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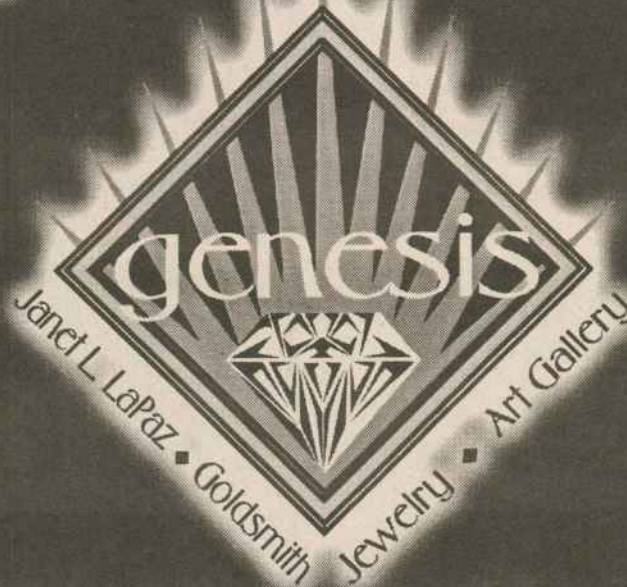
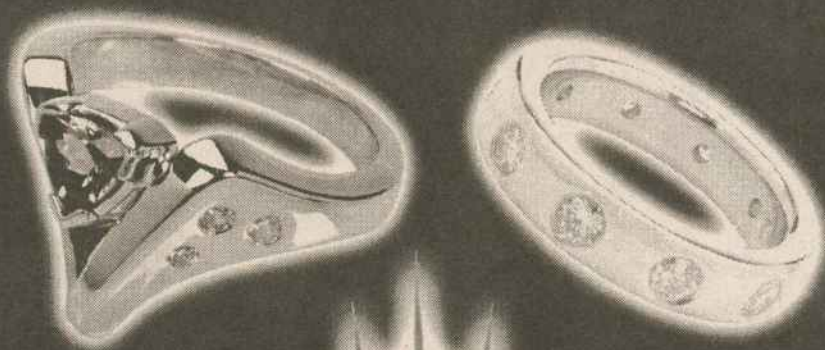
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Madison LGBT Town Hall Meeting Set Nov. 23

Madison — Groups and individuals from throughout Madison's LGBT and allied communities are invited to come together for an "LGBT Issue Town Meeting" on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the board room of the United Way, 2059 Atwood Ave.

Sponsored by the Coalition for an Inclusive Dane County, the meeting is an attempt to bring together community members to identify unmet needs, help to set new community priorities, and to increase opportunities for better communication and collaboration. A special emphasis will be placed on increasing cooperative efforts between campus-based and community-based groups, in meeting the needs of both young and old members of the LGBT community, and in recognizing the special needs of LGBT people of color.

A second follow-up town meeting is being planned for the spring. Conference participants will be asked to help determine what kinds of mechanisms will work best to encourage continuing collaboration. Suggestions have included an ongoing monthly lunch meeting for leaders of LGBT organizations, and ongoing get-togethers of people with similar interests.

As the chief organizers of this year's efforts, the leaders of the Coalition for an Inclusive Dane County hope to re-energize the diverse coalition that came together earlier in the year in the successful effort to eliminate

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United Way funding of the Boy Scouts locally, as long as they continue to discriminate against gays and atheists. "That effort brought together more than 250 groups and individuals, including allies representing religious communities, feminist groups, labor, ethnic and cultural minority advocacy groups, and others who saw those efforts as a basic matter of civil rights," said John Quinlan, a former Coalition co-chair, who recently became Executive Director of OutReach.

"This year's town meeting echoes a similar meeting held four years ago in Madison, which involved over 80 people," noted Quinlan, who also helped organize that effort. "Many exciting new bridges were built between campus and community groups at that time. And new collaboration resulted community-wide — including the consolidation of several parallel efforts on behalf of LGBT youth issues and the schools."

"Some truly great ideas came forth at that last meeting," said Quinlan. "Our major downfall was that the efforts weren't sustained over time — and that's something we hope to change this time. Coming off of our successes earlier this year, people are very excited at the possibilities for making a difference when we all work together. This town meeting is an important first step toward making that kind of difference again and again in the years ahead." For more information, contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582 or write to director@OutReachinc.com.

FDA Approves Quick HIV Test

Washington — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a quick HIV test on Nov. 7 that reduces the waiting period for results from two weeks to 20 minutes.

The agency said the new test should reduce the number of people (approximately 8,000 per year) who test positive but never return to hear the result.

The new OraQuick test will be administered by health workers, who will take a small blood sample from a subject's finger, put it in a vial with a developing solution and then dip in a testing stick. A single red line on the stick means no HIV; two red lines indicate the person may have HIV and should be retested.

A version of the test that uses saliva instead of blood has yet to be approved.

The test is easy enough for social workers to administer, but for now only health workers are authorized because the manufacturer, OraSure Technologies Inc. has not yet applied for the necessary federal approval. According to the Associated Press, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has urged OraSure to take that step so the test can be more widely available.

Redge Norton, spokesman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, welcomed the test's approval, saying, "We believe



A Milwaukee LGBT funding initiative was launched at a breakfast meeting on Nov. 12. The joint venture between the Cream City Foundation, The Greater Milwaukee Foundation and The LGBT Funding Initiative could bring up to \$300,000 to local LGBT groups. Pictured above Mike Salinas (CCF), Chris Doerfler, Douglas Jansson (Greater Milwaukee Foundation,) Nancy Cunningham (LGBT Funding Initiative) and Jim Marks.

that by removing testing barriers — and studies show that time is a barrier to some — people learn their serostatus, make informed health and treatment decisions, and can prevent further transmission."

Shana Krochmal, communications director at San Francisco's Stop AIDS Project, agreed that OraQuick will be an important tool but cautioned that knowing one's HIV status is just part of the picture.

"Any form of testing needs to be

paired with solid pre- and post-test counseling that helps people stay safe and healthy by keeping them up-to-date about safer sex and resources for treatment education," she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 200,000 people in the United States are infected with HIV but don't know it.

Shipments of OraQuick to distributor Abbott Laboratories are expected to begin in the next 30 to 60 days.

Victories in Referendums Across America

Washington — LGBT activists hailed key victories in several ballot initiatives across the nation, showing that even in a more conservative political environment, voters rejected discrimination and supported basic equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans.

"We have to be extremely optimistic that even in an election that clearly trended conservative, gay and lesbian equality emerged victorious almost everywhere," said Seth Kilbourn, HRC's national field director. "When we win in such environments, it shows that there is a national bipartisan consensus emerging where discrimination based on sexual orientation is considered unacceptable."

In Ypsilanti, Mich., voters rejected an amendment to the City Charter that would have removed "sexual orientation" from the non-discrimination ordinance, as well as excluded gays from inclusion as a protected class in any future measures passed by the city. Voters defeated the charter amendment 3,080 to 1,739, or 64 percent to 36 percent, according to unofficial results from the Washtenaw County clerk/register of deeds office.

"Our decisive margin of victory sends the message loudly and clearly that that Ypsilanti opposes discrimination against GLBT people," said Beth Bashert, co-chair of the Ypsilanti Campaign For Equality. "I want to thank HRC for their help and support in this campaign. Partnerships between national and local organizations are a valuable and effective formula that help lead to victory."

Tacoma, Wash., voters rejected Initiative No. 1, which asked voters to delete sexual orientation and gender identity from the antidiscrimination law that the City Council passed in April. This was the third time in 12 years that Tacoma voters were asked to decide whether the city should protect sexual minorities from discrimination. Voters in Westbrook, Maine, narrowly upheld a gay rights ordinance approved by the City Council in July. The vote Tuesday was 51 percent in favor of the measure and 49 percent opposed.

The ordinance — outlawing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations — is one of 10 such measures on the books in Maine cities and towns. An anti-discrimination amendment including protections for gays and lesbians was added to the Sarasota, Fla., charter, with 73 percent of voters, or 11,209, in favor, and 23 percent, or 4,170, opposed. The measure prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or veteran's status in housing, employment and public accommodations.

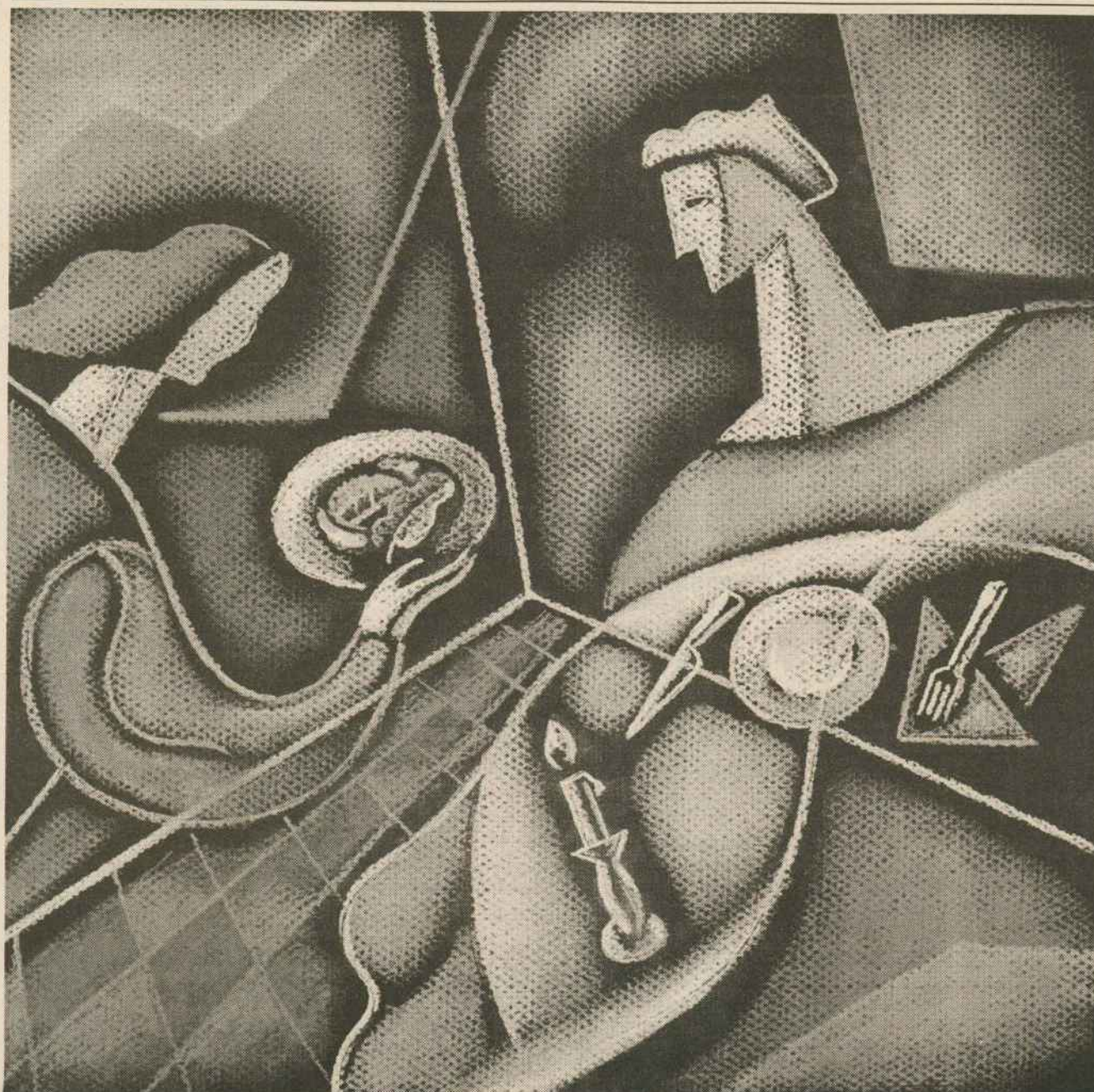
The lone defeat was in Nevada, where voters passed a ballot measure that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. The new law purports to prohibit same-sex couples from marrying or being recognized as married should any other state recognize same-sex marriages.

You Don't Say

Teen heartthrob **Justin Timberlake** isn't sure how he feels about his huge gay following. Asked about his legions of non-hetero fans in a telephone interview with gay culture rag HX, the pop star stammered, "Um ... honestly I've never really, uh, I've never really ... something that I've thought a lot about ... Something that I will say, you know, about the whole community is ... that I appreciate is that ... and the people that I've met that are, I mean, it's so nondiscriminating where music goes that it's ... it's all ..." Pausing for breath, the man who took Britney Spears' virginity then bumbled on, "I don't know, for some reason I find it in this community more than one another is that ... you know, um ... honestly, I don't know. I think, uh ... I never really thought about it. I hope that, uh, all types of different people, they like it, I mean, 'cause uh ... it's kinda somewhere in the middle of ... of ... of the styles that are going on right now ... I don't want to come off sounding pretentious."

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**Vermont Gov. Howard
Dean Sets His Eyes on the
White House in 2004**

Interview by William Attewell

Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont is a Democratic candidate who has already launched his campaign for the presidency in 2004. Perhaps most notably, Gov. Dean signed the legislation which created civil unions for same sex couples in his state. He is known as socially progressive but fiscally conservative, a combination he believes will be popular with voters.

Gov. Dean recently made a campaign stop in Milwaukee. *IN Step* asked him about his campaign, his positions on important issues, and his support of the gay and lesbian community.

IN Step: We've recently seen a lot of negative politics in Wisconsin. How would your campaign for president differ from the negative campaigns that we're seeing?

Howard Dean: There's always the negative in politics, unfortunately. I believe we ought to be heading in a completely different direction in this country. I believe that



Vermont Gov. Howard Dean

we ought to have health insurance for every American. I believe we ought to balance the budget, and I believe we ought to be investing in small children and their families.

IN Step: As governor of Vermont, you signed the civil unions bill there. Is that something you would push forward as President?

I would certainly push forward equal rights for all Americans, which is what the civil unions bill does. I don't think it's the position of the federal government to tell individual states that they have to do the civil unions bill, but I do think I would certainly recognize civil unions federally from any state that chooses to adopt them.

IN Step: Would you push for domestic partner benefits for federal employees?

Yes, absolutely.

IN Step: What has the response been to your campaigning around the country, especially at the LGBT fundraisers that you've attended?

Well, it's been good both in the gay community and in the straight community. I think people are ready for someone who's willing to speak their mind and not someone who controls every action based on what the polls say. Secondly, I think that people are ready for someone who's fiscally conservative and socially progressive. The Republicans can't manage money. We haven't had a Republican president balance the budget in 34 years in this country, and I think people are ready for a change.

IN Step: The gay community oftentimes feels a bit disenfranchised. What do you think about the strength of the gay community across the country as it pertains to voting and being able to elect public officials who will be supportive of our issues?

Certainly, I'm a candidate who ought to create some excitement in that community because of what I've done. I've basically put my political career on the line to ensure that everybody has equal rights in America, and that includes gay and lesbian Americans as well. If there were ever a presidential campaign that people in the gay and lesbian community ought to be able to get excited about, this is it.

IN Step: Would you have supported the measure in Congress giving the president authority to attack Iraq?

No. I think that was a mistake. There are going to be a lot of differences between me and all the people I'm running against. First, most of them supported President Bush's education bill, which is a major step backwards for education in America because it's a huge unfunded mandate to the local taxpayers. Secondly, most of them supported the Iraq resolution - I think all of them did, and I think that's also going to turn out to be a mistake. And thirdly, some of them supported the president's income tax cut, which has really hurt the economy in this country and made it impossible to deliver benefits like health care for seniors and prescription health benefits and funding of special education. So there's going to be a lot to talk about in the election, both on the conservative side in terms of my support for a balanced budget, and on the more progressive side in terms of my positions on issues like Iraq.

