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National Briefs

Male-Born Student Graduates in Dress

Honolulu — Keala Chow was born a boy, but walked with the girls during her High School graduation, covering up a "very seductive" dress with a graduation gown.

Chow, 18, began cross-dressing at the age of 10 and has been taking female hormones for the past year. She considers herself a woman. As graduation neared, however, she had to convince McKinley High School that she should be treated as a female, regardless of her gender at birth.

She started with a phone call to the McKinley High School principal, whom she had never met because she fulfilled her graduation requirements through the Adolescent Day Treatment Program.

"The principal said I would have to walk with the guys, so I called ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) on them," she said.

Ultimately, the state Attorney General's Office resolved the issue with a phone call to the principal, he said.

"It really wasn't a hard decision," McKinley Principal Milton Shishido said. "We do respect the individual, and of course she wanted to graduate as a young lady, and we had some amount of comment that she was medically going through a procedure and thought of herself as a young lady."

Orange County Gay Pride Festival on Hold

Los Angeles — Organizers have moth-balled Orange County's annual gay-pride festival, citing increased costs and a lack of public interest that made the summertime event too expensive to put on.

Born in the late 1980s, Orange County Cultural Pride's annual two-day gathering was the showcase event for local gay men, lesbians and supporters. The festival, which included food and music, peaked at the 10th anniversary gathering at UC Irvine's Aldrich Park two years ago, attracting about 10,000 people. Last year, though, fewer than 5,000 people showed up and organizers lost \$12,000 — cutting into money to put on this year's festival, usually held in August.

The festival follows similar large events in Long Beach in May and Los Angeles in June.

"We come along a few weeks later in mid-August and everybody says, 'We've just attended two festivals that are really big, so why should we spend the money and come to Orange County when it's so much smaller?'" Helms said.

Showtime Renews "Queer as Folk"

New York — Fans of the popular "Queer as Folk" can rest easy: The world of Brian, Justin, Melanie, Lindsay, Michael and the rest will keep spinning as news came this month that the steamy soap will be back for at least two more years. The decision to renew the series for two new 16 episode seasons was made as the series second season draws to a close.

"Queer as Folk" is the highest rated Showtime series.

PrideFest Draws Record Crowd for Sun and Fun

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — The summer sun shone down on Maier Festival Park June 7-9 drawing record attendance to Wisconsin's annual PrideFest celebration. The final count was 18,604, up almost 2,000 from 2001.

"It was a combination of great weather, great entertainment and great patrons that made it such a success," Co-Director Mike Lisowski said of the festival.

Initial skepticism among some about the entertainment line-up apparently faded somewhat because substantial crowds gathered each evening for the major acts on the Miller Stage.

Suzanne Westenhoefer regaled the crowd on opening night with her comedic take on the differences between gay men and lesbians, and the San Francisco drag-pella act Kinsey Sicks camped it up with their own queer and delightfully naughty versions of popular tunes. Wisconsin's own Ronnie Nyles and her band Chix Mix were a big draw as well. Nyles performed her inspiring new anthem "Someday," with the audience joining in the chorus.

On Saturday night, Marc Weigle won new fans with his original compositions, a blend of pop, rock and country style ballads. Melissa Ferrick, touted in the latest issue of The Advocate as an "Indie-Rock Goddess," then played to a large crowd of mostly adoring lesbian fans. Fireworks on both Friday and Saturday night drew thousands to the edge of Lake Michigan for a chorus of "Oooohs" and "Aaaahs." Bad Boy closed out the Saturday night entertainment with its tribute to Freddie Mercury.

After solid sets by the acoustic duo Commonbond and Susan Werner, CeCe Peniston rocked the Miller Stage Sunday night. The crowd for her was somewhat smaller than at her PrideFest appearance a few years back, but the reception by fans was equally enthusiastic, with many joining in the dance fever.

There were still many complaints and comments from festival-goers about who should be booked in future years. Many who perceived this year's line-up as heavily skewed in favor of lesbians want to see more acts that appeal to male fans. Both men and women expressed a desire to see more well-known national acts. "Sure they cost more money," one fan conceded, "but they'd also draw a lot more people. It's time for PrideFest to take a chance and really go big time."

Mexican Fiesta may have its hot pepper eating contest, but PrideFest now has its Dragathon. The hilarious dress-up, make-up, lip-synch contest, only in its second year, drew overflow crowds to the Rainbow Gardens area on both Saturday and Sunday. Contestants, audience and hosts Nova Divine and Chris Klein cracked up throughout the comical and occasionally raunchy proceedings.

A new PrideFest tradition may have



PrideFesters revel in the sunshine at the Summerfest main gate. Photo by Jay Langhurst

begun with the first Pancake Breakfast on Sunday attracting 170 diners for the \$6 all-you-can-eat feast.

Parade coordinator Michael Goertz reported 51 entries in this year's Pride Parade, twice the number of last year's when it was held on Friday night. The general consensus is in support of keeping the parade on Sunday.

Parade prize winners included: Chicago ROTC (Rigorously Outrageous Twirling Corps) as Best Marching Unit; The Triangle for Best Decorated Car; the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin for Best Theme (with special kudos to the marcher clad entirely in armor); and Fluid for Best Float. The Great Lakes Harley Riders, which organized almost 60 guys on Hogs and Dykes on Bikes, won the Spirit of Pride Award, and Fluid also won the Traveling Bar Trophy.

POLITICS AND MORE

The much ballyhooed Gubernatorial Forum took place Saturday afternoon on the Stonewall Stage. Organizers relented at the last minute and, bowing to community pressure, invited third party candidates to join in. Jim Young of the Green Party, Alan Eisenberg of the Reform Party and Ed Thompson of the Libertarian Party joined Democrats Kathleen Falk, Jim Doyle, Gary George and Tom Barrett.

The only real fireworks occurred in an exchange between Eisenberg and Doyle. Otherwise, all the candidates responded pretty much as one might expect them to while courting LGBT voters, with some being a little more specific than others. Campaign staffers circulated both before and after the forum, putting their positive spin on their candidate's support of LGBT issues.

Events at the Youth Village drew record numbers, and coordinator Marcus Smith said he was "extremely pleased" at the participation. About 125 LGBT youth, 12-24,

attended the Friday night Fashion Show, and there were packed houses for the dating game "Singled Out" as well. About 300 participated in "Post Office," a way for youth to meet new friends. The Gay-Straight Alliances whose members staffed the "Post Office" will share the \$300 taken in.

