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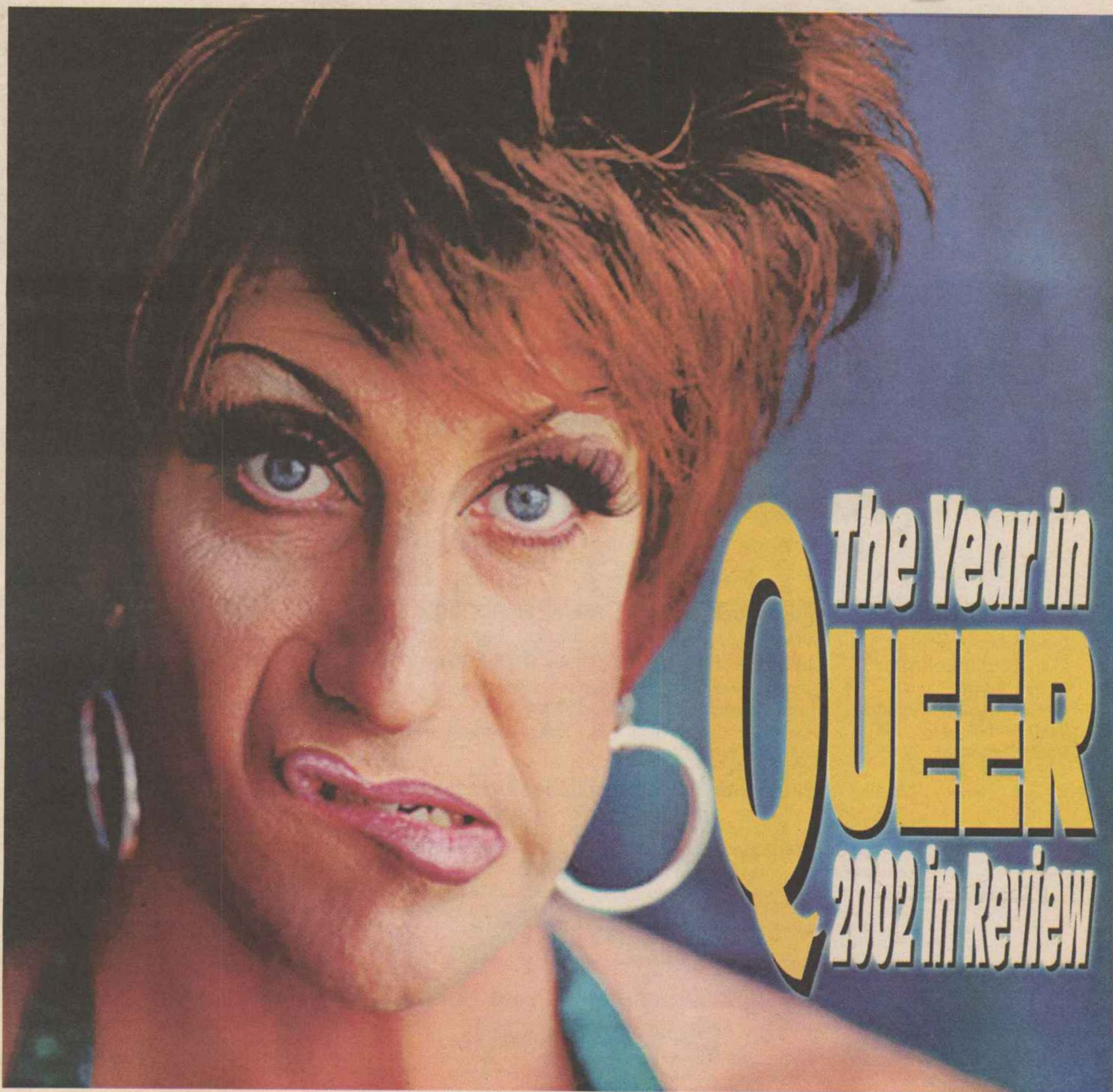
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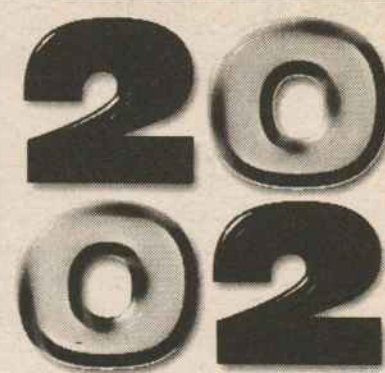
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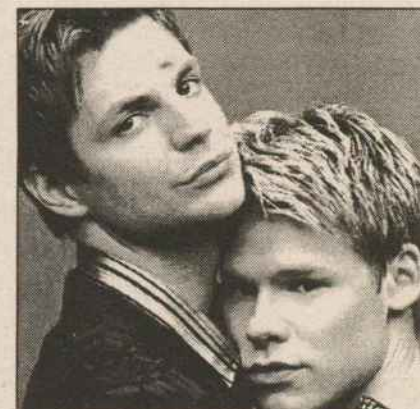
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More U.S. Men Reporting Sex with Men Than Before

New York — A recent nationwide survey shows that a larger proportion of men say they are having sex with other men than in the 1980s, although whether that trend stems from an increase in same-sex activity or an increased willingness to report it remains unclear.

Dr. John E. Anderson of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and his co-author found that surveys collected since 1996 showed between 3.1% and 3.7% of men reported having sex with another man during the past year. This is a sizeable jump from 1988 estimates of between 1.7% and 2%, they note.

However, along with this increase in reported activity, Anderson noted that attitudes about the acceptability of same-sex activity have also changed. In fact, he and his colleague Ron Stall found that, between 1996 and 2000, up to 34% of survey respondents said they believed homosexuality was generally not wrong, while only 24% of people who completed the survey between 1988 and 1994 had similar attitudes toward same-sex activity.

As such, society is still far from being 100% accepting of homosexuality, Anderson noted, so even the current estimates of how many men have sex with men are likely too low.

"Male-to-male sex is still a sensitive, stigmatized behavior, and...is likely to be underreported to some unknown degree. Even though these recent estimates are somewhat higher than other surveys, they probably are still low," he said.

Australia's Gay Black Widow

Sydney — Like the black widow spider, Damian Anthony Peters had sex with his partners then murdered them.

His first victim was Andre Akai. The 50 year old Akai was killed, then dismembered, and parts of his body flushed down a toilet. The rest was disposed of in garbage bags.

The murder wasn't discovered for seven months when a sharp eyed civil servant found signatures didn't match on Akai's pension checks.

When suspicion fell on Peters, police didn't have to look far. He was living down the street with another gay man, Bevan James Frost, 57. When investigators went to question Peters, they found Frost's torso in the bathtub. The rest had been flushed away.

Under questioning Peters confessed to killing both men.

At his sentencing hearing he threw himself on the mercy of court.

Peters testified that Akai was abusive towards him and he believed Akai was responsible for him having HIV. He also told the court that he had killed Frost while on drugs, and was sick of being used for sex.

Justice James Wood sentenced Peters to 21 years in prison. He will be eligible for parole after 13 years.

Wood said that despite the great callousness displayed, there were exceptional circumstances which reduced the killer's overall criminality.

Lott Throws in Towel

Washington — Sen. Trent Lott resigned his position as Senate majority leader on Dec. 20 after weeks of taking heat for racially charged comments the Mississippi Republican made at a birthday party for Strom Thurmond.

Lott praised Thurmond's 1948 segregationist campaign for the presidency saying the country would have been better off he Thurmond had won.

"In the interest of pursuing the best possible agenda for the future of our country, I will not seek to remain as majority leader of the United States Senate for the 108th Congress, effective Jan. 6, 2003," Lott said in a written statement.

Lott said he would remain in the Senate for the remainder of his term.

Both Lott and Thurmond had consistently opposed all gay rights legislation that came before the Senate. Throughout the week GLBT groups had called for him to step down.

"He did the right thing," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign in Washington.

"This issue has become much larger than just Trent Lott," Smith told said. "This is an opportunity for the Bush administration and the Republican controlled congress to back up their words of past week to demonstrate a commitment to civil rights for all Americans."

Smith called on Republicans to back expanding hate crimes laws and job protections for GLBT Americans.

That was echoed by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"NGLTF is concerned that replacement, Tennessee Senator Bill Frist, will not represent much of an improvement as his

votes on the same issues were directly in line with Lott's," said NGLT executive director Lorri L. Jean.

"We call on Congress to take Bush's words to heart when he said, 'The founding ideals of our nation and, in fact, the founding ideals of the political party I represent was, and remains today, the equal dignity and equal rights of every American.'"

Earlier this month, Equality Mississippi, the largest gay rights group in Lott's home state outlined his history.

In the 1960s, Lott helped lead a success-

**"HE DID THE
RIGHT THING."**

—DAVID SMITH

ful battle to prevent his college fraternity from admitting blacks to any of its chapters.

In 1979, while representing Mississippi in the House of Representatives, Lott joined a bipartisan group that supported a constitutional amendment to prohibit school busing of African-Americans.

In the 1980s, Lott voted against extending the Voting Rights Act and against establishing Martin Luther King Day as a federal holiday. On the Voting Rights Act, in 1981, he was one of 17 Republicans and seven Democrats, including most of the Virginia delegation, voting against extending that law, which struck down obstacles between minorities and polling places. In 1983, Lott joined 97 other House members, most of them Republicans, in opposing the King holiday, including then-Reps. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.).

Also in 1981, Lott filed a friend-of-the-

court brief with the Supreme Court to support a tax exemption for Bob Jones University — an exemption that would have benefited hundreds of white "segregation academies" that were established in the wake of integration orders — despite the university's policies discriminating against minorities and prohibiting interracial dating.

In the late 1980s and early '90s, despite having said that he was unaware of what kind of organization that the Council of Conservative Citizens was, Lott appeared repeatedly before the white supremacist group, once telling members they held "the right principles and the right philosophy." Columns that he wrote often appeared in the CCC's publication "Citizens Informer". In spite of the fact that Lott renounced the CCC after it was discovered that he'd addressed the CCC meetings, as late as 1997 Lott was pictured smiling in the "Citizens Informer" along with the CCC's national officers, CEO Gordon Lee Baum, William D. Lord, Jr. and Tom Dover. A 1998 issue of the "Citizens Informer" contains Lott's column, side by side with offensive racial commentaries.

In 1998, Lott made remarks while taping an interview for "The Armstrong Williams Show" on the America's Voice television network, saying homosexuals should be helped "just like alcohol ... or sex addiction ... or kleptomaniacs."

This year, Lott led the rally for the nomination of Charles Pickering to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. Numerous people and organizations around the country opposed Pickering's nomination because of his own racist past and anti-civil rights record. Lott went so far as warning that Republicans would tie up the Senate unless Democrats approved President Bush's judicial nominees.

ARCW Volunteer Honored with 'Community Quarterback' Award From Packers

Green Bay — AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin volunteer Troy Tyloch of Milwaukee won the National Football League Community Quarterback Award from the Green Bay Packers in early December. The award, which honors outstanding local volunteers, comes with an \$11,000 contribution from NFL Charities to ARCW in Tyloch's name. Tyloch was among a group of 10 Packers finalists that included another top ARCW volunteer, Chris Root, who netted a \$1,000 contribution.

"We're so proud of Troy and Chris, who exemplify the high quality of all our volunteers," said ARCW Director of Volunteer Services Richard Marano. "Of all the NFL cities, people might not expect Green Bay to choose an AIDS volunteer for its award.

It sends a great message that HIV is something everyone needs to be concerned about, big city or small."

Tyloch said, "I'm glad that something so good can come out of something so serious as the fight against AIDS."

Tyloch now moves on to a national competition featuring award winners named by all 32 NFL teams. The national winner nets an additional \$25,000 contribution from NFL Charities for his or her organization.

"The contributions are wonderful and much needed," Marano said. "But the contribution Troy and Chris and our many other dedicated volunteers make every day are priceless."

Tyloch has been volunteering at ARCW for more than a decade, working as a person with HIV helping others with HIV cope with the ramifications of the disease. He performs a wide range of services such as holding support groups, speaking to high school classes, and training other volunteers. Root works in ARCW's Street Outreach Program, looking out for high risk individuals and offering to test them for HIV and Hepatitis C. She has logged more than 500 volunteer hours in just over a year of service.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of our fight against HIV in Wisconsin," said ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson. "The gift of one's time is irreplaceable, and we're delighted to see Troy and Chris get the recognition they and our other volunteers so greatly deserve. Now let's hope Troy and the Packers both go on to league championships."

Volunteers are a crucial component of ARCW's success in preventing and treating HIV/AIDS in Wisconsin. From the AIDSline hotline to the food pantry to the annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin, ARCW depends on almost 1,700 volunteers annually.

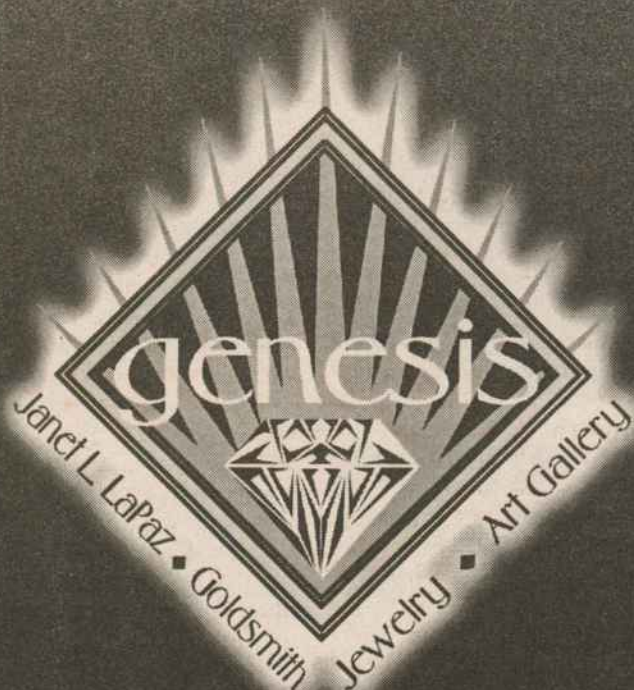
"Not everyone can win a \$10,000 award, but all our volunteers receive the supreme satisfaction that comes with helping people who confront a debilitating, deadly disease each day," Marano said. "We are blessed with unparalleled volunteers, and we're hoping news of this award will bring more wonderful volunteers through our doors."



AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin staff and volunteers celebrate at the Green Bay Packers' announcement of ARCW volunteer Troy Tyloch as recipient of the team's NFL Community Quarterback Award for community service. From left to right: ARCW Manager of Volunteer Resources Kari Behling; Roger Rivas, Tyloch's partner; ARCW counseling and testing specialist Steve Matteson; Tyloch; ARCW volunteer and award finalist Chris Root; ARCW volunteer Jake Dowling; ARCW southeast region volunteer coordinator Molly Herrington; and ARCW volunteer services and special events coordinator Brandon Schmidt.

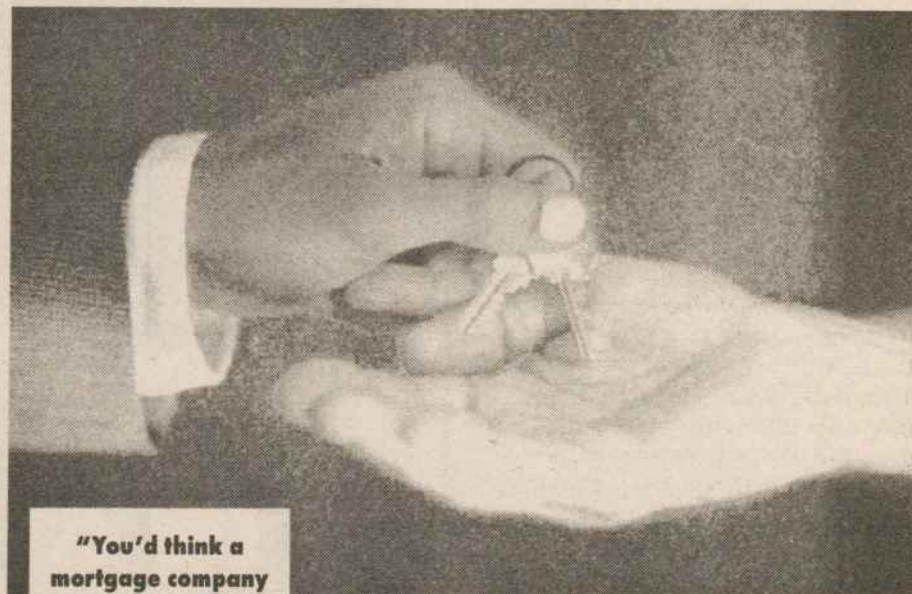
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JANUARY

Conservative Wisconsin legislators — including a few Democrats — introduced an anti-marriage bill in late January. The bill, AB 753, would define marriage in the state of Wisconsin as a civil contract between one man and one woman, and would prohibit the recognition of same-sex marriages performed elsewhere. The bill's lead sponsor is **Rep. Wayne Wood**. Representing the 44th Assembly district, Wood is a Janesville-area Democrat. Most of the bill's other sponsors are Republicans, including some of the most consistently antigay members of the Legislature, such as **Lorraine Seratti** (R-Spread Eagle) and **Steve Nass** (R-Whitewater). The measure fails to pass.

Wisconsin IN Step names openly gay State Representative (now State Sen.) **Tim**



Bev Jenkins

Carpenter and lesbian community activist **Beverly Jenkins** and as its Man and Woman of the Year.

A group of Wisconsin state employees petitions the Department of Administration to stop charities which discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation from participating in the state's workplace giving campaign. They want the department to interpret the administrative rule governing state payroll deduction programs in a non-discriminatory manner.

Not to be outdone by Summerfest with its celebrity director, **Bo Black**, PrideFest can now boast of its own "Bo" after **Bonita "Bo" Dyer** assumed the co-directorship



Bo Dyer

of Wisconsin's annual LGBT festival. Bo Dyer moved into the position after **Susan Cook** indicated that she needed to resign the position.

FEBRUARY

Wisconsin LGBTs celebrate the 20th anniversary of the signing of the nation's first statewide gay rights law. The law prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and pub-

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lic accommodations. Since the adoption of Wisconsin's pioneering statute, 12 other states have followed suit, most recently New York.