IN Step: On Iraq, do you think it's ill-advised for the U.S. to be threatening to invade Iraq? We

haven't even captured Osama bin Laden. Shouldn't we be going after one villain at a time?

That's not so much the issue. We can't allow Iraq to possess atomic weapons, but they don't, and nobody's made the case that they do or they're about to. I just think the president has embarked on a unilateral foreign policy which is a big mistake, and also, the president has simply not made the case to the American people that we need to invade and risk the lives of our children in Iraq. It's not so much that we can only take on one villain at a time, the question is what's in the best security interests of the U.S. I don't think that the president's policy in Iraq is a particularly good way of defending the U.S. I think what the president has done in Korea is much better, where we've assembled a coalition of the U.S., China, South Korea and Japan to try to disarm the North Koreans, and that's the approach we should have taken in Iraq.

IN Step: What is it that separates you from the Democratic candidates who will probably run for president in 2004?

Some of the issues we've talked about - certainly we disagree on taxes, on Iraq and on education policy. But the biggest thing that separates me is that I'm a governor and they're all from Washington. They're going to talk about health insurance and we've done it. They're going to talk about education and we've done it. Just the experience of being a governor helps a lot.

IN Step: How do you feel about campaign finance reform?

I want campaign finance reform. We actually have public financing in Vermont but it doesn't work because the courts decided that what we were doing wasn't legal. But I believe in public financing of campaigns.

IN Step: What can be done to clean up the system?

The McCain Feingold bill was a step in the right direction, and I think we can go much further than that. Public financing of campaigns, instant run-off voting, and a constitutional amendment which allows us to limit spending on campaigns, even limiting personal wealth expenditures.

IN Step: Is there anything else you would like to tell IN Step readers about you or your campaign?

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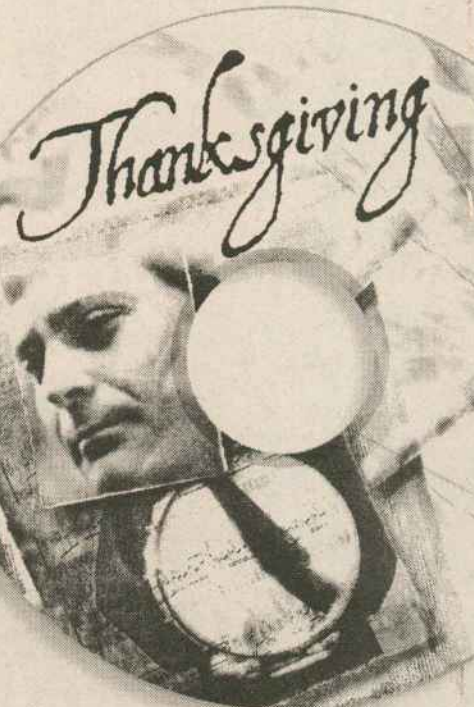
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United Way Breaks Promise to Donors

News & Analysis by Nick Wells

Hoping to bolster another successful campaign, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee has put a new spin on their continued support of the Milwaukee Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA): "They don't discriminate. They never have."

This Fall, United Way President Sue Dragisic, and United Way board member Joe Mantoan have hit the streets to proclaim that — since the Milwaukee Council BSA claim they have never "kicked out" a gay Scout or Scoutmaster, it must mean that they don't discriminate.

Never mind that the BSA has promoted an exclusionary policy for 24 years or their failure to identify a local gay Scout or Scoutmaster. This "logic" allows the United Way — despite their much-touted passage of non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation — to continue shoveling over \$750,000 to an organization discriminating based on sexual orientation.

"At best, they simply do not understand the issue," said Dennis Kohler, Chair of the Committee for a Fair United Way. "At worst, they deliberately deceived their donors into believing they were going to take action on this issue."

Activists agree that their work with the United Way has been a roller coaster ride of optimistic peaks and disillusioning val-

leys. It has been a process that has left many, particularly gay youth, weary of institutionalized homophobia, moneymaking propaganda and well-intentioned people afraid to take action.

Frustrated by the United Way's broken promise to stop funding discriminatory organizations, many past United Way donors are withdrawing support.

The process began two years ago when over 20 of Milwaukee's social justice activists met with United Way of Greater Milwaukee staff and board members to challenge the United Way's funding of organizations engaged in discrimination. A focus of the group was the Milwaukee Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which had been supporting the 1978 policy prohibiting the participation of "avowed homosexuals" in scouting programs.

After the meeting, United Way established a "board task force" to examine the issue and social justice activists founded the "Committee for a Fair United Way," a coalition of LGBT and allied groups and individuals that included the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, PFLAG-Milwaukee, Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and HRL-PAC. "The coalition consists of people who passionately believe that discrimination, in any form, should not be supported by the United Way or tolerated in Milwaukee," said Brenda Coley, Past Chair of the Committee for a Fair United Way. "The Supreme Court may have told the BSA that discrimination was legal, but they did not say it was right."

Committee members met with United Way officials for six months until the United Way board unanimously approved a non-discrimination policy that would "take action" against any agency engaged in discrimination.

The passage of the policy was heralded as

Gay Boy Scout Leaders Lose Ruling

Washington — Two gay Boy Scout leaders lost their bid to return to the organization in a decision by an appellate court that overturned an order that the two men be reinstated as troop leaders.

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals decision found that the Boy Scouts of America did not act illegally in barring the two men, Roland D. Pool and Michael Geller. The decision reverses a ruling issued last year by the D.C. Commission on Human Rights.

The appellate court said it based its decision on a June 2000 Supreme Court ruling. The high court declared that the Boy Scouts could bar homosexuals from serving as troop leaders. In that 5-4 decision, justices ruled that forcing the Scouts to accept gay troop leaders would violate the organization's right of "expressive association" under the Constitution's First Amendment.

In the ruling by the D.C. appeals court, issued in early November, appellate Judges Michael Farrell, Stephen H. Glickman and Inez Smith Reid said they could not find any significant differences between the two cases.

The Commission on Human Rights had argued otherwise, saying that the troop leader in the Supreme Court case was a gay activist while Pool and Geller made no indication they would advocate homosexuality as Boy Scout leaders.

The appellate court disagreed, saying that the two men had been vocal about their sexual preference.

a victory for Committee members and social justice activists. "We were optimistic," said Coley, "that the United Way had assumed an important community leadership role and was sending a message that discrimination in Milwaukee — our community — would not and could not be tolerated."

The same year that the United Way added sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy, the Milwaukee Council of the BSA crossed out the non-discrimination section on their United Way contract and the United Way went public with their decision to exempt the BSA from the policy.

"We understood that change would not be immediate," said Gerry Coon, Committee member. Coon had invited United Way

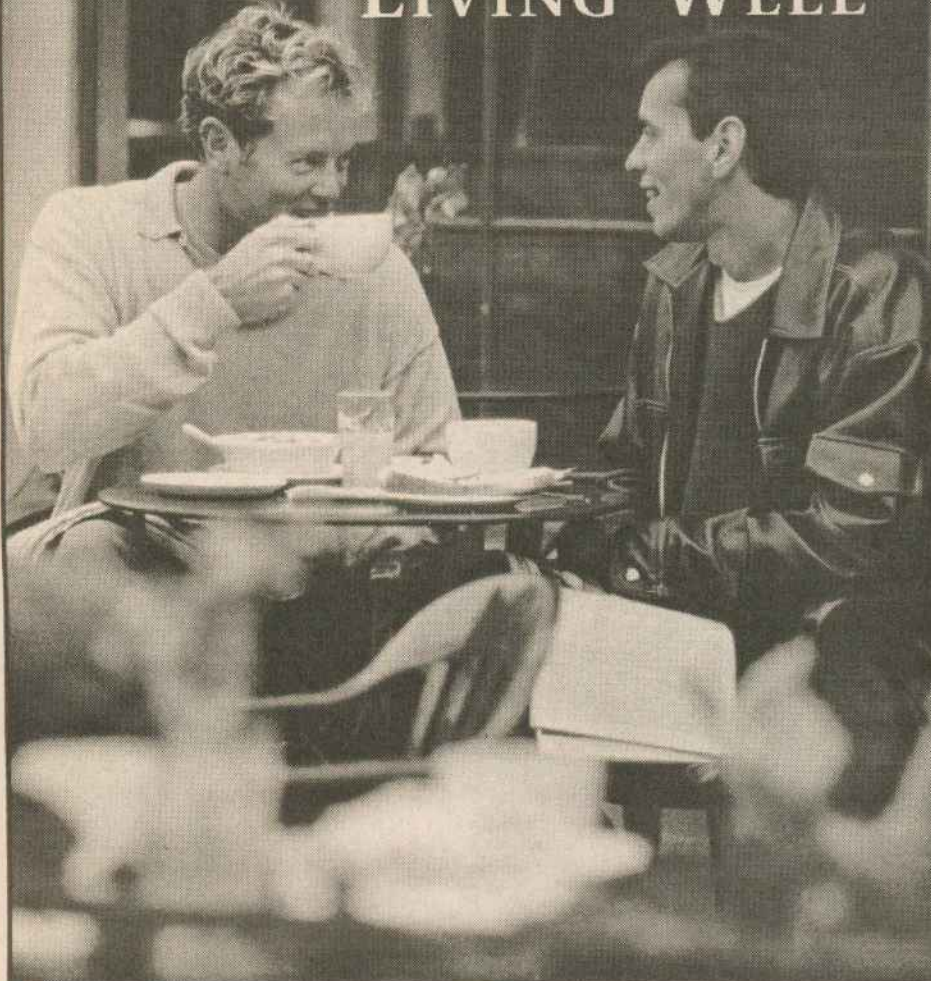
President Sue Dragisic and board member Joe Mantoan to present at the 2001 NGLTF Creating Change Conference. "We invited them to attend because we believed that something progressive and innovative was going to happen in Milwaukee. Coon, and others, were quickly disillusioned by the dialogue that took place during the presentation. "They took ten steps backwards and announced that there was no plan on the horizon to enforce the policy."

A few months later, IN Step interviewed Dragisic and Mantoan. Both waffled greatly on the issue and appeared clueless around issues of domestic partner ben-

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AROUND—Gay issues became highly visible in the waning days of the election cycle, as right of center candidates pulled out the Queer Card for a late trump of legitimate issues.

In the Florida Governor's race, a taped call from former Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed reminded voters that Jeb Bush was "the only candidate for governor who supports traditional families." The call, which Bush repudiated, came a week after the same right wing allies sent a mail piece with an old quote from Democrat Bill McBride expressing interest in civil unions. McBride opposed both gay marriage and civil unions during the election.

In Texas, a mysterious source initiated election eve calls boasting about Ron Kirk's gay rights record. "Ron Kirk has a record on issues affecting gays, lesbians and transgendered communities that you can be proud of," said the tape, which was played to voters in the Rio Grande valley and perhaps elsewhere. "He supports equal rights in the workplace, and he is working with national leaders to legalize gay marriages and adoptions. Please let Ron Kirk know that you support his inclusive record for all gays and lesbians."

Max Cleland was hit by a statewide radio ad in the final week, emphasizing

that the Georgia Senator "voted to allow public schools to discriminate against the Boy Scouts by banning them from meeting on school grounds."

And the would-be governor of California, Bill Simon, benefited from a conservative Hispanic group, who launched a radio ad featuring "Panchito" and "Lupita" discussing the campaign. The fictional couple embodied so many stereotypes that the state Democratic Party Chair, Art Torres said that, had it been on TV, "Panchito" would be wearing a sombrero and sleeping next to a cactus. The characters talked about how Democrats want to raise taxes and teach kids about homosexuality in schools. Simon's losing campaign distanced itself over the ad, but made no effort to have it pulled.

In Wisconsin, where openly gay Tammy Baldwin won reelection to Congress, some 20,000 voters received cards showing two men kissing, and asking: "Is this Tammy Baldwin's vision for Wisconsin?" The reverse side suggested voters should "tell her to keep her own personal sexual preferences to herself." Baldwin's opponent, Ron Greer, denied all responsibility for the mailer, which was credited to a Virginia group called Public Advocate of the United States. Greer may have been innocent, but the former fire fighter had a long history of anti-gay words and deeds.

These anecdotes reflect the fact that gay issues and gay friendly attitudes continue to fire up the right wing of the electorate, and make the center uncomfortable as well. In Nevada, where voters were expected to ratify a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage by at least 60 percent, they outdid themselves with a 68 percent anti-gay vote. One woman, a 51-year-old Democrat, told the Las Vegas

Review-Journal: "I changed my mind three different times. I wanted to be real nice and vote the liberal way. But I kept thinking about it and thinking about it and, in the end, I turned around and voted conservatively." Gay leaders and strategists need to figure out what makes women like this tick.

To end on a positive note, voters in Tacoma, Washington, appear to have turned back a move to repeal the city's gay rights law, while Ypsilanti, Michigan, residents crushed their repeal effort by a 64-36 margin, and those of Westbrook, Maine avoided repeal by a 51 percent edge. Finally, Sarasota voters overwhelmingly approved a new anti-discrimination ordinance that covers sexual orientation along with race and the rest of the usual suspect classes.

Straight and Narrow

Seattle — The Boy Scouts of America have drummed out another Eagle Scout, Darrell Lambert, who proudly wears 37 merit badges. Lambert is not gay, but he has violated another Scout edict, belief in a higher power.

According to the Associated Press, Lambert was arguing with another Scout about atheism during a Scout leadership training session last month. Once authorities got wind of the conversation, they gave Lambert a period of time to rethink his stance and declare a belief in a higher power. Since this is not the sort of opinion that can be forcibly altered, Lambert was unable to comply, and the Chief Seattle Council kicked him out November 4. The Boy Scouts require members to believe in a

"higher power" of some sort, although it does not have to be "God," and they do not impose a particular faith.

Lambert, 19, decided he was an atheist in ninth grade based on his inability to reconcile the Bible with science. He also discussed the matter with the Scout leaders who were supervising his Eagle Scout application—leaders who complimented him on his honesty, and made no move to jeopardize his status. Quite the contrary, given that Lambert went on to achieve the highest rank in Scouting with their blessing.

Lambert says he will appeal the decision. "Am I bitter? No. Disappointed? Yes. We're in the 21st century. Our country was founded on religious freedom, and the Boy Scouts of America are still discriminating."

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Youth Perspective

By William Attewell

Charles Perkins of Milwaukee is 18 and graduated from Washington High School in June. He has definite opinions about the Boy Scouts' policy which prohibits participation by gays.

"I always wanted to be in the Boy Scouts when I was young," Perkins says. "But our family couldn't afford it."