The fest boasted 21 food vendors offering everything from sushi and Thai chicken satay to jambalaya and falafel along with the usual burgers, brats, fries, and ice cream. The Marketplace included a record 92 vendors, from retailers selling leather goods and every imaginable rainbow-hued tchotchke, to professionals selling their services, LGBT organizations recruiting members, and political parties and candidates trolling for support in this competitive election year.

The LaCage Dance Pavilion saw large crowds, mostly in the evenings, with general agreement among DJs and dancers that the larger space and permanent structure were great improvements. The Leather Show was a highlight at the pavilion.

The His/Herstory exhibit was in a much-expanded tent at the north end of the grounds this year. Many people took their time walking through the tent, thoughtfully soaking in voluminous information about LGBT leaders, organizations and events from the past.

PrideFest had a strong spiritual element this year with an interfaith service on Sunday and a record number of churches or church groups in the Pride Parade. PrideFest gave awards to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church and Dignity for their longtime support of LGBT people of faith. The MCC's Rev. Lew Broyles reported that he joined together 40 couples in marriage, half in a mass ceremony, the other half in individual ceremonies.

Meanwhile, the usual fundamentalist protesters dogged people as they entered the festival grounds. Several "Christians," carrying a huge "Homosexuality is Sin" banner, stood in front of the Hunger Task Force food collection van, inhibiting some PrideFest attendees from donating food for the poor. Another alleged Christian carried a sign reading "AIDS IS THE CURE." The protesters were members of Ralph Ovadal's Wisconsin Christians United and the Mercy Seat Christian Church, run by the pro-gun, anti-abortion crusader, Matthew Trewella.

Milwaukee police officers were a greater presence once again this year and PrideFest organizers praised their professional conduct and assistance. There were no arrests made throughout the three days of the festival, extending PrideFest's record as one of the safest, most trouble-free of the summer lakefront festivals.

PrideFest Attendance by the Numbers



World Briefs

Foreign Gay Couple Marries in the Netherlands

In one of the first tests of the portability of The Netherlands' gay marriages, an Italian couple got married at City Hall in The Hague June 1.

The Netherlands is the only nation that lets gays marry under the exact same laws as heterosexuals. Foreigners can marry after a brief period of residency.

Antonio Garullo, 37, and Mario Ottocento, 30, who live in the Italian town of Latina, south of Rome, tied the knot as Italian and Dutch journalists and gay Italian politician Franco Grillini looked on.

"It's obvious that their marriage is of political significance," Grillini told Agence France-Presse.

The couple will demand that Italy recognize their marriage and will appeal all the way to the European Court of Human Rights if necessary, they said.

Dutch Release Gay Stats

About 100,000 Dutch gays and lesbians live with a lover — a 25 percent increase over five years ago — the Central Bureau of Statistics said June 4.

More than 7,000 of the couples have gotten married or registered their partnership, the bureau said.

The Netherlands is the only nation in the world where same-sex couples, including foreign residents, can get married under the exact same laws as heterosexual couples.

One in 13 of the cohabitating same-sex couples has adopted a baby, the bureau said.

Many other nations, mostly in Western Europe, allow same-sex couples to register their relationships and acquire up to 99 percent of the rights and obligations of marriage.

Sweden OKs Gay Adoption

Sweden's parliament, the Riksdagen, extended adoption rights to registered gay couples June 5.

"There are no limits," said Jon Voss, editor of the gay newspaper QX. "That makes Sweden the first country in the world to say yes to international adoptions as well."

Some European nations that allow gay adoption restrict couples to babies born in that nation, to avoid conflict with

the presumably homophobic Third World nations from which most foreign babies are adopted.

Gay couples who enter a Swedish "registered partnership" now lack only two rights that are available to married people — access to artificial-insemination technology and access to marriage itself. Only The Netherlands lets gay couples marry under the exact same laws as straight couples.

400,000 at São Paulo Pride

Police said 400,000 people turned out for São Paulo, Brazil's gay pride parade June 2.

Mayor Marta Suplicy attended and said she is proud the city has become the gayest place in Latin America.

Lesbian motorcyclists led the parade, which included more than 20 sound trucks pumping out disco and techno music.

The march traversed Avenida Paulista, a principal thoroughfare, for three miles (5 km), ending at Praça da República, a downtown square in the city's gayest quarter.

Jerusalem Holds First Pride Parade

About 4,000 people marched in Jerusalem's first gay-pride parade June 7, police estimated.

Some protesters turned out as well, most of them ultra-Orthodox Haredim. A few stink bombs were set off.

Marchers began at Zion Square, headed up King George Street and the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, and ended at Independence Park for a concert and dancing.

"This is a glorious day," Hagai El-Ad, director of the gay community center Open House, told the San Francisco Chronicle. "Our office is on Ben Yehuda Street, where we have many times heard bombs go off near us. This is our answer to that, to have a parade that isn't just about lesbian and gay rights and equality but about optimism. This is a chance for people to express their hope and say that they want to live together in Jerusalem."

The city government refused to help pay for the parade but was ordered by the High Court of Justice to hang flags and balloons from lampposts and to provide security.


"Not an agora of city money is being spent on those sickos, and the logistical support is from private donations," declared Municipal Finance Committee Chair Eli Smaheyof, who is also a city councilor.

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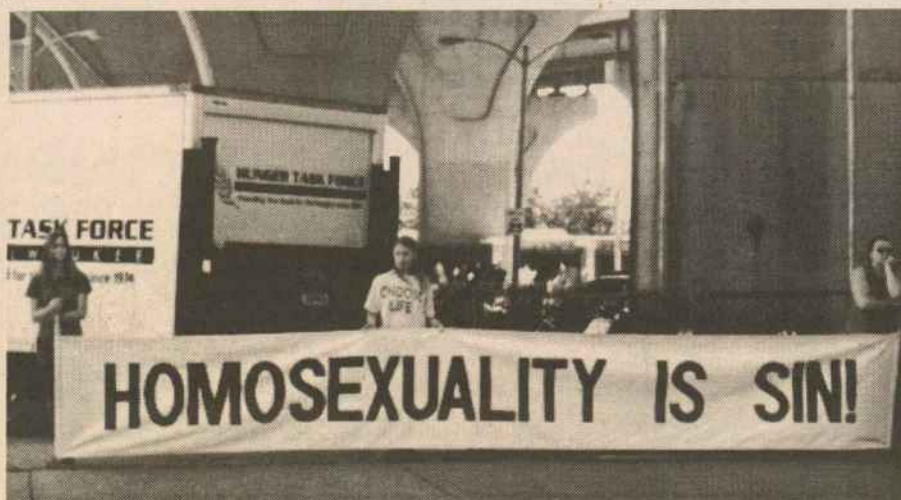


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Religious protestors block the Hunger Task Force collection site at PrideFest 2002.
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State Briefs

ARCW Volunteers Honored

Milwaukee — Spirits soared along the Root River Parkway on June 1, as the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin held its annual picnic to recognize and honor its volunteer staff of more than 1,600 caring people dedicated to the fight against AIDS. ARCW staff and volunteers from across the state were on hand to celebrate — and to motivate each other in the urgent task of finding more helpers.

