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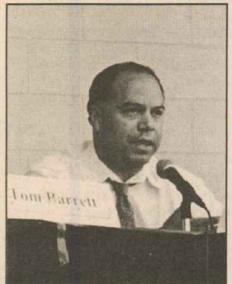


Candidates Shower Support on LGBT Issues at Pridefest Forum

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Milwaukee — It was a perfect day to make a history.

Bright sun shimmered on the overflow crowd of Pridefest attendees crowded into the cramped Stonewall Stage seating Saturday afternoon, June 8. Many of the



State Senator Gary George addresses attendees of the Gubentorial Forum. Photo: Jamie Taylor

more than 200 people would have to squint to witness the first-ever candidate forum for a major office held at a Wisconsin gay pride event.

They wouldn't need umbrellas. The torrent of support on LGBT issues raining from the eight candidates present was metaphorical, not meteorological

On the dais Democratic Party candidates Jim Doyle, Kathleen Falk, Tom Barrett and Gary George, were interspersed with the Reform Party's Alan Eisenberg, the Green's Jim Young and the Libertarian's Ed Thompson. Independent candidate Mike Manion who arrived without warning at the last minute appeared to be squeezed on-stage almost like the extra child at a wedding.

Gabriel of lead sponsor HRL-PAC, Barbara Lightner of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, and Meredith Leischer of Action Wisconsin seemed almost oblivious to the last minute adjustments being made by Pridefest technicians.

The audience was peppered with movers and shakers from the LGBT community statewide. Openly gay state treasurer candidate Rob Fyrst circulated his nomination papers. ARCW's Doug Nelson and Paul Milakovich chatted with State Senate candidate Tim Carpenter, Madison city councilman Mike Verveer and former Dane County supervisor Dick Wagner. Log Cabin Republican Pat Prudlow teased Stonewall Democrat Scott Gunkel and official timekeeper John Griffith. Higher up in the stands Kimberly Clark's gay employees group head Marty Brown swapped stories with Positive Voice's Bob Gulig and Gary Baumgartner.

The event began with a quick history lesson and the requisite "thanks yous" to forum organizers by HRL-PAC's Paul Williams. Williams then introduced veteran "Smooth Jazz" WJZI air personality Debbie Young as the forum's moderator.

Young explained the forum's format while tossing off several one-liners. Given the stage set-up and the humorous start, the event began to appear to be not just a forum but a comedy roast.

Once the candidate's opening statements ensued, it was clear who might be roasted at the forum: the only major candidate not present - Republican Governor Scott McCallum.

McCallum's absence was noted on several occasions. Barrett noted the large turnout at a forum held at a gay and lesbian festival demonstrated those candidates' respect for LGBT people.

"It also says a lot about who did not come," Barrett said.

McCallum was not the only victim of candidate bashing. After calling his randomly chosen placement put him next to his self-assessed long time foe "the photo-op of a lifetime," Eisenberg attacked



Neil Albrecht (from right) of the Milwaukee LGBT Center questions the panel at the Gubentorial Forum. Also seated Royal Williams of SAGE-Milwaukee, Terry Gabriel of HRL-PAC, Barbara Lightner of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee. Photo: Jamie Taylor

same-sex domestic partnership (all eight candidates supported it) with queries impacting the entire state such as health care, the budget deficit and the corrections

Lengthy statements preceded some questions. Lightner pitched her thirteen word inquiry after a three-minute harangue on the conditions at Wisconsin's prisons, particularly the Taycheedah women's facility.

However, with regard to candidate responses, moderator Young kept time ruthlessly. Kathleen Falk's attempt to note her support of the passage of transgender inclusive language in Dane County's civil rights ordinance was cut a half-sentence short of completion.

The large candidate turnout also limit-

ed the total number of questions asked. Only one audience-generated item on LGBT youth was posed to the candidates.

Questions were open enough to allow candidates to grind their particular axes. George touted his plan for campaign finance reform. Young promised to work to end racism and classism. Manion admitted his "thousand dollar candidacy" was more about opening future televised debates to independent candidates than a serious run for office.

Throughout the debate the audience listened intently, often erupting into robust applause in response to the dozens of pro-gay statements offered by the candidates. Except for local media covering the event, hardly anyone moved throughout the 95 minute program.

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Ed Thompson — Voice of An Uncommon Common Man

By Mike Fitzpatrick

nyone following the governor's race already knows this: at first glance its hard not to mistake Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson for his older and more famous brother Tommy, the longest serving governor in the history of the state of Wisconsin. Ed's folksy, plain-spoken style is similarly reminiscent of Tommy's early days on the stump.

However, the Thompson brothers' publicly spoken positions on a variety of issues especially on civil rights for gay citizens - are very different. For someone who self-identifies as the almost stereotypical common man, Ed Thompson's "on the record" views on issues dear to the LGBT community are very uncommon.

IN Step had the opportunity to sit down with Thompson by the lakeside following the recent Pridefest candidate forum and asked him about those views, along with his thoughts about the ruling "Republicrats," fixing the current budget crisis, securing medical marijuana, running in his brother's shadow and duplicating the surprise victory of fellow independent governor Jesse Ventura four years later in the state next door.

IN Step: I'll start off with my traditional "softball" question. Tell me a little about your background and why you think that you're the best candidate for governor.

Ed Thompson: Without as doubt I'm the best candidate - I can represent more people anybody can! I've done everybody's job I think there is in the state! (Laughs). I've been a businessman most of my life. My father had a small grocery store and I grew up working from the third grade on. All I've ever known is hard work. I can bring that same type of hard work and dedication to the governor's office.

I did a fine job as mayor of Tomah. I went in not knowing a lot about the office. Bust as a businessman, I took a businessman's attitude to (the job). I made a lot of changes. I ended an EPA suit that went on for fourteen years. I knocked five million dollars off the city's debt. I eliminated nine

I believe in smaller government, more efficient government. I believe in accountability and I'll bring that to (the governor's)

IN Step:One of the things we've been hearing a lot about during the Democratic convention this past weekend is the difference in attitudes toward government "north and south of Highway 29." Do you want to comment on that?

ET: I think that's a good point. When I've been up north I find that the people up there feel like they're almost abandoned. I want to bring the whole state together. I want to work with everyone in the state and bring unity instead of all this division and gridlock that's been going on.

They definitely have to have an outside person do this. Obviously they haven't done it with the Republicrats. They've been fighting forever and its going nowhere. Without a real change it will continue as it always has.

IN Step:You are running in the shadow of another pretty famous Thompson.

ET: (laughs) I think I've heard that before! Yes, Tommy Thompson is my brother, whom I love very, very much. He may not be thought of very well by the (LGBT) community and I probably don't agree with him on many issues politically, but as brothers we're very, very close.

Republican and Democratic gridlock that's getting nothing accomplished. W need to come together for what we're really meant here to do: let government take care of government and let people get on with living their lives as free and as openly as they possibly can without intervention from

IN Step:In talking about less government and treating everyone as equal, your expressed positions on LGBT rights are actually very much like every one of the Democrats we heard this afternoon (at the candidate forum). Would you summarize your views on domestic partnership or civil union legislation for same-sex couples?

ET: Sure. I would fight all legislation that would do anything to obstruct (domestic partnership). I firmly believe in the rights of gays and lesbians to marry. No prejudice is acceptable. You must be totally open and caring for each other.

IN Step:If HRL-PAC offered you money, would you take it?

ET: I'd turn it down. I've already turned down NORML (the political advocacy organization for the legalization of marijuana). I'm just not taking any PAC money.

IN Step:Two of the planks in the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin are the complete elimination of all restrictions on gun ownership and all laws regarding controlled

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Running in his shadow? Obviously, his name is the one that makes my name as popular as it is. But I bring something else to the table: a different Thompson view.

IN Step: One of the questions that has been asked by a lot of pundits is why didn't you run against (Scott) McCallum? You probably could have beaten him in a GOP primary.

ET: I'm not a Republican. I couldn't possibly do that. They raided my supper club in 1997 - the Republicans and the Democrats. I couldn't possibly be a part of any group that can invade a person's privacy and do what they did. I won't be part of that.

That's why I'm so dedicated to real reform. A different party, a different point of view. I wouldn't want it as a Republican.

IN Step:The Libertarian Party platform is not a platform that many people are familiar with. Could you provide some of the major points of the party platform and explain them for our readers?

ET: The Libertarian Party is about less government and being free. The Libertarian Party believes that no one has the right to hurt me and I don't have the right to hurt anybody else. We're all brothers as human beings. We're all on this planet to learn how to live with each other, learn how to take care of this beautiful planet and to live as brothers. I think that's the strongest core of being a Libertarian - that we are all one.

It's time to drop all this petty nonsense, this petty hatred, this vicious substances. Do you want to expand on that? Is that an accurate read of the platform on those issues?