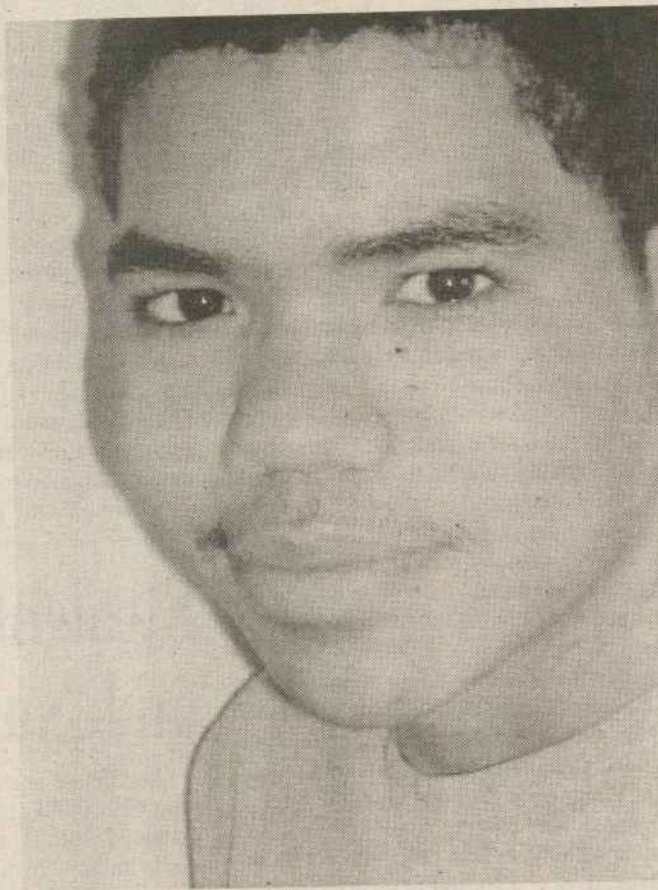
Perkins changed his mind about scouting after learning of the Boy Scouts policy which discriminates against gay men.

"I'd like to see more openness and diversity in the Boy Scouts," Perkins said. "Instead of a youth having to lie about their sexuality — I think the Boy Scouts should be open. There are gay kids in scouting and they need support."

Perkins credits The Milwaukee LGBT Center's Project Q for helping him come to terms with his sexuality.

"I have gained so many friends at Project Q," explains Perkins. "I was totally depressed before I came to Project Q. This past year has been great. They have great adults and allies and they are great when it comes to support."

"I have my friends who are always there and we've got each other's backs," adds Perkins. "I don't think I'd get that in the Boy Scouts."



efits for United Way employees or funding LGBT community-based groups. (To date, the United Way does not provide funding support to any of the 35+ LGBT groups operating in Milwaukee, although the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center does have a proposal pending.)

Any remaining optimism ended in August of this year when the United Way announced plans to exempt the BSA for a second year from the non-discrimination policy. In fact, the United Way board had voted against a performance-related reduc-

tion in BSA funding for fear that the reduction would be perceived as punitive for discriminating. Dragisic said that the decision was based on the BSA's "good progress" toward addressing the policy that included a benign letter to the National Council of the BSA noting a "local strain" over the issue. Dragisic was also hopeful about the anticipated issuance of a "Statement of Tolerance" by the Milwaukee Council of the BSA board.

"When youth are being victimized every day by hate and homophobia, a 'statement of tolerance' has little to no

value," said Elna Hickson, PFLAG member. "Unless it is philosophically and practically embraced by the organization, it is nothing more than a piece of paper."

Last October, Committee members requested a meeting with the United Way to advocate for BSA funding to be limited to donations specifically designated for the Scouts by donors. UW board member Joe Mantoan responded by saying, "The issue is over because the BSA do not discriminate." When pressed on how the United Way came to this conclusion, he said, "Because they

have never kicked anyone out."

"I am disappointed by their logic," said Neil Albrecht, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Executive Director. "We're talking about an agency that, for 24 years, has embraced and promoted a policy of exclusion. It is absurd for the BSA to defend their adherence to this policy by stating that they have 'never kicked anyone out' when they have never let anyone in. It is tragic for the United Way to accept and promote this reasoning."

Many believe that fear is driving the United Way's decision-making. It is a fear that corporations and donors would withdraw support of the United Way decreased BSA funding. "I believe that they are underestimating Milwaukee," said Hickson. "I see a city with a rapidly increasing commitment to social justice and taking a stand against discrimination."

Finding themselves disillusioned with United Way staff and board leadership, committee members are concerned with the mixed messages being sent to donors.

"There are a few things that are certainly clear," said Kohler. "Until the Milwaukee Council of the Boy Scouts of America publicly promotes inclusion of gays in Scouting, they are discriminating. Until the United Way enforce their own non-discrimination policy, they are supporting discrimination in Milwaukee."

Consequently, the Committee for a Fair United Way is encouraging workplace givers to think about supporting Community Shares, a social-justice-focused workplace giving campaign (employees should request Community Shares materials during their workplace campaign) or giving directly to charitable organizations.

Interested in responding to this issue? Please contact Sue Dragisic at: United Way of Greater Milwaukee 225 W. Vine Street Milwaukee, WI 53212 Or call Dragisic at (414) 263-8100 or e-mail at sdragisic@uwaymilw.org.

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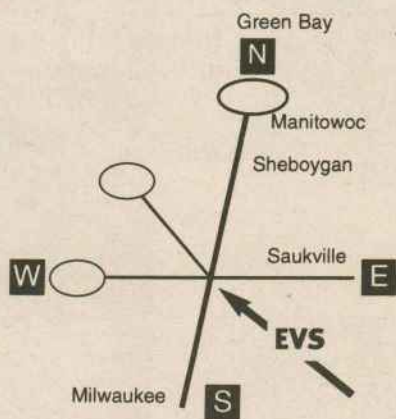
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State Briefs

LGBT Support Helped Candidates Win, Says HRL-PAC

Milwaukee — A wide array of pro-LGBT candidates won election in Wisconsin, according to the Human Rights League Political Action Committee (HRL-PAC).

"All but one of the 21 candidates HRL-PAC endorsed were elected to office," said Paul Williams, HRL-PAC President. "We were particularly thrilled that there were pro-LGBT winners in the races that we put most of our financial and volunteer support into, including the governor's and attorney general's races." Both Jim Doyle and Attorney General-elect Peg Lautenschlager are strong supporters of LGBT rights.

Many pro-LGBT incumbent candidates won re-election in the state legislature. Out gay State Rep. Mark Pocan won a new term, and State Rep. Tim Carpenter became Wisconsin's first out gay State Senator. Throughout the state, other legislators who have supported gay rights initiatives were able to win re-election.

Support from the LGBT community and other minority groups was expected to have played a role in the victories. "There were several new efforts on the part of Wisconsin gay organizations to fundraise for candidates and increase voter turnout. We can be proud to have had an important impact on this election," said Williams.

There were key losses as well, however, including the fight for the 5th State Senate seat. Republican Tom Reynolds, who has demonstrated strong opposition

to gay rights, won that race against Democrat George Christenson.

HRL-PAC works to elect candidates who will work for and defend equal rights for Wisconsin's LGBT community. For more information, call (414) 319-9863 or visit www.hrl-pac.org.

"Transgender Day" Rally Nov. 20

Madison — Madison will mark the "National Transgender Day of Remembrance" with a rally and vigil on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. on the University of Wisconsin's Library Mall, at the campus end of State Street. Rally participants will issue a new call for solidarity against gender identity-based discrimination in the face of recent hate-based murders and other violence against transgendered people nationwide.

Sponsors include the UW-Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Campus Center, and OutReach, Inc. At press time, speakers were to include local trans community leaders Rae Knittel and Laura Gutknecht, along with religious leaders and elected officials. A candlelight vigil will follow. In the event of inclement weather, the event will move inside the UW's Memorial Union.

Rae Knittel noted that 2002 has been the deadliest year on record for violence against transgendered people — with at least 25 murders and 250 other hate crimes reported across the country. "The object of a hate crime is to injure or eliminate the victim, and to bring fear to a whole community of people in the process," she observed.

"Victims of hate crimes are stereotyped and dehumanized by their assailants. And hate crimes can take place anywhere."

Knittel noted recent steps forward, including the fact that both Madison and Dane County now prohibit gender-identity based discrimination, as a result of new laws passed two years ago. However, she added that there was still much work to be done, both locally and nationally.

"We should not have to fear for our safety just because we are visibly perceived to be different," she continued. "We must be able to live in safety and peace, with dignity and respect. Now more than ever, we need to contact our public officials and tell them, 'Enough is enough! Stop the Hate!'"

For more information, contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582.

Shoreline Dancers Hold Christmas Party Dec. 6

Milwaukee — The Shoreline Dancers will hold their annual Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 6, from 8 p.m. to close at Pulse (formerly Fannies, 200 E. Washington St., in Milwaukee).

Dancing to country-western and holiday music will start at 8 p.m. Wrapped dollar gifts will go on sale at 10 p.m. Proceeds are set to benefit the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt. For further information, call Bruce at (414) 962-9822.

Rural Dykes to Gather Nov. 23

Black Earth — The next potluck and meeting of the Rural Dykes Association is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in Black Earth.

Participants are asked to bring a vegetarian dinner to share, with the potluck at 5 p.m. After dinner, there will be games,

including ping pong, Guesstures and the Rainbow Gayme Game. Bring a suit and towel if you'd like to enjoy the hot tub.

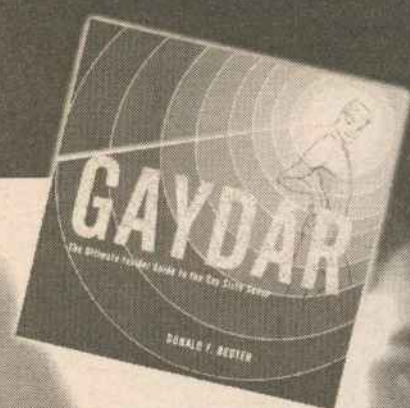
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OutReach "Directory" is Out at Last!

Madison — OutReach is proud to announce that the 2002-2003 edition of "The Directory" has hit the streets. A comprehensive listing of organizations and businesses serving Madison's LGBT communities, the publication is Madison's premier resource for hooking up with the organizations and businesses that support us. It includes detailed listings for over 150 organizations serving the LGBT community, and advertisements from over 120 LGBT-supportive non-profits and businesses.

"Due to some extremely difficult personal circumstances being faced by several key volunteers, the publication of this year's Directory was delayed by several months," noted John Quinlan, OutReach Executive Director. "One measure of the value that people place on the Directory has been the large number of calls we've received asking when it will be ready. And, now, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of dozens of dedicated volunteers, we're proud to announce that it's here."

Copies of the Directory are available at the OutReach offices, 600 Williamson St. in Madison's Gateway Mall, and at LGBT-friendly locations and LGBT community events located across the metro Madison area. For more information, please call OutReach at (608) 255-8582.



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Advent Carols at All Saints Cathedral Dec. 1

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Stellar Lineup for Pink Party on New Year's Eve

Madison – The entertainment line-up at this year's OutReach Pink Party New Year's Eve Celebration at the Civic Center in downtown Madison is delightfully eclectic. In an effort to reflect and appeal to the true diversity of the LGBT community, OutReach has assembled a talented group of performers to make this event a genuine celebration of the richness of that community.

In the main lobby area of the Civic Center called the CrossRoads, a club atmosphere will be created by the seamless efforts of two well established Madison DJs, Sandy Seuser and Tony Ritschard. Seuser and Ritschard have lent their skills to the 10% Percent Society's dances at UW-Madison for many years, packing the house during the academic year. Seuser is a fixture in the women's music community, serving in demand as the DJ at many Sprawl dance events as well as other venues. Ritschard has a long club history in the city, having spun at the New Bar, Maneuvers, and currently at Club 5 with a definite gay sensibility.

The Marquee Room at the Civic Center will have a unique blend of live entertainment. To start, Bruce Wheeler, host of WORT's "Better Living Through Show Tunes" and a veteran of the Los Angeles musical comedy stage, joins forces with knockout jazz vocalist Tara Ayres to bring

you the best of Broadway in a cabaret setting. They'll run the gamut from gorgeous ballads to high camp. Ayres will then be joined by Barb Cheron on jazz guitar, and Marianne Flemming on bass. The trio dishes up smooth and sultry syncopation, a perfect way to welcome in the new year! Then to finish off the superb Marquee lineup, singer-songwriter Marianne Flemming goes solo. Described as "textured, expressive, sensual and zany," she has many hues on her songwriting palette. She has synthesized influences from the world over in her travels, and she will wow the gathering with her strong song-writing, accomplished guitar technique, alluring vocals, and an endearing sense of humor.

And last, but not least, the Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys will create line-dancing heaven in the Spotlight Room. The Dairyland group, spearheaded by their energetic coordinator Richard Kilmer, are an institution in the Madison social dance community. This is organized fun in the best sense, a reason it has been a staple entertainment component of recent OutReach Pink Parties.

Proceeds of this event go to fund the services OutReach Inc., Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community center. The agency started in 1973, and provides counseling, advocacy, and referral to the Madison LGBT community, in addition to a lending library and conference space. Please join us this New Year's Eve at the Civic Center in Madison to both revel in our diversity and build for the future. All party people are welcome! Public ticket sales outlets will be available at the end of November. Contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582 or email programs@outreach-inc.com for further information.

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Please submit names, along with one or two brief paragraphs describing the person's contribution to Milwaukee's LGBT history, to Neil Albrecht at the address below. We will not be able to consider nominations without descriptive paragraphs. Please make sure any person you nominate is aware of and agrees to the nomination. You may nominate yourself.

The Milwaukee LGBT History Project has a near-term goal of preparing its first display in time for next year's Pride Celebration. It has a long-term goal of compiling all available information about Milwaukee's LGBT history.

Approximately nine community member profiles will be completed during the first year of this project, with additional profiles completed in subsequent years.

The Milwaukee LGBT History Project is a community collaboration with partners that include UW-Milwaukee, PrideFest, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and the Cream City Foundation.

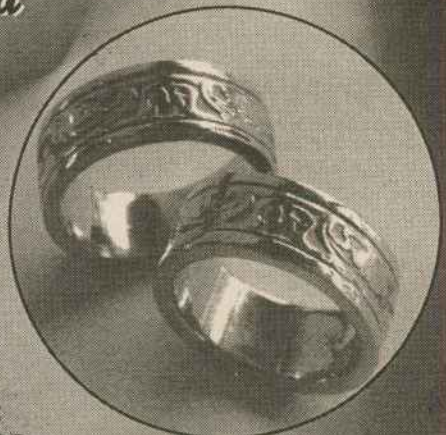
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Activists, Aldermen Gather for Juana Vega Vigil

Milwaukee — Over thirty community activists, friends and relatives braved chilly winds on Nov. 11, and assembled in the parking lot of Prince of Peace Catholic on Milwaukee's southside for a candle-light vigil for Juana Vega. A Mexican flag, a rainbow flag and a picture of Vega led the procession the street and around the block, pausing for a moment at the place Juana died.

Leonel Marchan from the Juana Vega Resource Center read a tribute to Juana penned by Carmen Murgia, a known poet and writer in her own right, had prepared. In it, Carmen reflected on how much she would continue to miss her friend. The organizers brought coffee and cider, designed to take the chill out of the night.

Vega brutally shot and left for dead in the back-yard of her estranged partner, by her partner's brother. Controversy arose in the case, when Milwaukee Prosecutors refused to call Vega's killing a hate-crime.

Alderman Bob Donovan surprised many with his appearance at the event. Donovan had voted against pro-LGBT legislation in the Milwaukee Common Council.

"It is truly a time of tragedy in any community when a life is taken so tragically," Donovan told the group. "That is why Alderman Angel Sanchez and I are committed to keep fighting for our neighborhoods. My sympathies go out to the family and other loved ones gathered here."

Ald. Sanchez also spoke with both conviction and compassion, "Let us continue to do what she would want us to do and in doing so, honor her memory."

Rev. Lew Broyles, Sr. Pastor of MCC, challenged those in attendance to honor Juana's memory "by being more honorable in our own lives."