Madison activists turn up the heat on the United Way of Dane County for continuing to fund the Four Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Citing community pressure, the Four Lakes Council announces it will no longer accept funds from United Way.

Pablo Parilla is found guilty of first degree intentional homicide for the murder of **Juana Vega**, a Milwaukee lesbian. He is later sentenced to life in prison. LGBT activists lobbied the District Attorney's office to file hate crime charges against Parilla, brother of Vega's ex-lover, who reportedly had made anti-gay comments and threatened her in the past.

MARCH

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin reveals that it will accept a \$91,000 federal planning grant for an "abstinence-only" AIDS prevention program aimed at 12-18-year-olds statewide. The news is greeted with sharp criticism by many LGBT community activists.

In an interview with *IN Step*, leaders of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee say that while they have adopted a policy forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation, they will not stop funding the local Boy Scout Council but will continue to "dialogue" with them about their anti-gay policy.

Greg Scheel, the long-time organizer of The MAGIC Picnic in Madison announces he is cancelling the event which has raised over \$150,000 for local charities in its 28 year history. In the following weeks, Madison Pride and The MAGIC Picnic merge and reorganize under the umbrella of the Madison Pride Weekend. The event is held in July.

APRIL

More than a dozen high schools around Wisconsin participate in the national "Day of Silence" in support of LGBT students. Outside some of the schools, members of **Ralph Ovdal's** Wisconsin Christians United picket with

anti-gay banners and chants. Their hostile presence turns off many observers and unintentionally reinforces the students' appeals for tolerance and understanding.

After a brief revival, The Wisconsin Light, an LGBT newspaper, again ceases publication after its April 11 issue.

Christine Klein's sudden departure as PrideFest's de facto festival director on April 19 left many in Wisconsin's LGBT



Chris Klein

community scratching their heads. While PrideFest indicated that Klein resigned, she stated clearly that she did not.

MAY

IN Step interviews gubernatorial candidate **Jim Doyle** (elected governor in November), who says that Wisconsin should be a national leader in the area of LGBT rights: "We have done it before when we passed the first anti-discrimination employment act. We did it when we adopted the first hate crimes act, and we should be in the forefront of making sure that everybody in this state has the right to live decently and safely and have the opportunity to achieve their full potential."

The second annual Great Lakes Two Spirit Gathering of Native American LGBTs is held May 25-27 at the Abinojji Aki Cultural Healing Center on the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Reservation near Hayward.



Scott Evertz

JUNE

PrideFest draws a record crowd of 18,604 to Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's lakefront June 7-9. Among the festival's highlights are a forum featuring the many candidates for governor, entertainers **Suzanne Westenhoefer** and **Kinsey Sicks**, and the hilarious Dragathon.

Rainbow Over Wisconsin holds its annual picnic on the Brown County Fairgrounds June 29. Comedian **Vicki Shaw** and **Loretta Lamour's** divas entertain. Community Leadership awards are presented to longtime Green Bay activist **Lloyd Schaefer** and **Rev. Ken Hull** of the Angels of Hope MCC congregation.

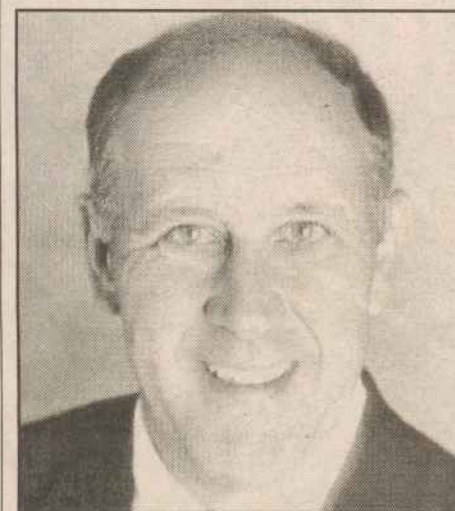
JULY

Action Wisconsin, the statewide non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of LGBT citizens, receives a grant of \$50,000 from Colorado's Gill Foundation for its education and organizing efforts.

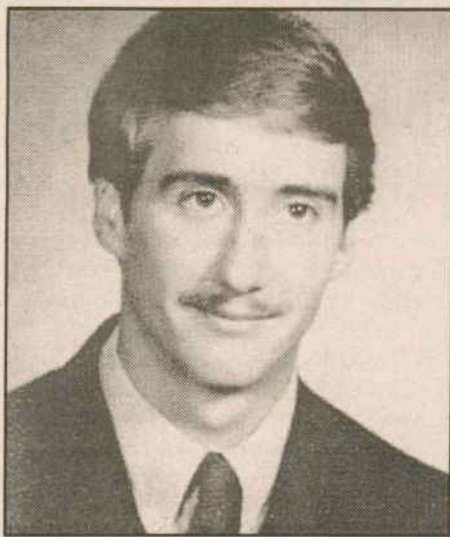
Madison's Pride Weekend takes place July 19-21, with the annual OutReach Awards Banquet Friday evening, the MAGIC Picnic benefitting AIDS charities on Saturday, and the Pride March and a rally in the UW Library Mall on Sunday. At the OutReach event, longtime activist **Eric Boberg** is named Man of the Year and **Lisa Aarli**, an advocate for LGBT youth at Middleton High School, is named Woman of the Year.

Wisconsinite **Scott Evertz** is replaced as director of the President's Office of National AIDS Policy.

In Superior, a potent mix of alcohol and internalized homophobia led to a brutal attack of **Rev. David Rogge**, 47, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka, Minn. Rogge was found covered in blood and unconscious on the floor of the Androy Hotel around 2:30 a.m. on July 18, said Capt. **Scott Campbell** of the Superior police. Superior police arrested **William James Reedy**, of Springdale, Ohio, after he admitted to hitting the Rev.



Jim Doyle



Leon Rouse

David Farris Rogge, putting him in the hospital. Reedy said he was asleep in his Superior hotel room and awoke to find the assistant pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka, Minn., molesting him.

After a nearly three year stint, **Debbie Weill** was fired from her position as executive director of OutReach, Madison's gay and lesbian community center. No reasons were given for her termination. Local activists told *IN Step* that her strident activism may have conflicted with OutReach board member's vision for the the organization. Others stated that Weill had failed to meet fund-raising goals for the organization. Weill later took a job with the national office of **P-Flag**.

AUGUST

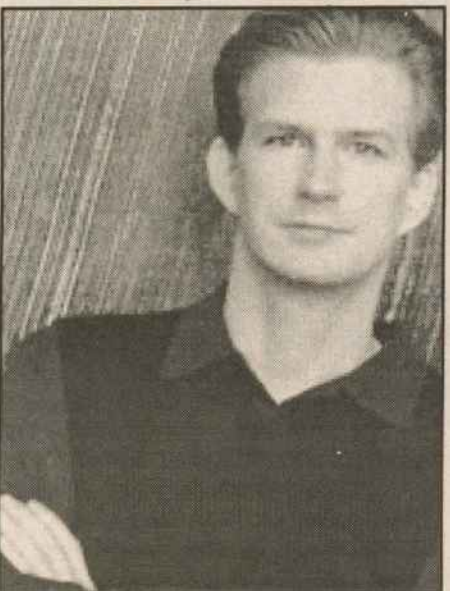
Wisconsin's first Black Pride Celebration, the "Livin' the Life Weekend," unfolds in Milwaukee Aug. 9-11. Later in the month, the Pride Along the Mississippi festival is held in La Crosse and Chippewa Valley Pride takes place in Eau Claire.

The Committee for a Fair United Way holds a Town Hall Meeting to update the LGBT community about the campaign to get the United Way of Greater Milwaukee to stand by its non-discrimination policy vis-a-vis the Boy Scouts.

After a bumpy seven year ride, a joint decision was reached to discontinue the Heartland AIDSride. The AIDS Ride had been largely considered a risky fund-raising event and AIDS Network and ARCW had not been pleased with the amount of money raised in recent years.

SEPTEMBER

"NYPD Blue" actor **Bill Brochtrup** serves as celebrity chair of the annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin held in both Milwaukee and Madison Sept. 29. The event raises



Bill Brochtrup

\$552,107 for AIDS care and prevention around the state. Milwaukee County executive **Scott Walker**'s decision to cut all funds for ARCW's needle exchange pro-

gram is the subject of protests.

The New Harvest Foundation holds a fundraising event and silent auction called "La Dolce Vita" at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison Sept. 13 to raise funds for its grant-giving program which benefits LGBT groups in Dane County.

OCTOBER

David Fisk is picked to lead Medical Clinic at ARCW. Fisk. An experienced physician and HIV researcher Dr. David Fisk joins the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin to lead its HIV medical care clinic. He replaces

Under threat of legal action by students who promised to take their case to the ACLU, the Neenah School Board reverses earlier rulings by the principal of Neenah High and the district superintendent and gives official recognition to a student-led Gay-Straight Alliance, the first GSA in the Fox Valley.

Wisconsin IN Step runs an exclusive story about the plight of former Milwaukeean **Leon Rouse**, languishing in a Philippines prison for a crime he says he did not commit. Rouse was one of the leaders of the campaign which succeeded in passing Wisconsin's gay rights law in 1982, the first of its kind in the nation.

Milwaukee's annual LGBT Film Festival expands to eight days, featuring more than 40 films and videos from 12 different countries.

OutReach, Inc., Madison's LGBT community center, announces the hiring of **John Quinlan** as its new executive director. Quinlan, a Madison resident since 1978, has a long history of experience in the areas of civil rights advocacy, journalism, and community organizing.

NOVEMBER

Many LGBT-endorsed candidates win their election contests statewide, including **Tammy Baldwin**, who earns her third term in the U.S. Congress, and **Tim Carpenter**, the openly gay state representative who wins a seat in the State Senate. Pro-gay Democrats **Jim Doyle** and **Peggy Lautenschlager** win their races for governor and attorney general, respectively.

OutReach sponsors a well-attended "LGBT Town Hall Meeting" Nov. 23 at which activists discuss unmet needs of the Madison area LGBT community as well as opportunities for increased collaboration between organizations.

A historic funding opportunity and community partnership which could bring \$300,000 to Milwaukee's LGBT community was officially launched on November 12. The Greater Milwaukee Foundation, The Cream City Foundation and The National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership are the lead organizations on the Funding Initiative which has a goal of raising \$200,000 over a period of two years. The National Lesbian and Gay Funding Partnership would then contribute another \$100,000 to the Initiative.

DECEMBER

Action Wisconsin releases the first legal guide to the state's civil rights law for LGBT people. The new four-page guide explains the law and what to do about discrimination if it happens. It can be found online at: www.actionwisconsin.org/civil-rights.

Cheers & Jeers 2002

It was a year that saw the state Capitol's political landscape change shape but not substance, Milwaukee's political and religious leadership undone by their own poor judgments and the recognition of the LGBT community as a potentially potent force in Wisconsin politics. Many other events may not have been as earth-shaking but remain notable enough to compliment or criticize. That said, here's our list for cheers and jeers for 2002:

Cheers

Action Wisconsin, which in the last year and a half has morphed from an all-volunteer "kitchen table" civil rights organization into a full-time presence on the state political landscape with paid staff and media visibility. Special credit belongs to both board President Tim O'Brien and first-ever Executive Director Chris Ott for the group's makeover.

Men's Voice Milwaukee, which in a little over two years has grown to become Wisconsin's premiere LGBT performing group. Kudos for their vision.

Alliance for Equality et al., for making the right call to include all available gubernatorial candidates at the Pridefest debate earlier this summer. Seeing that many candidates for the state's top office openly supporting LGBT equality in one place was as inspiring as any of the rhetoric the followed during the forum.

ARCW and **Doug Nelson** in particular for their ongoing commitment to HIV/AIDS. Helming the agency for over 14 years, Nelson is an anomaly in a leadership field that typically sees top spots at ASOs around the country fill, empty and refill with the seeming frequency of a garbage can. Though some gripe about his "one stop shopping" and "never met a grant I didn't like" philosophies (remember the abstinence-only flap earlier this year?), Wisconsin's declining number of new infections and high quality of care for the seropositive show his ideas really work. No wonder the agency receives top honors in *IN Step*'s annual Best of Queer Wisconsin polling.

GLSEN Chapters and GSA's around the state for fighting one of the toughest fight left in the LGBT equality arena: the toxic anti-gay atmosphere in Wisconsin's high schools. New chapters in northeast Wisconsin and Milwaukee have made strides in naming the hate and challenging those who purvey it. Events like last Spring's "Day of Silence" empower unlikely allies, like the soccer mom in the Fox Valley who tore up and collected picket signs of religious bigots protesting the event.

Log Cabin Republicans of Wisconsin for finding better ways doing the dirty job of eliminating

prejudice within the state's GOP. LCR types openly criticized the candidacies of on-the-record homophobes like Tom Reynolds and Ron Greer, rather than take wishy washy stances on anti-gay candidates out of party loyalty (you might recall their earlier "recommendation" but non-endorsement of Mark Neumann in the last senatorial election). *IN Step* will probably get heat for this commendation from liberal queers who cannot believe anyone in their right mind would ever vote Republican, but the voting statistics continue prove there's a lot more political diversity in our own community than they would like to admit.

Pridefest for their most successful year ever. Record attendance generated by the greater diversity of attractions proved the naysayers wrong, especially the drag queens who still would have bitched even if the main stage had been all chiffon all the time. But there's still room for improvement.

Jeers

Tom Ament, Chuck Chvala, Scott Jensen and the good ol' boy networks that have so sullied the political process both in Milwaukee and Madison. Whether you were lining your pockets with taxpayer-funded retirement plans, collecting "donations" to secure your votes or letting your staffs do partisan campaign work on the taxpayer's dime, you have succeeded in undermining the core of our democracy. Moderate voters of all stripes have completely abandoned the political process in droves thanks to your antics, leaving elections to the polarizing extremists on both left and right.

Roman Catholic Hierarchy for your handling of the sexual abuse scandals with the church. Your autocratic "pray, pay and obey" attitude toward the laity is the true scandal, not the sexual orientation of the perpetrators. By playing the gay card so often and so loudly, you allowed the subsequently revealed and almost exclusively heterosexually-driven sexual abuse scandals in the Mormon and Jehovah's Witness churches to go largely unnoticed by the media. Like all rape, the sexual abuse of the innocent is a misuse of power not a function of sexual orientation.

Scott Walker for your veto of restored funding for needle exchange programs in Milwaukee County. Playing politics with some people's lives may be bad enough but the long-term effect of your purely partisan decision will be higher taxes to pay for medical care of the new cases of HIV that will be spread by any curtailment of the needle exchange program locally. Milwaukee's two-thirds lower seroconversion rate among injection-drug using populations is literally living proof that ARCW's Life-point works.

NATIONAL NEWS

MCC Founder Announces Plans to Retire in 2005

West Hollywood — In 1959, Rev. Dr. Elder Troy Perry, founder and moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches, was expelled from Midwest Bible College in Chicago for being gay.

"A fellow student had fallen in love with me. They told me I wasn't worthy enough to be educated by Christians," Perry told the Washington Blade.

This year, in the same city where he was expelled from school, Perry, 62, was named to the board of trustees of the Chicago Theological Seminary. This is just one of many honors bestowed on him during 34 years of ministry. Recently, he announced plans to retire as moderator of MCC in 2005.

"I'm a person of prayer," Perry said. In 1999, during a moment of prayer, he made the decision to retire. "I've watched so many gay and lesbian leaders come on the scene, make noise and burn out," he said. "I look forward to the future -- to new blood -- to keep the church strong."

Perry's life story is a fascinating, sometimes painful voyage through chapters of American history that weren't always kind to gay men and lesbians.

A native of Tallahassee, Fla., Perry grew up in Central Florida and moved to Winter Haven, Fla., when he was 12. His mother

was Baptist, his father was Pentecostal and church was a big part of his life.

"I'd go to my mother's church on Sunday morning and my Dad's church on Sunday night," Perry said.

Perry started the first MCC church in Los Angeles in 1968 with just 12 congregants. Today, MCC has more than 56,000 members and adherents in 300 churches in 22 countries around the world.

Pa. School to be Named for Gay Aide to MLK Jr.

Philadelphia — Bayard Rustin was gay, a pacifist who refused to fight in World War II and a one-time Communist.

He was also the man who organized the 1963 rally where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I have a dream" speech, and supporters of the late civil rights leader won a battle to name a school after him Dec. 16, according to the Associated Press.

The West Chester Area School Board voted 6-3 to name a new high school after Rustin, a 1931 graduate of West Chester High School who began his activism for racial equality while still a youth. The school board voted last spring to name the \$63 million school after Rustin, but reopened the discussion after some members said they were not fully aware of his past.

"My objection isn't simply that he was a homosexual, but he really had some seri-

ous problems with his homosexuality; he was promiscuous; he was thrown out of two colleges," said school board member June Cardosi.

N.Y. Becomes 13th State to Ban Anti-Gay Bias

Albany — Republican Gov. George Pataki signed a bill into law that outlaws discrimination against gays in New York state, 31 years after advocates began lobbying for it, according to the Associated Press.

The law protects people from abuse, harassment and discrimination in employment, housing, education and public services based on their sexual orientation. It made New York the 13th state to prohibit anti-gay bias. State senators passed the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act by a vote of 34-26.

The state Assembly approved the measure in January — as it has annually since 1993. But the measure didn't come without critics. The vote included 23 Republicans and three Democrats who opposed the legislation.

"The bill itself is a step in the wrong direction," said Sen. Serphin Maltese. "We cannot legislate politeness — the way people feel. That comes through mutual respect." A proposed amendment Tuesday to add protections for transgender residents failed 19-41.

GLBT Activists Take Out Full Page Anti-War Ads

Chicago — Full page ads begin appearing this week in the Illinois gay press criticizing the Bush administration for an impending war with Iraq.

The ads, signed by dozens of well known GLBT activists was proposed at a Chicago Anti-Bashing Network (CABN) meeting December 4, and within eight days fundraising was completed and the ads submitted.