ET: What I really advocate for right now is medical marijuana. I think the time is long overdue. The National Nurses' Association came out in favor of medicinal marijuana for people suffering from glaucoma, from cancer, from Multiple Sclerosis, people suffering from chronic arthritis. Many people say that medical marijuana is the best medication for these ailments.

I am also a strong advocate of medical marijuana (because) that's one of the best medications for dealing with (the side effects of) AIDS, (again) according to the National Nurse's Association. But apparently bureaucrats know better than doctors and patients.

If decriminalization of marijuana got to my desk I'd sign it. Anybody caught with an ounce doesn't belong in prison. But I doubt if it ever will. The medical marijuana bill didn't even get out of committee this last session.

That doesn't mean I'm in favor of opening up all drug laws right now. That would be pushing the envelope too far, too fast. But I do believe that the war on drugs has been a dismal failure. It's been going on for over 30 years and drugs are cheaper on the streets now than they were back then. And we've got drive-by shootings, bribed officials and organized crime just like it was back in the 20's. Prohibition was wrong then and prohibition is wrong now.

IN Step: Less government also means getting the state budget deficit under control. Would you

Great Lakes Two Spirit Gathering Set for May 25-27

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — The second annual Great Lakes Two Spirit Gathering is set for May 25-27 at the Abiinooji Aki Cultural Healing Center on the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Reservation near Hayward, Wisconsin in Sawyer County.

According to Dave Bodoh, an organizer of the event, Native American gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders from all Indian tribes are welcome to attend as are friends and family members of Two Spirits and professionals who may work with them in health, education or social service settings. Because special focus is being placed on Two Spirit youth and elders, participants from those groups are able to

attend free of charge.

The flier promoting the event says the weekend retreat is intended to "educate, heal, empower and enlighten gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender peoples" through a diverse program of sessions and traditional ceremonies. There will be talking circles, socials, a sweat lodge ceremony, discussions of issues, a feast on Sunday and a brunch on Monday.

The Cultural Healing Center will provide "the opportunity for our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters to listen and learn through ancient sacred teachings and healing rituals. We invite you to hear these teachings from professional Native American traditional trainers who believe in living according to the traditional codes of life."

Among the presenters at the gathering will be Maryellen Baker (Neogishigookwe), Anishinaabe from the Lac Courte Oreilles. She is a mother, grandmother, author, pipe carrier, and director of the Abiinooji Aki Center. In Indian tradition, a pipe carrier is one who is recognized by elders as a spiritual leader and is obligated to guide others. Baker has worked with those seeking traditional ways for 20 years.

Richard LaFortune (Anguksuar) of the Yupiit Nation will also present. He has been active with the Minnesota Two Spirit community since 1979 and currently serves as Executive Director of Honor the Earth, based in Minneapolis.

Beverly Little Thunder, a Lakota from Standing Rock, North Dakota, is a grand-mother and pipe carrier who has been involved in Indian traditions for 35 years. She is a nurse who has dealt with HIV/AIDS in the Two Spirit community for almost 20 years.

Dave Bodoh (Osqawneeday Aandeg — "Crooked Crow"), Anishinaabe Ogitchida, is a pipe carrier, sun dancer and founder of the Two Spirit Society of Wisconsin. He is working with a group of about 25 Native Americans from throughout the U.S. who met at the "Creating Change" conference in Milwaukee last fall.

"We're working with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on the next Creating Change, to plan more sessions on our issues at the conference in Portland," Bodoh told Wisconsin IN Step.

Finding and communicating with other Two Spirits across Wisconsin and all of North America is a daunting task, but Bodoh says the Internet and e-mail have helped. "There's a couple communities on Yahoo and Microsoft. There's message boards where we post messages and keep track of each other. Some groups have their own web sites."

One Web site of the Bay Area American Indian Two Spirits offers this definition of the term Two Spirit: "Two-Spirit refers to the commonly shared notion among many Native American tribes that some individuals naturally possessed and manifested both a male and a female spirit. These Two-Spirited individuals would commonly be identified as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgendered in modern American [society]."

Bodoh said that one of the challenges in organizing Wisconsin's Two Spirit Society has been getting commitments from others to support the group. But he said the upside is that "We have been able to help people and we've made some progress in the past two-and-a-half years."

Registration fees for the Great Lakes Two Spirit Gathering are \$85 for the entire weekend, or \$50 for a single day, with indigenous elders and youth (under 22) able to attend at no cost. For more information or to register, contact Maryellen Baker at (715) 634-5806 or mebaker@jrec.net. Basic camping is available on the grounds of the Center at no cost. Otherwise, Ms. Baker can provide information about two nearby hotels.

For more information about the Two Spirit Society of Wisconsin, call (414) 985-5151



Reno Comes Out for Gay Rights

Atlanta, GA — Former U.S. attorney general Janet Reno said in mid-May that laws banning adoption by gays and lesbians are illogical. "In my state, a gay or lesbian may have the privilege of being a foster parent, a guardian, a pediatrician, or a pediatric nurse," Reno said. "But they can't adopt. That makes no sense."

Reno, one of several Democrats in Florida running to unseat Republican governor Jeb Bush, was speaking at an Atlanta fund-raising event for the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington, D.C.-based gay rights group. Noting the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay student from Wyoming, Reno said legislation must be passed to give gay men and lesbians the same protection against hate crimes as racial and ethnic minorities.

She praised the Human Rights Campaign for its efforts to protect Americans from discrimination based on sexual orientation but said there is still more work to be done. "We have got to do more so that discrimination against people because of their status is ended in this country," she said.

Polls show Reno leading attorney Bill McBride in the race to the September 10 Florida primary. Other Democratic hopefuls include Florida house minority leader Lois Frankel and state senator Daryl Jones.

Coach Fired for Gay Slur

Provincetown — A Christian high school baseball coach has lost his job after "lisping" a slur at members of the Provincetown High baseball team. Last month, P-Town trounced the South Shore Christian Academy in a 15-3 game that was shortened to end the rout. Nicola Nasuti claimed that the victors were "showing up" his kids deliberately, and said the incident was overblown.

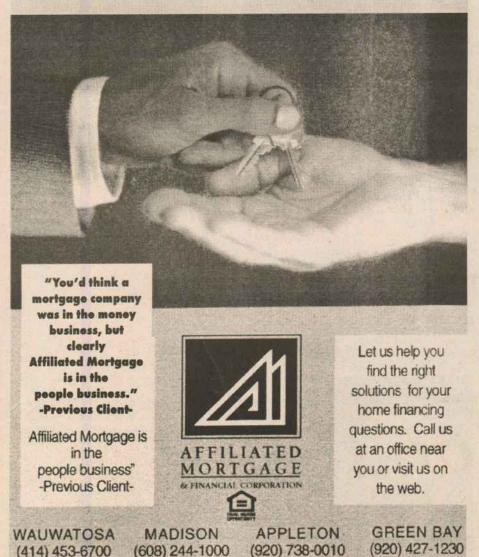
Maybe, maybe not. The gay
Mecca of Provincetown has a tough
hate crime policy that covers hateful
speech as well as acts of violence.
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field after Nasuti denigrated the
local team during the post-game
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you can enter free with a PrideFest button. The buttons are being sold at the PrideFest Office (907 S 1st Street in Milwaukee), Outwords Books and Espresso Bar (2710 N. Murray in Milwaukee) and This Is It (418 E. Wells in Milwaukee) for three dollars. If you use the button once you save \$5. For more information, call (414) 645-FEST.

LGBT Task Force on Aging Formed

Milwaukee - In response to a study of the lives of LGBT seniors, representatives from SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment), the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and the Milwaukee County Department on Aging as well as senior advocates from LGBT communities began meeting in April to discuss opportunities for collaborative programming to better meet the needs of older LGBT persons in the Metro Milwaukee area.

In 2001, as part of Milwaukee County Department on Aging efforts to address the concerns of underserved minority populations in Milwaukee County, the Department enlisted SAGE to assist them in assessing the needs of older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adults.

Among the many issues identified, the study found that individuals in these groups faced increased isolation, in part, because they felt they had little in common with others both inside LGBT communities and in the community at large. Out of this study also came the recommendation that a task force be formed to address this concern and other issues that had been brought to light.

The newly-formed LGBT Task Force on Aging has begun planning for a Fall conference that will address a variety of caregiving situations such as caring for aging parents, caring for a chronically-ill partner or friend and planning for one's own aging. In addition, Eldon Murray, SAGE, and Kathy Herbst, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, as members of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging Advisory Committee, will continue to advocate for the specific needs of LGBT seniors.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community

Center and SAGE will also be hosting a Milwaukee County Department on Aging Public Hearing/Reception on Tuesday, June 25 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 315 W. Court Street. All individuals interested in LGBT senior issues are invited and encouraged to attend.