"What we can do, is honor her memory through our own acts of honor," said Broyles. "In honoring our commitments

and in speaking truth, we will very simply represent what was the very best of what Juana has left us."

OutVote Gets Out LGBT Vote

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's non-partisan OutVote project succeeded in turning out scores of Milwaukee-area LGBT voters this past election cycle. The project used a variety of methods to turn out LGBT voters.

"In order to reach the wide variety of LGBT people and the different places they frequent, we tried to outreach to them through direct mail, tables at a variety of LGBT events in Milwaukee, phone calls, a web page with voting resources, and through building coalitions with other LGBT organizations" said Saad Akbar Khan, organizer for the OutVote project.

OutVote had a presence at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival, Gallery Night at the Community Center, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee LGBT Resource Center kickoff, and at Coming Out Day events across the city. In addition, OutVote hosted a kickoff on National Coming Out Day at the Community Center with a number of elected officials and candidates for the General Election, where Peg Lautenschlager, the attorney general-elect, spoke on the benefits of voting.

The project made over two thousand Get Out The Vote phone calls to remind people of the General Election and to offer them assistance on voting and resources for researching candidates on the ballot. In addition to these phone calls made by OutVote volunteers, the project also used a recording by Margaret Cho, a nationally known comedian, to turn out voters at the polls. This recording and other resources offered by OutVote can be accessed through OutVote's Web page at <http://www.mkelglt.org/OutVote>.

For questions or to volunteer for the OutVote project, please contact Saad Akbar Khan at (414)271-2656 OutVote@mkelglt.org.

Gay for God?

Milwaukee — This fall Plymouth Church UCC launches a worship service for UWM students created in cooperation with the students themselves.

The service is the actualization of discussions begun last fall after two highly successful talks on homosexuality and the Bible sponsored by the Rainbow Alliance at UWM.

"Seeing the turnout at these events made it apparent that there was a real need for a spiritual space in the UWM Queer Community," recalls Jackie Martin, a former co-president of the Rainbow Alliance and now the student ministerial intern for the evening service at Plymouth.

"We wanted a service that was not just for the students, but a service by the students so that we could really give them what they need," stated Rev. Andrew Warner of Plymouth in describing the order of the service which he and Jackie create, facilitate, and promote each week with the help of UWM students.

"The service itself is about worship, but it is also about how our worship can positively affect the world we live in" said Jackie.

The Evening Worship Service is held at 6 p.m. every Sunday at Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire Ave, and is open to everyone. There is a dinner after the service, free to students. Call Plymouth Church at (414) 964-1513 with questions for Andrew Warner, or to volunteer to help. Access the church online at www.plymouth-church.org

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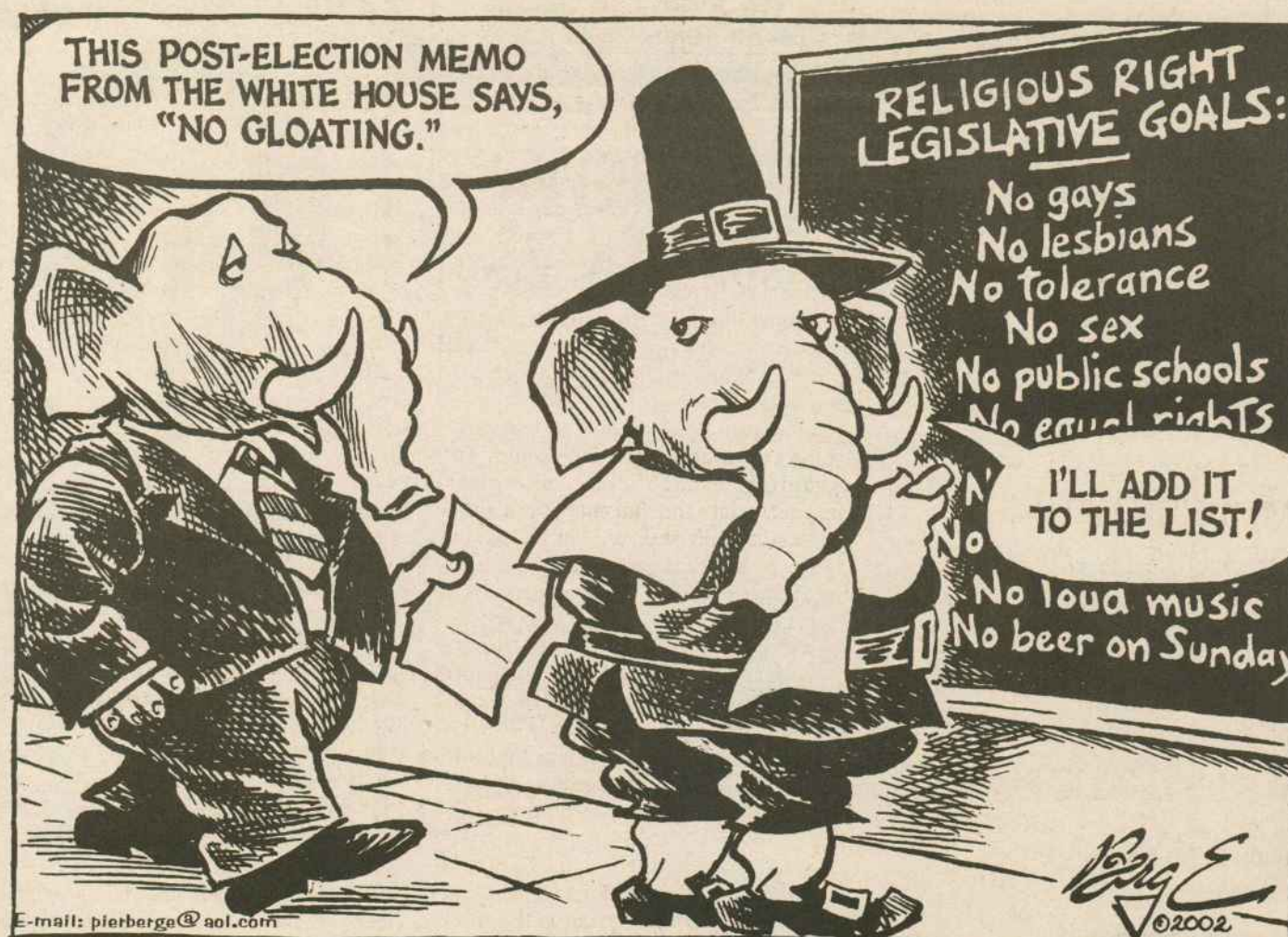
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REALITY CHECK

Top Ten Lessons From the Election

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Election 2002 is history. Only 2 out of 5 eligible Americans demonstrated patriotism means more than flag waving and USA chanting by showing up to vote. The low turnout meant that even in the closest races, ballots were counted with suprising ease.

It's again safe to turn on the TV. Ads have reverted to the more preferable pitches for OxyClean and Chia Pets.

The only thing left is post-partum punditry. Here's mine in a Letterman-like Top Ten List.

10. Incumbency Still Has Its Perks — Nationally and statewide incumbents were returned to office in numbers that approach an Iraqi election. If Americans were sick of politics as usual, they surely didn't think their local officials were part of the problem. Though close races tended to tip Republican, those upsets were the minority of the grand total of mass incumbent re-election.

9. Lots of Money Shouts — Late last week the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics reported that three-quarters of all winning Senate candidates and a whopping 95% of all House candidates who out-spent

their opponents won. The Republicans nationally raised \$185 million more than the Democrats.

8. Lack of Money Counts Too — In gubernatorial elections, the more severe a state's budgetary problems were, the more likely those in charge were ousted. Wisconsin's budget mess was the worse. Even the GOP faithful knew McCallum had to go and wisely worked for gains in the legislature instead.

7. Party Name Means More Family Name — Ed, ya lovable lug — ya coulda been a contender. If you'd been a Republican that is. People simply aren't pissed off enough to risk voting for a third party candidate, at least not yet.

The only bright spot in Thompson's 10% vote is that the Libertarians now will have a seat on the state's elections board. Wise watch—dogging over the next election cycle will be the only way for the Libertarians to keep it, however.

6. Both Sides Will Play the Gay Card — As the Human Rights Campaign clearly detailed last week, both major parties will gay bait if the opportunity arises. Democrat apologists will be quick to point out Republicans played the gay card more frequently than the Dems did, but in fact, party-affiliated gay baiting was roughly even.

The sad reality: most of the gay baiting was done by fringe Religious Right groups in

favor of GOP candidates, with the benefiting Republicans condemning the Taliban-esque tactics in hypocritical hand-wringing only after the fact.

5. Quality Not Bigotry Counts — Tammy Baldwin had her greatest victory ever not because everybody in the 2nd District loves lesbians, but because Ron Greer was a lousy candidate. Anyone who took the time to listen to his "thinking" on non-gay issues quickly found out what a raving right wing wacko he was. Because Greer's religious bigotry was only the chocolate icing on the shit cake of his incompetent candidacy, only straight—ticket GOP loyalists and evangelicals were willing to stomach a taste.

4. Negative Ads Still Work — Former Wisconsin governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus nailed the point in an election-night Wisconsin Public Radio interview. The success of negative campaign ads says much more about the electorate than about their producers.

Let's face it, straight and gay, we all struggle with our inner drag queens. Negative ads work because the old adage is true: "if you can't say anything nice about anyone, come over here, sit by me and let's dish."

3. Gay Marriage is a Loser — The Nevada vote to constitutionally define marriage as a heterosexual institution was just one more nail in the same-sex marriage coffin. The public simply isn't ready for the concept at this time.

To look at a parallel, interracial marriage was the last taboo to fall in the African

American civil rights movement, and that happened 107 years after Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. While I doubt same-sex marriage is still a century away, it will take at least another generation to change the public mindset on the issue.

2. Gay Civil Rights is a Winner — Every time so-called "gay rights" measures were voted on in the 2002 election cycle, equality won. Moreover the wins were generally by large margins.

This is the real lesson that needs to be learned for LGBT activists around the country. Put your same-sex marriage china patterns back in your political hope chest and work to secure full rights to the basics of citizenship — jobs, housing and public accommodations — in the 38 states that still lack same.

For gay activists in places like Wisconsin who already have statewide anti-discrimination laws in place, most still need to codify transgender rights. It's still disproportionately bear the brunt of anti-gay violence in addition to continued overt discrimination. Anything short of continued, vigorous efforts by Wisconsin's gay men and women to extend the umbrella of equality over our transgendered brothers and sisters is simply immoral.

1. The 2000 Presidential Race is Finally Over — The biggest lesson straight and gay Democrats should have learned by the November 5 elections is that for better or worse, America accepts and loves its President. It may have taken comparing Son of A Bush to Osama and Saddam to make him lovable enough, but it worked.

For the last two years Democrats have whined about the Supreme Court's "selection" of George W. Bush following the nail biter of the last presidential race. Hillary Clinton offered that exact rhetoric less than a week before the GOP's takeover of the Senate.

Democrats still haven't learned to think like a minority party, something they have essentially been for nearly a decade. Creating bumper stickers like "Hail to the Thief" is not how loyal opposition works.

Log Cabin Republican bipartisan rhetoric notwithstanding, recent history suggests that with both houses now in their control, the far right wing of the GOP will bring its social agenda to the forefront in the next two years. When it comes to gay civil rights, 1996's DOMA is the best example of such Republican-led bipartisanship.

Ironically, those same gay civil rights might be one of the keys to a future shift back to a Democratic majority. In the next two years, the Democratic leadership needs take a page from the much-hated Newt Gingrich's play book. The Democrats need to create a viable, alternative vision much like the GOP's 1994 Contract With America. That vision should include full equality for the individual rights of queer Americans, something now supported by an overwhelming majority of the populace.

That's my list. Now its off to the phone — I just can't pass up a near lifetime's worth of OxyClean now reduced to a mere \$9.99.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

In my opinion, the story you ran in the October 17, 2002 edition regarding Leon Rouse ("The Case of Leon Rouse") was misleading, one-sided, and lacking in quality reporting. Having read the story many times, and trying to be most objective, I found it nothing more than a bunch of propaganda which pandered to an attitude of moral ignorance and short-sightedness.

I searched the article for facts. Indisputable facts simply were not there. While Leon Rouse may have been active 20

years ago in helping to implement the passage of the Wisconsin anti-gay discrimination laws, that was, frankly, many years ago and there were certainly many others of us who were also active. What has Leon Rouse done in the time since? It is only information provided by Rouse, himself, that paints himself as a poor victim. Mark Behar's quote about the Philippines as a "banana republic" is one of pure conjecture and a bit of ignorance. Was Mr. Behar sitting through the trial of Rouse? There is no indication of that in the article. In fact, it seemed as if there were few people aware of Rouse's whereabouts other than the Philippine authorities.

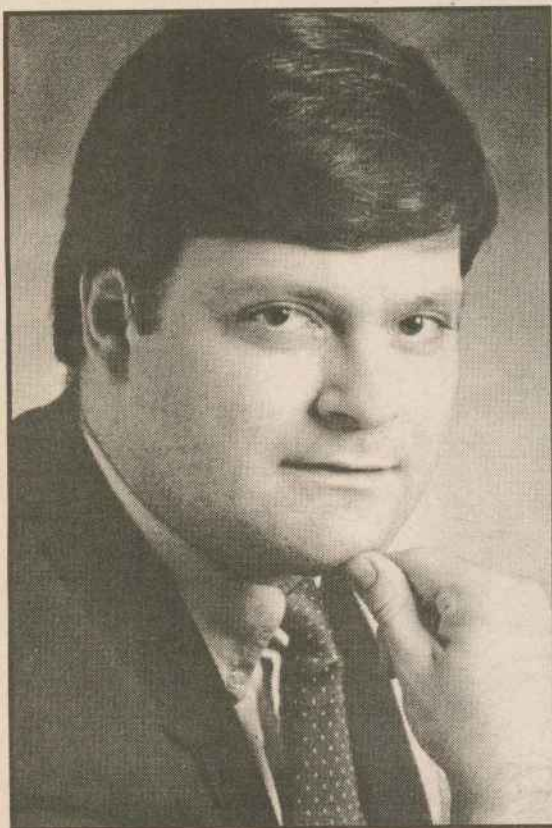
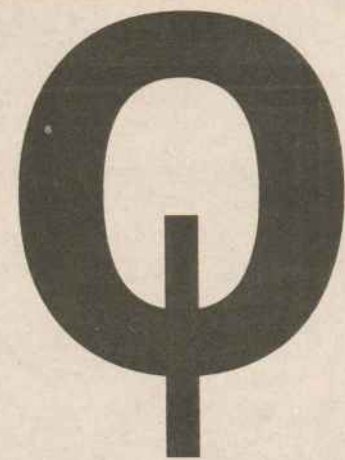
In this time of reflection and disgust over the sexual abuse of adolescents by adults in authority why is it that you are so willing to accept Rouse's information as the only factual information in this case? What about police reports? Have you read

those? What about court records? What about our desire for impartial analysis of sexual abuse cases? Do we bury our heads in the sand because Rouse did something good back in the 80s? Hey, a lot of those guilty priests were active in social programs and civil rights activities throughout the years. But the fact that they were also preying on adolescents for their sexual pleasure does not excuse them from being labeled as criminals.

I'll judge Leon Rouse when the facts are presented appropriately. For the time-being he is no hero of mine. I will give my support and thanks to those who remain at the forefront of efforts to improve the legal rights and civil protections of the GLBT community in Milwaukee, and around the country.