"Our volunteers bring a level of commitment and passion to their work that

money could never buy," said ARCW Director of Volunteer Services Richard Marano. "Our volunteers are the foundation of our agency, and we can't praise them enough. With more people living with AIDS in Wisconsin than ever before, we desperately need new volunteers with that same dedication."

Nationally known AIDS educator Mike Johnson of Milton, Wisconsin, was the event's keynote speaker. Johnson and his wife Sherie were diagnosed with HIV disease in 1991 and immediately rededicated their lives to saving the lives of others, especially young people at risk for AIDS. Over the past 10 years, Johnson has spoken

to more than a quarter-million teens, teaching them about AIDS and motivating them to remain HIV-free.

In his remarks, Johnson compared the ARCW volunteers to the firefighters and police who responded to the September 11 bombings.

"Your struggle has been longer, your effort even more sustained," Johnson said. "Your tasks are not often glamorous. Your rewards are much less publicly glorious and harder to perceive. You had much more time to consider the risk of your actions and yet you still chose to risk all in pursuit of your goals. At the beginning you had no reason to expect success and yet against all odds you chose, and continue to choose, to offer all that you have in an effort to enrich those who have less."

Troy Tyloch was given ARCW's Volunteer of the Year award for programs and services, while Fred Stewart was named Volunteer of the year for development. Tyloch has been volunteering at ARCW for more than a decade, performing a wide range of services such as holding support groups, speaking to high school classes, and training other volunteers. Stewart is a member of ARCW's Giving For Life Campaign Cabinet, a top fundraising AIDS Walker and Team Captain, and a vital support worker for various ARCW events. Also honored for their volunteer contributions were Virginia Finn, Dr. Bob Leschke, Peggy Niedzwiecki, John Petersen, Patrick Prudlow, and Chris Root.

"All our volunteers are winners," Marano said. "We wanted to recognize a few of them on this special day for their extra special achievement."

The need for volunteers at ARCW has never been greater. Volunteers join in fundraising events like AIDS Walk Wisconsin, provide HIV/AIDS informa-

tion via AIDSline Wisconsin, advocate for better HIV prevention and care through AIDS Action Wisconsin, help with vital programs such as the ARCW Food Pantry, and provide practical assistance such as rides to and from appointments, helping with household chores, and shopping.

Anyone interested in volunteering at ARCW can start the process with a phone call to (414) 273-1991 in Milwaukee or (800) 359-9272 statewide. Interested persons can also visit the ARCW Web site at arcw.org and click on "How to Help."

Teen Crisis Line Seeks Volunteers

Madison — Briarpatch will be conducting a crisis line and family counselor training June 18 through July 16. The twelve session volunteer course will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The training provides volunteers with an overview of adolescent development as well as workshops covering phone support, counseling, family systems, and area resources. In addition to preparing participants to become Briarpatch counselors, the course will help volunteers develop parenting and job skills.

Each year, more than 350 teens turn to Briarpatch for counseling and crisis intervention. Anyone with parenting skills or a willingness to learn can volunteer to help that area's teens that are most in need. Briarpatch also encourages teens aged 14 and over to inquire.

Debie Evans, Briarpatch's volunteer coordinator said, "Becoming a volunteer is a great way to make a difference in the life of a teen, and to enrich your own life at the same time. The experience is very reward-

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Presents "WCCC on the Crystal Set"

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will present the final concert of its 15th Anniversary Season on Saturday June 22, at 8 p.m. in the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee. The chorus's 7th Annual Cabaret Show, "WCCC on the Crystal Set" will feature a wide variety of solo, ensemble and choral numbers for a musical trip down the radio dial, with songs that touch our hearts and our lives.

The evening will also include raffles for several exciting prizes. All items are donated by individuals and businesses, as well as arts and sports organizations throughout the community. Donations are still being accepted; please contact the chorus office if you would like to donate items for the raffle.

Tickets for "WCCC on the Crystal Set" are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available through the chorus office, chorus members, and at Outwards Books. Special rates for groups of 10 or more are available. Please contact the chorus office.

For more information about the chorus, call (414) 276-8787, write to the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus at 315 W Court St., Suite 101, Milwaukee 53212, or log onto their Web site at creamcitychorus.org.

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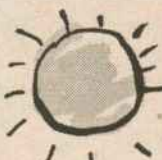
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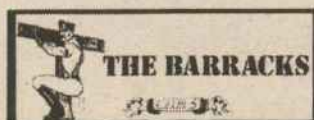
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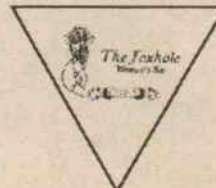
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Post-PrideFest Perspectives

By Jamakaya

Organizers of Milwaukee's PrideFest celebration are walking around with wide grins that seem to have been snatched from the Summerfest smiley face logo. They are understandably happy with the fair skies, good spirits and record attendance at this year's festival.

They deserve a lot of credit for another smoothly run event. Given that PrideFest suffered the loss of its administrator and its marketing director just weeks before the big event, their accomplishment is even more remarkable. Take a bow, ladies and gentlemen, for a tremendous weekend.

But this wouldn't be the queer community without a few brickbats flying around. The biggest beef this year came from some men who complained about the predominance of women performers. Some even accused PrideFest of being a "lesbian conspiracy." I just love that concept — where the heck can I sign up?

My initial response to the complaint was to dismiss it as yet another manifestation of the rampant sexism in Milwaukee's gay community. To some men, the mere presence of one or two women on the board of an organization triggers cries of "The lesbians are taking over!"