Theology Building Classes Start May 16

Green Bay — "Building Your Own Theology," a class that assists in the examination of individual spiritual journeys, will be held at the Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (GBAUUF) here. The 90-minute classes will be conducted by veteran UU educator Theresa Simonson over four weeks at GBAUUF's new worship space, 2201 S. Oneida St.

"Our personal theologies come out of both the tough and tender experiences of life," Simonson said in describing the course that nationally has been offered to the general public by the denomination for several decades. "UUism's non-creedal approach to spirituality welcomes all religious traditions and respects responsibly searches for truth while not requiring belief in any particular set of sacred stories.'

'For gay and lesbian people who often have felt rejected by the religious traditions they cherished in their youth, a course such as this can help you 'get back on your personal path' so to speak in a non-threatening way." Simonson said.

Cost for the class will be \$5 per person which includes textbook use, worksheets and other items. Enrollees also will have the option to purchase the textbook. Although advance registration is requested, walk-ins are welcome.

Classes will begin at 7 p.m. Child care will be available for a free will offering. For

more information about the classes, contact the fellowship at (920) 499-2344.

Project Q Holds Car Wash May 18

Milwaukee - Project Q, the youth program of Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, will hold a Car Wash on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Riverside University High School, 1615 E. Locust St. The suggested donation is \$10.

The car wash is a fundraiser to help send nine Project Q youth to Washington, DC for the National Youth Advocacy Coalition's National Summit, where the group will present two workshops and speak at an Awards Dinner. The money raised will cover travel and accommodations for this worthwhile trip.

For further information call Kurt Dyer at (414) 223-3220.

Cream City Chorus Raises \$700 for **Camp Heartland**

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus reports that its recent "Diamonds in the Heartland" fund drive and concert raised over \$700 for Camp Heartland.

"It's a cause we really believe in," said chorus President, Emory Churness. "Camp Heartland does wonderful things for our community and communities across the country, and we're thrilled to have been even a small part of that.'

When asked about the show's mixed reviews, Churness remained upbeat. "We put everything we had into this concert, up to and including weekends spent building our own props, so we could maximize our donation to Camp Heartland. Yes, there were some technical difficulties, up to and

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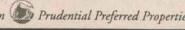
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Annual Meeting of G/L Trust Fund June 16

Milwaukee – The annual meeting of the G/L Community center and the G/L Community Center Trust Fund will take place on Sunday, June 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the banquet room of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water St.. A luncheon will follow.

All past and current members, supporters and community leaders are invited to attend the meeting and luncheon. The Board of Directors looks forward to hearing comments and suggestions at this meeting. Those who cannot attend are welcome to send comments to GLCenterMil@aol.com, or to: P.O. Box 1686, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

There is a \$15 charge for those wanting to stay for the brunch after the meeting. The brunch will be served at about 1:30 p.m. Reservations should be made before June 9 via phone to: (414) 643-8330.

ARCW Welcomes Three New Faces to Gay Outreach Effort

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has bolstered its gay outreach effort with three new prevention specialists dedicated to serving the gay community across the state.

Daniel Klingler is ARCW's new gay outreach coordinator. He will be based primarily at ARCW's new office in the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. Klinger received a Bachelor's Degree in Musical Theatre and Master's in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education from Ball State University in Indiana, where he advised the Black Student Association and the Asian American Student Association as well as the Educators, a student organization with a mission to develop awareness towards HIV/AIDS. He previously worked as Program Advisor for the Student Organization and Advising Resource Office and Chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on LGBT Issues at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he helped establish the LGBT Resource Center.

Erica Eul joins ARCW's Eau Claire office as a gay outreach specialist. A Wisconsin native from just outside Green Bay, Eul is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a degree in Social Work. As a valuable ARCW volunteer, she worked last year as one of five cofacilitators of ARCW's LGBTQ youth group, Q2. She participated along with several members of Q2 in NGLTF's Creating Change Conference held in Milwaukee last November. She is an active member of the Chippewa Valley LGBT Community and works closely with the Chippewa Valley LGBT Community Center.

Mary Pass will serve ARCW as gay outreach specialist in Wausau. No stranger to ARCW, she has been a committed volunteer and strong supporter for many years. She has lived in Central Wisconsin for 20 years and has a deep commitment to the area's LGBT Community, including close involvement with Central Wisconsin Pride. During her previous employment at the Wausau Daily Herald, Pass was involved with the company's Diversity Committee for five years and held the position of cochair for three years.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions for ARCW's gay outreach staff, they can be reached by phone in ARCW's LGBT Community Center office at (414) 271-HOMO, or toll-free statewide at (800) 359-9272 ext. 202.

Public Hearing on Aging Scheduled for LGBT Community

Milwaukee — On June 25 at 6 p.m. at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities will have an opportunity to give input to Milwaukee County on the needs of older LGBT people. Commissioners for the Milwaukee County Department on Aging, members of its Advisory Council and Department on Aging staff will be present to hear community concerns and receive input.

Sponsored by SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, the June 25 hearing is one of several public hearings taking place in June for the express purpose of obtaining public input about the Department on Aging's 2003-2005 three-year area plan. In addition to providing basic information on current programs and services, the plan will be used to define new initiatives.

Gina Graham, Co-Chair of the Commission on Aging's Advisory Council added, "It is not often that people have the opportunity for input into public policy. It's particularly important to note that this is the first time a hearing will be held specifically for LGBT communities. This is a chance for LGBT older adults and other persons interested in the needs and special issues of LGBT seniors to speak up. We are all aging, and participation in hearings like this is one way to influence the programs and services that will be available when we need them."

SAGE and the LGBT Center will also host a reception following the hearing. Food and beverages will be provided along with an opportunity to continue discussions of issues raised at the hearing.

Prior to the Public Hearing, Alice Kowalski, Milwaukee County Department on Aging, will give a brief presentation on services the County provides to seniors. Ms. Kowalski's presentation will begin at 5:30pm and will also take place at the Center, 315 West Court Street.

"Considering Parenting" at Rainbow U

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Rainbow U Lecture in June will focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people who have chosen to parent. A diverse group of LGBT people will be on hand to talk about their decisions to have children, their experiences as parents and the resources they've found (or created) to support their families. Presenters will share information on a range of topics from becoming a parent (through alternative insemination, adoption and/or foster parenting) to raising children and creating healthy families.

Whether you're single or in a relationship; already a parent or thinking about becoming one; or wanting to know how



Jamakaya covering PrideFest in 1994.

Jamakaya Talks LGBT History on MPTV June 3

Milwaukee — Jamakaya, local historian and Wisconsin IN Step assistant editor, will be the guest on Milwaukee Pub-

lic Television's "I Remember" program on Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. MPTV is located on Channel 10.

The "I Remember" program features local personalities or historians reminiscing about Milwaukee's past. Jamakaya, who has documented the LGBT community as a journalist since 1977 and who has participated in a variety of local history projects, was asked to share her knowledge about the growth of the city's LGBT community. The 30-minute program is hosted by Jim Peck.

"I Remember" is just one of several gay-themed programs MPTV will offer in June, traditionally celebrated as Gay Pride Month. The annual Pride episode of the news magazine show "In the Life" will be televised on Monday, June 10, at 11 p.m. For more information, visit: www.mptv.org.

you can support LGBT people who have children, this presentation will be of interest to you. Join us to listen, ask questions and share your own experiences.

"Considering Parenting" is scheduled for June 20 from 7pm to 8:30 p.m. at the LGBT Center, 315 W. Court Street. Rainbow U Lectures are free and open to the public.

Young Women's Empowerment Conference a Success

Milwaukee — On the weekend of April 19, thirty-six women ranging in age from 16 to 60 gathered at Camp Whitcomb-Mason in Hartland for Wisconsin's first empowerment conference for young lesbian and bisexual women. Sponsored by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and envisioned as an opportunity for women to help younger women gain a stronger sense of self, conference organizers also wanted the weekend retreat to foster a sense of connectedness and community.

Guided by young women who facilitated the weekend's activities and exercises, participants confronted tough issues such as the impact of sexism, racism and heterosexism on women's lives. Closing activities on Sunday included hearing from a panel of women activists and community leaders who shared their life experiences and what led them to activism.

The success of the Young Women's Empowerment Conference can be summed up in this comment from one of the participants, "The most important thing I learned was to be an activist for myself."

• The Milwaukee-based Brico Fund Inc. recently announced a grant award to the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center to support continuation of the Young Women's Empowerment Conference and the expansion of young women's programming.

Expansion objectives include developing and implementing a Leadership/Skills Building Initiative for young women that will offer training, support and an opportunity for community involvement.

"We are encouraged when leading funding sources in Milwaukee support these types of initiatives," said Kathy Herbst, LGBT Center Director of Programs. "It speaks to a community commitment to future diverse leadership."