Signers to the strongly worded ad include a cross-section of left and moderate community leaders including the state's only openly gay state representative, Larry McKeon, the state's foremost Transgendered activist, Miranda Stevens-Miller, the co-pastors of Church of the Open Door, the city's Black LGBT congregation, and leading activists with the state's main LGBT lobbying group, Equality Illinois, signing on in a personal capacity.

The ad not only denounces the loss of life a full-scale war would bring, but says LGBT people in particular would be hurt.

In part, the ad says:

"A new U.S. war will indirectly kill people in our community here at home by diverting necessary funds away from already scaled-back social service programs. For example, programs that prevent HIV+ people from losing their homes and provide other life-saving services are already facing severe cutbacks during the current recession as a bloated military budget is given precedence over everything else."

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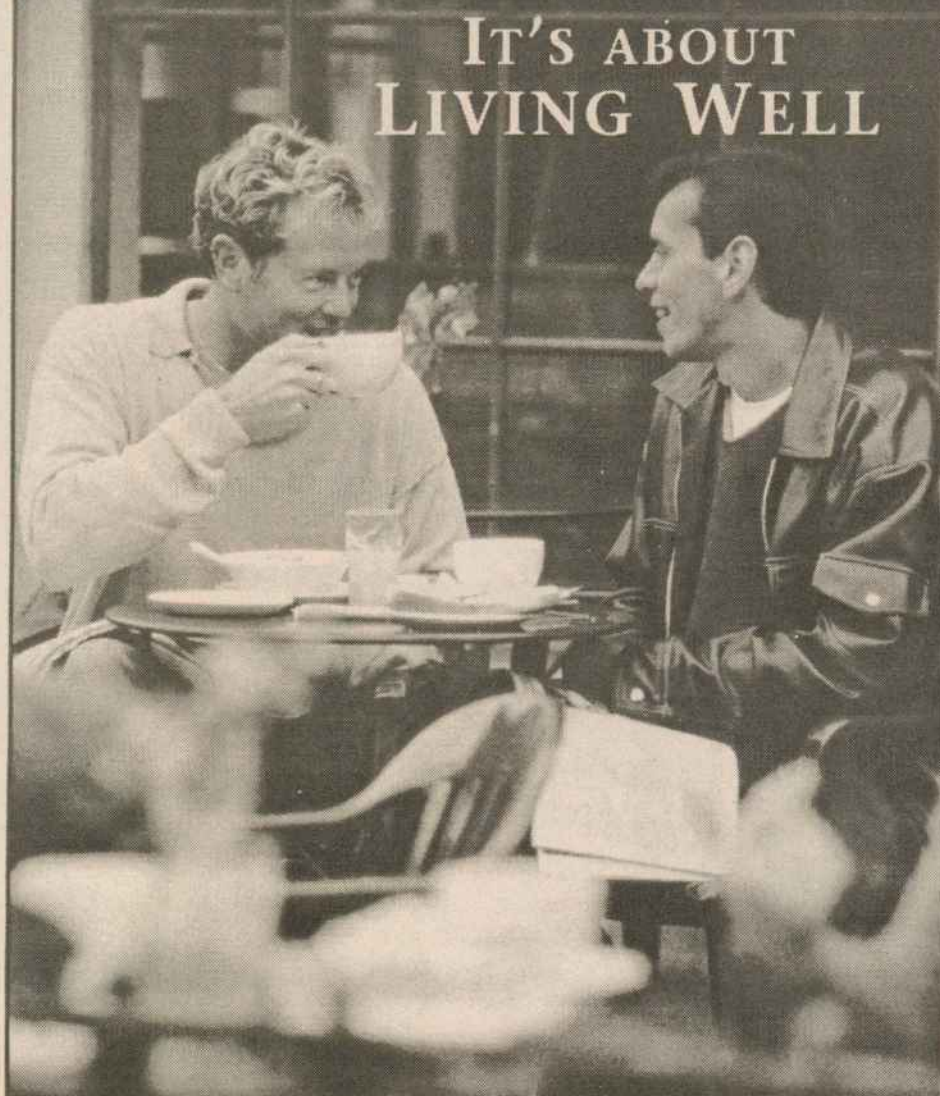
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State Briefs

Youth Group Asks United Way to Keep Its Promise

Milwaukee — A coalition of youth groups and their supporters held a rally at the United Way of Greater Milwaukee Community Campaign's Closing Ceremony Dec. 9 at the Milwaukee Art Museum. The youth protested the United Way's refusal to implement its own non-discrimination policy. The rally included over 35 protesters, and four TV stations covered the event.

In response to community pressure, the United Way in May of 2001 amended its non-discrimination policy to include sexual orientation. The new policy states: "United Way funds shall not be used for any programs or agency that discriminates in the provision of services on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, age, sex or sexual orientation... Future funding decisions will be affected by failure to comply with the policy."

However, United Way donors, affected youth, and community members have expressed their disappointment that the United Way keeps donating money to groups like the Boy Scouts, which received nearly \$700,000 in United Way of Greater Milwaukee contributions this year.

"I was going to donate money to the United Way this year thinking that since the United Way signed a non-discrimination policy, my donation would not go to fund racist, sexist or homophobic organizations," said Amy Kistner, co-organizer of the youth-led rally. "When I found out that the United Way is still funding an organization that openly and officially discrimi-

nates against gay people, I felt that the United Way was not keeping its promise to me about how my donations will be used."

The United Way has rebutted by stating that they made the Boy Scouts sign the non-discrimination policy. However, the United Way's non-discrimination policy stands in strong contradiction to the Boy Scouts' written policy, which continues to explicitly exclude gay youth and adult volunteers.

Michael Childers, the local Boy Scouts executive, has publicly defended the Boy Scouts anti-gay policy, telling the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: "The Milwaukee County Council is part of the national organization of the Boy Scouts, and our policy is the same as theirs. We do not feel that avowed homosexuals are good role models for children." The National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts has also repeatedly affirmed this policy.

So how can the Boy Scouts continue to discriminate yet also sign the non-discrimination clause, all while the United Way turns a blind eye? This is why the youth group organized its rally to protest what they feel is a breach of trust between the United Way and its donors.

Emily Gardner, another organizer of the event, said: "In an environment where corporate scandals are being revealed every day, we need to know that we can trust the United Way to use our donations the way it has promised us it will."

"The United Way knows the right thing to do — that's why they changed their non-discrimination policy," said Gardner. "The United Way knows that funding the Boy

Scouts is wrong because the Boy Scouts policy tells people it's okay to discriminate based on sexual orientation. As the leader in non-profit gift-giving, the United Way needs to stand strong on its policy and its morals and state that discrimination against any group of people is wrong. The first step to doing this is to stop funding the Boy Scouts as long as they continue to discriminate."

For more information on the youth-led group, future protests, or to find out what you can do to make the United Way keep its promise, please e-mail: UWKeepURPromise@yahoo.com.

Cream City Squares Starts New Year with Dances

Milwaukee — On Jan. 5, 2003, the Cream City Squares will start dances for people new to square dancing. There will be 12 weekly dances on Sundays, where people can have fun dancing while learning new moves each week. Each dance will cost just \$3 per person. Participants should come to Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N Stowell Ave., promptly by 1 p.m. (each dance is 2 hours long).

People can still join the group on Jan. 12 or 19, but they will be a bit behind the rest. Next chance to learn is in September, 2003. For more information, please call (414) 445-8080, or visit our web site at: www.iagsdc.org/creamcity/.

OutReach Needs Volunteers for Pink Party

Madison — The Pink Party, OutReach's Annual New Year's Eve Bash at the Civic Center, is nearly upon us. An event of this nature requires a lot of volunteer help to be pulled off successfully.

Pink Party volunteer needs include:

Monday, Dec. 30th: Decorating/Set-Up Assistance, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 31st: Decorating/Balloon stuff, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., State Street Ticket Table (taking tickets, cash/check handling, & stamping, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., 11 p.m.-2 a.m., 2 a.m.-4 a.m., Henry Street Ticket Table, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., 11 p.m.-2 a.m., 2 a.m.-4 a.m., Coat Check (3 locations in Civic Center) 8 p.m.-11 p.m., 11 p.m.-2 a.m., 2 a.m.-4 a.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 2nd: Clean-up/Loading at Civic Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Work exchange involves 3 hrs. of volunteer work — or 2 hrs. on the late shift — and nets volunteers one free admission to the event.

This event is not only an opportunity to celebrate the incredible diversity of our LGBTQ community, but an important part of the funding base for our services to that community. Those interested in helping with what promises to be a great way to bring in the new year, should call Harry at (608) 255-8582, or e-mail: programs@outreachinc.com.

Lesbian New Year's Eve Party in Madison

Madison — Celebrate the New Year a new way. Join a bevy of your favorite lesbians to ring in 2003 with the first-ever Society for the Advancement of Lesbian Culture New Year's Eve Party, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., at 4322 Buckeye Rd. The party is a fundraiser for and sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Lesbian Culture — SALC — a group of local lesbians working to strengthen lesbian community through social, cultural and educational activities for lesbians, by lesbians.

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"From the Heart" Women's Lecture Series Announces 2003 Season

Milwaukee — Bob Benia, the co-creator of Unique Lives & Experiences, has announced that the successful women's lecture series will bear a new name beginning with the 2003 season: The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel "From the Heart" Women's Lecture Series.

The upcoming sixth Milwaukee season includes an eclectic group of distinguished women who will share their personal and professional stories with the Milwaukee public. "From the Heart" will take place in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 North Water Street, Milwaukee.

2003 Season: "From the Heart" (formerly Unique Lives & Experiences) February 18, Judy Collins - "Voice of the Century" March 31, Julie Nixon Eisenhower - "America's Daughter" April 7, Dana Reeve - "A Profile in Courage" April 29, Janet Reno - "In Conversation" June 3, Priscilla Presley - "Elvis and Me"

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World AIDS Day at UWM a Big Success

Milwaukee — World AIDS Day was commemorated at UW-Milwaukee with the display of a panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in the Student Union Concourse Dec. 2-5. Passers-by in this most heavily trafficked area of the campus had a chance to view the quilt and obtain safer sex information and condoms.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin provided free HIV testing to over 50 members of the college community. ARCW was heartened by the interest of both gay and straight users of their service.

The week was sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center and the Women's resource center. Both centers exhausted their safer sex supplies, handing out hundreds of brochures and condoms. A "Healthy Sex Info Fair" staffed by ARCW, Peer Health Advocates of UWM, Pathfinders and Planned Parenthood capped the week.

Cream City Chorus Set to Begin Spring

Rehearsals in January

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, currently enjoying a brief break after its well-received holiday concert "From Darkness Into Light," announced that the group will begin rehearsals for its spring concert, "True Stories," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8.

This show, slated for an April performance, will be under the Guest Musical Direction of Peggy Lozier, a well-known director, accompanist and choreographer in the Milwaukee area. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to attend the weekly rehearsals, held at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, just a few blocks north of the Grand Avenue Mall at 315 W. Court Street. Individual auditions are not required; each new voice will be evaluated in the rehearsal environment based on tone, blend and range.

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


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BRITAIN PLANS PARTNERSHIP LAW

London — The British government has announced plans to give same-sex couples marriage rights.

"I do think society has moved on, and I think that we recognize that there are very many people in gay relationships who are in very loving relationships ... but their partnership has no recognition in law," Barbara Roche, minister for social exclusion and equalities, told the BBC.

"You have people who have shared their lives, shared their homes, whose lives are entwined with each other. Why shouldn't their relationship be recognized as the loving and secure relationship that it is?"

"We are not talking about marriage here," Roche said. "What we are talking about is the signing of a register."

Areas that could be covered by a partnership law include inheritance, pensions, tenancy, taxes, property and immigration.

London Mayor Ken Livingstone welcomed the announcement.

"I am delighted the government has recognized the gross inequalities," he said.

Political parties expressed support across the board.

"Whilst we attach a huge importance to the institution of marriage, we do recognize that gay couples suffer from some serious particular grievances," said Oliver Letwin, the Tory spokesman on domestic issues.

The law, should it pass the House of Commons and the House of Lords, would apply in England and Wales. Scotland would consider the proposal separately.

BRITAIN PLANS TRANSEXUAL RIGHTS

London — People who change their gender are set to have greater rights in Britain.

The government said Dec. 10 it will introduce legislation allowing transsexuals to revise the gender listed on their birth certificates and then marry someone of the opposite sex.

The moves are a response to a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights in the case of a British transsexual bus driver who wanted to be legally recognized as a woman in order to obtain her retirement pension at an earlier age.

British women can get their pensions at age 60 while men must wait till age 65.

SWISS REGION NIXES PARTNER LAW

Zurich — The Swiss canton (region) of Valais rejected the national government's gay-partnership proposal Dec. 6.

"The local government ... has made a social decision to support the family, not the 'Civil Solidarity Pact,'" canton spokesman Jean-Rene Fournier told local reporters.

The vote was 64 to 51 with five abstentions.

The Federal Council, the cabinet, unveiled the legislation Nov. 29.

"The recognition by the state of the partnership between persons of the same sex will contribute to ending discrimination, which hits homosexual couples particularly hard, and to lessening prejudice against homosexuality," the government said in a press release.

"The picture of same-sex couples hugging and kissing on the street should become normal," Justice Minister Ruth Metzler told reporters.

Same-sex partners would register at the

Civil State office, where they would commit to living together and to mutual respect, assistance and economic life. A non-Swiss partner would be granted residency.

Registrees would acquire marriage rights in the areas of inheritance, social security and divorce. Adoption and assisted-procreation rights are not included.

Gay groups welcomed the measure but denounced the adoption and pregnancy restrictions, and the fact that same-sex couples are not simply being granted access to regular marriage.

CANADIAN TORY MP COMES OUT

Halifax — Canadian Tory Member of Parliament Scott Brison came out Dec. 7 to keep from being outed as he seeks the federal Tory leadership post.

Brison, 35, represents Nova Scotia's Kings-Hants district, a conservative, rural riding in the Annapolis Valley.

"As one who has never really been in the closet, it doesn't seem like a big event to come out," he told The Halifax Daily News. "It's the first time I ever spoke to media about it, but it certainly wasn't a secret."

"I didn't want there to be any misperception out there that I had any fear of dealing with this issue openly and honestly," he said. "[This] does eliminate the ability for anybody to participate in whisper campaigns."

Brison said he won't be changing his conservative politics.

"I'm a conservative, entrepreneur, investment-banking politician from rural Nova Scotia who drives a Volvo station wagon and has two Nova Scotia duck-tolling retrievers; it's pretty hard to peg me as a radical," he said.

Canada has three other openly gay federal MPs, Svend Robinson and Libby Davies, who represent Vancouver-area ridings, and Réal Ménard, who represents a Montreal riding.

SPANISH ACTIVISTS STRATEGIZE

Madrid — About 150 activists from 30 organizations gathered in Madrid Dec. 6-8 for the second congress of the Lesbian and Gay State Federation.

Among other things they changed the association's name to the Lesbian, Gay, Transsexual and Bisexual State Federation.

Numerous politicians and union officials made appearances or spoke at the gathering.

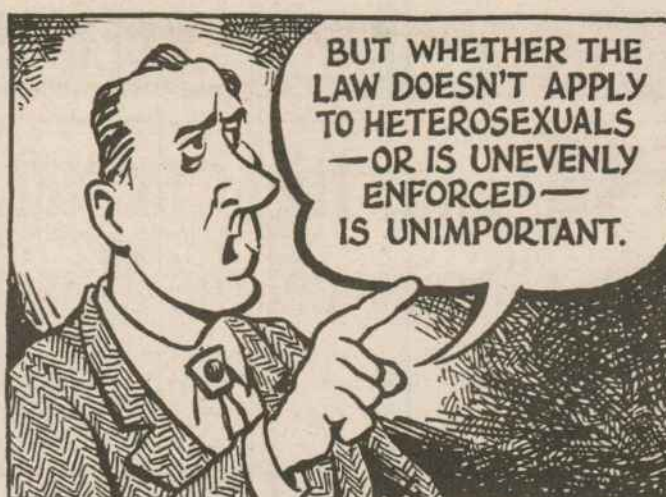
Delegates unanimously passed a resolution expressing their "repulsion" and "condemnation" of "a few businesses' merchandising use of the symbols of the GLTB movement, as in the case of the commercial patent registration of the phrase 'gay pride.'"

ALMODÓVAR WINS

Rome — Gay Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar won best movie, best director and best screenwriter awards at the European Film Academy's 15th annual ceremony Dec. 10 in Rome.

Almodóvar was honored for his latest film, "Hable con Ella" (Talk to Her).

The best actress award went to the entire cast of "8 Femmes" (8 Women) — Catherine Deneuve, Isabelle Huppert, Emmanuelle Béart, Fanny Ardant, Virginie Ledoyen, Danielle Darrieux, Ludivine Sagnier and Firmine Richard.



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OPINIONS

Holiday Spirit Embodied By Wisconsinites Throughout The Year

By Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin

As we approach the New Year it is traditional for us to reflect upon the past year, the year ahead, and the community in which we live. I love my job. One of the main reasons I do is because I get to travel all over the 2nd Congressional District and talk to people. I meet with people at listening sessions in places like Portage, Sauk City, Madison, Monroe, and Mt. Horeb. As I reflect upon the past year, the thing that strikes me, is the spirit, determination, thoughtfulness and caring of the people that I meet. It is what drives me to fight for Wisconsin values in Washington, DC.

At this time of year, we are reminded of the "spirit of the holidays." We are encouraged to be more generous to our neighbors, leave a little extra something for the child that delivers the newspaper, open doors for people at our local stores. But from my travels around Wisconsin's second Congressional district, I believe that the spirit of the holidays is embodied in Wisconsinites year round. At this time of year, my thoughts return to some of the people I have met over the last year, and the incredible stories of kindness and dedication that they show. I would like to share with you a few of these stories, stories that show that the spirit of the holidays live throughout the year here in Wisconsin.

One of those individuals is Jeremy Ryan. Jeremy is an 8th grader in Belleville, who wrote to me asking for help for one of his classmates who had just been diagnosed with cancer. The chemotherapy treatment that his fellow student goes

through doesn't allow her to attend class, so she must do the schoolwork alone, at home. Jeremy figured that if this student had a computer with internet access and a webcam, then the class would be able to see the student and she would be able to follow along with her classmates back in school.