Tom Schroeder, Milwaukee

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Composer Daron Hagen

Present Music Thanksgiving Concert in Madison Nov. 23

Madison — Present Music, Milwaukee's nationally acclaimed new music group, celebrates its annual Thanksgiving tradition with a special concert at the First Unitarian Meeting House, 900 University Bay Dr. in Madison, on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature the world premiere of American composer Daron Hagen's, "Were All Here" performed by the talented Brookfield Central High School Chamber Choir and the Present Music ensemble, conducted by Phillip Olson, Brookfield Central's Choral Director. "We're All Here" was written "in memory of the AIDS victims since 1980 to the present" and is written in three movements using text from Hopkins' "Pied Beauty," Robert Frost's "Gathering Leaves" and James Fenimore Cooper's frontispiece to his novel "Wyandotté."

Other works in the program include four Wisconsin premieres: Michael Torke's "Song of Ezekiel," performed by Brookfield Central's Woman's Chorus; James MacMillan's "Hecoka Te Deum," for chorus and tubular bells; Osvaldo Golijov's "Lullaby and Doina," a set of variations on a Yiddish lullaby; and Henryk Mikolaj Gorecki's "Arios," from his String Quartet No. 2. Eva Wright, granddaughter of Frank Lloyd Wright, plays a Spiritual Hymn entitled "Aspects of Glory." The Milwaukee Bucks Native-American Drumming Group will again offer their mesmerizing rhythm and power to open and close the program with their dramatic songs and traditional Round Dance.

Originally from Milwaukee, Daron Hagen's music has received national acclaim in every genre from art song and chamber music to full-scale operas and orchestral and choral works. He's been commissioned by major artists,

ensembles and orchestras from around the world, including the New York Philharmonic and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Awards include the Kennedy Center Friedheim Award, a Rockefeller Foundation grant, and an Ives Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He's been described as "an inspired melodist" and the creator of "dangerously beautiful melodies."

Single tickets are \$15 and \$7.50 and can be purchased by calling (414) 271-0711, or download a ticket order form www.presentmusic.org. Ticket buyers will receive a \$3 discount when donating two non-perishable food items to benefit a Madison area food pantry.

Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company at Alverno

Milwaukee — Elegant, sensual and yet precise. These are just a few of many words used to describe the San Francisco-based Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company. The company will unite ancient Chinese dance with modern dance during their performance on Friday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m., at Alverno College's Pitman Theatre, 3431 S. 39th St. (S. 39th and Morgan Avenue).

Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company bridges the continuum from past to contemporary — from spectacular court dances of Chinese dynasties to contemporary works fusing classical Chinese dance and ballet, complemented by dazzling costumes, original music and multi-media designs. Visually interesting, their work evokes an ultra-modern world and the 5000-year old culture that inspires it. Delicate, powerful and altogether beautiful, the company exhibits an original perspective on traditional Asian arts.

Lily Cai, who is a native of Shanghai, established the dance company in 1998. As a soloist, Lily Cai has performed and toured extensively in the U.S. and Europe. She is the recipient of numerous commissions and awards and is considered a major authority and resource in Chinese dance.

The Los Angeles Times said of a performance: "...the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company has more of a remote, high-fashion sense of cool, along with an emphasis on eye-catching designs... Cai's seven lithe female dancers shifted into curving postures or glided across the stage with the self-contained languor of models who seem to have secrets..." A dance review in the Nevada Events stated that, "In an extraordinary fusion of ancient and modern dance, the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company embroiders filigrees of dance across the sands of time with wistful, magical enchantment."

Tickets are \$22 and \$20, with discounts

for students and seniors. Call the Alverno Presents Box Office at (414) 382-6044.

Holiday Fair at Madison Art Center Nov. 22-24

Madison — A Madison tradition for over thirty years, the Holiday Art Fair transforms three floors of museum galleries into a showcase for original work in a variety of media. Nearly 100 artisans and craftspersons from around the state show and sell their work, from traditional holiday accessories to wearable art. Shoppers are also treated to live seasonal music and gourmet tastings throughout the weekend.

The Holiday Art Fair takes place in the galleries of the Madison Art Center at 211 State Street, as well as in the Civic Center Marquee Room. Dates and times are: Friday, Nov. 22, 12-7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Proceeds from the Holiday Art Fair support the exhibitions and education programs of the Madison Art Center. A museum of modern and contemporary art, the Art Center is one of Madison's oldest cultural institutions. Community support for events like the Holiday Art Fair make it possible for the museum to offer most of its programs at little or no cost to participants, year-round.

The Holiday Art Fair is organized by The Art League of the Madison Art Center; this year's co-chairs are Jan Schur and Judy Gomoll. Admission is \$4, with children under 12 admitted free. For more information, call (608) 257-0158 or visit www.madisonartcenter.org.

Skylight Opera Kicks Up Its Heels with "Chicago"

Milwaukee — The Skylight Opera Theatre is offering an alternative to its standard holiday show with Kander and Ebb's sizzling, sexy, dark comedy, "Chicago," playing Nov. 22 through Dec. 22 in the Cabot Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway.

"Chicago" premiered on Broadway in

1975 and was revived 21 years later to become the hit of the 1997 Broadway season. Based on a play written in the 1920s by Maurine Dallas Watkins, "Chicago" is a black comedy about showgirl Roxie Hart who kills her lover and finds the celebrity she covets through the sensationalized media coverage of her trial. Set in the roaring '20s, "Chicago" sparkles with marvelous songs that include "Mister Cellophane," "Razzle Dazzle," "Me and My Baby," "Class" and the show-stopping "All That Jazz."

New York director/performer Russell Garrett makes his Skylight debut as stage director and choreographer. Skylight artistic director Richard Carsey music directs after conducting the season opener, "The Spitfire Grill." Angela Iannone makes her Skylight debut as showgirl Roxie Hart. Several Skylight favorites are featured in "Chicago," including Tad Kelly, who was seen in "The Triumph of Love," as Velma Kelly. Ray Jivoff returns to the Cabot stage as Amos Han — his recent Skylight shows include "Lady, Be Good" and "H.M.S. Pinafore." After her Skylight debut in last season's "Hello, Dolly!," Diana Carl returns as "Mama" Morton. Branch Woodman returns to the Skylight stage as Billy Flynn.

The Miller Cabaret following Friday and Saturday evening "Chicago" performances (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) is "So Low Show" featuring cast member and Skylight favorite Ray Jivoff, with Jamie Johns on piano, performing pop standards, show tunes and holiday selections. Cabaret performances are sponsored by Miller Brewing Company and are free to the public.

Tickets for "Chicago" range from \$28.00-\$49.00 and discounts are available for groups, seniors and students. Tickets are available noon-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday at the Broadway Theatre Center box office at 158 N. Broadway and by phone at (414) 291-7800.

Broom Street Theatre Offers "The DumbAss"

Madison — What would happen if a family of white trash rednecks from Home Town suddenly found themselves in charge of a high quality, but low rated television network in Big City? You'd find yourself dwelling in the world of "The DumbAss" — a new screwball comedy from Brian Wild, the creator of "Sex Kittens From Mars" and "The Ghost and Doctor Liz," currently playing at Madison's Broom Street Theatre.

After winning 450 million dollars in a state lottery, Iggy Norance receives a sinister edict from heaven to purchase a failing TV Network, transplanting his loud-mouthed mother and his man-obsessed younger sister to the world of television entertainment. As commanded from above, Iggy alters the TV Network's format to programming he himself would like to see aired including tasteless shows and thousands of scantily clad women. "The DumbAss" is the story of one man who dares to dumb down television as he follows his orders from heaven "Do what he says, his will be dumb." "The DumbAss" is written and directed by Brian Wild. The play includes a cast of Sam Abeshouse, Brad Brist, John Eichenlaub, Mark Gapen, Tracy Grzybowski, John Gustafson, Callen Harty, Lauri Harty, Katherine Jee, Matt Kenyon, Kathy Martin, Raun Norby, Heather Renken.

All shows are 8 p.m. Fridays-Sundays through Dec. 15 at the Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St. Tickets are \$7 at the door only. Call (608) 244-8338 for more information.

Men's Voices Milwaukee Holiday Concert Tickets On Sale

Milwaukee — Tickets for "In The Midwinter," the 2002 Holiday Concert by Men's Voices Milwaukee, are now available for both the Friday December 6th Milwaukee performance, and the Saturday December 7th Oshkosh performance. Tickets for the Milwaukee performance are \$20 General Admission, and \$12 General Admission in Oshkosh (\$7 with valid Student I.D.).

"In The Midwinter" will feature traditional holiday and classic men's choral favorites, and will feature guest artist Bonnie DeLeeuw who will perform a special selection arranged especially for MVM. A silent auction benefitting Men's Voices Milwaukee will take place during intermission.

Please bring a donation of non-perishable food items to the Milwaukee performance benefitting the Hunger Task Force and Food For Families, now in its 25th year of helping families in need during the holiday season. A discount of \$2 will be given for all tickets sold at the door in Milwaukee with a donation of 3 or more non-perishable food items.

For more information or for tickets, call (414) 765-9198 in Milwaukee, (920) 203-9233 in Oshkosh or e-mail to mvm-chorus@tds.net.

THEATRE/MUSIC:

"Blithe Spirit" (Madison): Noel Coward's breezy farce about a deceased wife haunting her former husband and his new wife, thru Nov. 17, Isthmus Theatre, Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

Canadian Brass (Milw.): The famed quintet of horn players makes music with the Milwaukee Symphony in a pops concert, Nov. 22-24, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

"Carmen" (Milw.): Florentine Opera production of Bizet's classic of passion and jealousy, Nov. 13, 15 and 17, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

"Chicago" (Milw.): Kander and Ebb's rowdy musical of bad girls in 1920s Chicago, performed by the dynamite Angela Lannone and the Skylight Opera, Nov. 22-Dec. 22, Cabot Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"The DumbAss" (Madison): An original comedy by Brian Wild about a family of rednecks who take over a TV network, Fridays-Sundays thru Dec. 15, Broom Street Theatre, 1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"Escape from Happiness" (Milw.): Comedy about a dysfunctional family by Canadian playwright George F. Walker, thru Nov. 17, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Il Trovatore" (Madison): Madison Opera performs Verdi's epic of jealousy, revenge and ill-fated love, Friday Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m., Madison Civic center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"Judy: An Intimate Evening with a Legend" (Milw.): Linda Steiber stars as the legendary Judy in this musical revue of the star's life and career, opens Nov. 14, runs thru Nov. 24, Wells Street Theatre, 127 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 327-3552.

Kelly DeHaven Group (Cedarburg): A tribute to Billie Holiday by the talented jazz sextet, 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, Cedarburg Cultural Center, W62 N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Lily Cai Dance Company (Milw.): An evening of dance performance combining classic Chinese dance with modern dance by the San Francisco based company, Friday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., Alverno's Pitman Theatre, 3431 S. 39th St. FMI: (414) 382-6044.

"Lucky Stiff" (Madison): Musical comedy about a salesman who stands to inherit millions if he'll only accompany the dearly departed's corpse to Monte Carlo! Strollers Theatre, thru Nov. 23, Drury Stage, Bartell Community Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 238-8183.

"Much Ado About Nothing" (Milw.): Shakespeare's delightful romance performed by the Milwaukee Shakespeare Co., thru Nov. 16, Peck School of the Arts Mainstage Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4308.

"Night Just Before the Forests" (Milw.): Our own John Schneider stars in this one-man tour de force by French playwright Bernard-Marie Koltès, thru Nov. 17, Studio Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

Present Music (Madison): Thanksgiving Concert featuring premiere of Daron Hagen's "We're All Here," Satur-

day, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Dr. FMI: (414) 271-0711.

"Rough Crossing" (Milw.): Next Act Theatre presents Tom Stoppard's hilarious play about a variety of show business characters together on an ocean voyage, Nov. 21-Dec. 22, Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-0765.

"Shear Madness" (Milw.): It's back! Don't stop the madness, indulge in it! Hilarious murder mystery whodunit set in a hair salon, with Milwaukee's own John McGivern, thru Jan. 19, Vogel Hall, Marcus Center, 128 E. State St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

"Sophie Tucker: American Legend" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep presents musical tribute to the great entertainer, thru Jan. 5, Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Why We Have a Body" (Madison): StageQ production of Claire Chafee's award-winning play about the female psyche, Thurs.-Sats., Nov. 1-13, Bartell Community Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 204-0306.

BOOKS:

Thursday, Nov. 14

Poetry Reading (Madison): Judith Strasser, author of "Sand Island Succession," and Alison Townsend, author of "What the Body Knows" read, 6:30 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Tom Kertscher Talk (Brookfield): Author of "Cracked Sidewalks and French Pastry: The Wit and Wisdom of Al McGuire," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 17145 W. Blue-mound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

Paul McComas Reading (Milw.): Author of "Unplugged," reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Rosie and the Liar (Madison): Stephanie Stringer and Clare Davis perform, 5:30 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Poetry Reading (Milw.): Poet Peter O'Leary, author of "Watchfulness," 7 p.m., \$6/\$5 members, Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Monday, Nov. 18

Peter Howe Talk (Shorewood): Author of "Shooting Under Fire," 7 p.m. talk with slides, Schwartz Books, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Sue Graham Mingus Reading (Milw.): Author of "Tonight at Noon," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Jack Miles Talk (Shorewood): Author of "Christ: A Crisis in the Life of God," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Feminist Study Group (Madison): Modeled after Kay Leigh Hagan groups, 8-9:30 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-5084.

Thursday, Nov. 21

Robert Bateman Talk (Mequon): Author of "Birds," talk with Q&A at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Friday, Nov. 22

Kris Radish Reading (Madison): Author of "The Elegant Gathering of White Snows" reads from her book, 6:30 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Letty Cottin Pogrebin Reading (Shorewood): Author of "Three Daughters," reads at 8 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Gerda Lerner Talk (Milw.): Author of "Fireweed: A Political Biography," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Sunday, Nov. 24

Alternating Currents Live (Milw.): Town and Country perform, 7 p.m., \$6/\$5 members, Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Monday, Nov. 25

Lynn Peril Reading (Madison): Author of "Pink Think: Becoming a Woman in Many Uneasy Lessons" reads from her book, 6:30 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Phyllis Stowell Reading (Milw.): Author of "Appetite: Food as Metaphor" reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

FILM, TV & RADIO:

Thursday, Nov. 14

"Wilde" (Racine): Interweave will show the film "Wilde," starring Stephen Fry as Oscar Wilde, 7:30 p.m. at the OBUUC church office, 324 6th St. in Racine. Everyone welcome, free, bring a dish to share.

Friday, Nov. 15

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Featuring "Lost and Delirious" about the pangs of first love in an all-girl setting, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Gay Video Club (Madison): Featuring "Queer as Folk, #220" (Showtime), "Burnt Money," and "Bear Chested," 8 p.m. For location, call (608) 8675 eves.

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

Sunday, Nov. 17 & Every Sun.

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

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

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

Monday, Nov. 18

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

Wed., Nov. 20 & Every Wed.

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

Friday, Nov. 22

"What These Ashes Wanted" (Milw.): Philip Hoffman's film memoir of his wife, Marian, who died of cancer at 42, 7 p.m., \$2, Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Marx Brothers Madness! (Milw.): "A Night at the Opera" and "A Day at the Races" on the big screen, thru Nov. 28, Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

Saturday, Nov. 23

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

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES:

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): "Confederate Currency: The Color of Money," "Cultural Landscape of the Plantation," and solo exhibition by Patrick Turner. 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): Cedarburg Artist Guild's Annual Fall Show and Mequon-Thiensville Senior Art League Exhibit, thru Nov. 17, W62 N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

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

Elaine Erickson Gallery (Milw.): "4 Decades," featuring four Wisconsin artists: Joseph Frieber, Schomer Lichtner, Alfred Sessler and Santos Zingale, 231 E. Buffalo St. FMI: (414) 221-0613.