Support Group for Disabled Begins June 3

Milwaukee – A support group for woman and men with physical and/or Sensory Disabilities will begin June 3 at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., located near bus lines 15, 21 and 30.

This group will meet Monday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. through July 22. The cost is \$10 per session but all Counseling Center services are available free of charge to those who cannot afford the full amount.

The group is for women and men of all ages who are living with a physical and/or sensory disability and would like to talk with peers about all the issues they share: self-esteem, anger, accessibility, discrimination, career and social challenges, fatigue, pain and communicating with the medical profession. There will also be time to share humor and stories. To register or for more information, please call Cheryl Orgas, Support and Therapy Group Coordinator, at (414) 271-2565.



Exit Interview

Christine Klein Has No Regrets Following Her Departure from PrideFest

By William Attewell

Milwaukee — Christine Klein's sudden departure as PrideFest's de facto festival director on April 19 has left many in Wisconsin's LGBT community scratching their heads.

While PrideFest indicates that Klein resigned, she states clearly that she did not. Specific details about what led to her exit remain tightly held and both Klein and PrideFest have turned to their attorneys in an attempt to resolve the situation.

Recently, I sat down with Klein to talk about her feelings about her long-term involvement with the festival and the factors which may have contributed to her departure.

IN Step: What can you tell us about why you left PrideFest?

Christine Klein: Basically, it was PrideFest's decision. It was a business decision and I understand it.

IN Step: PrideFest put out a release saying that you had resigned. Is that actually what happened?

I did not resign.

IN Step: You have been the recipient of a lot of criticism in your role with PrideFest. How you've dealt with that, and how you respond to some of the criticism

you've received?

As with any person in the position which I held last year as co-director, not this past year since I stepped down as co-director in October, unfortunately some people don't like other people's leadership styles. It was never my intent to step on anybody's toes. As far as a comment being made about I "ruled with an iron fist," that's a perception. Did I really? No, I felt I was very open. Unfortunately, not everybody's going to agree with anything you do. That's just the position you're put in at the time you're in a position of that nature.

IN Step: How have you dealt with it personally? Has it been difficult?

I'm not going to lie. A lot of the stuff that has been written in your own paper has hurt me a lot - from a personal perspective, because that was never my intent. I truly believe that intent is one thing, carelessness or whatever is another thing, but it was never my intent not to do this or not to do that. My intent was always to be forthright and forward. Sometimes I am very gun-shy when it comes to the media ... the criticism I've taken from the articles in the paper or whatever everybody's saying - even the way my leaving PrideFest was handled, I've taken a lot of criticism for that as well. That really bothers me because anybody that knows me knows I would not get up and walk away from a responsibility I have.

IN Step: As you look back at your involvement with PrideFest, are there things you think you've really brought to the festival that people may not be aware of?

Since I've been involved with PrideFest since 1995, I think it's come a long way, an awful long way. Did I do it myself?

Absolutely not. PrideFest as a whole is a team. It's a team that puts that festival together. It is never one person. Contrary to what people on the committee may say or people in the community may say, it is not one person that rules the festival itself. There's a group of 15 people that do that. I think since I've been on the committee I've brought the strength from my accounting background. We've gone from a festival that essentially had really no accounting records to really great accounting records right now, and I'm very, very impressed with the accounting records. They fly through their audits with flying colors. That's something that has happened since I've been on board. The fact that their sponsorships have increased substantially over the last three to five years, that's another thing that I brought to the table. There have been positives, and along the way, as the festival's growing and building, there are people that may perceive you as an enemy,

and what can you do? It is never my intent to make enemies, obviously, that's never anybody's intent. I feel I brought some strong points to it, but I also feel that the existing committee that is there can bring a lot more, they can just take it and they can enhance it. They can make the festival grow into a wonderful event.

IN Step: In what areas do you think PrideFest needs to improve?

It's kind of interesting because I've been where they are now, and now I'm on the outside looking in. I read your most recent editorial about getting the community more involved. I think it would be great to get the community more involved. However, sometimes, when you try to do that, at least my experience of it, is that people will sit back and say, "I think you should do this," and "I think you should do that." And then you go out and try to do some of the suggestions the community is bringing in. For instance, the community wants better entertainment. Bo worked extremely hard this year to bring some excellent entertainment. I myself am very impressed with the entertainment that they have, and I can't wait to go to the festival and see it. To do that costs money. Unfortunately, the community doesn't really want to pay more money to come to the festival to see the better entertainment.

Look at Summerfest, for example, how they've jacked up their prices this year if you don't buy your tickets in advance. To have that growth is going to cost some money, and if the community wants to be involved in helping to make the decisions, then they also have to be willing to put out a little more cash to have it be the way that they want. They're bringing some of the governor candidates in for a debate. That's a good idea, and that too is getting the community more involved in selecting the new governor. Community input is always important, and PrideFest has always worked toward getting the community more involved. They go to various organi-





Christine Klein

zations within the city to ask their help in staffing the volunteer areas, and in turn the groups get a little donation made to their organization. So, I think they are trying to work to get the community more involved.

IN Step: Do you have any regrets about how you've handled this situation? Would you do anything differently?

I've had a lot of time to think about that, Bill, and I guess on that issue, I don't have answers. I felt that I was doing the best job I possibly could given the resources that I was given. I felt I did the best job I possibly could. But I also feel there comes a point in time when, in order to take that next step, some people may have to step down or leave the picture to go into a new direction.

People make business decisions every day and others may not agree with those decisions, but in the long run, sometimes those decisions are the best. I have no regrets. As I have stated to numerous people, I wish PrideFest nothing but success. They have worked very hard to get the festival to where it's at. This year, they are working on newly remodeled grounds. They're also trying some new ideas, and a lot of the moves that they are making are very positive. What happened with my departure from PrideFest, it's probably a little cumbersome for both of us right now but, ultimately, what they have to look at is what's in the best interest of the festival. What I have to look at is what's in the best interests of C.A. Klein Consulting Services. Ltd. It's in the best interests of both parties to have split.

IN Step: Do you see yourself getting involved with other organizations in the community?

I probably will at some point. Right now, it's nice having my life back. This is the first Memorial Day weekend since I've been involved with PrideFest that I can actually work around the house or do whatever I want, and that is a great feeling. For now, I want to enhance my business to provide more accounting services throughout the city to non-profits and smaller organizations and businesses. I'm looking to branch out a little and diversify more in that area. I wish PrideFest nothing but success. They've worked extremely hard this year to get the festival to where it is and I pray that they have excellent weather and that they skyrocket in attendance. I wish them the best of luck.

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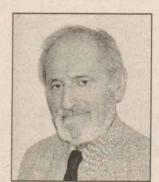
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A Chat with PrideFest Co-Director/ Bo Dyer

By William Attewell

n the eve of PrideFest 2002, Wisconsin IN Step met with PrideFest co-director Bo Dyer to talk about preparations for the festival and some of the internal challenges organizers have been facing in recent months. She briefly addresses the controversial departure of administrator Christine Klein and, in the best tradition of that other Bo, Summerfest's Bo Black, enthusiastically promotes the entertainment and new features at this year's festival.

IN Step: How did you first get started with the festival?

Bo Dyer: I started out in entertainment. I came in with Darren Pittman, he was the entertainment coordinator at the time. My background was in entertainment, from years past, and I came in and helped him put it together. I did a lot of the regional and local acts, where he worked on the national acts. When Darren left right after the festival last year, I took over the entertainment spot. Then there was a vacancy for vice president, and we had a meeting, and I got the position. Right after that Chris Klein resigned as co-director and Susan Cook took over as co-director. Susan left in

December and that's when I took over the position as co-director. When Chris took over as co-director she was still serving as administrator. Which, you know, we didn't think was a good thing. Actually, she had the choice. She could be administrator or she could be co-director. The choice was hers and she chose to be administrator.

IN Step: A lot of people have been talking about the entertainment this year, and some have been critical, saying that it's too heavily focused on women's entertainment. How do you respond to that?

I've heard those [comments]. Number one, I have combed the country for male entertainment. It's very hard to find unless you go for some of the larger acts, which of course we don't have the budget for. Now, the acts that I do have that are male - Kinsey Sicks, who's coming from San Francisco, they're dragappella, and they have their own TV pilot and they're a huge act, they've been on Broadway. I would have to say expensewise they're one of the largest acts that I've paid the most money for. They're on Friday night. Then I have a local group called In Black and White, a reggae group that's going to be on Saturday. Then we have Mark Weigle, who actually was voted gay male entertainer of the year along with a zillion other awards in songwriting; we're bringing him in too. He's one of the top gay men entertainers. He does more of a folk, country type music, very personal. He's very out with his songs and does a wonderful job. Very nice man. He's going to have a booth, too. And then we have a group called Bad Boy, which was actually a local group here. They have a show that's a Freddy Mercury tribute they're going to do on Saturday night. They're actually going to close the fest Saturday night. And then we have CeCe Peniston who is a woman, but a lot of men just fell in love with her. She's a diva, of course, and a lot of the guys ask for somebody like her. That's why I brought her in

IN Step: So, you don't feel the criticism is valid?