Jeremy is on a mission. He has spent over twenty hours on the phone contacting local businesses to ask them to donate a computer or webcam. He is so motivated by this project that he has told me of his desire to start an organization of his own that helps students in similar situations. The whole town of Belleville is coming together to help this girl through her chemotherapy and through her classes, a truly touching story that exemplifies the spirit of Wisconsin.

Another story shows us how in the face of repeated roadblocks and heartache, one woman perseveres in her quest to help our veterans. Janet Gordon of Madison first contacted my office seeking help for her husband, Dave Butcher. Dave was a Vietnam veteran who was desperately in need of a liver transplant as a complication of Agent Orange related health conditions. Despite being waitlisted for the transplant, his VA doctor refused to write a simple statement classifying Dave's case as terminal if he didn't receive a liver soon, thereby making it impossible to have his disability claim expedited. Sadly, Dave lost his battle only a few weeks later, with his claim never having even been reviewed.

To add insult to injury, Janet's claims for veteran's survivor benefits were then repeatedly lost and have only just been approved. Now most people in the face of such heartache, struggle and bureaucratic nightmare would walk away and never want to have anything to do with it again. Not Janet—despite such adversity, she is now volunteering with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), driving veterans back and forth between the Madison VA and the Milwaukee VA hospitals for necessary medical treatment. Janet has turned

her energy and love for her Vietnam veteran husband into caring for countless other veterans. Her efforts truly embody the extraordinary spirit of those selfless people that I meet so often in Wisconsin.

Last, but not least I wanted to focus on a group of 21 volunteers who made up the Badger Reuse Committee, which was set up to be a hub for recommendations on what to do with the 7,354 acre Badger Army Ammunition Plant property. When I first was elected in 1998, I went to Sauk County to review the status of talks on the future of this site. What quickly became apparent was that the community was divided. There was the need for a committee that would represent the many voices of the community on what should happen to this amazing parcel of land, and so, we set up just such a committee. This group of 21 volunteers sorted through thousands of recommendations from community groups, environmentalists, historic preservationists, sportsmen, business groups, civic clubs, landowners, and officials from the Ho-Chunk Nation, and the Federal, State and local governments. After four years and countless hours of work, an agreement between all of these differing groups appears near, preserving this land for generations to come. This is a classic example of democracy and cooperation in action, of divergent groups coming together to discuss the future of their community, and through thoughtful debate and discussion, reaching a consensus. These volunteers and all the other people who have participated in this process have left Wisconsin with a great asset, something to be enjoyed for generations to come.

In this time of holiday spirit, joy and giving, and on the cusp of the start of a new year, it is important that we reflect upon the true spirit of the people of our state. When we do that, we will realize that the spirit of the holidays lives in the hearts, minds and actions of Wisconsinites year round.

Wishing you the happiest of holidays and a peaceful new year.

LETTERS

More on Creating Change & Race

Dear Editor:

LGBT people have long sought safe refuge and respite from the daily insults and injuries of prejudice and discrimination. We have established countless social and cultural spaces for ourselves that we prefer, many times, to maintain for ourselves. Among these by/for/about LGBT spaces are community centers, bars and clubs, choruses and musical ensembles, athletic organizations, newspapers and magazines, and Internet sites.

The same can be said of political spaces for any group of people whose participation in politics has been undermined and thwarted: lesbians, gay men, bisexual people and transgender people, as well as Latinos, African-Americans and women, have found that joining together with others who share their life experiences can move forward their political goals and aspirations and win political voice and representation. Indeed, the concept of a "seat at the table" is entirely about representations of heretofore un-represented or under-represented groups in our society.

Because Richard J. Rosendall is the past president of a political organization formed to represent the aspirations of a people not typically represented in politics, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC, and because I suspect that he has appreciated the company of others of his kind in a relatively homogenous social situation (a bar, a party, a quasi-social political gathering such as a fundraising event), I am quite confused by his diatribe condemning the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change Conference for providing exactly that same kind of political space for LGBT people of color.

His diatribe begs the questions: What is good for Richard cannot be good for anyone else? Where Richard is not allowed to go cannot be fruitful for those who gather together to create a more powerful political voice for themselves? Where Richard is asked to let others lead no good leaders can possibly emerge? His presence and his participation and his anointing of a gathering of LGBT people is an absolute requirement for legitimacy of purpose and goal? This is not only absurd and impossible, it is a gross insult to others who work in and contribute to a movement for social justice in this country.

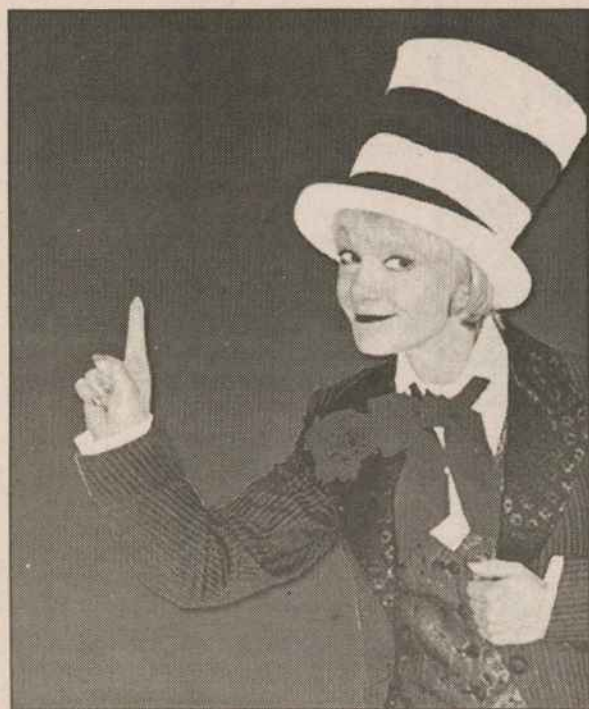
There are LGBT people of every color, ethnicity, class, age, race, condition of birth and gender who are joining together to make a stronger, more powerful and more fully representative movement for social justice, equality and freedom. Some of the work to build this movement will be accomplished when the voices of women, young people, people of color, old people, transgender people and intersex people can be heard more clearly, which logically requires that they be given the space, the time and respect to hear themselves first.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will continue to respect and honor requests by people of color at the Creating Change Conference for work spaces unto themselves. Richard J. Rosendall, who did not attend the 2002 Creating Change Conference in Portland Oregon, is welcome to attend our annual event and we expect him to likewise respect such requests.

Sue Hyde

Director, Creating Change Conference

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Cathy Rigby as The Cat in the Hat

Cathy Rigby to Star in "Seussical the Musical"

Milwaukee – Cathy Rigby, the former Olympic athlete who charmed audiences as Peter Pan in the revival of that show in 1991, is now starring in the national touring company of "Seussical the Musical," which will play at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St., in Milwaukee Jan. 21-26.

"Seussical the Musical" recreates the witty, wild and whimsical world of Dr. Seuss through the songs of Tony Award winning writers Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. In "Seussical," many of the most-loved characters from a bevy of Dr. Seuss books meet for the first time. When chaos erupts in the jungle of Nool, it will take "The Cat in the Hat," "Horton the Elephant," "Gertrude McFuzz," "Mayzie LaBird" and a gaggle of characters to bring harmony back to their world.

Rigby made her theatrical debut in 1981 as Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz." Since then, she has appeared in productions of "Annie Get Your Gun," "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "Meet me In St. Louis" and "They're Playing Our Song." She plays the pivotal role of The cat in the Hat in "Seussical."

For show times and tickets, call (414) 273-7206.

"Proof" on Tap at the Milwaukee Rep in January

Milwaukee – The next play on tap for the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre is David Auburn's critically acclaimed drama "Proof," winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play. Previews are set for Jan. 3-4, and the play opens Jan. 5 and runs through Feb. 2 in the Steimke Theatre, 108 E. Wells St.

In "Proof," Catherine is the daughter of a brilliant mathematician who spent half of his life mentally unstable. After years of caring for him, Catherine's father dies, leaving behind over a hundred notebooks filled with his thoughts. Through her grief, Catherine has become somewhat of a recluse, but suddenly finds herself dealing with the affections of Hal, a former student of her father's, as well as the arrival of her overbearing sister, Claire. Hal wants to study her father's notebooks, and despite Catherine's objections, discovers a brilliant mathematical proof. Catherine must confront her affections for Hal and convince Claire she is capable of living alone. She must also face the most perplexing problem of all: How much of her father's brilliance – and insanity – has she inherited?

The Rep's resident acting company members in "Proof" are Deborah Staples, who plays Catherine, and Brian Vaughn as Hal. Completing the ensemble are Jeannie Naughton as Claire and Peter Silbert as Robert. The production is directed by J.R. Sullivan. There will be talk backs after following the Wednesday evening performances on Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29. A performance interpreted in American Sign Language is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for "Proof" can be purchased in person at the Rep Ticket Office at 108 E. Wells St., or by telephone at (414) 224-9490. You can also purchase tickets online 24/7 at www.milwaukeearep.com.

Madison Rep Offers Lonergan's "Lobby hero"

Madison – The Madison Repertory Theatre starts out 2003 with the Madison premiere of Kenneth Lonergan's "Lobby Hero," an intriguing, humorous look at four ordinary people caught up in extraordinary circumstances. Performances run Jan. 3-26 at the Isthmus Playhouse in the

Madison Civic Center, 211 State St.

Jeff (Gerard Neugent) is the night security guard in the lobby of a Manhattan high rise. He's as clumsy in life as he is in his affections for Dawn (Kathryn Phillips), a rookie cop who stops by the building. She's got eyes for her partner Bill (Thomas Gebbia), a corrupt cop who's two-timing with the woman on 22J. When Jeff's supervisor William (Derrick Nelson) comes to him with a moral dilemma, Jeff's loyalty is put to the test, and one choice will change his life.

C. Michael Wright directs the play and says, "Lobby Hero" has some serious themes but essentially it's a humorous slice-of-life play. It's about floundering young people looking for answers and for a rosy future. These are dream roles for actors – characters with depth, hidden corners to explore and layers to peel back. 'Lobby Hero's message is positive, hopeful and universal."

For show times and tickets, call (608) 258-4141.

"Moulin Rouge Cabaret Fantastique" Benefit Dec. 31

Milwaukee – This New Year's Eve, Milwaukeeans can support arts in the community while they count down to midnight with colorful 19th century Parisian entertainment. Milwaukee Public Theatre will present "Moulin Rouge Cabaret Fantastique" at the Miramar Theatre, 2844 N. Oakland Ave. twice on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and include complimentary champagne and French desserts provided by food and beverage host, Trocadero Café. To purchase tickets and for more information, call (414) 347-1685.

Public Theatre Artistic Director Barbara Leigh promises that "Moulin Rouge" will delight: "It's zany, high-spirited and entertaining on many levels." It will recreate the personalities made immortal by the posters and sketches of Henri Toulouse-Lautrec. Patrons will experience legendary cabaret singer Aristide Bruant (played by Joel Kopischke), the lovely chanteuse Yvette Guilbert, the raucous and exciting can-can dancer La Goulue, and her enigmatic partner Valentin Le Desosse, acrobatic clowness Cha-u-Kao, comic dancer Chocolat, plus more dancers, mimes and live music.

Each show will include a voice auction of French-themed prizes, ranging from

travel packages and concert tickets to French wine and gourmet dining. Prizes will also be awarded to audience members who choose to participate in two special activities: Best Can-Can Legs and Most Artistic French Costume.

Revelers can also purchase complete dinner/show packages in to include gourmet French dinner and wine at the Trocadero Café, 1758 N. Water St., tickets to the show and round-trip transportation to the Miramar Theatre. To reserve packages, call the Trocadero at (414) 272-0205.

Theatre X Explores Racial Issues in "Talk"

Milwaukee – Milwaukee – From Jan. 9 through Feb. 2, Theatre X will present Carl Hancock Rux's "Talk," a new play about the meaning of race, at the Studio Theatre of the Broadway Theatre center, 158 N. Broadway.

"Talk" is structured as a panel conference assembled by a young Moderator to examine the life and work of a fictional character named Archer Aymes. Aymes, identified as African American, wrote one outstanding novel in the 1950s, which he turned into an avant-garde film. In the 1960s, he was a civil rights activist and spent time in jail in the South. He led a demonstration at the Museum of Antiquities in New York in which a woman was killed, went to jail again, and died there, probably a suicide. His novel, relegated to the dust bins, has been rediscovered by the Moderator who now seeks to unravel the secrets of its author's life.

Named for characters in Plato's Symposium, the multi-cultural panel consists of four authorities on Aymes, people who knew him at various stages of his life. As the conference opens, they are joined by a fifth, a performance artist who disrupts the panel with her unusual knowledge of Aymes. Each participant brings a part of Aymes to the panel: his celebrity, his identity, his artistry, his memory. Each has a different interpretation to argue and defend. The Moderator, who loves Aymes' novel to the point of identification with its author, is brought closer to total ignorance of the man he is seeking to understand more deeply.

According to Artistic Director John Schneider, "Talk" is "without question one of the most challenging and meaningful plays to have come along in a decade. The

panelists are recognizable, vulnerable, funny and scary. The things they say will excite your mind. As you play the role of conference audience, you will witness an astonishing theatrical battle to control the history and identity of a dead man."

"Talk" is directed by David Ravel. The cast includes Flora Coker, John Schneider, Azeiza-Islam, Rodd Walker, Tom Reed, and Tim Tamiseia. It is designed by Stephen Hudson-Mairet. For show times and tickets, call (414) 291-7800.

Advertising in Golden Days of Radio at Eisner Museum

Milwaukee – Long before TV and internet advertising, radio thrived on product placement and integrated commercials. The Golden Age of Radio from the late 1920s to the early 1950s provided advertisers with a homey and accepted forum to market their products, vastly different from today's broadcast advertising.

"Brought To You By . . ." Selling in Sound in the Golden Days of Radio" is currently showing/playing at the Eisner Museum of Advertising & Design, 208 N. Water St. The exhibit explores the role of broadcast sponsorship, including the insertion of brand names throughout the programs, celebrity endorsements, public service ads and product giveaways.

Complete with a 1930s era radio studio, the Eisner Museum immerses visitors in the world of radio. Visitors can interact with Jack Benny, Lucille Ball and other radio celebrities. A historical showcases a series of vintage table radios with each radio representing a specific time frame.

"In a museum noted for a high level of interactive offerings, this will be our most hands-on exhibit. Visitors will be able to select from dozens of vintage radio programs and commercials," said Eisner Museum curator Chuck Sable.

"Brought to You By . . ." runs through May 11. For museum hours and tickets, call (414) 847-3290.

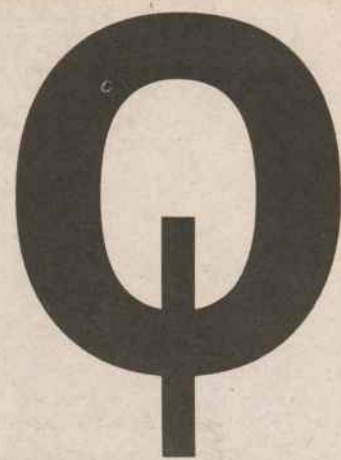
January Book Groups at Outwords

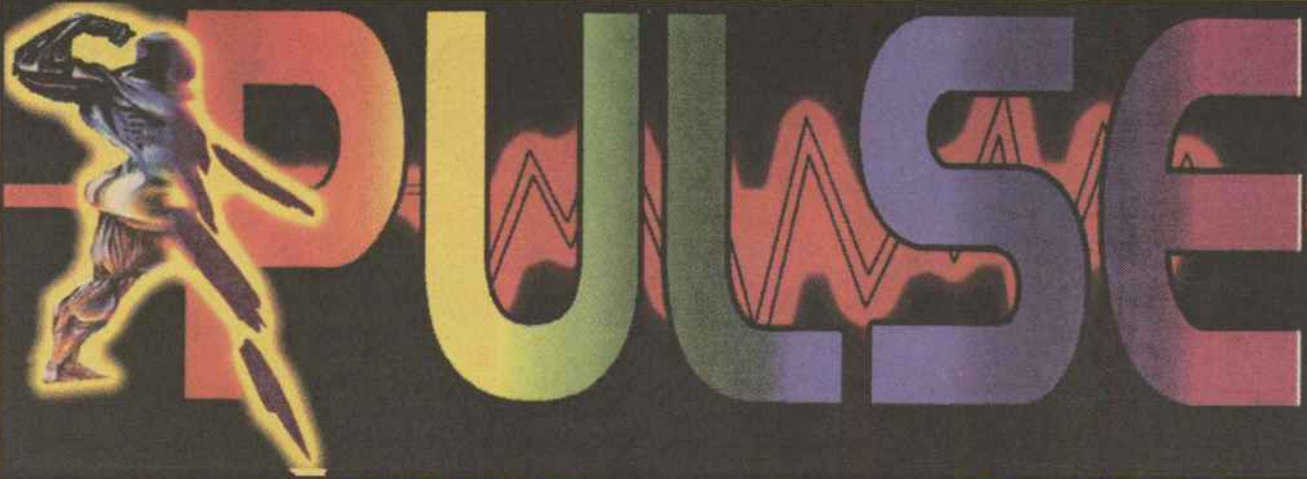
Milwaukee – Everyone is welcome to make a New Year's resolution and join in on one of the two book groups that meet monthly at Outwords Books.

The Outwords Book Group will celebrate its 9th year this January. The book to be discussed in January is Joseph Hansen's first murder mystery in his celebrated Dave Brandstetter series, "Fadeout." The Outwords Book Club meets on Monday, January 13th at 7:30pm.