In an interview with *IN Step* in 2000, Si Smits, President of the G/L Community Center Trust Fund, acknowledged that all eight board members of his group were men. When asked about inviting women on the board, Si said, oblivious to his insensitivity: "We've never given that much consideration." They still haven't; there are no women listed as board members on their letterhead.

And don't even get me started about my own position as a lesbian journalist in



nearly peed in my pants!

PrideFest needs to find good, crowd-pleasing, show-stopping acts, period. Continue to program for variety, not for gender. I'd like to hear more reggae, and I'm sure large sections of our community would like some hip-hop and rap. Book some ballroom dancing in the Rainbow Gardens area. There are a number of good gay country-western groups and singers. Resurrect the wonderful dog shows that everyone loved so much at MAPFest. Set up a dunking booth where folks pay to douse celebrities and community leaders, with the

their judgments. Acts that I had never heard of or figured I wouldn't be interested in turned out to be dynamite! I remember attending women's festivals in the '80s and being somewhat impatient with opening acts I'd never heard of, like Melissa Etheridge and Tracy Chapman. Now I feel honored to have witnessed their rise! We should all be more open to new talent.

RE MARKETING: On another front, PrideFest erred badly in not having a full and updated schedule available for publication in *IN Step* and at the information booth on the festival grounds. By the time of the festival, some info in the Pride Guide was outdated or incomplete. The Pride Guide is also badly organized and lacks any index. This lapse frustrated many attendees as well as the hard-working volunteers in the info booth.

PrideFest should also use \$5,000-\$10,000 from the former administrator's salary to hire a professional PR person next year. I have tried to cover our Pride festivals for 14 years now and getting proper, well organized information and press kits has been nearly impossible (with the notable exception of Sue Cook's year as Marketing Director). Like Celine Dion, I could go on and on about this, but will save further remarks for the Pride Council.

RE THE GUBERNATORIAL FORUM: Who'd a thunk there'd be so much angst expended over

such a boring, predictable event!?

After word spread that only the Dems and Gov. McCallum were invited (and McCallum declined), a grass roots protest movement by proponents of third party candidates, unaffiliated LGBTs, and the press — in this case a heroic *IN Step* — forced reluctant organizers to change their plans and become more inclusive. They did so in a begrudging manner, unbecoming of their leadership positions in this community. They also showed a startling lack of foresight, blaming the problem first on IRS rules, then scapegoating *IN Step* and a few individuals for daring to question their judgment. They failed to acknowledge the legitimate criticism of their plans for a de facto Democratic Forum and majorly misjudged the diverse interests of the LGBT constituencies they claim to represent.

The gubernatorial forum was billed as an historical event for the LGBT community and it may well have been, but it also illustrated the narrow political vision of some of our community leaders. Let's hope some lessons were learned.

RE RELIGIOUS ZEALOTS: The protesters with signs calling homosexuality "sin" and AIDS a "cure" were members of good old Ralph Ovadal's Wisconsin Christians United and the Mercy Seat Christian Church, run by the pro-gun, anti-abortion crusader Matthew Trewella. Go to www.streetpreach.com to see how nutty these folks really are.

In past years, angry confrontations have sometimes occurred between festival-goers and fundies. This year, the queer community seemed to use one of its sharpest tactics, throwing shade, to discombobulate the holy rollers. A group of young, giddy and shirtless gay men hammed it up in front of one of the sign wavers while posing for pictures. In another incident, a towering figure dragged out in full nun attire, gleefully paraded behind a band of fundies as they retreated to their cars. Ridicule and onslaughts of camp seemed to do the trick. Good riddance to bad rubbish! Gay Pride lives on!

"PRIDEFEST NEEDS TO FIND GOOD, CROWD-PLEASING, SHOW-STOPPING ACTS, PERIOD. PROGRAM FOR VARIETY, NOT FOR GENDER."

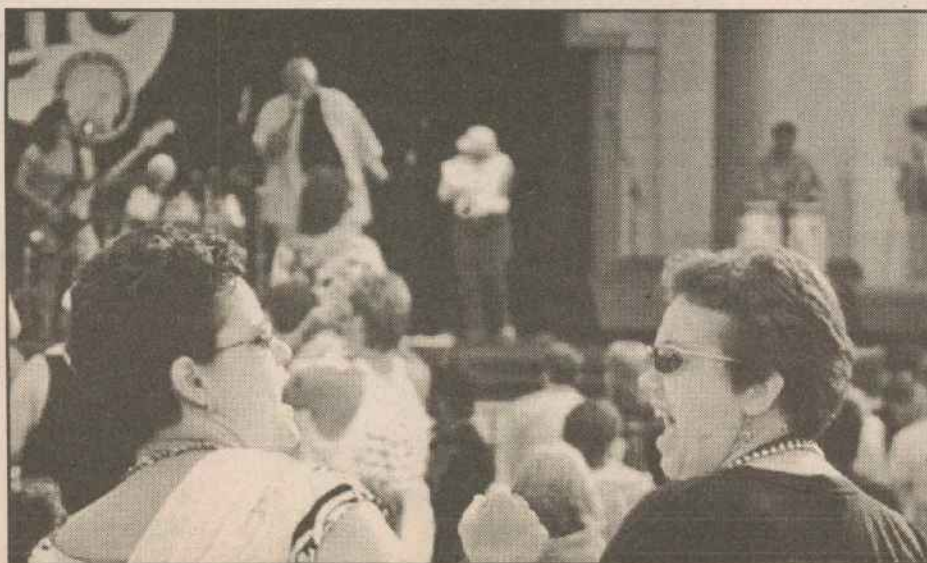
this community. Covering the city's LGBT community since the 1970s, having stories syndicated nationally for years and winning scads of writing, editorial and community service awards will NEVER qualify me to be the editor of a gay publication in this city or state. I have been told repeatedly to my face that "Bar owners and advertisers will never support a paper with a woman editor." Tell that to Tracy Baim, the widely respected publisher/editor of the Lambda Publications empire in Chicago! But I digress...

RE PRIDEFEST ENTERTAINMENT: I think the entertainment challenge for PrideFest is a lot more complex than just booking equal numbers of men and women. CeCe Peniston is a woman, but my sense is that she appeals more to men. Suzanne Westenhoefer is a lesbian comic, but men as well as women were laughing hysterically during her routine. Funny is funny.