I don't think it's valid at all. Number one, because a lot of people don't really know what it entails getting entertainment and the type of money that you have to pay, and then negotiations and the contracts; it's a full year's worth of work put into three days. I think that we do have more women entertainers then we do men, but it just kind of worked out that way because it's a lot easier to find women entertainers.

IN Step: Are you aware that some people believe there's a vast lesbian conspiracy to take over PrideFest and turn it into a women's festival?

I've heard that, and I can tell you there are more men on the committee than there are women, and that's not the case at all. It's really not.

IN Step: We're still in the midst of the Christine Klein situation. What can you tell IN Step's readers about what's going on with that? Did she actually resign, or was she asked to resign?

Well, our legal counsel, John Prentice, is handling the situation, and there has been nothing that's come of it, and all we're doing right now is just saying "no comment" until it's finished. Now, when it is finished, we're going to completely do an interview with you and let all the details come out, without a problem. But right now it's "no comment," and that's per John.

IN Step: Klein has hired an attorney, and I believe she's disputing the idea that she resigned.

I guess that's what she's looking at. The night we had the meeting, we all thought that Chris resigned. Chris is saying that she didn't resign and I think that's the main reason for the attorney[s]. Now, there are a lot of things that go back to before I became codirector, back in September of last year, with contract negotiations and that type of thing, that never came to be, and I think that's part of the dispute. The reason that John [Prentice] is handling it. One thing I'd like to say too, as far as Chris is concerned: When Chris left a lot of people had a lot of different weird opinions about it, and we've said all along, Chris did a great job in a lot of ways for the organization, and we don't want everybody to feel like we just booted her out the door. We don't want that impression.

IN Step: But she also received a lot of criticism.





PrideFest Co-Director Bo Dyer

She did. And I can't say anything about that. Chris was co-director and ran it like she felt she should, and if she got criticism, well then that's her, that's not PrideFest.

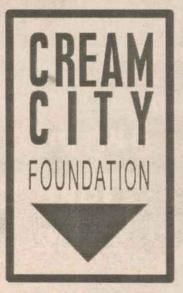
IN Step: How has PrideFest been dealing with losing its administrator? Has that made you have to hustle to catch up?

I think that it has a little bit. What we've all had to do, especially the board, we've all taken on added responsibilities. I know that I have, personally. What we try to do is we communicate better, we keep in contact every day, and if someone is having a little problem with an area then the others jump in and help. We've fallen behind on a few things, but I think for the most part I think we're there. There's just a few loose ends to tie up, but other than that it's looking great. I'm looking for a record crowd, because we've really advertised in Chicago, and we have some Chicago bands coming up. I think we're going to do a lot better this year.

IN Step: I've heard concerns about volunteers. Last year you had a problem with LAMM and the beer tent they've traditionally done. The Galano Club this year had concerns about staffing the Pride Grill.

I think there's two differences between the volunteers and the organizations. The organizations are volunteers but we've actually had more volunteers this year than ever before. As a matter of fact we had a recent meeting and Sheri [Goldberg, Volunteer Coordinator] was telling us that she has just a very, very few slots left open and she's not even advertising for volunteers any longer, but if anyone comes in, we will gladly take them and put them somewhere.

The Galano Club is not going to do the Pride Grill this year. We had a contract with them that we signed many, many months ago. They wanted to change the contract; we did not. It was too late in the game, they weren't happy with it, but it was already signed. So they decided to back out and we're not going to have the Pride Grill this year. Papa John's is going to take that spot. We're going to share the grill with them and use that area for the entertainment, for the different foods that we need and for the VIP party. I hope that we can bring [The Galano Club] back next year for something else, but I don't think we'll ever have the Pride Grill again, because the expense has become too great. As far as LAMM is concerned, they're not going to be doing a beer pod this year. They're actually going to be doing the information booth, which from



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Frank Marotta: I'm a New York City native. I spent a lot of time wanting to be an electrical engineer, but there had been an internal battle going on in my brain since I was about 11 years old. I had started playing guitar when I was nine years old. The musician side won out. I auditioned to get into the jazz performance program at City College. I kicked around there for a couple of semesters. I've made my part time-living as a side man. I feel my strengths lie in the arranging mind and the producing mind. Coming up with the right harmonies.

IN Step: Despite all the great reviews I've read its still kind of hard for me to envision what an Anne Heaton concert is going to sound like. How would you describe your show?

AH: We'll be performing as a duo: I'll be on the piano and Frank will be playing guitar. Frank will also be singing harmony with me. It's a pretty full sound with the two of us. My songs are sorta strippeddown rock songs, but there are also some folkier songs, with story telling. Melody is really important to me. I like melodies that are soaring. When I play I try to pick up the vibe of the room so the show varies with how the crowd is responding.

FM: Anne is very good at being charismatic. She finds a way to connect with the audience, irrespective of the kind of environment that she's playing in. What you come away with from an Anne Heaton show is that she was able to connect with you and communicate to you because the images (in her songs) are very palpable and very universal. She really knows how to feel out an audience and wings it, figuring out which song will be the next logical turn.

IN Step: So you're saying that if she was playing chess, she'd probably win a lot.

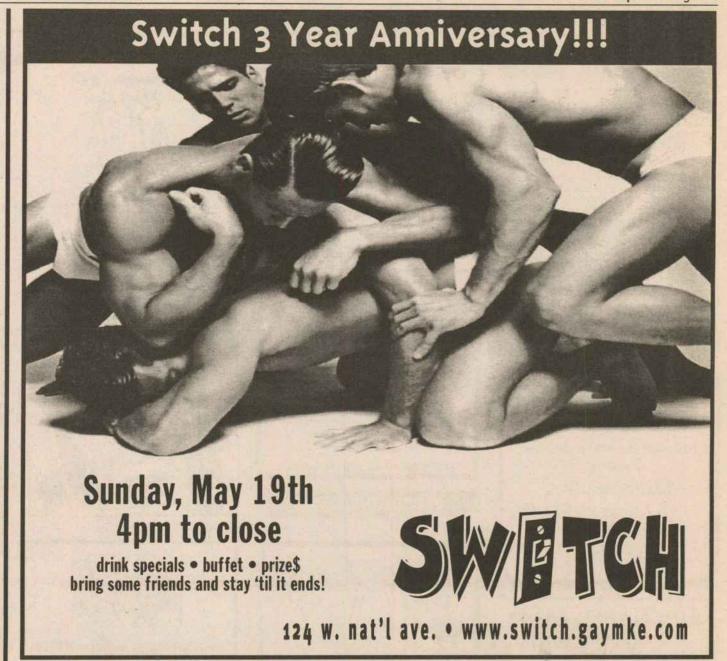
FM: Funny you should mention that. (Anne) once took some kind of skill test and the guy told her that if she wanted to be, she could be a high-level code cracker. It's not a math thing, its sort of a logical.

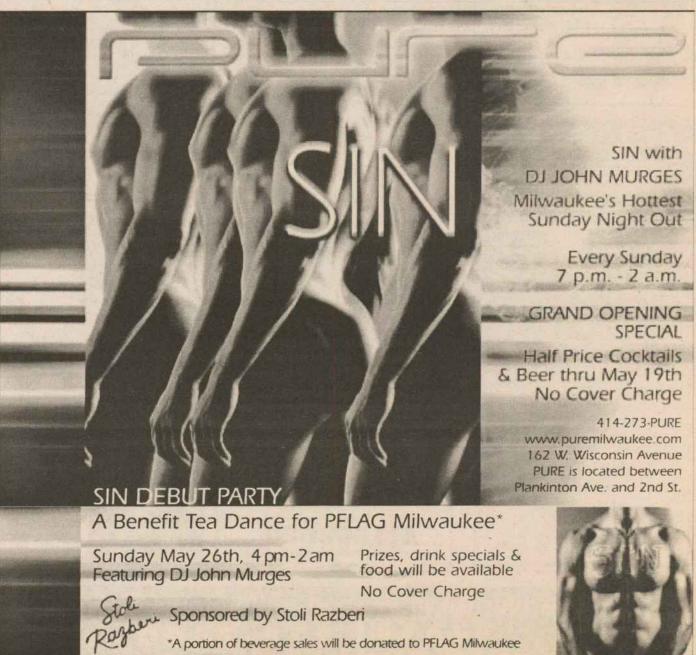
IN Step: With her opening for Melissa Ferrick last year, Anne has gained a cult following in the Wisconsin gay community. It's likely that she'll be performing to a largely gay audience here in Green Bay. Does she have a similar gay following out East?