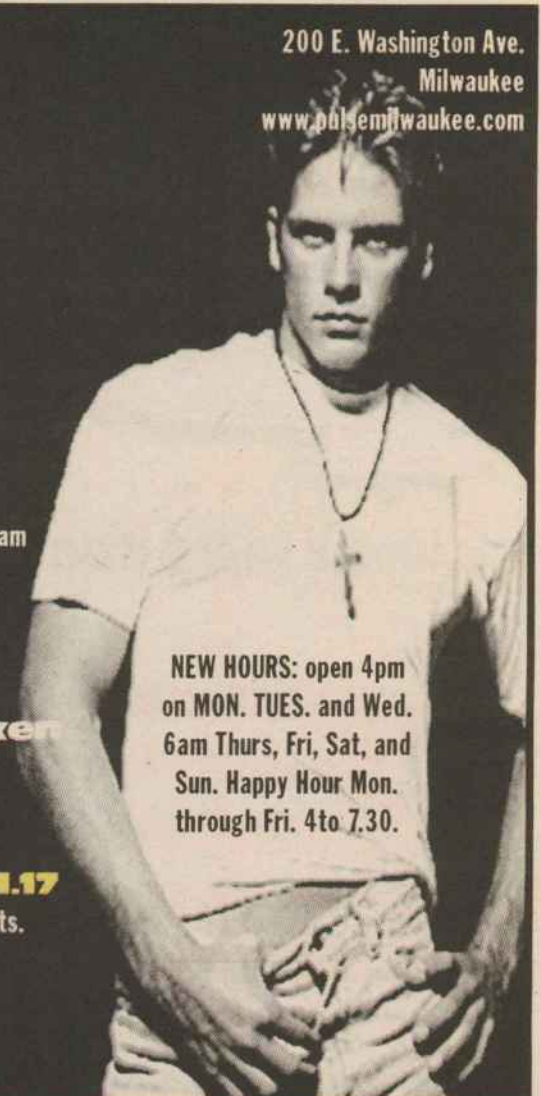
The newly formed Lesbian Reading Group next meets on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm. Turning to mysteries, the group will discuss Lauren Maddison's "Deceptions."

For further information, please call (414) 963-9089 or stop in to the store at 2710 N. Murray Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53211





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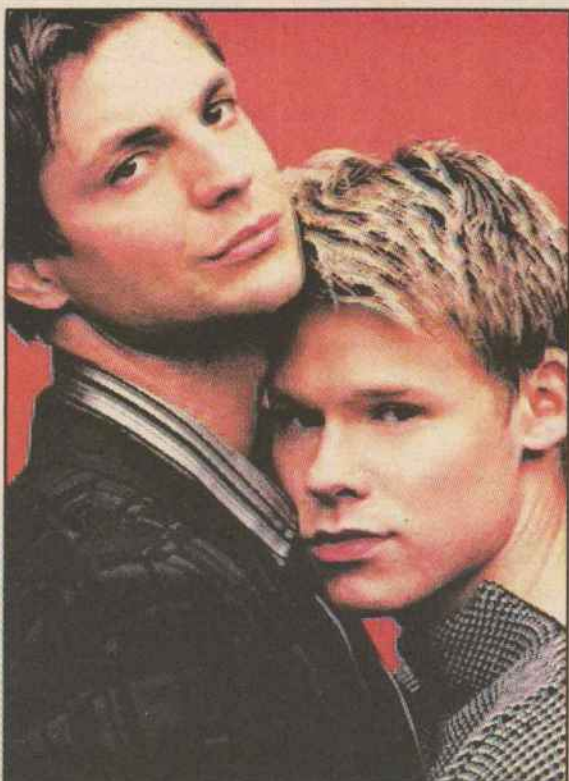


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taining television, and I can't wait for the second installment of the series to begin in January 2003.

Best TV Family

"The Osbournes." While I don't think I could live with them — Kelly and Jack would drive me nuts — I sure do love watching TV's new favorite family. In a television landscape littered with saccharine family units, the Osbournes are rude, outrageous and endearing.

Best Gay Thug

Omar on "The Wire." I can't say I condone Omar's (Michael K. Williams) criminal behavior, but I do commend the producers of "The Wire" for introducing us to a gay character unlike any we've ever seen before on TV.

Best "Sex and the City" Guest Star

Mr. Winkle. One of the funniest moments of this past season of "Sex and the City" occurred when Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) appeared at a San Francisco bookstore only to be upstaged by the event's big star, Mr. Winkle, the strangely adorable little dog whose tongue is always dangling out of his mouth.

Best Orientation Blind Casting

"The Amazing Race." While new gay and lesbian characters were in short supply on TV series this past year, there were three gay men — Andrew, Aaron and Ken —

competing on the CBS reality series "The Amazing Race." Usually we're lucky if we get one token gay on a show. Kudos to CBS for choosing the most interesting contestants for "The Amazing Race" regardless of their sexual orientation.

And now for the worst...

Worst Triangle

Will, Grace and Leo on "Will & Grace." I know it's tough when your best friend gets married, but Will's (Eric McCormack) jealousy of Grace's (Debra Messing) relationship with Leo (Harry Connick Jr.) struck me as immature, out of character and, well, kind of creepy.

Worst Reality Show Move

Marcellas trusting Danielle on "Big Brother 3." Oh, Marcellas, what were you thinking? How could you trust Danielle? Why didn't you use the power of veto to save yourself? All these months later, I'm still plagued by these questions. I'm sure you are, too.

Worst Awards Show Slight

"Six Feet Under" was deservedly up for a whopping 23 awards at the 2002 Primetime Emmy Awards, making it the most nominated show. But the series only walked away with one, for Best Director of a Drama Series. What were Emmy voters thinking?

Worst Lesbian Storyline

Melanie, Lindsay and Leda falling into a threesome on "Queer as Folk." I know the producers were trying to spice up the lives of the lesbian couple (Michelle Clunie and Thea Gill), but the ménage à trois with

Leda (Nancy Anne Sakovich) just wasn't sexy. It seemed silly and contrived, and I just couldn't believe the relationship had gotten so stale that they needed to resort to bedding down with a houseguest. Looks like the writers buy right into the lesbian bed death cliché.

Worst Celebrity PR

With a new album coming out, Whitney Houston was trying to improve her public image by sitting down for a one-on-one interview with Diane Sawyer. But the interview did anything but help. Whitney admitted she's used alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and prescription drugs, but she hardly seemed contrite, if that's what she was going for. Meanwhile, she didn't exactly sound classy, either, uttering statements like, "Crack is cheap. I make too much for me to ever smoke crack. Crack is whack." Whitney may be a diva, but she's no lady!

TV's Best and Worst of 2002

By Christine Champagne, gay.com

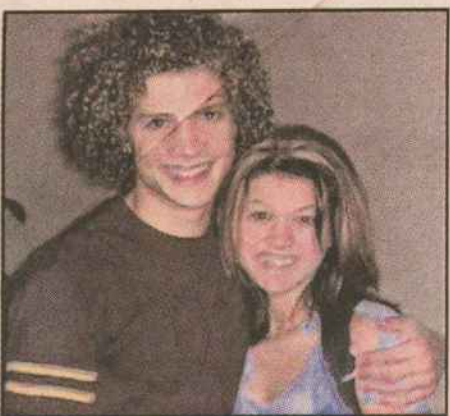
With the year drawing to a close, it's time to look back and reflect on the best and worst TV had to offer in 2002. Overall, it wasn't the best year for television. Most of the new series were pretty lackluster — not to mention lacking in gay and lesbian characters. Still, there were some highlights, including the premieres of Fox's riveting talent contest "American Idol," MTV's crazy reality show "The Osbournes" and HBO's gritty police drama "The Wire." Read on for more of TV's best and worst of 2002.

Best Triangle

Justin, Brian and Ethan on "Queer as Folk." As we saw at the end of last season, Justin (Randy Harrison) walked out of Babylon with his new lover Ethan (Fab Filippo), leaving Brian (Gale Harold) in the dust. Of course I was cheering Justin's decision — after all, Brian isn't exactly the picture of loving attentiveness — but why do I suspect their relationship is far from over? I'm sure we'll see the drama pick up again when "Queer as Folk" starts its third season in March.

Best New Show

"American Idol." I spent hours this summer watching this talent show, dialing in votes for my favorite contestants (as cute as Justin was, I was rooting for Kelly all the way), dishing about judge Simon Cowell's nasty — yet on-the-mark — critiques and fantasizing about what life would be like if sexy Texan Nikki — the girl with the ever-changing hair color — was my girlfriend. "American Idol" was addictive and enter-



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Holiday Punch

By Carl M. Szatmary

Everybody has their own unique, sometimes rather peculiar holiday traditions. Some folks bake cookies. Others will make an annual pilgrimage to "A Christmas Carol" or "The Nutcracker." Some will wonder around singing Christmas Carols in happy little sub-divisions. One of my favorite traditions is watching that fabulous episode from the "Dick Van Dyke" show where Rob, Laura and the gang put on a seemingly improvised holiday revue.

Another Milwaukee holiday season tradition is Dale Gutzman's annual "Holiday Punch," now in its 25th year. No, "Holiday Punch" doesn't have Buddy's obligatory cello solo or Sally singing to Santa for a "fella" but Dale does put a definite gay slant to his distinctive blend of topical humor and festive songs.

The 2002 edition of "Holiday Punch" begins in a suitably touch-in-cheek fashion with "The King of Wells Street," a wry original number highlighting — if that's the right word for it — Dale Gutzman's many accomplishments in his long association with theatre in Milwaukee.

What follows is hodge-podge arrangement of comedy sketches and songs, a few

wonderfully imaginative, most irreverent, some laying the proverbial egg but all in good fun. Many of Gutzman's usual company of players are on hand, including Larry Lukasavage, Beryl Brennen and Mary Henricksen.

Although ostensibly a holiday show, Gutzman's "Punch" only occasionally turns to the season. Beryl Brennen and David Roper put a charmingly spin on their "A Traditional English Christmas" and Larry Lukasavage makes for a wonderfully befuddled Santa in another original skit. Monica Degnan Hobler does a hilarious turn in "Mother Angelica's Christmas CD" but it, like some of the other scenes, could use a bit of yuletide trimming.

When "Holiday Punch" veers away from the holiday season, anyone and everyone is fair game. Both TV Divas Oprah Winfrey and Martha Stewart are mercilessly skewered in "Oprah." Poor Liza suffers the same fate in "Liza's Wedding Day." And poor Ted Williams would probably be spinnin' in his grave over "Dead Yankees," except that he's in a 'fridge instead.

Probably the most successful and

enjoyable offering is "Custom's Line," which features Gutzman's entire ensemble. Utilizing a variety of the marvelous tunes from that classic musical, "A Chorus Line," this lengthy musical number puts a delightful spin on airport security.

Equally fine is a splendid "Wouldn't it Be Lovely" performed by the company's quartet of ladies. Less successful were two painful earnest original musical presentations by Todd Wellman and Rich Blaske.

Finally, some mention must be made of the evening's finale although mere words could not possibly do it justice. To wrap-up this year's "Holiday Punch" Gutzman takes on that bizarre Food Network's cult favorite, "Iron Chef." The result truly makes the mind reel — not to mention making the stomach turn. This critic's best advice is a stiff drink and a light dinner.

"Holiday Punch" continues at the Off-Broadway Theatre until Dec. 31st. For tickets call (414) 327-3552.

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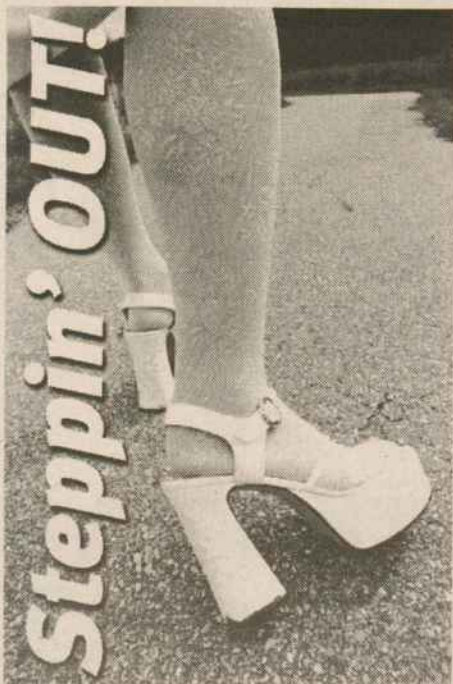
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**Friday, Dec. 27**

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

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

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

Fri & Sat, Dec. 27 & 28

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, Dec. 29

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.): PUMPI! Milwaukee's hottest Sunday night out! Progressive, tribal and vocal house tonite with resident DJ John Murges. \$5 specialty martinis, no cover. Every Sunday 9 p.m. to close. 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003.

New Year's Eve

Ring in the New Year at M&M (Milw.): Join M&M for a wonderful dinner followed by the Queen of Song, Joyce Bevan. Reservations recommended. Call (414) 347-1962.

Make Some Noise at Fluid (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Champagne toast at midnight with free buffet. Call (414) 645-8330.

New Year's Eve Prom at Walker's Pint (Milw.): Come with a date. Come stag. Either way, it will be a blast! Party starts at 9:30. No cover charge! DJ Lil Jen 1 Prom Pictures! Drink Specials for those in Prom Attire!

Pulse on New Year's (Milw.): Party favors, great freebies, champagne toast at midnight. Buffet at 3 a.m.

Make a Nite of It at Club 5 (Madison): Dine and dance until 6 a.m. Call (608) 277-9700.

Ballgame Open 'Round the Clock (Milw.): Party favors at buffet at 12 a.m.

New Year's Eve Party at Woody's (Milw.): Midnight toast and balloon drop. Buds, hats and goodies. Call (414) 672-0806.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

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

Fluid (Milw.): Shaken and Stirred with DJ John Murges, featuring Milwaukee's best music and freshest cocktails every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Ask bartenders Jimmy or Will about Special Martini of the night, 819 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 645-8330.

Thursday, Jan. 2

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, Jan. 3

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

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

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

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 top beer and soda.

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

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

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 Review 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-midnite.

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 midnite.

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. 8-3-6 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza. Shirtless men half price anytime. Bartenders, waiters, owners \$1 off drinks 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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:

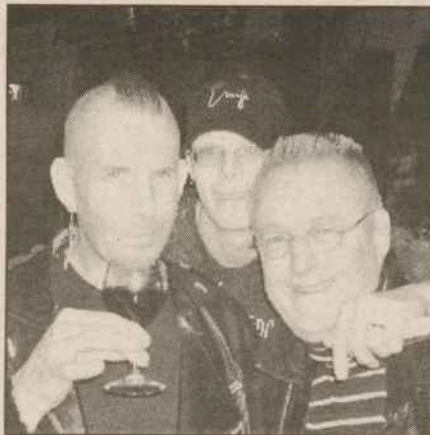
Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Margarita Tuesdays with Jake!

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

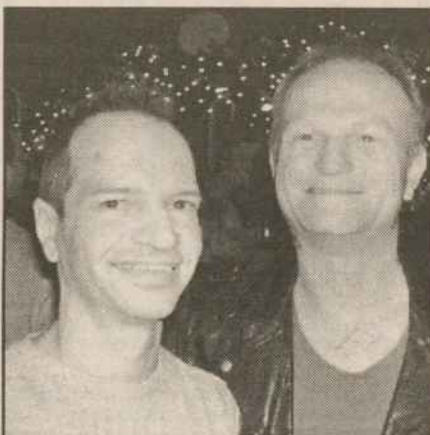
Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special. Vodka Nite! All vodka drinks, \$1.50 and Call Brands only \$2.50



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C'est La Vie (Milw.): Shirts Off! Show us what you've got! Take it off for half price rail, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off all drinks. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

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

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

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

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

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.

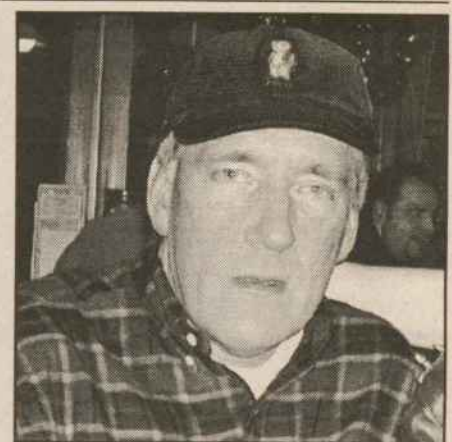
Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Free pool with drink purchase from 9 p.m. to close.

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



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Hugs

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.

Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off all taps and rails, \$2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

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

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. 8-3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Leather Nite! Men in leather, 2-4-1 drinks, 7 p.m.-close. Shirtless men half price anytime.

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 from 4 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.

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

Thursdays:

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

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 Cosmas, 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.

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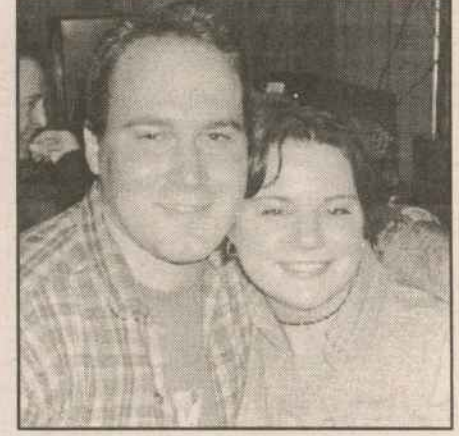
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Fridays:

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Saturdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$3, and \$1.30 mugs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Barracks (Madison): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off all drinks

if dressed in L/L/U. Bartender's discretion.

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

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

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

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): Open at 9 p.m. Where Milwaukee Dances!

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

Off the Tracks (Milw.): Everything is \$1 (excluding top shelf) 6pm-8pm.

Pulse (Milw.): \$2 Bud Products noon till 9 p.m. \$2.50 small pitchers, \$4 large pitchers 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Hot DJ starts at 9:30 p.m.

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

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

Switch (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m., featuring current dance music, DJ spin. Patio Open

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

THEATRE/MUSIC:

"A Christmas Carol" (Milw.): The Milwaukee Rep's annual production of the Dickens classic about the old miser's redemption, thru Dec. 29, Pabst Theatre, 144 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"The Bungler" (Milw.): Moliere's farce gets new life in this production by the Boulevard Ensemble, Dec. 27-Feb. 1, Boulevard Ensemble Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. FMI: (414) 744-5757.

"Guys on Ice" (Madison): The goofy musical spoof about three Wisconsin guys and ice fishing, thru Dec. 29, UW's Mitchell Theatre, Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"Holiday Punch" (Milw.): Dale Gutzman and the gang in their annual send-up of the holidays and current events, 8 p.m. Dec. 27-28 and 31, and 10:15 p.m. Dec. 31, 127 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 327-3552.