Elvehjem Museum (Madison): "From Paris to Provincetown: Blanche Lazzell and the Color Woodcut" drawings thru Nov. 3; "Spiral," installation by Gillian Jagger, thru Jan. 19, 800 University Ave. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Gallery Cora Dora (Milw.): "Painting as Defined by..." Joe Korom (architecture), Valerie Saichek (drawing) Lonna Parker (fabric art), Jim Kingma (landscape), Robert Vail (paint), Mike Bonk (sculpture), 221 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

Gallery H2O (Milw.): "Looking Back ... Moving Forward," recent works by Barbara Peterson, thru Nov. 30, 907 S. 1st St. FMI: (414) 271-8032.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Jean Fautrier: 1898-1965" thru Dec. 29, Marquette University, N. 13th and Clybourn Sts. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Pamela DeMarris: The Hidden Self," thru Nov. 17; "Michael Ray Charles: Not The Same Old Song and Dance," thru Dec. 8; "Hmong Art: Selections from the Collection." Exhibits, performing arts, classes and lectures, 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milw.): Recent work by Jody DePew McLeane, thru Nov. 15, 241 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 289-0855.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): 700 N. 12th St. FMI: (715) 845-7010.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Louise Bourgeois: The Early Works," thru Nov. 17; Highlights from the Permanent Collection, 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): "Leonardo da Vinci and the Splendor of Poland" runs thru Nov. 24, 700 N. Art Museum Dr. FMI: (866) 626-1323.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "Behold Golda: An Exhibition on the Life of Golda Meir," "Fashions of the Forties," "Milwaukee and the Civil War" and "Milwaukee's Multi-Cultural Heritage," 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (Milw.): "Unlimited by Design" thru March, 2003, 273 E. Erie St. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): "Garden Views: Landscape Quilts by Natalie Sewell," thru Feb. 2, 3330 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 246-4550.

Ozaukee Art Center (Cedarburg): W62 N718 Riveredge Drive. FMI: (262) 377-8230.

Paine Art Center (Oshkosh): Midwest Juried Landscape Exhibition, 800 Algoma Blvd. FMI: (920) 235-6903.

Villa Terrace (Milw.): Decorative arts in Italian style villa, 2220 N. Terrace Ave. FMI: (414) 271-3656.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): 911 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 672-2787.



Lynn Peril author of "Pink Think: Becoming a Woman in Many Uneasy Lessons" reads from her book, 6:30 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

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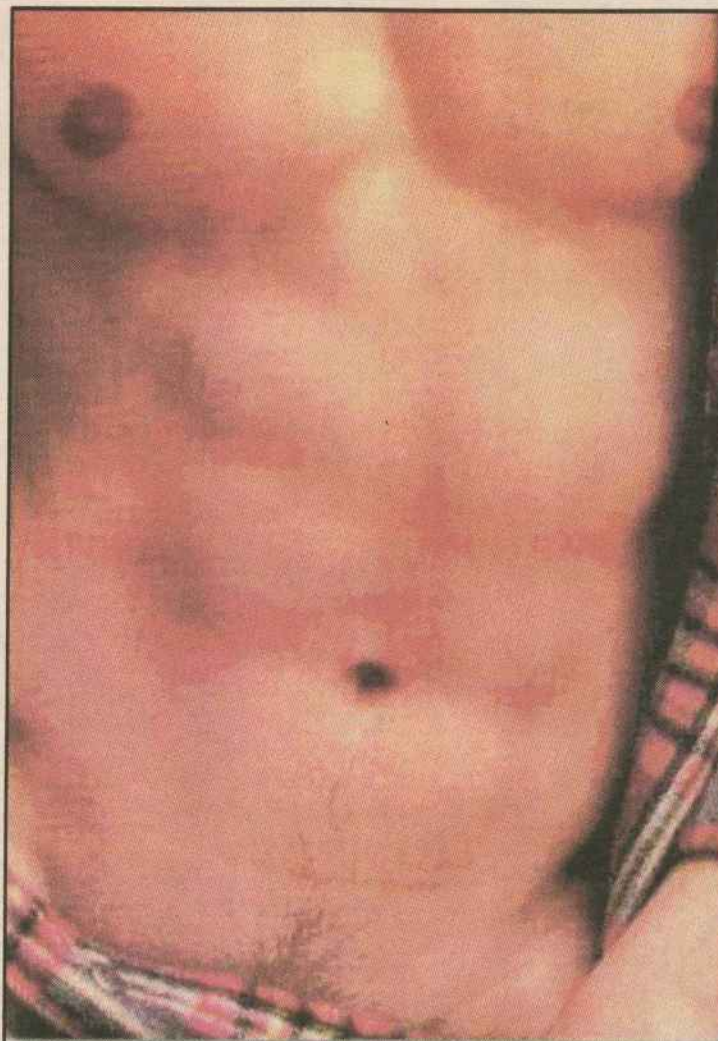
By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — "A Testament of Love" is the theme of the 4th annual World AIDS Day Awareness Event to be held at the restored Meyer Theater Saturday, November 30.

The two hour show will feature live athletic, musical and theatrical performances in addition to a variety of speakers. Show time in 7:30 PM and is open to the public without charge.

The show is presented and underwritten in part by Rainbow Over Wisconsin, the northeast Wisconsin LGBT community charitable and educational funding organization. The program is produced by Entertainers Against AIDS, many of whose members will perform during the program.

The Meyer Theater is located in downtown Green Bay at 117 S. Washington Street. For more information about the show, contact EAA spokesperson Brandon Schmidt at (920) 437-7400, Ext. 103.



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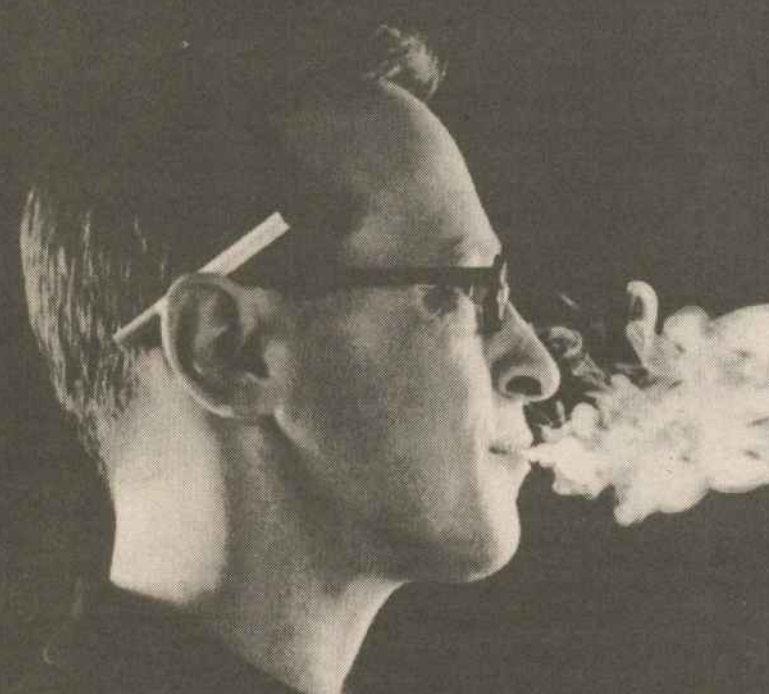
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HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic outreach workers perform HIV testing, 9 p.m.-midnight, Fluid, 819 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Friday, Nov. 15

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.

Woody's (Milw.): Help celebrate Woody's 5th Anniversary! Join Doctor McGulicuddy, Steve and all the gang for a great time!

Fri & Sat, Nov. 15 & 16

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

Sunday, Nov. 17

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

Three (Milw.): PUMP! Milwaukee's newest Sunday night gay party! DJ John Murges plays progressive, tribal and vocal house. \$5 specialty martinis, no cover. 9 p.m. to close. 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Chip and Pys (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.): Wish George Prentice a happy birthday! A fund-raiser for the BESTD Clinic starting at 9 p.m. Raffles and prizes for dinner, travel, theater tickets and more! Featuring strippers, drink specials, appetizers and lots of fun \$5 suggested donation. No presents please ... just your presence!

Thursday, Nov. 21

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, Nov. 22

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

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

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Feel the Sting! Scorpio Party at Walker's Pint! Lunaverosol & C-dud (hip-hop artists) & Marcella's (acoustic duo). PLUS: Special guests: Corona Royale, Wilma Fingerdo, Aeriole Lift, Peter Packin' & His Ms. Fit, Vance Black and Sonnie!

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BAR SPECIALS:**Sundays:**

Ball Game (Milw.): Join us for the Packer Games!

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

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

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

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): Beer Bash, 4-8 p.m. \$6. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Beer Bash 3 to 8 p.m. \$6. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75; \$1 off all other until 8 p.m. Live shows at 10:30 p.m.

Club 219 (Milw.): \$1 tappers, \$2 rail drinks, \$2 bottled beer. Two shows: 8:30 p.m. - no cover - and 11:30 p.m.

Fluid (Milw.): \$1.75 rail vodka mixers, 5 to 9 p.m.

Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Pints of Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers & Greyhounds - \$2.50! Shirtless men half price anytime.

LaCage (Milw.): Open at noon featuring a Bloody Mary Buffet. Packers Games on 25 screens! Free shot with every Packer TD! Half-time food and fun.

M&M Club (Milw.): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): 2-4-1 Rail Drinks (during Packer Games) \$8 Beer Bust (during Packer Games).

Pulse (Milw.): Super Packer Sundays. \$6 Beer, soda, coffee and house win. Food at 1/2 Time. Shots with Packer Score. Pulsating Male Revue at 9:30 p.m.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open volleyball. Food available from 2 to 6 p.m. 2/4/1 10 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 3 p.m. Beer Bust, \$5 from 9-midnight.

Switch (Milw.): Packer Football! Free shot with every Packer TD. Drink Specials.

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

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

Mondays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Martini Specials with Rick! \$2.50 Rail, \$3.50 call drinks!

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

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

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Packer games at scheduled times. Jock night! Half price drinks - jock required.

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

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

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

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.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Shake a Drink" all nite. Aces' Free — sixes 1/2 price.

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

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): Closed

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

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

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! Margarita Tuesdays with Jake!

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

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



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

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

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

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.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Prize Nite." Win \$100 cash — no cover.

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price locker.

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

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): Closed.

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

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

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.

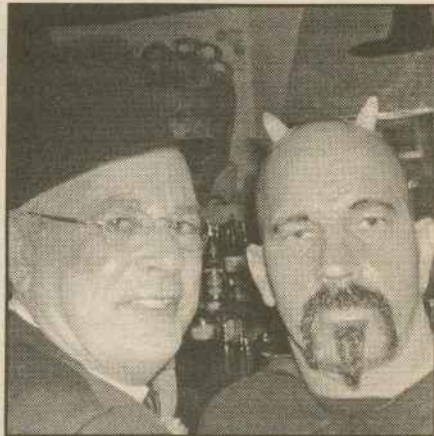
Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 6-9 p.m., \$1 off drinks. "Shake-a-Drink," 8-close: "shake" against the bartender to win 1/2 price drinks!

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

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



Lick my scissors @ Halloween



Horny devils @ Halloween



Pure evil? @ Halloween

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! Doctor's Specials on Wednesdays with Dan only \$2!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks all night! PLUS: '80s dance music!

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price rooms.

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): \$2 Mini-Pitchers. Pull tabs 6pm-8pm

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

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

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

Switch (Milw.): 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.



Too much eye make-up? @ Halloween



I hate cats @ Halloween



Double slurp @ Halloween



On the town @ Halloween



Kick Ball Uniforms? @ Halloween



Putting out the fire @ Halloween



Elton John Look-a-Likes @ Halloween



Elton John's back-up singers @ Halloween

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

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

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Karaoke Night, 11:45 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others all night long. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others all night long! "Will & Grace" at 8 p.m. Karaoke at 8:30 p.m. Women's night with Toni at 10 p.m. with free pool in foxhole, \$2 shot specials.

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 drinks, 5-8 p.m. \$3.50 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.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "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.

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): 2-4-1 Rail, 6pm-10pm. \$1 Miller taps from 6pm-10pm.

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

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

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!

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Music Videos and Cocktails.

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.

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): 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.

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.

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

Pulse (Milw.): 3-9pm, Ultra-fabulous pulsing prime time happy hour 1/2 price Upper Shelf.

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 6-9 p.m., with Michael Johnson (aka K.V.), \$1 off drinks, 80's music, fun, and "games!" Patio Open.

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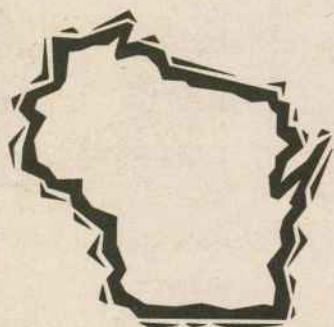
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Community Calendar

November 14–27, 2002

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Nov. 14

Legal Night (Milw.): Free legal consultation provided by LGBT-friendly attorneys, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., first come - first served, LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Friday, Nov. 15

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

Saturday, Nov. 16

Black & White Men Together (Milw.): BWMT meets, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. FMI: (414) 342-0705.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): Beginning and advanced country dance lessons are taught for couple, line and folk dances, 8 p.m. You don't need a partner, smoke-free space, everyone welcome, \$3, 1007 Stewart St., FMI: (608) 255-9131.

Sunday, Nov. 17

Gay Wrestling Club (Madison): Workouts and training, new members welcome, 1 p.m. Call for location: (608) 244-8675 eves., or visit: www.madgaywrestlers.org.

Monday, Nov. 18

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

Tuesday, Nov. 19

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

Womansong (Madison): Weekly rehearsal of women's chorus, 7 p.m., Beth Israel Center. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Transgender Day Rally (Madison): Rally and vigil to protest anti-trans bias and violence on Library Mall at 5 p.m. in observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

Honeymooners Bowling (Madison): Bowling League for Gays and Lesbians - 3 person team format, 9:15 p.m., Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

Thursday, Nov. 21

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

"And Baby Makes Three" (Milw.): Attorney Christopher Krimmer speaks on "Legal Protections for Gay and Lesbian Families," part of Rainbow U Lecture series, 7 p.m., free, LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Friday, Nov. 22

SAGE Meeting (Milw.): Open discussion for GLBT seniors, newcomers welcome, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

Saturday, Nov. 23

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

LGBT Town Meeting (Madison): Come one, come all! A forum to discuss the range of issues facing Madison's LGBT community, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., United Way, 2059 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

Rural Dykes (Black Earth): Potluck at 5 p.m. and games afterwards. Call for location and more info: (608) 767-3150.

Sunday, Nov. 24

Perfect Harmony Chorus (Madison): Madison's all-inclusive chorus for

GBT and gay-friendly/allied men beginning rehearsals for Holiday 2002 Concert, 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Ave. FMI: (608) 251-1893.

Monday, Nov. 25

Madcap Squares (Madison): New Square dance group welcomes all! 6:30 to 8 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1021 Spaight St. First three classes free. FMI: (608) 347-7974.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Teens Like Us (Madison): GLBTQ support group for teens, 14-18, 6-8 p.m. Call for location: (608) 251-6211. Wednesday, Nov. 27

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

(READ CAREFULLY. Some meetings occur the same day weekly, others the same day bi-weekly or monthly. Groups: please send us updated info.)