FM: Absolutely. (The lesbian women at the Melissa Ferrick concerts) really have taken to Anne. We opened for Melissa at the Avalon in Boston to over 1200 people. Though Anne has a pretty diverse audience. Especially when it comes to ages as well. There will be sexagenarians next to fifteen and sixteen yearolds.

IN Step: Anything you'd like to add in closing?

FM: We're both very excited about coming to Green Bay. It's our first time and we're looking forward to it.





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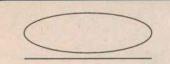
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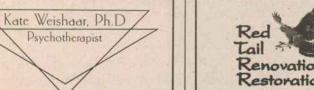
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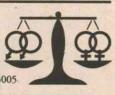
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Dear Ruthie



another fest has come and gone. Did you all have a good time? I know I did! I look forward to it every year and the festiv-

ities never let me down, no matter what.

The beer was cold and the men were hot. The entertainment was as incredible as the Pridefest patrons were entertaining. I don't care what anyone says, I think Milwaukee has one of the best Pridefest is around-with the friendliest people around, too!

Every time I attend the fest, I can't help but think of how lucky we are to live in a country that allows us to say what we want to say, read what we want to read, dress how we want to dress and, perhaps most importantly, love who we want to love.

That's one of the things I hope Pride festivals and activities help us remember: How lucky we are to live in a country that grants us the freedoms we have. Let's never take those freedoms for granted, and let's continue to insist we receive all of the rights we've got coming.

I think we should have Pridefest every day. Actually, let's open a gay amusement

park! "Forget Disneyland, I'm going to Homo Haven!"

Think about it! Instead of cruising around in tea cups, we'll cruise each other at tea dances! Space Mountain will become Space Mount Me, and we'll get corporate sponsors to take over the other rides. I can see it now, "It's a Small World - sponsored by Viagra." I'm going to look into this!

In the meantime, thanks to everyone who attended Pridefest's Hide 'N Seek leather fashion show. It's always wonderful to work with the singers and models of this fun-filled event. What a great bunch of guys! We raised close to \$500 for Camp Heartland with Mr. Harbor Room (a.k.a. Steve) collecting the most tips. Love those backless shorts, Steve!

Thanks to everyone for volunteering their time and a special shout to Russ, Ted and Tod for pulling the shindig together. Oh, dear. I'm begging to sound like Michael Johnston of "Cordially Yours" so perhaps we should read a letter.

Dear Ruthie-

I saw my boss at Pridefest, but he didn't see me. I'm totally out to my co-workers (including my boss). He knows I'm gay, but I had no idea

It would be nice to share a bit of camaraderie with him at work. What should I say to him?

- Back-to-work Bobby

Dear Bobby-

Here's the solution. Hire a male stripper to do a lap dance for him during his lunch break. Then, put a big upside-down pink triangle on his office door, and slap an "I Like Boys" sign on his back. Crank show tunes all day and set an 8 x 10 photo of Judy Garland on his desk.

Too obvious? Well, obvious is exactly what you don't want to be. While there's absolutely no reason to feel ashamed of one's sexuality, some people prefer to keep their personal life private when it comes to the workplace.

Remember that seeing someone at the fest doesn't mean that person is gay. If your boss is gay, he hasn't come out to you for a reason. Respect his privacy. If he wants to come out to you let him do so on

his own terms.

Hey gang! I'll be appearing periodically in Bialystock and Bloom's "Psycho Beach Party" starting June 13. Call the box office at (414) 278-0765 for ticket information, or stop by the M&M Club and ask about their dinner/show package taking place on June 19!

Keepin' IN Step

Pride '02

By Jamie Taylor

ere we are in the aftermath of yet another PrideFest and things couldn't have gone better. Mother Nature blessed us this year with not near perfect but absolutely perfect weather. The festivities started Friday late afternoon with me running around getting film, batteries and other sundries for the three-day event.

I talked to my tenant Jason who wanted to tag along which was just fine with me. A few minutes getting our press passes and we were in. The first matter of business was the opening ceremonies & awards presentations. The list of awards would quickly fill this column so I'll have to skip that part. After the awards were presented we decided to check out the rest of the newly renovated park so off we went. Our first stop (after getting a refreshment) was the very impressive dance pavilion sponsored by La Cage.

After a quick walk around there we checked out Susanne Westenhoefer who had much of the already giddy crowd laughing. We had a lot of ground to cover and I needed to do a bit of shopping so we hit the shopping tents. Jason stood in line for a belly button piercing but in the end he chickened out. I bought a new Pride flag for my house and a sticker for the Suburban. I really wanted a "Queer as Fuck" t-shirt, XL, black (like the one Jesse from Triangle wears) but I couldn't find one. (Guess I'll have to go on-line for that one).

I didn't wanna miss Kinsey Sicks so we hung out there for awhile. On Saturday I did catch the Gubernatorial Forum, which gave me some more insight as to who wants to be the next Governor of Wisconsin. Noticeably absent was our current Governor, Scott McCallum. I was quite disappointed, as I really wanted to meet him. That night the fireworks were

very Pride-fabulicious! I stopped for a quick night-cap at Triangle but knew I had a long Sunday ahead of me so I headed home... I guess that was a good thing 'cause from what I heard, all the clubs were wall to wall people.

Sunday rolled around with once again perfect weather. The parade started late (hmmm go figure, us queers just can't seem to get a show off the ground on time). That aside, it was a fantastic turnout. There were floats from organizations I've never heard of and just about every bar in the state was present in one way or another. It truly was something to be proud of. The only complaint I heard was about a lesbian on a Harley trying to blow everyone's eardrums out. Jeeze, there should be a law. After the parade we did the History tent, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I wandered the grounds for a couple more hours but was worn out so I left around 6 p.m. After all was said and done I think this year's PrideFest was the best one yet.

Other events to tell you about are getting a bit old after the huge PrideFest but here they are anyway. A few weeks ago I had the chance to visit Green Bay while on my way to my parent's house. It was a Tuesday night and I was hoping to catch up with Sally and Sue from Sass. No luck, as usual they were working their other job. I did however, have a great time there meeting a fabulous girl from Dallas. I wanted to say hi to Mark (Za) so I headed over to the Historic West Theatre. Mark wasn't there but Brandon (Brandon Entertainment) was there with his Karaoke equipment and of course, I was game. I did my usual Little River Band song and watched the rest belt out their favorite tune. Speaking of Brandon, he happened to be the bartender at my 16th High School Reunion... IN WAUSAUKEE!

Switch threw a fabulous party celeating three successfully hot and tasty years serving up gay Milwaukee. Me and another 200 people stopped in for the festivities and to congratulate Craig on his

success. Someone even brought him a Twinky holder? I saw the thing but didn't quite "get it." As long as we're at Switch, **Brad Taylor of Taylor & Associates** threw an Associates Reunion party this past week. If you know Brad there were plenty of cute young "associates" to drool over. My colleague **Michael Johnston** was there hooting and hollarin' with Dan Musha over those boys. Me? Hell no, I wasn't peeking (cough cough). Another anniversary to tell you about was the Sister Rona Marie 25th year at M&M extravaganza. Miss Rona likes to help out the Men's Voices Milwaukee singing group so they had raffles and door prizes with the proceeds from the raffles going to MVM. All of the shows Rona participates in are always a gas so I hope you didn't miss it. Over at Fannies the fundraising event was for Camp Heartland, May 26. This was a pretty big event with the talents of Jamie Gay, Britany Morgan, Tina Roberts, Christina Chase, Billy Blaze and the flexible Goldie Adams. Hat's off to all for their fabulous performances.

I wanted to mention the other Wisconsin upcoming pride celebrations The Rainbow Over Wisconsin Pride USofA 2002 up in Green Bay is set for June 28th & 29th. The celebration begins at the Historic West Theatre on the June 28 with the Miss Rainbow 2002 Pageant. The show starts at 10:30 p.m. so get there early for a good seat. The next day the festivities begin around noon at the Brown County

Hope to see you there. Madison also osts one of the best celebrations with Magic Weekend July 19th. This event starts off with the UWM Ten Percent Society Dance. This is arguably the largest dance in the state of Wisconsin for years. The Magic Picnic starts at 1 p.m. at Demetral Park ending at 6 p.m. After a night of partying at Club 5, Ray's and the Rainbow Room, set your alarm for noon as the Madison Pride March begins at 1:30 p.m. in front of the State Capitol. Wow... gonna be a fun filled next couple of months!

Thanks for reading and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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S. WEST & CENTRAL

By Michael Johnston

'm back, and I trust you all had a glorious Mother's Day Weekend. Before long it will be time to prep your gardens, so we can all tiptoe through the tulips. This will be the first Memorial Day my memory allows that won't include a Softball Tournament. Relax, it's not canceled, just postponed until Labor Day Weekend. Perhaps we'll have better (dryer) weather?