"The Hollow" (Milw.): An Agatha Christie mystery set – where else? – in the English countryside, staged by the Milwaukee Rep, thru Dec. 29, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Lobby Hero" (Madison): Kenneth Lonergan's comedy-drama staged by the Madison Rep, Jan. 3-26, Isthmus Playhouse in the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"Moulin Rouge Cabaret Fantastique" (Milw.): A fun-filled French New Year's Eve celebration that raises funds for Milwaukee Public Theatre, two shows: 7 and 10:30 p.m., Miramar Theatre, 2844 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 347-1685.

"Proof" (Milw.): David Auburn's award-winning play about a daughter dealing with the legacy of her father's brilliance and madness, Jan. 3-Feb. 2, Milwaukee Rep's Steimke Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"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.

"Suddenly, Last Summer" (Milw.): Tennessee Williams melodrama about madness, sex and a crazy mother, Dec. 27-Jan. 31, playing in repertory with Moliere's "The Bungler," Boulevard Ensemble Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. FMI: (414) 744-5757.

"Talk" (Milw.): Theatre X stages Carl Hancock Rux's play about different perspectives held about a prominent black writer, artist and activist, Jan. 9-Feb. 2, Studio Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, FMI: (414) 291-7800.

BOOKS:

Monday, Dec. 30

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.

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Wednesday, Jan. 8

Susan Vreeland Reading (Mequon): Author of "The Passion of Artemisia" reads and presents slides, 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

James McBride Reading (Mequon): Author of "Miracle at St. Anna" reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Stephen J. Cannell (Brookfield): Tinseltown writer/producer and author of "Hollywood Tough" reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

FILM, TV & RADIO:

Saturday, Dec. 28

"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, Dec. 29 & 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, Dec. 30

"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., Dec. 31 & 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.

Wed., Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Cross-Dressing Party (Turner Classic Movies) The fun begins at 7 p.m. with "Some Like It Hot," then "I Was a Male War Bride," "Victor/Victoria" and "Sylvia Scarlett."

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MUSEUMS & GALLERIES:

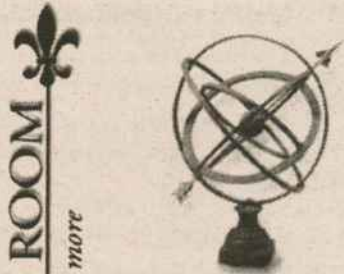
America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): "Confederate Currency: The Color of Money," "Cultural Landscape of the Plantation," and solo exhibition by Patrick Turner, 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

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

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

Eisner Museum of Advertising & Design (Milw.): "Brought to You By..." Selling in Sound in the Golden Days of Radio" thru May 11, 208 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 847-3290.

Elaine Erickson Gallery (Milw.): "Special Holiday Exhibition of Small Works: Paintings, Sculptures and Works on Paper," thru Dec. 31, 231 E. Buffalo St. FMI: (414) 221-0613.



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Elvehjem Museum (Madison): "Rodin Bronzes," nine sculptures by the French master; and "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.

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): "Treasures: 14th Annual Holiday Exhibition, featuring works by Patrick Farrell, thru Jan. 5; "Hmong Art: Selections from the Collection," Exhibits, performing arts, classes and lectures, 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Katie Gingress Gallery (Milw.): "Colored Threads: Art to Wear XII," thru Dec. 31, 241 N. Broadway, FMI: (414) 289-0855.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): "Theater Posters of James McMullan" and "Doodlebobs: Artist-Designed Toys," thru Jan. 19, 700 N. 12th St. FMI: (715) 845-7010.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "New York: Capital of Photography," more than 100 b/w photos of the Big Apple, thru Feb. 16; "Young at Art," exhibit of artworks by local students, thru Feb. 16; Highlights from the Permanent Collection, 211 State Street, FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): "Currents 30: Rachel Harrison" runs thru Jan. 5; "Brandt and Weston: Two Geniuses of Photography," thru Feb. 9, 700 N. Art Museum Dr. FMI: (866) 626-1323.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): Thorsten Lindberg Paintings, "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 Arwood Ave. FMI: (608) 246-4550.

Ozaukee Art Center (Cedarburg): Fine Art Printmakers, thru Dec. 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.): Printmaking works by Rita Yoon, and "Tis the Season: Works Worth Wrapping," 911 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): Friends of the West Bend Art Museum Annual Exhibition, 300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend, FMI: (262) 334-9638.

Wustum Museum of Fine Arts (Racine): "Watercolor Wisconsin 2002," 2519 Northwestern Ave. FMI: (262) 636-9177.

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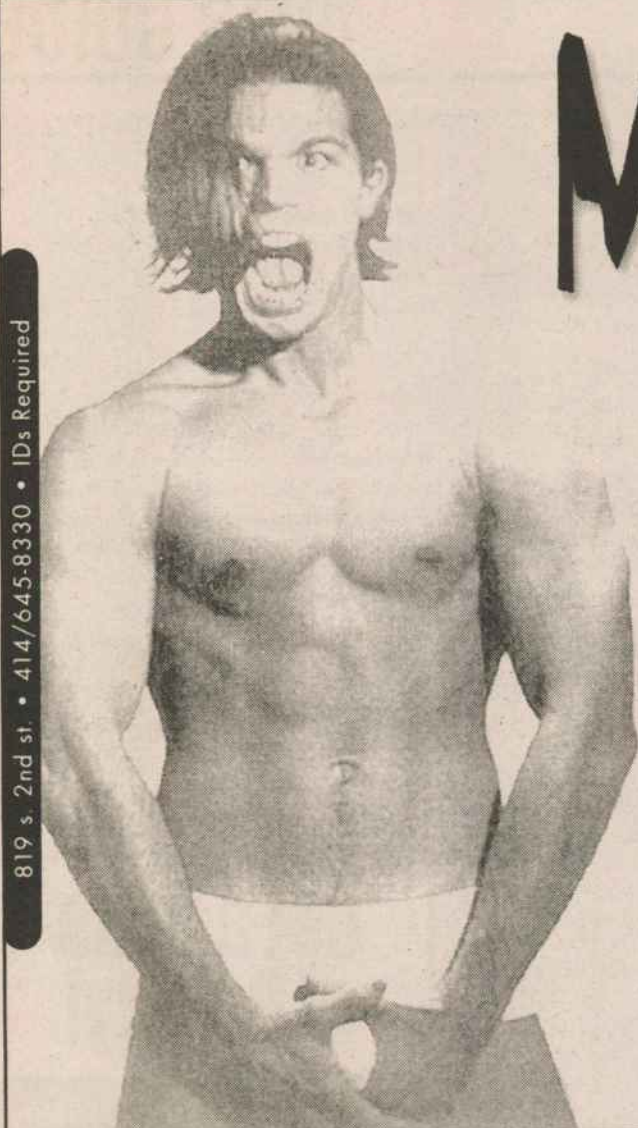
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Eggplant Vegetable Prima Vera	\$3.50
Eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash in a red wine tomato sauce served over linguine.	

Community Calendar

December 27, 2002 – January 15, 2003

ACTIVITIES

Friday, Dec. 27

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.

SAGE Games Night (Milw.): Come and play sheephead and other games with LGBT seniors, newcomers welcome, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

Sunday, Dec. 29

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

Monday, Dec. 30

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring „Beefcake,“ 7:30 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 31

PINK PARTY! (Madison): Annual bash sponsored by OutReach, featured entertainment, dancing, food and fun, 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., Madison Civic center, 211 State St. S20 at the door. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

Galano Club Party (Milw.): Milwaukee's alcohol and drug-free club for LGBTs holds New Year's Eve Party & Dance, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., S4 members/\$5 non-members, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 489-1333.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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, Jan. 2

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.

Saturday, Jan. 4

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

Saturday, Dec. 28

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, S3, 1007 Stewart St. FMI: (608) 255-9131.

Sunday, Jan. 5

Gay Wrestling Club (Madison): Workouts and training, new members welcome, experience not required, 1 p.m. Call for location: (608) 244-8675 (evenings), www.madgaywrestlers.org.

Square Dancing Fun (Milw.): Cream City Squares start 12 weekly dance sessions for people new to square dancing, each dance S3, 1 p.m., Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave. FMI: (414) 445-8080, or visit: www.iagsgc.org/creamcity/.

Monday, Jan. 6

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.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Bi Definition (Milw.): Bi Definition celebrates its 7th anniversary with a party, 6-10 p.m. FMI: (414) 299-9612.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FMI: (920) 738-0497.

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

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

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

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

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (Milw.): Closed meeting every Thursday

at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 299-0755.

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

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

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

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

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

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

Gotcha!

By Billy Masters

During this holiday season, I think that it's important to remember those who are less fortunate than we are: **Liza** — who has reportedly fallen off the wagon and into a bottle of Scotch (well, look who she has to sleep with every night); **Zsa Zsa** — who claims that she may not ever walk again (all the better for the insurance claim, darlink); and **Kathleen Turner** — who allegedly entered a rehab to kick those nasty habits once and for all (and it wouldn't kill her to lose a pound or two). See? Compared to this trio, our lives seem relatively rosy.

The holidays make for strange bedfellows. Funny gal **Kathy Griffin** attended **Anna Nicole Smith's** holiday soiree (which you probably saw on E!), so Anna planned to return the compliment by attending the comedienne's bash. Sadly, Anna misread the invitation (I don't think that reading is her strong suit) and didn't understand that 5-9 p.m. meant that the party was OVER at 9 p.m.. Nonetheless, Kathy had a nice mix of celebrity pals, straight friends, and, of course, "the gays." In fact, when the talented author **Dennis "Screening Party" Hensley** was going to take a photo with Kathy and Alex "The Bachelor" **Michel** (I'm not sure which of the aforementioned categories he fits into), I thought that it would be cute to snag a rose from a nearby vase and have Alex hand it to Dennis. Kathy snapped around and said, "Don't you dare — I had the gays in here all day arranging flowers!" I'll run their photo on www.filth2go.com, and you can check out Dennis (and buy his books) at www.DennisHensley.com. Did I men-

tion that "Screening Party" makes a FABULOUS stocking stuffer??

I recently reported the premature closing of the off-Broadway play "Temporary Help." Now that certain details about this production have come to light, I think that the failure of this show sends a disturbing message to everyone who works in smallish theatre. The "psychosexual thriller" starred the luminous **Margaret Colin**, former-Jekkie **Robert Cuccioli**, and hunky gay poster boy **Chad Allen**. And yet, even with a \$37.50 ticket, the show faltered after four weeks in a 200-seat theatre. On paper, it surely appeared a given that the play should be able to sustain an eight-week run. So what went wrong? From all accounts, the script was certainly acceptable (reviews were good to mixed), and the performances were adequate (with Colin singled out across the board as amazing). This was the first production of the Revelation Theatre, a new non-profit company — which probably means that the group could keep costs significantly lower than its commercial cousins. So, who dropped the ball? If New York audiences would not support this show, it's certainly not a good sign of things to come.

Our spies in Gotham report that **Harvey Fierstein** is not at all happy with the blasé attitude of the youthful "Hairspray" cast. La Fierstein is quick to point out that he NEVER missed a single performance of "Torch Song Trilogy" — on or off Broadway. Because the new hit musical has featured an alarming number of understudies during its short run, he has started what he calls the "Wall of Shame." Each time someone misses a show, that person's photo goes up on the wall. Harv-



Anna Nicole Smith



Harvey Fierstein

regularly chastises the cavalier cast members by saying, "An actor should be on stage unless they're in the hospital — or the morgue!" Atta girl!

Need a belated holiday gift? Check out **Heather Headley's** new CD, "This Is Who I Am." I recently got to see the "Aida" star showcase her pop talents, and she completely blew me away. Unlike many legit singers whose pop efforts seem stilted and awkward, Heather segues effortlessly through the R&B and pop genre like a pro. And if you have the chance to see her in concert, run, don't walk, and get tickets because she's the real deal.

Perhaps you just need some help with that New Year's resolution to change your stomach from a kegger to a six pack! Then pick up "Abnatomy" — the new ab workout video by **David Sloniegura**. I'm happy to say that this sexy Canadian trainer (who occasionally contributes fitness articles to www.filth2go.com) never puts on a shirt for the whole tape — so you'll surely exercise at least one muscle! I can personally attest that his routines work wonders. I followed his advice when preparing for my play "Hollywood Uncovered" — sadly, I obtained only four of the six pack before I shut down the show! You can pick up his video at www.abnatomy.com.

This headline just came into to Filth2Go Central — "Corey Feldman Marries on the Set." Of what?

A fan sent me a photo that looks remarkably like the **Riker** twins from "Amazing Race." Oh sure, you've all seen the nudes of the twins in profile. But what about some full-frontal nudity? While I can't say it's definitely them, it's still a picture of two hot (and nude) guys, so I'll post it on the Web site and you can judge for yourself. Happy holidays, from www.filth2go.com to you.

What the hell — I'll throw in a new photo of **Michael Bergin**. Actually, it's a new NUDE photo, since he's just barely covering himself with his hand. And while we're talking about hot guys, is there anyone more beautiful than **David Fumero**? I just got a photo of him with his brother, and all I can say is that I wanna be in their family!

Could it be that **Brooke Shields** is returning to television? There's a high-profile deal in the works, and Brooke couldn't be happier. Although I've been sworn to secrecy, I can tell you that her cause is being championed by the male star already attached to the project. It's not like he's best friends with the Foxy lady or anything like that. I'm told that the dashing dude simply wants a co-star who is approximately his height!

Could it be that a certain music personality (soon to be an ex-music personality) is gonna be a daddy? That's the word from the lab where the paternity tests took



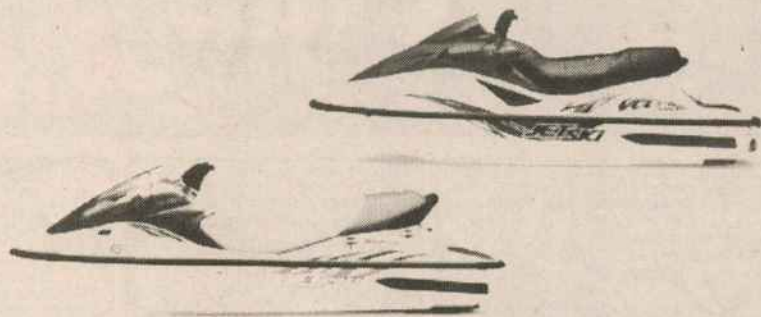
Chad Allen

place. Of course, everyone in the Big Apple knows that the blond boy (who ain't no altar boy) is pretty much a man's man kinda man — despite several high-profile female companions. In fact, while he was awaiting the test results, he told a friend, "Can you believe it? One of the few times I've actually had sex with a girl, and I get her pregnant!" Sounds as if he's up a creek with a paddle. Need another clue? He almost sounds like he's flying without wings... but he's not.

When the gays are getting girls pregnant AND arranging flowers in Kathy Griffin's house, we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. And we have a few surprises left up our filthy little sleeves. What are they? Honey, you'll have to keep checking www.filth2go.com to find out. But I'll give you a hint — Billy's gonna share a part of himself with his subscribers that he's never shared before — at least not publicly. As always, you can send me your questions, concerns, and lascivious offers to my e-mail address of Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Corey Feldman gets work on another set! Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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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 emailwistsgroup@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: Milw4BWMIT@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 emailwistsgroup@charter.net.

SUNDAYS

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

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

Angels of Hope MCC - Religious Services (Allouez and Appleton): Services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 3607 Libal

St. in Allouez, and 5 p.m. at 815 N. Richmond St. in Appleton. FMI: (920) 991-0128.

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 941/2, 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 (920) 675-9400.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 494, 12 Steps/12 Traditions. Meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

LGBT 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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Divas in Distress

By Gregg Shapiro

After her very public and hard-earned Glitter-y meltdown following the failure of both her debut as a movie starlet and the silly accompanying soundtrack, I was hoping that Mariah Carey would emerge from her padded cocoon a new woman. I had hoped that she would abandon her urban Star Search theatrics and think Pink, but alas that hasn't happened. Indistinguishable from most of her last few releases, the much ballyhooed "Charmbracelet" (Monarc/Island) is more like a choker. Sometimes playing it safe (boring, redundant) works against an artist, as it does on this album. Other things that work against Carey include backing vocals by one of the Chipmunks ("You Got Me"), her breathy Marilyn Monroe cooing ("You Had Your Chance," "Lullaby") and clichéd ballads ("Through The Rain," "My Saving Grace"). (Monarc/Island)

I'm going to go out on a limb and offer up a few words of praise for "Just Whitney" (Arista), the uneven new album by dazed



The Sheets" to good use) and "Tell Me No," get things started in an upbeat fashion. If you "Love That Man," as you declare in the vintage seventies soul-disco of the song of the same, than you ought to know better than to put a lifeless duet ("My Love") with him on your album. "Try It On My Own," is a pleasant Carole Bayer Sager (and four other writers!) ballad, and Whitney "keeps it real," and "Dear John Letter" allows her to explore her funkier side.

On Christina Aguilera's newest album, "Stripped" (RCA), the Britney-esque belter who looks like she's badly in need of a Silkwood shower, promises us that we will hear her side of the story. With vocal support from Lil' Kim, Christina finds power in sisterhood and self-expression on "Can't Hold Us Down," and follows it up with an average Mariah Carey imitation on "Walk Away." The former Mouseketeer enlisted tattooed and pierced guitar god Dave Navarro for the quasi-rock number "Fighter," and attempts to remind us of her Latin roots (in case we forgot her 2000 Spanish-language album *Mi Reflejo*) with "Infatuation." Alicia Keys offers Christina encouragement to "speak on" what she has on her mind on "Impossible" (insert joke here), but the album takes a brief and unexpectedly pleasant turn on the lovely Linda Perry-penned "Beautiful." Perry, who had a hand in the redesign of Pink's image, attempts to do the same with Aguilera, especially on the suitably titled "Make Over" (which they co-wrote), but it falls short. The only thing Aguilera demonstrates on the album's first single, "Dirrty," is that she could use a dictionary for Christmas. To think, we have Madonna to thank for this.