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

Gay AA - "Living Sober" (Milw.): Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

Grief Support Group for Lesbians (Madison): Drop-in group for lesbians grieving the death of a life partner, family member or friend. Meets first Thursday of every month, 6-7:30 p.m., Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway. FMI: (608) 276-4660.

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

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

HIV Testing (Milw.): ARCW provides free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing every Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave. Walk-ins welcome. FMI: (414) 225-1535 or 271-HOMO.

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

LGBT Community Center Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milw.): Meets

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

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

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

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

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (Milw.): Closed meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 299-0755.

South Madison Health & Family Center (Madison): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. at 2202 South Park St. FMI: call (608) 261-9270.

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

Wisconsin Gender Organization (statewide): A support, education, and activism network whose primary function is to help Transsexual individu-

als 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.

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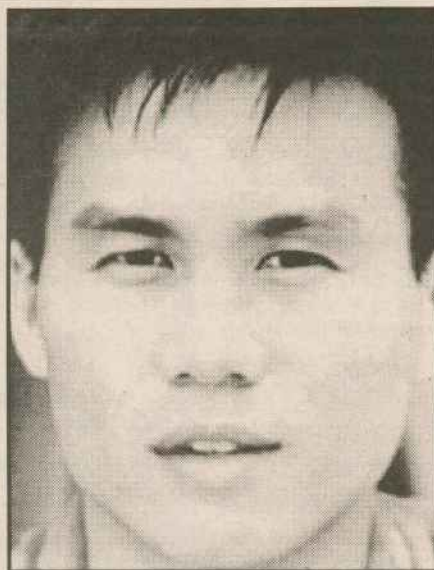
How do you explain someone who has sex 24/7 on a Web cam with guys and then goes off to marry a woman? We're ready to shed some light on the behind-the-scenes story at www.kip-cam.com, one of the most successful gay webcams around. In addition to his work on the web, **Kip** has also done gay porn as **Austin Reeves**, and he's a bon ami of Billy (the details of that "ami"-ship must stay under wraps for legal reasons). Kip met **Emily** about six months ago and what started as a very close friendship slowly became more. Recently, Kip started to think about his future. Was he done with his wild days? Wouldn't he like to have a wife and kids? Before long, he and Emily went public and started appearing on the cam together. On October 31st (appropriately enough, Halloween), the cam went dead at midnight. Shortly thereafter, Kip and Em moved into their new home outside of Los Angeles, and they plan to marry any day now. Good luck, Kippy. BTW, if you go to his website, you will automatically be redirected to www.studsathome.com.

In 1991, several chorus boys appearing in "The Will Rogers Follies" on the Great White Way came up with an idea — why not go to Splash (a gay bar in New York that's now called SBNY), strip, and raise money for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS? That's how "Broadway Bares" was founded. The boys brought in \$8,000 that night — not bad for eight guys in g-strings! One of those pioneers was **Jason Opsahl**. Jason later appeared in "Grease" as "Kenickie" to **Rosie O'Donnell's** "Rizzo." In 1997, Jason was diagnosed with a brain tumor after blood began gushing out of his

ears. Most people don't know this, but at that point, Rosie began quietly paying all of Jason's medical bills and expenses. Normally, I'd keep something like this quiet, but I thought that someone should mention it — especially in light of her recent vilification in the press. On October 25th, Jason passed away — he was 39 years old. He was active right up until the end, continuing his tireless volunteering for BC/EFA and work in "The Full Monty," for which he was the swing until the show closed six weeks ago. Somehow, I think that's exactly the way Jason would want us to remember him — stripping.

While we're on the subject of Rosie, you all know that she'll produce the **Boy George** musical "Taboo" on Broadway. Here's a little tidbit that you may not know — Billy's bon ami the ultra-talented **Charles Busch** is punching-up the book to make it more emotionally compelling and accessible for American audiences. Boy George, Rosie O'Donnell, and Charles Busch. How can it miss? By the way, Charles will be appearing in his own play "Shanghai Moon" this winter opposite **B.D. Wong** for the Drama Department. Busy, busy.

Speaking of theatre, let's take a look at some interesting cast changes. When **Vanessa Williams** leaves "Into the Woods," the role of "The Witch" may very well be taken on by **Susan Lucci**. Lucci, of course, did a short run in "Annie Get Your Gun" after **Bernadette Peters** left the show. And Peters, of course, played "The Witch" in the original production of "Into the Woods." When **Andrea Martin** leaves "Oklahoma!" the role of "Aunt Eller" may be taken on by **Patty "Call Me Anna"**



B.D. Wong



Boy George

Duke. Andrea will go into a pre-Broadway production of "Paper Doll," a play about **Jacqueline Susann**, which will take place in March at New Haven's Long Wharf Theatre. When the show was done earlier this year in Pittsburgh, **Marlo Thomas** was the star. **Fran Drescher** had been announced for the Broadway run, but she has since bowed out because she is working on a one-woman show based on her book, "Cancer Schmancer." **Chita Rivera** is in talks to star in a revival of "Ballroom," which was last on Broadway in 1979 with **Dorothy Loudon** and has often been discussed as a vehicle for **Bea Arthur**. Lastly, **Jenna Elfman** will not headline the Broadway revival of "Sweet Charity." Instead, that hooper with a heart of gold, **Marisa Tomei**, will take on the title character. A couple of years ago, a pre-Broadway tour of the show died on the road with **Paula Abdul** in the lead. Has-been pop star — yes. Cold-hearted snake — yes. Musical-theatre leading lady — I don't think so.

Angelina Jolie is having a bitch of a time on the set of "Tomb Raider 2" (these heavy dramatic roles can be SO taxing). The star, who is currently not speaking to her ex-husband (**Billy Bob Thornton**) or her dad (**Jon Voight**), can now add director Jan deBont to the list. She feels that he's pushing her too hard and doesn't care about her feelings. Of course, it probably didn't help when he hired a MAN as her stunt double. See the pic taken on the set of said man (and his package) at www.filth2go.com. It's a hoot and a half. On the positive side, I believe that Angie is still close to her brother (and let's not even begin to discuss his package).

Could it be that one of our favorite fag hags had a bit of cosmetic surgery? All the better to see you with, my dear. Although she went to great pains at the time of the procedure to ensure that the results were unveiled as gradually as possible, she didn't count on one thing — syndication! Now, everyone can tune in & compare for themselves. This is certainly a must-see item.

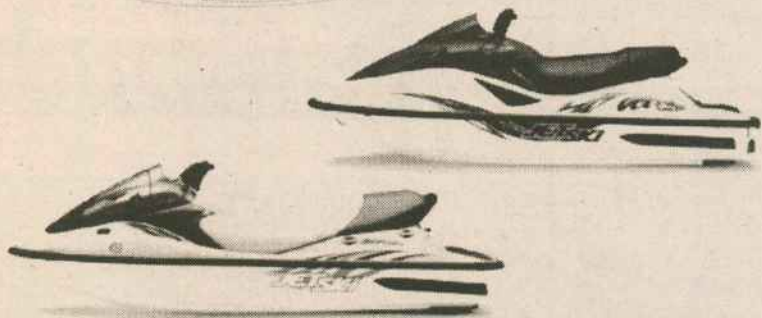
When Jolie is replaced by a man and Kip's sexual partners are replaced by a



Vanessa Williams

woman, then it's time for me to end yet another column. Here's another bit of trivia — although other columnists have stolen from me over the years, it has routinely happened without any credit. Until now. Yes, recently the "New York Post" appropriated my **Anna Nicole Smith** story, but credited me by name and directed people to check out www.filth2go.com. BTW, we just added about a thousand brand new celebrity nudes to the Web site, so what are you waiting for? For more personal questions, just send a note to my e-mail address of Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before I sleep with a woman (honey, that'll be a LONG wait). Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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FRIDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

LGBT Youth Group Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 - 57th St. FMI: call (800) 924-6601. Madison Transgender Group (Madison): A support and advocacy group for transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), Cross-dressers and their friends, families and significant others. Confidentiality assured. Meets second & fourth Fridays of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Outreach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 235-0512 or emailwistgroup@charter.net.

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAYS

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

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

Black & White Men Together (Milw.): Meetings are the third Saturday of the month, 7-9 p.m., at the LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: Milw4BWMT@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAYS

AA Rainbow Group (Kenosha): Meets at 7 p.m. every Sunday at St. Mary's Lutheran Church, 2001 80th St. (west entrance). FMI: (262) 694-8951.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAYS

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

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

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

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 group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Student Union Room E307. FMI: (414) 229-6555.

TUESDAYS

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Meeting every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite #201. FMI call (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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

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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: Elder-Link (414) 289-6874.

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

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

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

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 494, 12 Steps/12 Traditions. Meets every Wednesday at 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 (800) 675-9400.

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

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

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

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

True Colors LGBT Youth (Milw.): ARCW's youth group holds drop-in activity nights every second and fourth Wednesday at 820 N. Plankinton Ave. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

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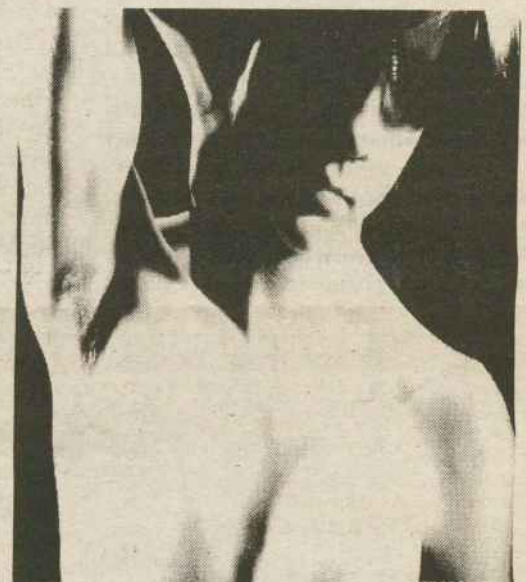
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"Much Ado About Nothing"

By Carl M. Szatmary

The Milwaukee Shakespeare Company has found a new home at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Peck School of the Arts. If they are to be judged by their initial production there, "Much Ado About Nothing," all indications are that they have already made themselves very much at home!

It is the current fashion to bring the Bard into a more contemporary setting and such is the case here. Director Drew Brhel has transported Shakespeare's tale of love triumphant from 16th century Messina to America in the 1920s. Echoes of "The Great Gatsby" abound.

This is a decidedly bright and sunny "Much Ado About Nothing," one with nary a cloud in sight. The setting is the splendid home of Leonato (Mark Metcalf). An intrepid troubadour croons popular 20s ballads in the distance.

Immediately upon the arrival of the houseguests, including Don Pedro (James Fletcher), the prince of Aragon, his friend Claudio (Jeremy Woods) and the wild and witty Benedick (Michael Herold), Shakespeare begins to weave his romantic confection. Amidst a few balmy summer afternoon, the myriad of romantic shenanigans occur in the invariably sun drenched formal gardens.

For the lovely Hero (Betsy Skowbo) there is to be the handsome young Claudio.

But who for the amusing but sharp-tongued, strong-willed Beatrice (Rebecca MacLean), whom Benedick saucily dubs "Lady Disdain?" Well, Benedick of course.

It could not be a comedy if all were to go smoothly and nor does it here. The chief mischief is authored by the evil Don John (Michael DiPadova), brother to Don Pedro. In this rose-colored spin on the Gatsby set, Don John may be evil but rather ineffectually so. His clever ruse to besmirch Hero's good reputation still goes according to plan but its consequences lack the painful urgency one may have grown accustomed to. The result is that those in the audience are never in doubt that Hero will take back Claudio, despite all that has transpired, in this lighthearted production.

More engaging are the romantic strategies brought into play in bring Benedick together with Beatrice. Part of the reason is that Benedick and Beatrice are far more interesting characters, older and perhaps somewhat bruised and battered in their private wars between the sexes. When they initially come together, Michael Herold and Rebecca MacLean bring an appealing playfulness to the banter. Still, these early scenes somewhat lack the spark to inform us in the audience that whatever these two might think, we know that they are perfect for each other.

Happily Michael Herold and Rebecca MacLean quickly find a delightful rhythm in their unorthodox courting and "Much Ado About Nothing" charming zips along to its certain and satisfying conclusion.

One might quibble that the closing rendition of "For Me And My Gal" sung by the entire cast, even the disgraced Don John, threatens to overwhelm a production

already teetering dangerously close to slapstick caricature. Truth to tell, few seemed to mind, cheering this kinder, much funnier than usual "Much Ado About Nothing."

"Much Ado About Nothing" continues until November 16 at UWM's Peck School of the Arts Theatre.

"Child's Play"

By Carl M. Szatmary

Scary movies are staple fodder in cinemas across the country, from the early versions of "Frankenstein" and "Dracula" to the latest incarnation of Freddy Krueger, not to mention the umpteenth appearance of the haunted facemask known as Michael Myers in yet another "Halloween" spin-off.

Somehow the phenomenon has never found a home in live theatre. Perhaps basic theatrical dynamics thwart such hopes. Sure, Susan Hill's wonderful ghost story, "The Woman in Black," has been scaring American tourists in London for well over a decade. Yet this one example is surely the singular exception that proves the general rule.

Just barely catching this year's "Halloween season" is Robert Marasco's "Child's Play," an award-winning play of horror presented by Off The Wall Productions.

The place is the St. Charles School for Boys. Right from the production's opening moments it is clear something is simply not quite right. Awkward encounters between ill at ease faculty and somnambulant students clearly indicate that all is not well on campus. Why are the boys acting so strangely?

Why indeed!

Once comfortably ensconced in the faculty lounge, the teachers peck at each other like hens in a barnyard. There's Jerome Malley (David Roper), the much-feared Latin teacher. His nemesis is kindly old Joe Dobbs (Robert Hirschi), the English teacher. Handsome young Paul Reese (Mark Hagen), once a St. Charles student himself, now acts as the Phys. Ed. Instructor. Throw in a couple of teaching priests and that's the lot of them.

At first glance, this seems to be a rather ordinary bunch. So, why then are the boys acting so strangely?

Sadly, few scares and fewer answers

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emerge. Director Dale Gutzman offers hardly any embellishments in his extremely straightforward staging. David Roper's set design is fine although the wide expanse of playing space is at odds with efforts to instill in the audience any sense of claustrophobia.

Nor can Gutzman's familiar company of actors be particularly faulted. Mark Hagen is especially appealing as the newcomer to the St. Charles faculty, emerging as the one genuine character with which the audience can most identify. David Roper is by no means intimidating enough to warrant the reputation as the "ogre" Latin teacher but shades his increasing desperation and his ultimate disintegration beautifully. Robert Hirschi's Joe Dobbs might be suitably "Mr. Chips" but never reveals anything amiss lurking under his fatherly façade.

Not helping the proceedings is Gutzman's use of ominous music, which is too overwhelming, and perhaps playing without an intermission might have allowed more suspense to build.

In the end, the troupe of boys proves to be the production's biggest enigma. Not menacing so much as ragamuffin, the lads are herded on- and then off-stage in a peculiarly careless fashion. Never showing even a glimmer of normalcy, individuality or even the faintest hint of intelligence, their plight proves merely un-involving.