I much prefer my exercise inside, with cocktail in hand and clever conversation. That's exactly what took place the first Saturday in May. Steve Weiler hosted with his usual aplomb a marvelous Martini Party. How can you go wrong? His trés tasteful Riverwest flat was wall-to-wall Cosmo consumers. My kind of party! A bountiful buffet was prepared by "chef for the day" Sheldon Walker and his beloved and a coven of culinary aces that left me confused, but satisfied. In this life, I am a gourmand "not a gourmet!

At the gala there was lots of info concerning MVM (Men's Voices Milwaukee). Their concert, "Men on Broadway," starring Broadway's very own Ann Morrison, is at Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 16 at 3 p.m. And an Edelweiss Cruise

Saturday, July 13, Ship ahoy!

From Martini Madness to more fun and frolic on the other side of the city. Sarah and Cammy were celebrating Year Number 1, for the number 1 Café LuLu. The Pride of the Southside, KK, Lincoln and Howell meet. You seriously don't know who you're going to bump into there ... Besides lots of great commercials being done there. Of course, Michael Jonas of the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee was there (his baby sister is the owner), Dame Edna Ross nee David Howser, The Triangle's Max, blushing bride-to-be Julie of Palermo Villa, Andy Cicero and Mark Bucher of the neighboring Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre, to name but the first course. Congratulations, and just watch those LuLu's grow!

To close the night it was **The M&M Club** and **Singsational Productions**. **Passion Patty** returned to keep **Corliss** company and the joint jumping...

The next brought us Cinco de Mayo and the need to party. I met Michael & Max at Botanas for a late brunch and, as fate would have it, the lovely ladies of Café Lulu's were holding their Holiday gathering. Better late than never... I guess success doesn't allow for individual partying when you're busy providing for others. Well, naturally we merged and Margarita'd the afternoon away on the patio. Before you knew it, it was "Adios, amigos," and off to Club Boom for "Queer As Folk."

Monday, Monday the Mamas & Papas sang. Misery loves company and that's exactly what I found at Taylor's "Blue Monday — Red." Steve & Rand, Todd and Pleasant Prairie's very own Mark (with a K, but preferred C) and the mesmerizing Mary Christine making room for me at table #1. Mary was regaling us with her adventures with "Survivor's" Rice King Keith. Of course the very tanned, tantalizing Taylor — Dan that is — came over and welcomed us, as only he can. He was positively beaming, perhaps it was because Owen Smith was due home? Jack Igle, that fashion plate from Watts' was up to his usual rep. I think his ensemble was a salute to Red Bull. Encompassing red and blue -Bravo! In the sea of red were David & Tim from Club Boom, neighbor lady Rosalind Hoffmann, Andy Cicero, Ralph, Peter, Fluid's Yves & Steve,

Cordially Yours

Dean, **Just Say Joe**, **John**, **Billy**, **Sal Z**. and everyone turning out to enjoy a snowless Blue Monday and the 60 degree temps.

I got tickets to the hottest show in town: opening night of "The Vagina Monologues" Yes, their virgin performance, and I was there! Yes, all puns intended! Margot "Superman" Kidder, Rhonda Ross (as in Diana) and Glynis Bell were the narrators - all were purrrfect in this Eve Ensler production.. Kidder's timing and humor made the night! First off, I'm thrilled the show played here! I loved the billboards — "Spread The Word." I was definitely in the minority; it was a very female room - natch. But the message is there for all - gender, race, age is blind in the theater. There were many messages I heard, comprehended and embraced. The comparison between the vagina and the heart was something that will never leave me. If you get the chance, read the book, see the HBO presentation, or if another bravura group tackles it, take it in.

Thursday, May 9, was "Dining Out 4 Life." I participated with Debi Vance at Botanas with Michael, Max, Rita, Slosha, Larry & Dan, Ginger, and Legs among others. Cindy O., Debi's pearled partner, held court at The Boulevard Inn. Seeing it was for the children of Camp Heartland, I took dinner with friends Jerry and Felix at Harry's on Oakland. I just love those Michael Tarney eateries.

On to The Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre's production of "Fourth And Four" directed by Mark Bucher. Now everyone who knows me, knows I'm not a sports nut — but despite its title, this play takes you totally, to a new place. The show was fresh, original and had a keen sense of spontaneity. It runs through Saturday, May 18. Celebrate the Boulevard's 16th Season by catching this one. Robert W.C. Kennedy, Chad Tessmer, Kevin Callahan and Brent Hazelton make a winning team. And no, they don't need me as a cheerleader; they have three able-bodied ones of their own!

The Boulevard's next season starting in October will include "Our Town," "The Fantasticks," "The Bungler," "Ghosts," "The Millionairess" and "The Merchant Of Venice." Mr. Bucher, you just won a new fan! I remember seeing you years ago in a popular Third Ward lounge going over papers, reading, writing... I could never understand what you were working on. I didn't realize you were launching this gem of the arts.

On the topic of Milwaukee's theater scene, **Bialystock & Bloom**, one of my faves, will be hosting "Psycho Beach Parties" throughout our fair hamlet. Our very own **Dear Ruthie** has been added to the cast in a recurring role! This is in conjunction with their season's finale. Friday, May 17 **Switch** will be the stage at 9 p.m.

The following Sunday, May 19, will be Switch's big **3rd Birthday Party** starting at 3 p.m. The same day, Tennis Draw will be taking place. The first "Foam Party" for 2002 will be Pride Weekend, Saturday, June 8 at 11 p.m. Keep in mind the Beer Garden at Switch is open and can be yours for a party of your making, see Scotty the bar manager for details.

Thanks to my good pal **Andy Cicero**, I got to attend the Milwaukee Rep's "Encore and More Gala" (the Rep's major fund-raiser) on Saturday, May 11. The event took place at their theater complex. There was an open bar, silent and voice auction, a delectable dinner by Shully's Cuisine, flawless flowers by **Harry Sutton**, and an extraordinary cabaret act starring: **Jack Wilson**, **Kay Stiefel**, **Becky Spice** and

Ray Jivoff. Great connecting with Jody, Gail & Bill, Deanne & Brian, Dale & Allison, Bob & Nadia, meeting Mrs. Isabelle Polachek, the Brooke Astor of Milwaukee. It was a kick sitting at table #2 with Mr. & Mrs. Tim (Megan) Shields, being introduced to Rose Pickering — I could go on and on... I just hope I can get invited next year!

The next night, Mother's Day, Rona celebrated 25 years of nights at The M&M Club. An all-star mini show commenced with The 219 Girls featuring Nova DeVine, Sasha Mitchell, and Desiree Triumph now 219 girl and co-show Director, Charlotte Lorraine, Dame Edna Ross, Trixi, Dear Ruthie, and a few more stunning starlets. BooBoo is the best of hosts, and his staff, Joan Bennett, ChiChi, Peter and Rita, made sure there was plenty of "Holy Water." Amen! A gaggle of gorgeous girls (nuns and show girls alike) headed over to Club 219. Oh what a history making night... Dear Ruthie made her stage debut at 219, Kimberly Ann, the Empress of the sound waves was celebrating his B-Day, Ms. Rona was introduced and acknowledged for his community service. And God knows what else I'm omitting... I just love those girls from that Las Vegas Convent.

Special bouquet to Trixi, the self taught piano genius for not only sharing his talents of music, humor and people-liking (make that loving), but for giving as always great face! You did it again girl! Make-up... I think his surname is Rubenstein!

The Harbor Room is having a field day presenting Steve S. as Wisconsin's candidate at the International Mr. Leather Contest this Memorial Day Weekend. Yes, all you leather fans will be heading south of the border to Chi-town, to be anything but shy... Good luck Steve S., make us proud and bring us home a title! Saturday, May 18, will be the fourth and final fund raiser for the fight.

If you're staying local there are a lot of things to do like: at **Club Boom**, **David & Tim** and **Lee** will be hosting a "Toga Party" Saturday, May 25, at 10 p.m. — a true "Animal House!" Check those sheets out... Sunday, May 26, Holiday Hours are 3 p.m. party on the private patio. On Monday, May 27, Memorial Day there's a "Pig Roast BBQ" starting at 11 a.m.

Sin at Pure every Sunday at 7 p.m.-2 a.m. on W. Wisconsin & N. Plankinton Ave. Starring D.J. John Murges (414-273-7873 / www.puremilwaukee.com) Sunday, May 26, Memorial Sunday Sin's Kick-Off Party/Tea Dance A benefit for PFLAG Milwaukee. Special performances, Give-aways, Drink Specials... They're looking for special talents: Flaggers, Dancers, Jugglers, Fire Swallowers, Body Painters, Body Builders, or a unique talent...