Likewise, one might assume that Kinsey Sicks, the incredibly witty four-man dragapella act that brought down the house on Friday, would have been more of a guy thing. No way. As a dyke, I thought they were far and away the best act of the weekend. Who will ever forget their spoof of the "Titanic" theme, asking "Why does Celine go on?" or their naughty version of the Peggy Lee classic — renamed "Beaver." They were so funny, I

money going to different LGBT groups each year. GAMMA Volleyball is fantastic: it's great for working out, checking out some great bods, and getting men and women together socially.

PrideFest always seeks input and suggestions from attendees, so let them know what you think. That's a positive, constructive way to influence the booking next year. I also want to appeal to the community to give the organizers some slack and respect



Two women enjoy the entertainment at PrideFest 2002. Photo: Jay Langhurst

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

Mondays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90 from 9 p.m. to close.

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

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. \$2 specials on microbrews.

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

Boom (Milw.): Jock night! Half price drinks - jock required. Open at 6 p.m. nightly.

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

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

Dish (Milw.): The new night-spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues - sign up now.

Fannies (Milw.): Skyy Vodka and Doctors, \$2, 7 p.m.-12 a.m. \$1 taps.

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): "Shake a Drink" all nite.

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

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - \$1.50.

Off the Tracks (Milw.): Buck Shot Night: all cold shots \$1 all night.

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

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

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

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 off drinks. Margarita Madness, 8-close, featuring \$2.50 margaritas and tequila popper shots!

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Closed.

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

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.

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

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

Emeralds (Milw.): \$5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

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." Win \$100 cash - no cover.

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price locker.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price - 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 \$3 all night.

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

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

Roy'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 **IT** 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 snacks served! Special Export \$5 pitchers and \$1.10 mugs from 9 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail 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. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

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

Club 5/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 \$3.75, \$1 off all others. Male Dancers at 11 p.m., 50¢ off all taps and rails, \$2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. \$2 shot specials.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are **IT** price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milw.): It's Point Night! There are pints of Point for \$1. 2-4-1 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fannies (Milw.): South of the Border Night! FREE tacos with purchase \$2 Corona, \$2 Tequila, 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 drinks all night! No cover.

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.): \$2 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 - \$2.

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles 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! \$5 domestic, \$7 premium.

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

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-9 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.

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 fox-hole, \$2 shot specials.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are **IT** price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Groove with Amy! Amy entertains!

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 \$4.50, 6-11 p.m.

LaCage (Milw.): "Super Bust" - no cover.

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 Clock - Miller taps start at 25¢ at 6 p.m. Yeah, 25¢!

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Corona - \$2.

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Free Pool & Darts. 2-4-1 tap beer 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. Karaoke Contest. Win prize \$, from 8:30-close, after "Will & Grace." Patio Open.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

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 special.

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

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.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are **IT** price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milw.): Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fannies (Milw.): First Friday of Month: Kick up your heels with country 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 \$5, 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-Pschorr 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 specialty 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!" Patio Open.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): All chilled shots \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m.

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

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

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-9 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/U. Bartender's discretion.

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

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

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.

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

Fannies (Milw.): Dance your ass off with our in-house MUSICALITY, spinning the hottest 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, \$7, 4-6 p.m.

LaCage (Milw.): Where Milwaukee Dances!

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Mid-night. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

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/Dancing.

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.

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

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. Patio Open

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

BAR EVENTS:

Friday, June 14

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

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

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

Fri & Sat, June 14 & June 15

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

MONDAY • 4-6pm
Crabby Hour Pull Tabs

TUESDAY • 7-9pm
Pull Tabs

WEDNESDAY • 6-9pm
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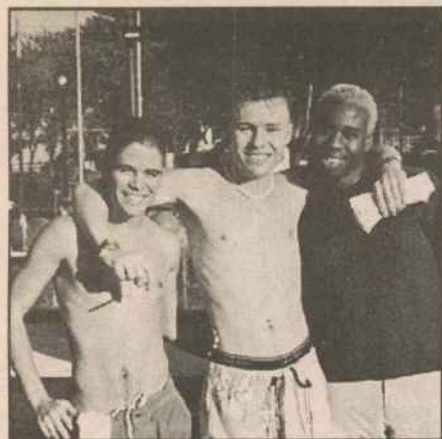
THURSDAY • 4-6pm
Domestic Beer — \$1.25

FRIDAY • 5-7pm
Pull Tabs

SATURDAY • 4pm to midnight
Beer Bust — \$7

SUNDAY
Corona — \$1.75 • Dom. Beer — \$1.25
Mini-Pitchers — \$1.75 • 2-5pm





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Saturday, June 15

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 16

Fannies (Milw.): Fabulous Hanky and Ribbon Party, 9 p.m., 200 E. Washington Ave. FMI: (414) 649-9003.

Wednesday, June 19

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

Fluid (Milw.): "Shaken and Stirred" with DJ John Murgess, 9 p.m. to close (every 1st and 3rd Wed.). 819 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 645-8330.

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

Thursday, June 20

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

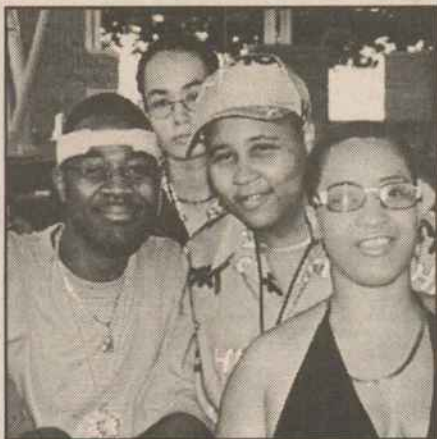
Club 5 (Madison): Gay TV Night with "Will & Grace" and "Queer as Folk." 5 Applegate Court. FMI: (608) 277-9700.

Friday, June 21

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

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Saturday, June 22

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

Wednesday, June 26

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. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

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

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 - (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.



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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.

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Performance Review

PrideFest: Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad

By J.C. Michalek

Milwaukee — At my age, preconceived notions are common. There is something inherently maniacal about turning 40. I'm not sure what it is, but I do know that it is real. So real, that it accompanied me to PrideFest on June 7-9.

Here we were again, celebrating our existence with pride. It's an annual right of passage that began with Stonewall and continues to accelerate anew, in depth and volume. Nonetheless, after the umpteenth pride celebration, it is not an aberration to venture into these celebratory milestones with trepidation and pre-formed opinions.

Froth with the notion that there were thousands of my brethren ready to jumpstart a weekend of uninhibited physical, and emotional, soul bearing, I sauntered down to the PrideFest grounds to enjoy the festivities and review some of the entertainment.