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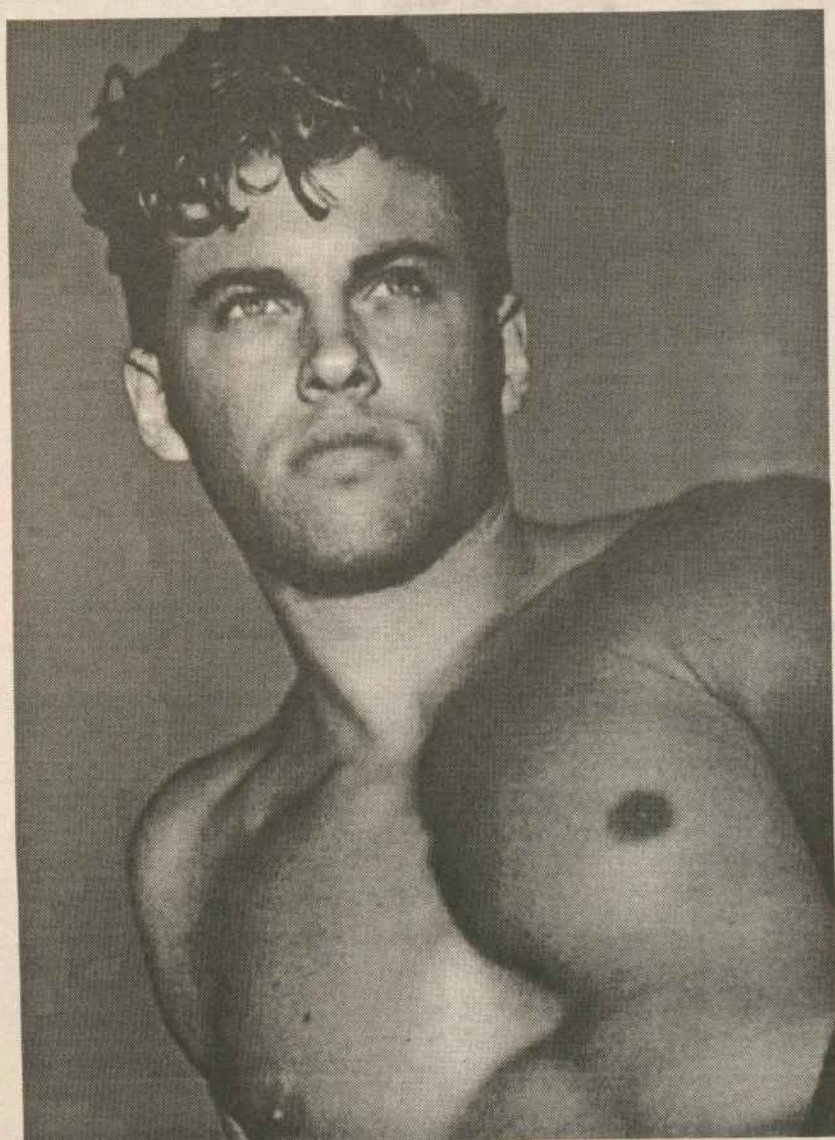


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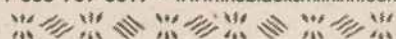
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Dear Ruthie

Hello out there in newspaper land! Here's a special collection of letters I've been saving from a particular group of naughty boys. What can I say, folks? My readers come from all walks of life. Have a great Thanksgiving everyone! Keep yourself out of trouble and enjoy!

Dear Ruthie—

I don't suppose you have any advice on getting some action when you're in prison. I'm really looking to score with a few of the better-looking inmates in the correctional facility where I'm being held (unfairly, I might add). I want to pursue some of them sexually, but that could be very dangerous here. How can I make a move on someone I don't know is interested and not put myself in danger?

Right-Said Fred,

Dear Fred—

I understand that cigarettes are popular commodities in the big house. Maybe you can trade some for a piece of tail. You know... a butt for a butt. If that doesn't work, I've always said that having sex was a lot like playing bridge; if you don't have a good partner, you better have a good hand. Trust me, no one gets hurt when the hand plays alone so stick to the solos, honey. If it helps at all, try using the other hand—it'll feel like someone else is doing the work for ya.

Dear Ruthie—

I'm a hot, 20 year-old guy with an ultra-tight body, blond hair and blue eyes. I work out daily. I'm afraid that I'm in jail right now, however, but when I get out I want to find an older guy who can take care of me 100%. How can I meet such a person? Age, race and body type are not a concern for me.

—Looking for Love

Dear Gold Digger—

(let's call a spade a spade), The answer is

simple: Sponge-Bath Night at an upscale retirement home (one that only partially reeks of urine). The guys obviously have enough cash to stay at one of these places, plus you can most likely find somebody with one foot already on the banana peel. I also suggest reading the Anna Nicole biography for tips on getting your name in the will, fighting lawsuits, avoiding toothless cousins and hiring lesbian assistants.

Dear Ruthie—

I like reading this article in my cell as I am incarcerated and it makes me laugh and kills time. Have you ever served time? I would like to know.

—Unjustly Serving Time

Dear Prisoner—

Actually, I have been sent up the river once in my life. Long story made short: Pearl, Betty White and I went to Vegas and learned that, contrary to popular belief, prostitution is not legal throughout the state of Nevada. That's the LAST time I let Don Rickles talk me into anything. "Now it really WILL be a cold day in hell before you get that money I owe you, Don!"

Dear Ruthie—

It's been a long time for this lonely dog. I need some ass. Unfortunately, I am incarcerated, but I'd love to hook up with you when I'm released. Let me know if you're interested in kicking it with me. I'd love to get in your panties.

—Need It

Dear Need It—

Sorry, but I've already got an asshole in my panties—my own!

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Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline (Fri/Sat Eves 7pm-11pm)	(866) GAY-YOUTH
Milwaukee Metro	(414) 272-TEEN
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	271-3123
Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling)	271-1560
Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymously)	(414) 273-AIDS
	(800) 334-AIDS

SERVICES

Affiliated Mortgage	453-6700
1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218	
A&J Promotions (Promotional Products)	
aandjpromotions@aol.com	
Bay Tax Service , Paul Rathjen	332-9584
Frank J. Berger, (Real Estate)	(414) 213-5842
B&G Construction	405-7843
Sean Buckley (Individual Psychotherapy)	562-2403
Bill Buresh (Real Estate)	529-0500
Calix Counseling Center (Kate Weishaar, Ph.D.)	

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

RETAIL

2Burn (Ventless Fireplaces, Gifts)	
11708 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	607-7000
Absolute Furniture	
5520 W. North Ave.	875-8326
Body Ritual (Body Piercing, Jewelry, Gifts)	
2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202	273-3777
Avante Garde (Body Piercing)	
7219 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, 53214	607-4068

Clinton Street Antiques	
1110 South First Street	647-1773
Constant Reader Bookshop	
1627 E. Irving Pl., 53202	291-0452
Eclectic i art/gifts	
411 E. Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217	906-0665
Eyez Unique (optical)	
2238 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.	481-0868
Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)	
2201 E. Capitol Dr., 53211	963-1006
Genesis (custom jeweler, goldsmith)	
6011 W. Layton Ave.	281-1022
Great Frame Up	
507 E. Silver Spring Dr.	962-4889
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)	
Hwy 20, Racine	886-5111
Gravo Gallery (framing)	
1209 E. Brady St., 53202	277-8228
Mega Discount Nursery	
1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154	571-6565
Miss Groove (gifts)	
1225 E. Brady St., 53202	298-9185
Out of Solitude Jewelry	
918 E. Brady St., 53202	223-3101
Outpost Natural Foods	
100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212	964-7789
exchange@execpc.com	
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, Schellfield, 54476	(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481	(715) 592-6245, ext. 5920200
Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)	
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort	
Eagle River, 54521	1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgewinn.com	
G&L Society/Wausau	
UWSP 10% Society	
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)

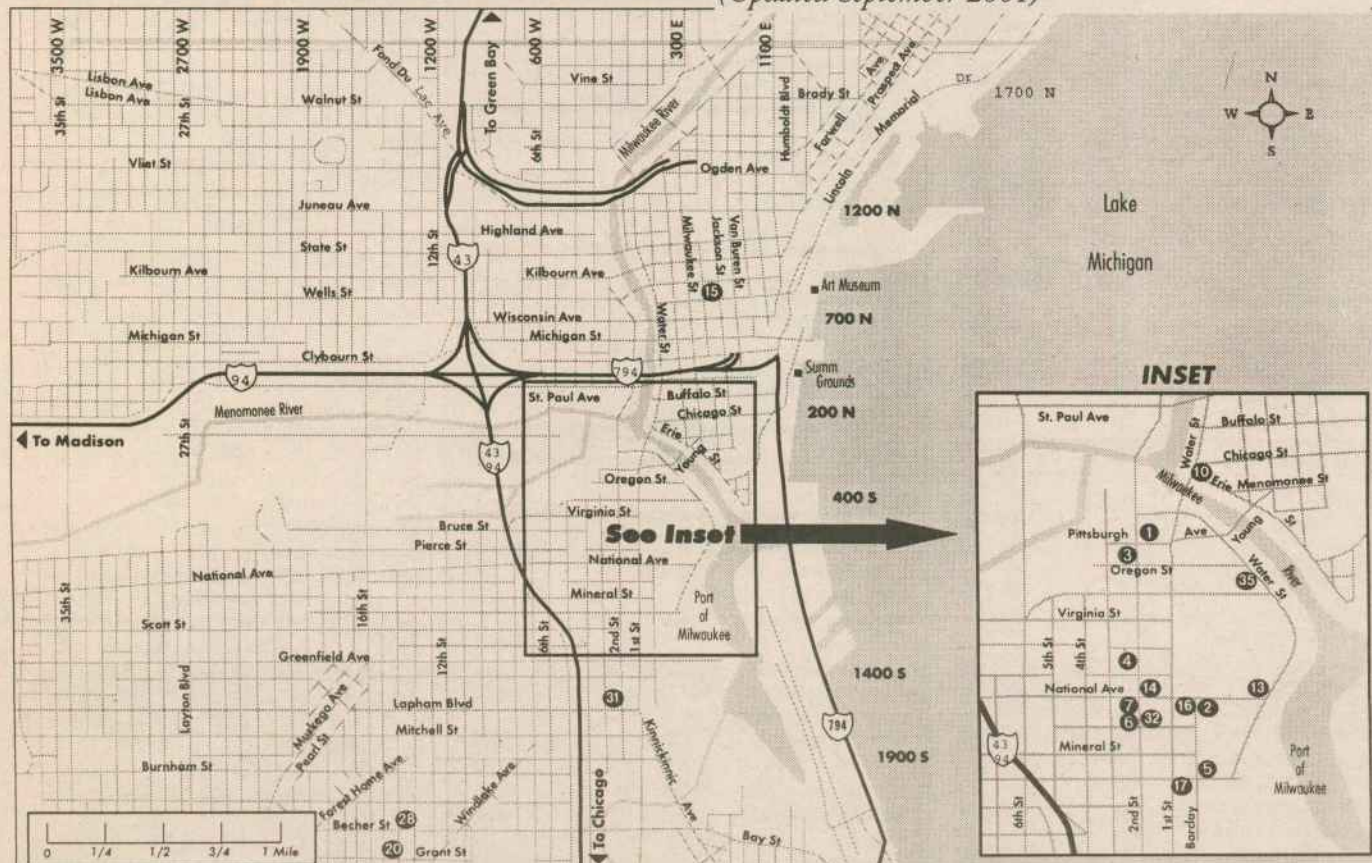
Gay/Lesbian Support Group	
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806	
Northern WI Lambda Society	
PO Box 802, Rhineland 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bi's	359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)	
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891	682-2890

SHEBOYGAN (920)

Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081	457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians	
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

RACINE/KENOSHA

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140	657-6644
(800) 924-6601	
Club 94 (Mw, DJ)	
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C & I-94)	
Kenosha 53140	857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)	
6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143	657-5667

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Wed., November 20th • 9pm-close

Since it is the first time in a decade he's in town for his birthday — we've decided to throw the old goat a party and raise some money at the same time!

**Raffles for Travel, Dinner and Theatre Tickets & Other Great Prizes!
Show • STRIPPERS • Drink Specials • Appetizers**

George's Birthday Party **A BESTD Clinic Fund-raiser**



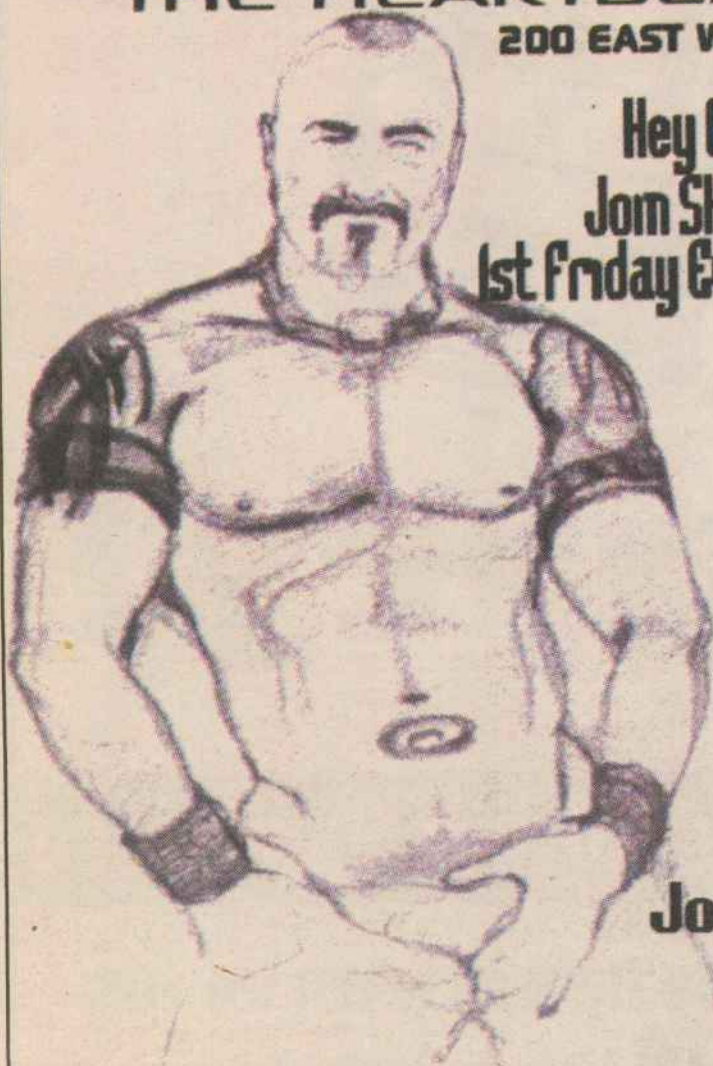
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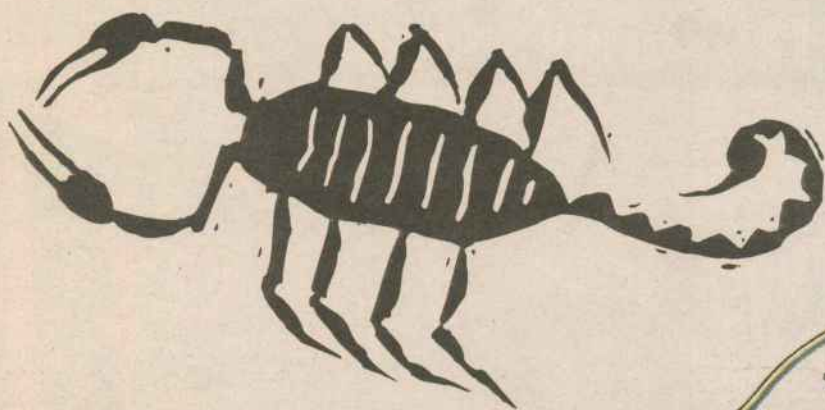
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• Lee Mona Jackson's DJ Magic

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