Brigette, that dynamic dynamo at PFLAG, is thrilled and wants everyone out there to know of her gratitude to **John** and **Gregg**.

My dear friend Miss Vera Charles, the first lady of the American stage, supplied me with "At Liberty" starring Elaine Stritch. Just like Stritchy herself, simply superb! Get it and enjoy it!

My dear friend **Joey A.** is celebrating his May Birthday on the east coast, not the west as reported elsewhere in the community. He has tickets for Elaine and has already promised an autograph! A shout out to Jim T. of Phoenix, AZ: Thanks for your kind e-mail, such a sweet surprise!

Remember it's the glamour, not the grammar. As we launch the Summer of 2002 with Memorial Day Weekend ahead, I salute you and shall remain... "Cordially yours."

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

LoCage (Milw.): "Ab Fab" night with Jacky Roberts. Episodes at 8 and 10:30 p.m.Martini and champagne specials.

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

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 6-9 p.m., with \$1 aff drinks. Margarita Madness, 8-close, featuring \$2.50 margaritas and tequilla popper shots!

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Closed.

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

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

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

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!

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

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.

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

Club Boom (Milw.): Shake for a drink. Open at 6 p.m. nightly.

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 aff all others. Underage night begins at 9 p.m., 50¢ off all drinks, \$2 shot specials.

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

Fannies (Milw.): Manhandler Night! \$2 Whiskey Night, Combat Juice \$3 pitcher.

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): "Prize Nite" - no cover.

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price locker.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes halfprice - 3 to 7 p.m.

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

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): Jumbo Margaritas and Daiquiris S3 all night.

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

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

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

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



Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 6-9 p.m., \$1 off drinks. "Shake-a-Drink," 8-close: "shake" against the bartender to win 1/2 price drinks!

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): \$2 Tuesdays! Happy Hour, 2-4-1 rails and bottles, 4:30-7:30 p.m. \$2 taps, rails and cold shots, 7:30 p.m. to close.

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

Wednesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snocks served! Special Export S5 pitchers and S1.10 mugs from 9 p.m.- close.

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

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. S2 Lite/MGD languacks.

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club Boom (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m. nightly. S6 Beer Bust, \$10 Booze Bust, 6-10 p.m.

Club5/Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off all taps and rails, \$2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

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

Fannies (Milw.): South of the Border Night! FREE taxos with purchase \$2 Corona, \$2 Tequilla. Margarita Special, Noon to midnight.

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.

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.

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

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

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price rooms.

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

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

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): S2 mini-pitchers of Miller products.

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

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Shots of Doctors - S2.

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for S2 domestic battles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays:

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

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

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

Club Boom (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m. nightly. Always 2-4-1 all night.

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.

Fannies (Milw.): \$2 Thursdays - anything under \$4.50.

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. \$3 Cosmos, 8 p.m. to close.

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, 3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Shirtless men half price anytime. 10oz. Cosmopolitans S4.50, 6-11 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The Nut Hut (Milw.): Domestic beer, \$1.25, 4-6 p.m. The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer \$1 Well drinks \$1.50. Off the Tracks (Milw.): Beat the Clack * Miller taps start at 25¢ at 6 n. m. Yeah. 25¢!

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Corona - S2.

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

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 6-9 p.m., \$1 off drinks. Koraoke Contest: Win prize \$, from 8:30-close, after "Will & Grace."

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.

Fridays:

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

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Strippers! Enjoy local boyz! 11:30 p.m. No cover.
Club Boom (Milw.): Music Videos. Open at 6 p.m. nightly.

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.

Fannies (Milw.): First Friday of Month: Kick up your heels withcountry dance with Shoreline;

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

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): LaCage Showcase.

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): FREAKY FRIDAY — come see what speciality beers are only \$1.50.

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!"

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

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

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

Saturdays:

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

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

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

Club Boom (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m. nightly. Music Videos.

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

Club5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others.

Dish (Milw.): The new night spot for women! Jain DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fannies (Milw.): Dance your ass off with our in-house MUSICALITY, spinning the hattest dance tunes.

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

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): Where Milwaukee Dances!

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Marning.

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

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): Charity Shot ~ \$1, all proceeds go charity of the month.

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

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

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

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Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison); Live D1 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50% off all drinks with card. Progressive

Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

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

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

Switch (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m., featuring current dance music, DJ spin.
Walker's Pint (Milw.): \$5 Redbull rail vodka ^ all nite!

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

BAR EVENTS:

Friday, May 31

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.

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Featuring Halcyon, from Florida, 9:30 p.m., \$5 cover. 818 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 643-7468.

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, May 31 & June 2

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Live Jazz Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. Reservations suggested. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (1-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

Saturday, June 1

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

Sunday, June 2

Fannies (Milw.): Chix Mix All Girl Band performs, 4-8 p.m., 200 E. Washington Ave. FMI: (414) 649-9003.

Tuesday, June 4

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic will offer free HIV tests from 6-9 p.m.

at Midtowne Spa, 315 S. Water St. FMI: (414) 272-2144. Wednesday, June 5

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-

Fluid (Milw.): "Shaken and Stirred" with DJ John Murges, 9 p.m. to close, 819 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 645-8330.

Thursday, June 6

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

Club 5 (Madison): Gay TV Night with "Will & Grace" and "Queer as Folk." 5 Applegate Court. FMI: (608) 277-9700.

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic will offer free HIV tests from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at La Cage, 801 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Friday, June 7

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.

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Featuring Bent at 10 p.m. 818 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 643-7468.

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

Saturday, June 8

Switch (Milw) Foam Party at 10 p.m.

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Featuring acoustic act Head First at 8 p.m. 818 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 643-7468.

Sunday, June 9

Tuesday, June 11

AIDS Fashion Benefit Show (Madison): Phil's Phads Phashion AIDS Benefit Show with a tropical rainforest theme, with DJ Mark Carlson, 10 p.m., Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson St. FMI: (608) 251-0080.

Wednesday, June 12

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Featuring Karaoke at 9 p.m. 818 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 643-7468.

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Live Jazz Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Reservations. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (1-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

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

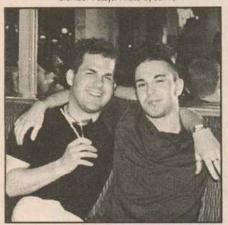
THURSDAYS:

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

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



Glamour Pussys. Photo by Jamie



Separated at birth? Photo by Jamie



Twin? Photo by Jamie



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- (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)

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

HIV Self-Help Group - Monthly meeting (Baraboo): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Souk 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.

Lovender Salon (Fox Valley): Reading and discussion group for gays and lesbians in the Fox Valley area, meets 3rd Thursday of each month, loca-

tions vary between Appleton, Green Bay and Oshkosh. Call for details. FMI: (920) 738-0497.

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

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

LGBT Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison): This weekly group provides outlet for gay/bi students at UWM. Social outlings, great discussion. Hosted by University Health Services and Sex-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 (Borbaboo): HIV/AIDS support group meets third Thursdays in Baraboo area. FMI (tall-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.

Goy 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 (Kenosho): 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 - Support 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. It meets the third Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Outreach offices, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

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, lesbions, bisexuals and transsexuals. Offers alternating game nights, movie nights, guest speakers and discussions every Friday, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

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

SATURDAYS:

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

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 midnite, last Saturdays of the month, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Black & White Men Together (Milw.): Meetings are the third Saturday of

the month, 7-9 p.m., at the LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: Milw4RWMT@not com.

Gay AA (Milw.): Wamen's meeting. Meets every Saturday at 11 a.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

Transsexual Support Group (Madison): Offering support, direction, and social assistance to Transsexuals who are pre-op, post-op, M-F, F-M, 18 or older. Seeks to help transsexuals in every aspect of their transition and journey. Confidentiality assured. Group meetings free; donation of skills, time, and money appreciated. Meets at Outreach, 600 Williamson St., 4th Saturday of every month except major Holidays! FMI: (608) 255-8582.

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

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 394, step/topic meeting. Meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (Milw.): Closed meeting every Sunday at 6 p.m., Golano 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 AFAnon-12-Step Meetings (Racine): These recovery groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI: Art at (414)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THESDAYS:

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 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 1-800-675-9400.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Womansong - Rehearsal (Madison) This women's charale 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 8 p.m. at the Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

HIV/AIDS Support Group (Milw.): Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon and 7-8:30 p.m. at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Ave.

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 1-800-675-9400.

KENTE Discussion Group (Milw.): Discussion group for the African American LGBT/SGL community, third Wednesday of each month, 6-8 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 933-9508.

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

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

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



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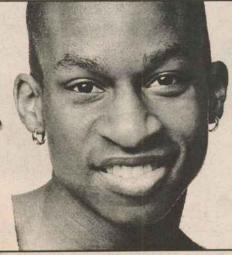
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