Frankly, at the outset, I must admit I was not impressed with this year's roster of entertainment. It seems a trite bit redundant when every year we are presented with a predictable line-up of performances: the lesbian comic, a drag performance, a leather show, and a one-dance-hit night-club diva of yesteryear.

Granted, it is important during a Pride celebration to showcase gay and lesbian talent. The caveat, however, is to make sure they are not parody's of every stereotype our community has taken years to dispel. Contrary to my presumptions, there were some pleasant surprises amongst this year's entertainment slate.

Suzanne Westenhoefer kicked off the Pride festivities Friday night with a performance at Miller Stage. Not knowing what to expect because I really had no idea who she was (no offense, lesbian comics are

Sicks took the stage Friday night moments after Westenhoefer's exit.

Billed as "America's Favorite Dragapella," the quartette makes you wonder what other Dragapella group they beat to earn that title. Judging from the hodgepodge of acappella warbling that these guys presented, the competition must have been amateurish beyond belief.

Watching these guys is like watching bad drag show in a neighborhood pub. The difference is these guys are getting paid for this shtick. Kinsey Sicks embodies every stereotype gay men are known for, which would be fine if they could do it without making a mockery of the art form in the process.

Now, if only the Pride Committee could have secured the inimitable talents of Joe Sears and Jaston Williams of "Tuna" fame ("A Greater Tuna," "A Tuna Christmas," "Red, White and Tuna") — anyone of this brilliant trilogy would have displayed genuine professional acappella drag, par excellence. Maybe next year?

The big event of PrideFest, entertainment wise, was the return of CeCe Peniston to center stage for Sunday's closing festivities. It is not uncommon for one or two-hit dance divas to tour the gay club scene or pride festivity in an effort to sustain a modicum of relevance. Think Thelma Houston, Shannon, France Joli, Bonnie Pointer, et al. Much to my surprise, Ms. Peniston does not fall into that category.

Delayed due to traffic en route from Chicago where she is in the recording studio working on new material, Arizonian CeCe Peniston burst onto the Miller Stage Sunday night with diva attitude and the pipes to back it up. Donning a figure flattering Burgundy Rose jumpsuit and newly minted blond locks, Peniston demonstrated a vocal range that is impressive by any standard. Her ability to command the stage and exude the confidence of delivery and performance is mesmerizing.

When Peniston began her performance, there were many empty seats. This can partially be attributed to the fact that she was added to the roster late and therefore not listed in the PrideFest Program. Regardless,



Kinsey Sicks struts their stuff at PrideFest. Photo: Jamakaya

not my thing), I sat down with an open mind about with journalistic prudence.

Wow. This woman is amazing. Ellen needs to watch her back. Westenhoefer is, by far, funnier than DeGeneres, and given the right launch pad could catapult to the major leagues with ease. Her material is fresh and topical, cutting edge yet not offensive, and she is absolutely hysterical in prose and delivery.

Westenhoefer effortlessly had the audience of about 2,500 rolling the isles with her uproarious routine and she worked them into frenzy. She is truly an amazing talent who deserves, and is worthy of, her own network sitcom.

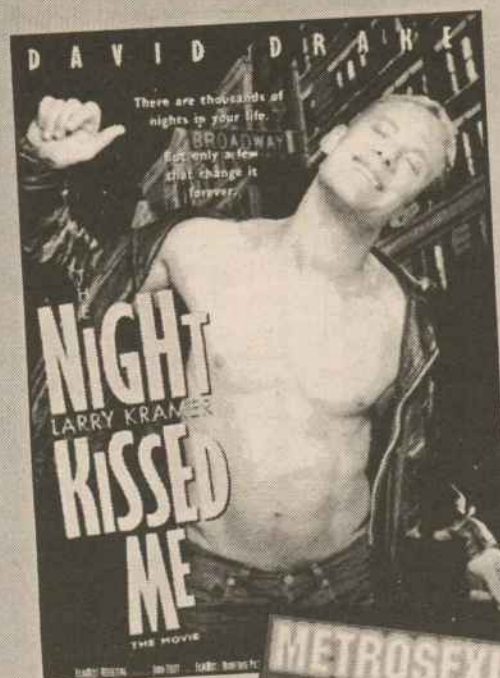
It's truly amazing to watch a crowds enthusiasm wane so abruptly after reaching nirvana just moments prior. That is precisely what happened when Kinsey

by the time end of her second number, not only were the seats filled, everybody within hearing distance was dancing the night away.

Hers is truly a raw power that only a genuine Diva can possess. While she gallantly belted out her dance hits of the early 90s including the smash "Finally," Peniston set out to let the audience know that there is more to CeCe than singing dance ditty's. With the right record company behind her, Peniston could be a force to be reckoned with. She is an amazing talent.

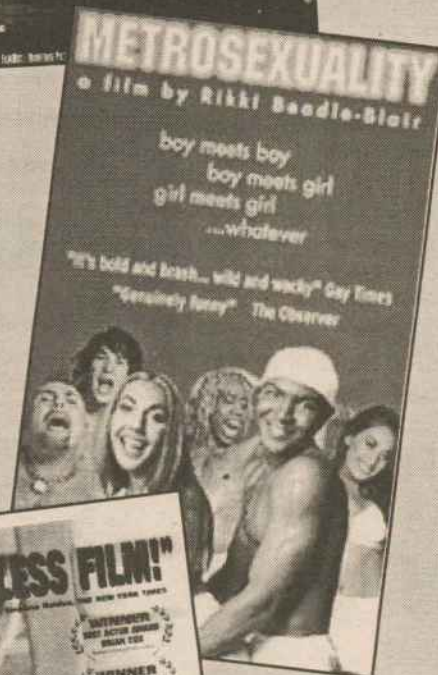
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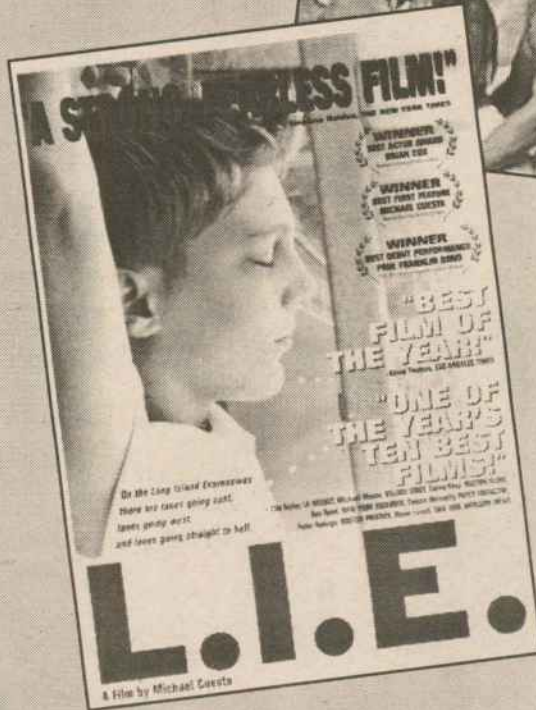