Barbra Streisand shares the spotlight with divas from the past (Judy Garland, Donna Summer and Johnny Mathis) as well as those who still have a firm grasp on

their divahood (Celine Dion, Josh Groban, and Barbra herself) on the compilation "Duets" (Columbia). Duets from the 1960s ("Get Happy/Happy Days Are Here Again," from 1963, with Garland and "Ding Dong The Witch Is Dead," from 1966, with the songs composer Harold Arlen) are a reminder of the purity of Streisand's vocals in her youth. Some of her biggest duets were released in the seventies ("You Don't Bring Me Flowers" with Neil Diamond and "No More Tears" with Summer) and paved the way for the 1980 duets with Barry Gibb on the *Guilty* album. Her other eighties duets, with Kim Carnes and

one-time lover Don Johnson are uninspired, at best. The two new duets recorded for the album "I Won't Be The One To Let Go" (with Barry Manilow) and "All I Know Of Love" (with Groban), sadly don't live up to expectations.

Every time I hear Shania Twain sing, I have to wonder, other than Wal-Mart shoppers, who it is that is buying her CDs. Her latest "Up!" (Mercury) debuted in the number one position, so I know that someone, somewhere is buying her music. In fact, she seems to have enough supporters in both the country and pop music realms to justify releasing a double disc set, consisting of the same nineteen songs, performed in pop music arrangements (disc one) and new country settings (disc two). Mostly it sounds derivative to me, not particularly unique or fresh. There are no surprises. The album feels as if it is cloaked in a com-

mmercial safety net. What makes all of this especially bizarre is that Twain's husband and co-songwriter is Robert John "Mutt" Lange, who made a name for himself as the producer of albums by Def Leppard, AC/DC, Foreigner, and even The Cars during the 1980s.

Folk-diva Tracy Chapman continues her move away from mainstream accessibility with "Let It Rain" (Elektra). Many of the songs, while lovely and soothing, suffer from a downbeat monotony that is distracting. Technically proficient, Chapman is a consummate singer and songwriter, but repetitious songs such as "Another Sun," "You're The One," "In The Dark," "Say Hallelujah," and the ironically titled "Happy," hint at lethargy and threaten to lose the listener's hard won attention. "Almost," with its restrained drums and haunting lap steel guitar and keyboards, was like a sunshower, in the midst of this all too quiet storm.

Broadway diva Betty Buckley's sensational mid-nineties and early 2000 discs were thoughtful combinations of standards, new and old (including compositions by Joni Mitchell and Mary Chapin Carpenter), and gave the listener an indication of Buckley's impressive musical taste. Her latest disc "The Doorway" (Fynsworth Alley/Varese Sarabande) has a more traditional feel to it, with her renditions of "With A Song In My Heart," "Autumn Leaves," and "God Bless America." In fact, the whole album has a 9/11 memorial quality (there is "an improvisation" titled "A Loss Of Heroes"), as well as a medley of "America The Beautiful"/"Bridge Over Troubled Water."



diva Whitney Houston. Whitney spends a little too much time lashing out in song at those who criticize her (think Michael Jackson's "Leave Me Alone" times ten) and demands our pity. Yes, Whitney, poor you, all that money, all those dead brain cells. Next! Instead of that dim cover of "You Light Up My Life," you would have been better off covering Warren Zevon's "Poor Poor Pitiful Me." Whitney, honey, put down that Bible and pick up a sense of humor! Now, back to the words of praise - "One Of Those Days" (which puts "recycled elements" of The Isley Brothers' "Between

Ten Plus One: Best of 2002

By Gregg Shapiro

In 2002, a year in which many more CDs were released than necessary, I was faced with the daunting task of narrowing down the multitude of assembling a list of discs that represented the best releases of the year. I have used various criteria over the years - was I knocked out of my seat on the first listen? Was the album as popular with the public as it was with me? Did it represent artistic growth? A new direction? A road less traveled? For me, this was the year of repeat usage. In the rare moments when I wasn't listening to something new and just released for review, to what albums did I return time and time again? The list below is a representation of that. From start to finish, these albums gave me pleasure, challenged me, entertained me, and even made me cry when the timing was right.

1. **Ron Sexsmith** - Cobblestone Runway (Nettwerk America)
2. **Marianne Faithfull** - Kissin Time (Virgin)
3. **Jenny Toomey** - Tempting: Jenny Toomey Sings The Songs of Franklin Bruno
4. **Neko Case** - Blacklisted (Bloodshot)
5. **Future Bible Heroes** - Eternal Youth (Instinct)
6. **Wilco** - Yankee Foxtrot Hotel (Nonesuch)
7. **The Streets** - Original Pirate Material (Vice)
8. **Bruce Springsteen** - The Rising (Columbia)
9. **Mates of State** - Our Constant Concern (Polyvinyl) / John Ashfield - Harmony Bunny (Pop Squared) - tie
10. **Marti Jones** - My Tidy Doily Dream (D.A.R.) / John Doe - Dim Stars, Bright Sky (iMusic/BMG) - tie
11. **Super 8 Cum Shot** - Super 8 Cum Shot Volume 1 (Big Dixie) / Tegan & Sara - If It Was You (Vapor) - tie

The best of the rest (in this order, more or less): Travelogue - Joni Mitchell, Louise Goffin - Sometimes A Circle, Norah Jones - Come Away With Me, Indigo Girls - Become You, Super Furry Animals - Rings Around The Moon, Luna - Romantica, Clinic - Walking With Thee, Sleater-Kinney - One Beat, The Aluminum Group - Happyness, Sigur Ros - (), Neil Finn - One All and Seven Worlds Collide, Volovan - Volovan, David Clement - Your Free Gift, Aimee Mann - Lost In Space, Dot Allison - We Are Science, Imperial Teen - On, Mary Gauthier - Filth & Fire, Bric-A-Brac - 16 Luxury Units, Morel - Queen Of The Highway, Inner - Lovetheonlyway, Bob Mould - Modulate, Kristian Hoffman - &, Juha - Polari, Erika Luckett - The New Orleans Sessions, Pet Shop Boys - Release, Patty Griffin - 1000 Kisses, Julia Fordham - Concrete Love, Spoon - Kill The Moonlight, Cousteau - Sirena, The Bigger Lovers - Honey In The Hive, Phantom Planet - The Guest, Lamya - Learning From Falling, Sicks In The City - Kinsey Sicks, Nickel Creek - This Side, Felix da Housecat - Kittenz and Thee Glitz, DJ Shadow - The Private Press, Johnny Cash - American IV: The Man Comes Around, Chris Mills - The Silver Line, David Bowie - Heathen, Brian Ferry - Frantic, Peter Gabriel - Up, Bright Eyes - There Is No Beginning To The Story, Beck - Sea Change, The White Stripes - White Blood Cells, Pulp - We Love Life, OK Go - OK Go, Coldplay - A Cold Rush of Blood To The Head.

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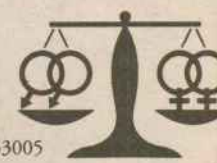
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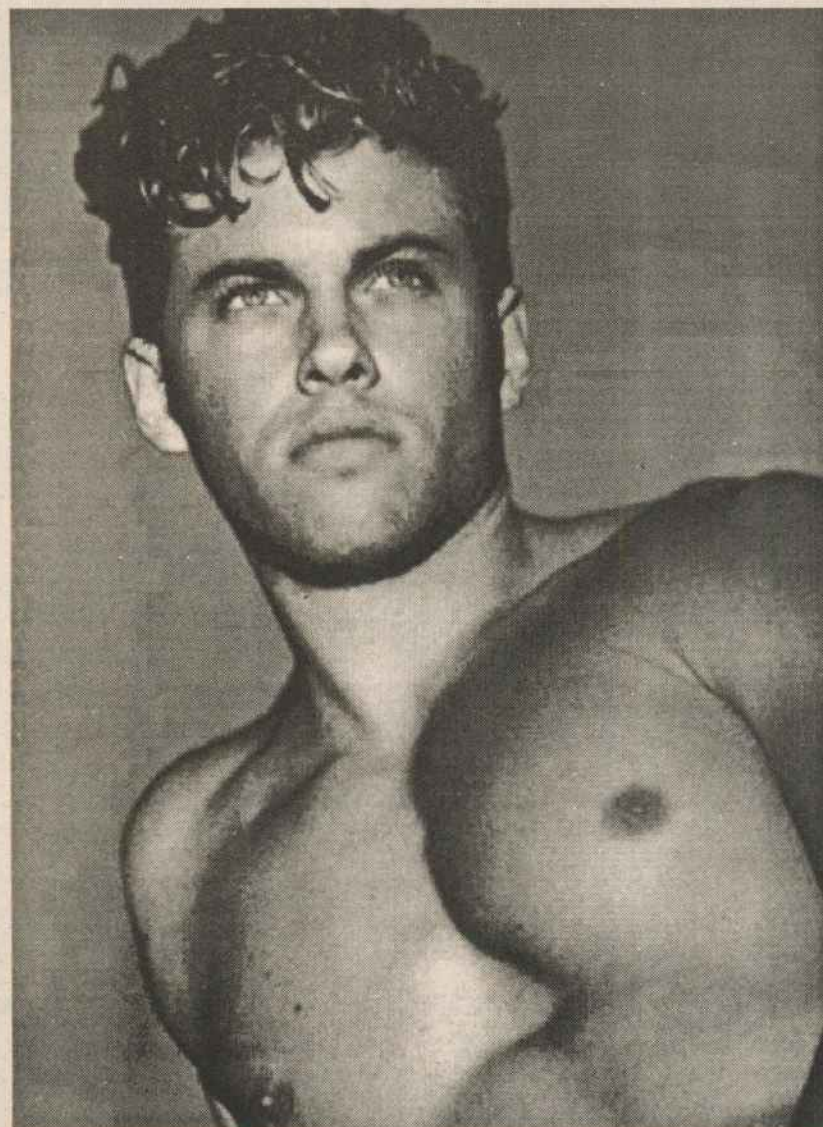
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I could sure use a couple of wise men to clean MY chimney. I'll tell ya. The holidays always remind me of previous lovers. Whenever I see pictures of Santa, I think of him leaving on Christmas Eve to spend the night with his buddies — a bunch of animals. He parties all over the globe while the little lady waits for him at home. Thank God he leaves a few elves behind to keep her entertained.

The next time you see an image of Santa, picture him carrying a six-pack of Blatz and wearing a "Who Farted?" T-shirt. That's every man I married.

I'm getting over this, however, thanks to In Step's Best-of-Milwaukee reader survey! Thank you for voting me in TWO categories. I'll do my best not to disappoint you with my column and performances.

Another thing that warmed my heart this Christmas was the fundraiser Cream City Foundation (CCF) held on Dec. 20. Even with the busy season, this dedicated bunch worked with the Boulevard Theater to create a charity event, ultimately benefiting the community. If you'd like to get involved with CCF, call (414) 225-0244.

And a big, wet kiss to everyone who stopped by the M&M Club for their holiday show! There's nothing like sharing holiday cheer with friends.

Now let's read a letter. Have a helluva New Year, everyone! May 2003 prove that

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Dear Ruthie—

My boyfriend and I broke up over a year ago. He moved out of town and got a girlfriend. Things didn't work out, so he moved back with me, as a friend. Needless to say, we share a bed on a regular basis. He says there's nothing between us (he thinks he's straight), but I'm not so sure. Am I stupid or is he in denial?

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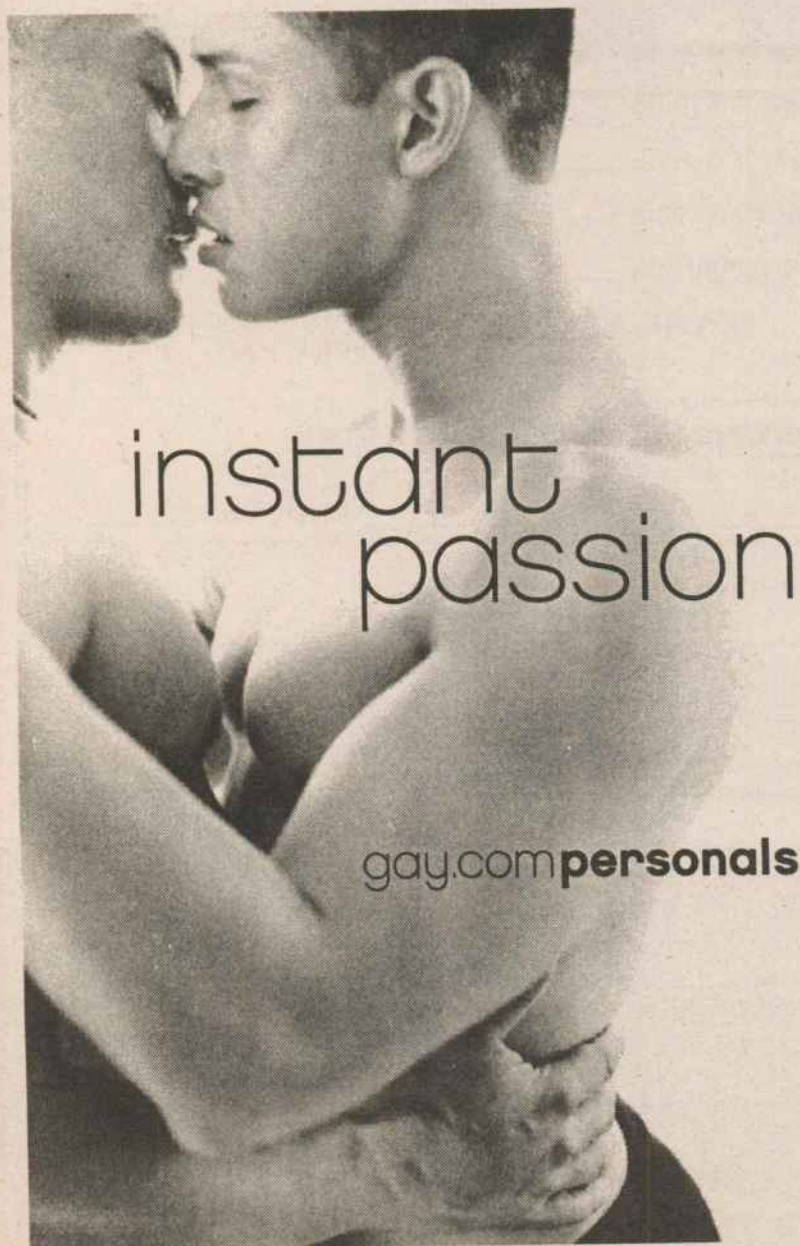
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"I'm sort of muscular," he continued. "I'm hairy in most of my films and I look nothing like a woman, but these guys sure enjoy riding me. How straight can they be?"

Tom's right. Your buddy? Puh-lease, how straight can HE be when he's down on his knees? Whether he's gay, bi or a hetro who experiments — a lot, he needs to become more comfortable with his sexuality. There's not much you can do to help, other than offer your support.

This doesn't mean sleeping with him. I understand that when he experiments, you want to be the one he does it with, but don't let him walk all over you. You deserve the best and answering his booty calls isn't beneficial for self-esteem in the long run.

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E-mail: dbergren@facstaff.wisc.edu

Mad City Bears 225-8582
c/o OutReach, 600 Williamson, Madison 53706

Madison LGBT Business Alliance 245-1611
www.lgbtalliance.org

Madison Volleyball Group (Jeff) 251-8716

Madison Wrestling Club
PO Box 8234, 53708 244-8675

MAGIC Picnic Committee c/o Outreach 255-8582

Mens Alanon 255-8582

New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
PO Box 1786, 53701

OutReach, Inc.
600 Williamson St, 53703 255-8582
email: outreachinc.com, web: www.outreachinc.com

Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
PO Box 1722, 53701

Perfect Harmony Chorus 831-3609
P.O. Box 14706, 53714-4706

Rainbow Community Collective (L/G/B/T Social Org)
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Ctr. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
953 Jennifer Street (Lira) 608/238-9150

Rural Dykes Association (social) 767-3150

SAGE/Madison-Dane 255-8582

Scrawl (Women's Open Mic, Music) 245-9681
..... <http://www.checkpages.com/brainiacs/allgirlscrawl>

Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org) 240-0504
<http://www.aplaceforus.org/shakeitup.htm>

Stage Q (Theater Group) 663-6463
..... <http://www.stageq.com>

10% Society (student organization)
<http://tps.stg.wisc.edu>, e-mail: execs@tps.stg.wisc.edu
P.O. Box 260394, 53726 262-7365

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
PO Box 536, 53701

UW LesBiGay Alumni Council 262-2551

Womansong (Woman's Choral Group) 246-2681

RELIGIOUS

Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 256-2353

Church of the Holy Spirit (Inclusive)
2144 E. Johnson St., (meeting at James Reeb) 661-4462

Coming Out, Coming Together (Interfaith)
E-mail: cwo@atcmailbag.com 249-1537

First Congregational UCC Church 233-9751
1609 University Ave., 53705
..... www.firstcongrmadison.org

INTEGRITY/DIGNITY

Box 730, 53701 836-8886

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church
2146 E Johnson, 53704 242-8887

SERVICES

Victoria Hewelt Cazel (Attorney)
6701 Seybold Rd., Suite 103 270-1709

KMA Systems of Madison (Computer Consultants)
4702 Dutch Mill Road #14 222-9128

RETAIL

Border's Books
3416 University Ave., 53705 232-2600

Rubin's
317 E. Wilson St. 53704 255-8998

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

Aeon Group (Interactive Fiction Gaming)
P.O. Box 93953, 53203-0953 291-0530

Alcoholics Anonymous
(Request gay meetings) 771-9119

Bi Definition (Bisexual community events)
315 W. Court St., Suite 101 299-9612
E-mail: bidef@hotmail.com

Brew City Bears 299-0401
P.O. Box 1035, 53201
E-mail: brewcitybears@aol.com, www.brewcitybears.org

BWMT-Milwaukee (414) 540-9437, ext 3
P.O. Box 091475, Milwaukee, 53209
bwmtrimilwaukee@aol.com

Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club), P.O. Box 1697, 53202

Counseling Center (LGB support & discussion groups)
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565

