And remember you won't have to do the cleaning!

Happy B-Day **Joe Olla** ...
Congrats to **Barbara** and **William** on their upcoming nuptials. A December Bride!

Shout out to **Kevin & Mark**: their perfect porcelain complexions and the title of being "King of the Beach." Is the surf up?

Marvelous to see **Kenny Eggert** feeling better and looking better and better. You've been missed! All the Sundays seeing him serve Sunday Brunch at The M's - it was good seeing him enjoy one from the other side of the counter.

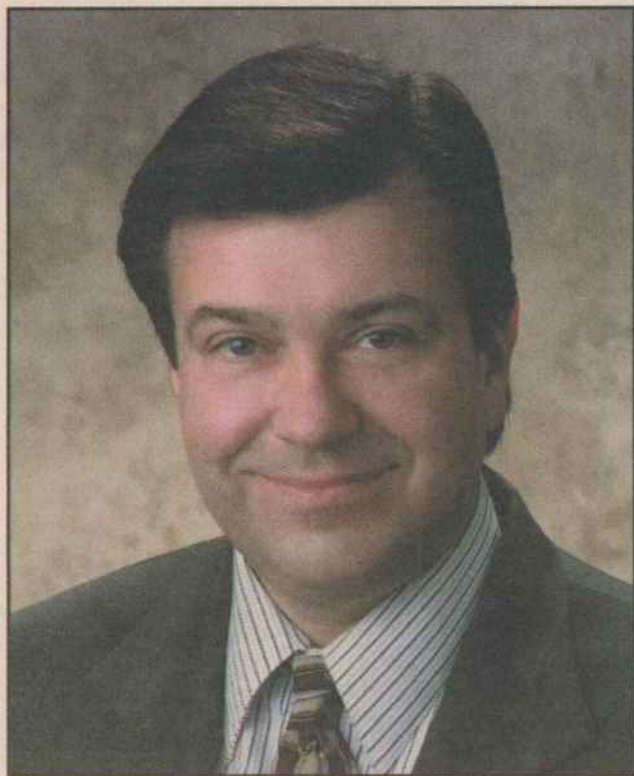
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Rumor has it that **Tony** and **Bonnie** will be once again singing in the season at the **M&M Club**. A return engagement is in the planning as their "Caroling Party II" comes a caroling...

A pleasant pleasure meeting a lad from London labeled Leighton. He is in town on business from across the pond. I just love those visiting Royals... And what a tiara!

And sadly, one of my childhood idols has passed on to that newsroom in the sky: **Irv Kupcinet** or "Kup" was with the neighboring Chicago Sun-Times from 1943 to the present. Yes at 91, writing 6 columns a week! I've read him forever! In the same vein as: **Winchell Kilgallen**, **Wilson** ... but he was still there! Television was another successful medium for him "At Random," later "The Kup Show" ran from 1959-1986. I watched it on channel 18 every Sunday night. Who knows, maybe some day someone will give **Dear Ruthie** and **Cordially Yours** our own program... and they can throw in "Cheap Talking" **ChiChi** too!

Enough, already! Wanting to wish you and yours a **HIT** of a Thanksgiving Weekend ahead as I remain, "Cordially yours."



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