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(Bill) 276-7626

Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/JG support/social)
P.O. Box 44211, 53214 297-9328

Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee
P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862

GLEAM/SPECTRUM (GLBT Employees of Ameritech)
P.O. Box 254, 53201 482-4310

G/L Community Center Trust Fund
P.O. Box 1686, 53201 643-1652

Great Lakes Harley Riders, P.O. Box 341611, 53234-1611

Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)
P.O. Box 899, 53201

Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
P.O. Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 548-4344

LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
315 W. Court, 53212 272-9442

LOC/Women of Color
P.O. Box 93594, 53203 263-1631

Log Cabin Republicans (Gay Republicans)
P.O. Box 199, 53201 299-9443

MGALA (Marquette U. GL Alumni)
P.O. Box 92722, 53202

Marquette Gay/Straight Alliance
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott) 543-9643

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center 271-2656
315 W. Court, 53212
..... www.mkeight.org

Milwaukee Symphony Chorus
Auditions/Info 414-559-9330
..... www.milwaukee-symphony.org

Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) 800-711-6375

Orgullo Latino/a Latin Pride
(c/o Murguia) 1532 N. Astor St. 53202 276-8546

Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
315 W. Court, 53212 299-9198

Pathfinders (youth counseling, shelter)
1614 E. Kane Place, 53202 271-1560

PrideFest (annual Pride festival)
907 S. 1st St., 53204
Web Site: www.pridefest.com 645-FEST

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

The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)
PO Box 090441, 53209 265-8500

Rainbow Alliance at UWM
Box 122, 2200 E. Kenwood 53211 229-6555
..... www.uwm.edu/studentorg/glbcl

Riverwest Rainbow Association
1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212 225-1645

SAGE Milwaukee (for older LGBTs)
P.O. Box 510492, 53203-0091 271-0378

Saturday SoftBall League (SSBL)
P.O. Box 92605, 53203-0091 454-9204

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755

Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.
P.O. Box 76115, 53216 873-1849

Shoreline (country dancing, instruction)
P.O. Box 510283, 53203-0051 747-0388

Silver Space (for older lesbians)
c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett 271-2565

Two Spirit Society (Indigenous LGBT People of America)
315 W. Court St., 53212 607-1182

Wisconsin Leather Men's Assoc. Inc.
P.O. Box 897, 53201-0897

Wisconsin Outdoor Women (outdoor sporting events)
P.O. Box 94, Hales Corners, 53130 427-2082

RELIGIOUS

All Saints' Episcopal Church
818 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 271-7719
..... www.ascatherdral.org

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

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

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
1821 N. 16th St., 53205 344-1746	
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)	
P.O. Box 597, 53201	873-9591
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist)	
1342 N. Astor St., 53202	273-5257
Lake Park Lutheran Church	
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211	962-9190
Lutherans Concerned	
P.O. Box 1676, 53201	372-9663
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (U/MCC)	
1239 W. Mineral St., 53204	
Adm. Office: 170 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-1100
Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
5226 W. Burleigh St., 53210	445-2696
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)	
2717 E. Hampshire St., 53211	964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)	
1636 W. National Ave., 53204	672-4434
St. Ann's Church	
5933 W. National Ave., 53214	259-1229
St. James Episcopal Church	
833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233	271-1340
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202	273-7617

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)	
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203	273-1991
	(800) 359-9272
Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)	
Family Care Center, 1834 W. WI, 53233	933-3600
BESTD (Brady East STD Clinic) (STD/HIV diagnosis/treatment)	
www.bestd.org; bestd@execpc.org	
1240 E. Brady St., 53202	272-2144
Health Options (Holistic Health Services)	
823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202	225-9303
Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)	
4311 W. Vliet, 53208	342-4333
Positive Health Clinic	
Medical Center Specialties Clinic	
945 N. 12, 53233	219-7908
STD Specialties Clinic	
3251 N. Holton, 53212	264-8800

BARS

1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)	
196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
2 Boot Camp (M, L/L)	
209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
3 C'est La Vie (Mw, D)	
231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
4 Club Boom (Mw, D, V)	
625 S. 2nd St., 53204	277-5040
3 Club 219 (Mw, D, V)	
219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
3 Dish (Wm, DJ)	
235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds	
801 E. Hadley, 53206	265-7325
17 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)	
1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
5 Fannie's (Wm, D, F)	
200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
6 Fluid (Mw)	

819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
6 Harbor Room (L/L, Mw)	
117 E. Greenfield Ave., 53204	672-7988
22 Kathy's Nut Hut (Wm, G/S, F, D)	
1500 W. Scott 53201	647-2673
7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V)	
801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
10 M&M Club (Mw, F)	
124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
13 South Water Street Docks	
354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
20 Off The Tracks (Wm, D)	
1534 W. Grant 53215	384-5680
14 Switch (Mw)	
124 W. National Ave., 53204	220-4340
15 This Is It (M)	
418 E. Wells 53202	278-9192
16 Triangle (M, V)	
135 E. National 53204	383-9412
31 Woody's (Mw, D)	
1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
32 Walker's Pint (Wm)	
818 S. 2nd St., 53204	643-7468

COFFEE HOUSES and RESTAURANTS

Azteca	
816 South 5th St., 53204	383-8816
Bella's Cafe (Coffee House)	
189 N. Milwaukee St., 53204	273-5620
Big Mamma's Cafe (10am-after hours)	
1106 S. 1st St. 53204	831-0186
Cafe Knickerbocker	
1030 East Juneau, 53202	272-0011
Cempazuchi	
1205 E. Brady St., 53202	291-5233
Chip and Pys	
1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon,	241-9589
Cielito Lindo	
733 South 2nd St., 53204	649-0401
Harry's Bar and Grill	
3539 N. Oakland Ave., 53211	694-6800
10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)	
124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
North Shore Bistro	
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer	351-6100
Silver Dollar Cafe	
831 South 16th Street, 53204	645-8860