Cream City Chorus
315 W. Court, 53212 276-8787

Cream City Foundation (CCF)
315 W. Court, 53212 225-0244

Cream City Squares
(G/L Square Dancing Club) 445-8080

DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201 278-0323

Fest City Singers (gay choral group)
P.O. Box 11428, 53211 961-0713

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

Front Runners (running group) 332-1527

Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)
315 W. Court St., 53212 276-6936

Milwaukee GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)
E-mail: mkegamma@execpc.com
Web: www.MilwaukeeGamma.com
P.O. Box 1900, 53201 365-3453
Membership Info 358-2111

Gay Father's Group
1240 E. Brady St., 53202 372-8008

Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.
(GLEEMM), Larry 462-8404

Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM 229-6402

Gay People's Union
P.O. Box 208, 53201 645-0585

Gay Youth Milwaukee (peer group meetings)
P.O. Box 090441, 53209 265-8500

Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group
(Bill) 276-7626

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Men's Voices Milwaukee
315 W. Court St., 53212 765-9198

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott) 543-9643

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

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

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

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

Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAGE Milwaukee (for older LGBTs)
P.O. Box 510492, 53203-0091 224-0517

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

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755

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

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

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

Two Spirit Society (Indigenous LGBT People of America)
315 W. Court St., 53212 985-5151

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

RELIGIOUS

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

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

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

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St., 53205 344-1746

Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
P.O. Box 597, 53201 873-9591

First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist)	
1342 N. Astor St., 53202	273-5257
Lake Park Lutheran Church	
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211	962-9190
Lutherans Concerned	
P.O. Box 1676, 53201	372-9663
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church	
(UFMCC) 1239 W. Mineral St., 53204	
Adm. Office: 170 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-1100
Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
5226 W. Burleigh St., 53210	445-2696
Pilgrim Christian Church	
15400 W. North Ave., Brookfield 53005	(262) 782-6440
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)	
2717 E. Hampshire St., 53211	964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)	
1636 W. National Ave., 53204	672-4434
St. Ann's Church	
5933 W. National Ave., 53214	259-1229
St. James Episcopal Church	
833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233	271-1340
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202	273-7617

MEDICAL

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

BARS

1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)	
196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
4 Boom (Mw, D, V)	
625 S. 2nd St., 53204	277-5040
2 Boot Camp (M, L/L)	
209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
3 C'est La Vie (Mw, D)	
231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
3 Club 219 (Mw, DJ, V)	
219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
3 Dish (Wm, DJ)	
235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
6 Fluid (Mw)	
819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
6 Harbor Room (L/L, Mw)	
117 E. Greenfield Ave., 53204	672-7988
22 Nut Hut (Wm, G/S, F, D)	
1500 W. Scott 53201	647-2673
7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V)	
801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330

10 M&M Club (Mw, F)	
124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
13 South Water Street Docks	
354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
20 Off The Tracks (Wm, D)	
1534 W. Grant 53215	384-5680
5 Pulse (Mw, D, F)	
200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9547
14 Switch (Mw)	
124 W. National Ave., 53204	220-4340
15 This Is It (M)	
418 E. Wells 53202	278-9192
16 Triangle (M, V)	
135 E. National 53204	383-9412
31 Woody's (Mw, D)	
1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
32 Walker's Pint (Wm)	
818 S. 2nd St., 53204	643-7468

COFFEE HOUSES and RESTAURANTS

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

HELP LINES

The Force	
(referrals to GBLT counselors)	276-8487
Gay People's Union	645-0585
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
Calyx Counseling Center (Kate Weishaar, Ph.D.)	

1840 N. Farwell Ave. Ave.	276-4664
Carnival Travel , 611 E. Wells St.	276-3388
Clarity (Writing and Research)	276-6935
Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel)	766-1066
Downtown Autobody (Car Repair)	
3425 N. Holton Ave.	964-7170
Roland E. Daneau, CPA (Accountant)	962-1400
Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling)	
6510 W. Layton Ave., 53215	282-6160
Diva Plumbing Co.	324-6698
Residential & Commercial, divaplumbers@aol.com	
Dykeman Family Heating (heating/cooling)	
1023 E. Brady St., 53202	273-7500
Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)	
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202	272-2427
Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters)	
N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010	
The Garden Room (Garden Design)	963-1657
Hairys Hair Bar	
2385 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.	486-9299
Horizon Travel (Member IGTA)	
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051	255-0704
Hume, Attorney Kathleen	
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners, 53130	529-2129
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
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
Steff 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
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. Rowson 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
Rubins	
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.edgearn.com	
G&L Society/Wausau	848-0608
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. (MGLO)	
c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449	
Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim	(715) 384-6731
Prince Edward B&B	
203 W. 5th, Shawano 54166	526-2805
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous	
(ask for Gay meetings)	536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP	
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481	346-4851

NORTH CENT. (715)

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

SHEBOYGAN (920)

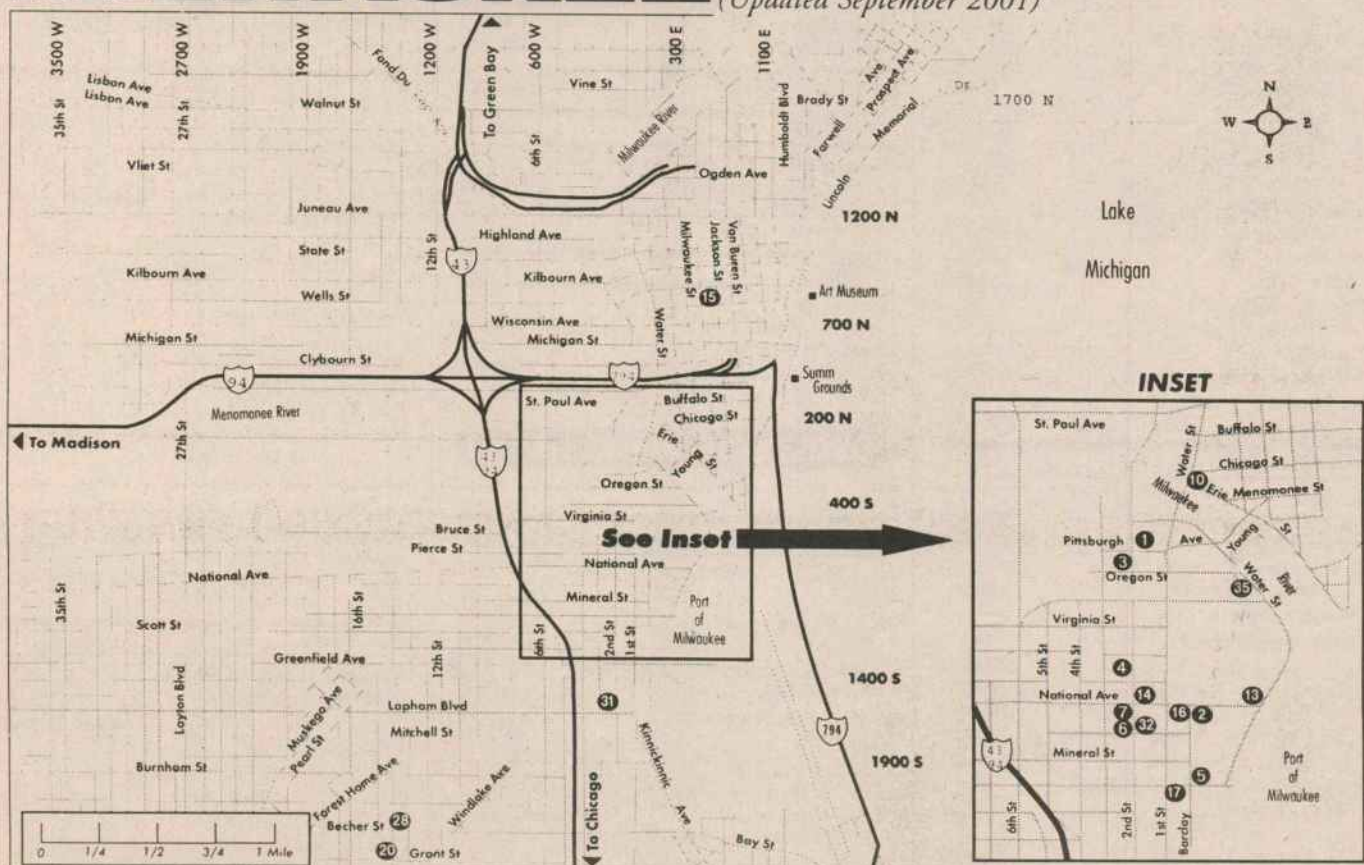
Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081	457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians	
Shirley: 458-2506/Carolyn: 467-0422	
Sheboygan Antiques	
336 Superior Avenue 53081	452-6757
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation)	
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan	458-4889

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
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)	

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Hwy 20 Racine 53403	886-5111
JoDee's (MW, DJ)	
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403	634-9804
What About Me? (WM)	
600 6th St. Racine 53403	632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)	554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine	
625 College, Racine 54303	634-0659
UW-Parkside G/L Organization	
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141	595-2244
PFLAG Kenosha/Racine	
P.O. Box 580058, Pleasant Prairie, 53158	(262) 649-2729
e-mail: pflagkenosha@aol.com	
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union	
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190	472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B	
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie	634-4421
Wychwalde (Jewelry & Gifts)	
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168	843-4209

SOUTH CENT. (715)

AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)	
P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545	756-2550
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast)	
11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563	868-6646
Cathren House (B&B)	
Mineral Point	987-2612

NORTHWEST (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.arcw.org)	
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701	836-7710
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.arcw.org)	
1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880	394-4009
	(877) 242-0282
Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)	
PO Box 264, Superior 54880	
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)	
PO Box 152, Wausau 54402	842-1377
Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast)	
33 E. Spruce St, Chippewa Falls	723-0943
Eagle Cove B&B (eglcove@cannon.net)	
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750	448-4302
GLOBE (Campus Lesbian/Gay group)	
105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701	
JP Creations (WEB Design)	477-8802
LGBT Community Center of Chippewa Valley (gaycenter@hotmail.com)	
www.geocities.com/glbtccommunitycenter/	
PO Box 383, Eau Claire, 54702	(715) 559-5751
The Trading Company (MW, DJ)	
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701	838-9494
The Main Club (MW, DJ)	
1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880	392-1756
Northland Gay Men's Center	
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802	(218) 722-8585
Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)	
Greater Chippewa Valley	
PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011	
Q2 (social/support for LGBT youth)	
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702	836-7710
Scooter's (MW)	
411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703	835-9959
Trio (WM)	
820 Tower, Superior, 54880	392-5373
Twin Ports Pride	
P.O. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803	(218) 728-5825
UW Stout 10% Society	
c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UW-S	
Menomonee, 54751 UW Eau Claire	
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)	
22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729	723-8490

S. WEST & CENTRAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)	
Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420	(608) 785-9866
La Crosse, WI 54601	(800) 947-3353
The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)	
PO Box 131, Platteville 53818	348-5596
e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu	
Cavalier Lounge (MW, DJ)	
114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601	782-9061
Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat	735-4829
GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)	
3219 Commerce St., La Crosse, 54603	781-2783
Gay & Lesbian Alliance	
Box 131, Platteville, 53818	
My Place (MW DJ)	
3201 South Ave., LaCrosse 54601	788-9073
LaCrosse L/G Support Group	
c/o Campus Ministry Center	784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News	
Box 932, LaCrosse 54602	
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays	782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601	782-9802
Under the Rainbow (Alternative Books)	
122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601	796-0383
Rainbow Ridge Farms Bed & Breakfast	783-8181
Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance)	800-484-8131
Code 4419, e-mail to pioneersw@aol.com	
PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581	
Players (MW DJ)	
214 Main Street, LaCrosse 54601	782-9279

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By Michael Johnston

I can't believe how very rapidly the old year is passing... I say that EVERY year! The older I get, it seems like breakfast is every 15 minutes! It's time to close yet another chapter, not to fear, there is still a lot of book left. But before we turn the page, one last look at 2002.

Happy Kwanza!

Holidays are a time for romance — unfortunately, it always eludes me! **Dean Castelaz & Melissa Wright** did it ooh so right last month, with a sophisticated ceremony at Villa Terrace and a regal reception at a suburban country club. The catering from Saz's was outstanding — and it wasn't chicken legs and ribs!

Congratulations also to those terrific love birds **Richard Lettermann & Barb Riedel**, who did it upright at The Mitchell Domes. The Holiday Dome made for a breath-taking setting for their nuptials.

Yet, another: that adorable **Club 219** fave **Miss Joey Black** must have been a very good "girl" because Santa brought her a man! Amore running rampant!

It was great seeing **The M&M Club's** very own **Bob Schmidt** back in town. He looks about 7 minutes older than the last time I saw him. Palm Springs has put the bounce back in his life! We had a lovely, however too brief, visit. It was like de ja vu — The M's in their sweet Holiday finery, **Rona** bartending and **Bob** at the bar... I got quite a high, a sugar buzz out of the "Candy Wars" — both The M's and **The Triangle** doing a confectionery Christmas theme... I must tip my hat — and you all know how I like a smart hat — to The M's going way out with Holiday parties gay-lore! The whole month: **Singsational Productions** serenading in the season, **Bonnie DeLeeuw**, that shining Stardust lady, and the talented **Tony Rafenstein** Christmas Caroling us into the wee small hours, and The Customer Appreciation Party featuring the red hot **Baby Jane Hudson Review**.

I've had a ball attending, or trying to attend, all the many Seasonal Gatherings. I'm warmed by the selflessness of all the host(s). Many suggesting gifts of food or toys for the less fortunate. **Steve**, Mr. Harbor Room 2001-02, did a smashing "Food Drive Party," **Tony & Jeff** and their "Toys For Tots To-Do" was too much fun. And yes, you guessed it, the party ended with carols turning into Broadway — the talents of **Gena Torti-Beckers** must be mentioned head and shoulders above the mob.

Speaking of music, I was fortunate to catch The Skylight's Holiday offering: "Chicago" In a word: phenomenal! The best production I've ever seen them do! No wonder it was SRO!

"Sophie Tucker — American Legend" truly is the Last Of The Red Hot Mamas. Totally, stellar entertainment at the Stackner Cabaret playing through January 5. **Carolynne Warren** brings a forgotten force in Vaudeville back to center stage where she belongs. Jack Forbes Wilson always adds a special touch, and together it was something we haven't seen for "Some Of these Days"... Buzz certainly keeps that place humming along.

Men's Voices Milwaukee wowed a capacity crowd at Centennial Hall. What a way to spend an evening! My applause to their control, professionalism and appearance. I enjoyed their unique entrance, their use of seldom sung songs, i.e.: "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?" and the showmanship of Trixi on the keyboard in his duet with **Bill** promising to be "Home For Christmas." MVM certainly took the chill out of our MidWinter night...

The following Sunday it was on to The

Cordially Yours



Dear Ruthie and Michael Johnston wishing everyone happy holidays at M&M

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus' Seasonal Faire: "From Darkness Into Light." While I'm not a critic and have no credentials to be one, I must congratulate this group on their growth. Perhaps it was their guest conductor, **Paula Foley Tillen**, their appropriate musical selections, or my mood... But this too made for a good prompter into moment. Kudos to **Ebbie** and her moving solo-ette "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas."

The Boulevard Ensemble Theatre has replaced Ibsen's "Ghosts" with the very haunting "Suddenly, Last Summer" by Tennessee Williams, running Dec. 28 - Jan. 31, 2003. I'm sure this switch will melt away the snow and fan a flame of warmth your way. For your chance for a sojourn to "Summer" call: (414) 744-5757. Don't forget the sun block!

Here's something to tickle you -- The Lake County Players 2003 Spring Season has been announced: "Another Antigone" by A.R. Gurney Jan. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25; "Love Letters" also by A.R. Gurney in time for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and March 1; "No! No! A Million Times, No! A March Musical Melodrama!" March 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29; "I Do, I Do" April 25 and 26; "An Evening Of Webber & Sondheim" with the music of these two giants May 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10.

"Seussical: The Musical" will be marching to Milwaukee, the first in The Broadway Series for 2003. You'll want to catch **Cathy Rigby** as the infamous Cat In The Hat — and we all know how I fancy hats... It's at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, January 21 - 26.

The Marcus Center will also host "The 2003 International Arts Festival." This year, it celebrates African/African American Arts and Cultures. A special event, "A Celebration of Praise," opens this jubilee on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. For more on this exciting endeavor visit: www.onmilwaukee.com/internationalarts-festival, or call: (414) 273-7206.

While still in Theater Land, is it just me or have you all noticed how rude audiences have become as of late? I'm speaking of basic etiquette — not speaking out loud, reacting to performers or events in a production as if you are part of what's going on — on stage... Shows always open with cell phone, pagers, candy warnings. Does it really have to be lowered to the most common denominator, to ask for silence?

The **Harbor Room** held a "Black &

Red Party" for Mr. Harbor Room himself, **Alvin**. Next month **Alvin** and **Izzy** will be taking on our Country's Capitol and their Leather Competition. I know they both will do Brew Town proud, they have soooo much to offer! Good Luck!

I had a marvelous time attending This Is It's Christmas Party. The place is all lit up with the talents of **Michael Gafney**. **Joe** had a digital camera snapping us and making us all video stars! What fun! **Jack Igle** was out and about with an incredible head piece. Hat or wig? I couldn't discern... **Jerry, Jerry Skals, Dan Petry, Scott, Yves & Steve, Mark** and a room full of merry makers!

While in the neighborhood, check out the funky Christmas tree at **Elsa's**. I always love their decor!

Speaking of neighbors, bouquets to **Ray & Chad** for the faboo Seasonal Soiree they threw on Lavender Hill.

At this time, I must mention **Richard**. See, you've finally made the column — even though you've been in before and just don't remember...

Well, we looked back enough. How about a peek into the future? My exclusive: **Judy Tenuta** appearing at PrideFest 2003! Sunday, June 8 will be the night to gather with accordions to honor our Goddess of the guffaw.

I must at this time conclude not only this column, but this year in print... Again, Happy Kwanza and Boxing Day. Remember it's the glamour, not the grammar! Sincerely wishing you all an extraordinary New Year with peace, serenity and health in 2003 as I remain, "Cordially yours."

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