HELP LINES

The Force	
(referrals to GBLT counselors)	276-8487
Gay People's Union	
Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline (Fri/Sat Eves 7pm-11pm)	645-0585
	(866) GAY-YOUTH
Milwaukee Metro	
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	(414) 272-TEEN
Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling)	
Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymous)	271-3123
	(414) 273-AIDS
	(800) 334-AIDS

SERVICES

Able Amazon (Home Repair)	
Affiliated Mortgage	447-0251
	453-6700
1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218	
ARJ Promotions (Promotional Products)	

aandjpromotions@aol.com	
Bay Tax Service, Paul Rathjen	
Frank J. Berger, (Real Estate)	332-9584
	(414) 213-5842
B&G Construction	
Sean Buckley (Individual Psychotherapy)	405-7843
Bill Buresh (Real Estate)	
Calyx Counseling Center (Kate Weishaar, Ph.D.)	562-2403
	529-0500
1840 N. Farwell Ave. Ave.	276-4664
Carnival Travel, 611 E. Wells St.	
Clarity (Writing and Research)	276-3388
Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel)	
Downtown Autobody (Car Repair)	276-6935
	766-1066
3425 N. Holton Ave.	964-7170
Roland E. Daneau, CPA (Accountant)	
Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling)	962-1400
6510 W. Layton Ave., 53215	282-6160
Dykeman Family Heating (heating/cooling)	
1023 E. Brady St., 53202	273-7500
Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)	
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202	272-2427
Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters)	
N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010	
The Garden Room (Garden Design)	
Michael Davis	963-1657
GLINN Network One (Internet Access, www.gn1.net)	
1618 N. Jackson, 53202	289-8640
Hairys Hair Bar	
2385 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.	486-9299
Horizon Travel (Member IGTA)	
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051	255-0704
Hume, Attorney Kathleen	
5665 S 108th, Hales Corners, 53130	529-2129
Bill Hanel, msw (Counseling, Psychotherapy)	
Denise Jackson, PhD. (Relational training,	276-7626
hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling)	276-8669
Klaus & Meyers (attorneys)	
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners 53130	529-2800
C.A. Klein (Accounting Services)	
Landmark Plumbing	384-1640
	224-8008
Linda Jo Martin (Psychotherapist)	
Randy Mickelson, (Ernie Von Schledorn, auto sales)	276-8676
Saukville/Port Washington	800-648-6789
Scott Perkins (Realtor)	
	476-9070, ext. 461
	cell: 801-1356
Red Tail Painting & Restoration	
e-mail: redtail@execpc.com	607-1180
Reiki Master/Wm Jacobs	
(energy balancing)	668-8860
Side by Side (performers)	
Diane Bloom/Sandy Lewis	961-2135
Jeanie Simpkins, (MS), (counseling)	
Jack Smith (Realtor)	282-6160
home/voice mail	962-4413
Special Touch Massage	
Steff Advertising/Sandy Lewis	224-1452
	536-8232
7600 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213	771-8300
The Right Angle (carpentry)	
Third Coast Courier (delivery)	390-0909
Travel Directions (Travel Agency)	
515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213	562-0935
Travel Experience (Travel Agency)	
Wauker Photography (Portraits, Commitments)	774-2174
by appointment only	744-6020
Wells Ink, Advertising & Design (Advertising, PR)	
1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, 53202	383-0740
	272-2116

RETAIL

2Burn (Ventless Fireplaces, Gifts)	
11708 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	607-7000
Absolute Furniture	
5520 W. North Ave.	875-8326
Adambomb Gallerie (tattoos, jewelry)	
524 S. 2nd St., 53204	276-BOMB
Avante Garde (Body Piercing, Tattoos)	
7219 W. Greenfield Ave.,	607-4068
Body Ritual (Body Piercing, Jewelry, Gifts)	
2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202	273-3777
Clinton Street Antiques	
1110 South First Street	647-1773
Changin' Times	
932 E. Brady St., 53202	281-7473
Constant Reader Bookshop	
1627 E. Irving Pl., 53202	291-0452
Eclectic i (art/gifts)	
411 E. Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217,	906-0665
Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)	
2201 E. Capitol Dr., 53211	963-1006
Genesis (custom jeweler, goldsmith)	
6011 W. Layton Ave.	281-1022
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)	
Hwy 20, Racine	886-5111
Grava Gallery (framing)	
1209 E. Brady St., 53202	277-8228
Mega Discount Nursey	
1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154	571-6565
Miss Groove (gifts)	
1225 E. Brady St., 53202	298-9185
Out of Solitude Jewelry	
918 E. Brady St., 53202	223-3101
Outpost Natural Foods	
100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212	964-7789
exchange@execpc.com	
Outwards (LGBT Books and espresso bar)	
2710 N. Murray Ave., 53211	963-9089
exchange@execpc.com	
Popular News (adult books, videos)	
225 N. Water St., 53202	278-0636
Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse	
6833 W. North Ave.	607-9672
Rubin's	
224 E. Chicago St. 53202	278-8100
Sportland 2 (motorcycles)	
7221 S. 13th St.	764-2800
Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)	
1418 E. Brady St., 53202	272-6768
Wishful Things (Antiques)	
207 E. Buffalo, 53202	964-9799

Spa/Health Clubs

Midtowne Spa (Gay Health and Recreational Facility)	
315 S. Water St., 53204	278-8989

CENTRAL (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Scholfield, 54476	(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481	
	(715) 592-6245, ext. 5920200
Joseph T. Chojacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)	
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort	
Eagle River, 54521	1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgewinn.com	
G&L Society/Wausau	
UWSP 10% Society	848-0608
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	
UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481	346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)	
PO Box 152, Wausau, 54402	848-0343
Oz (Mw, DJ, V)	
320 Washington, Wausau 54401	842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education	
2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481	345-6500
Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLG)	
c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449	
Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim:	(715) 384-6731
Prince Edward B&B	
203 W. 5th, Shawano 54166	526-2805
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous	
(ask for Gay meetings)	536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP	
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481	346-4851

NORTH CENT. (715)

Gay/Lesbian Support Group	
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806	
Northern WI Lambda Society	
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of	
Gay/Lesbians/Bi's	359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)	
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891	682-2890

SHEBOYGAN (920)

Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081	
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians	457-1636
Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422	
Sheboygan Antiques	
336 Superior Avenue 53081	452-6757
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation)	
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan	458-4889

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