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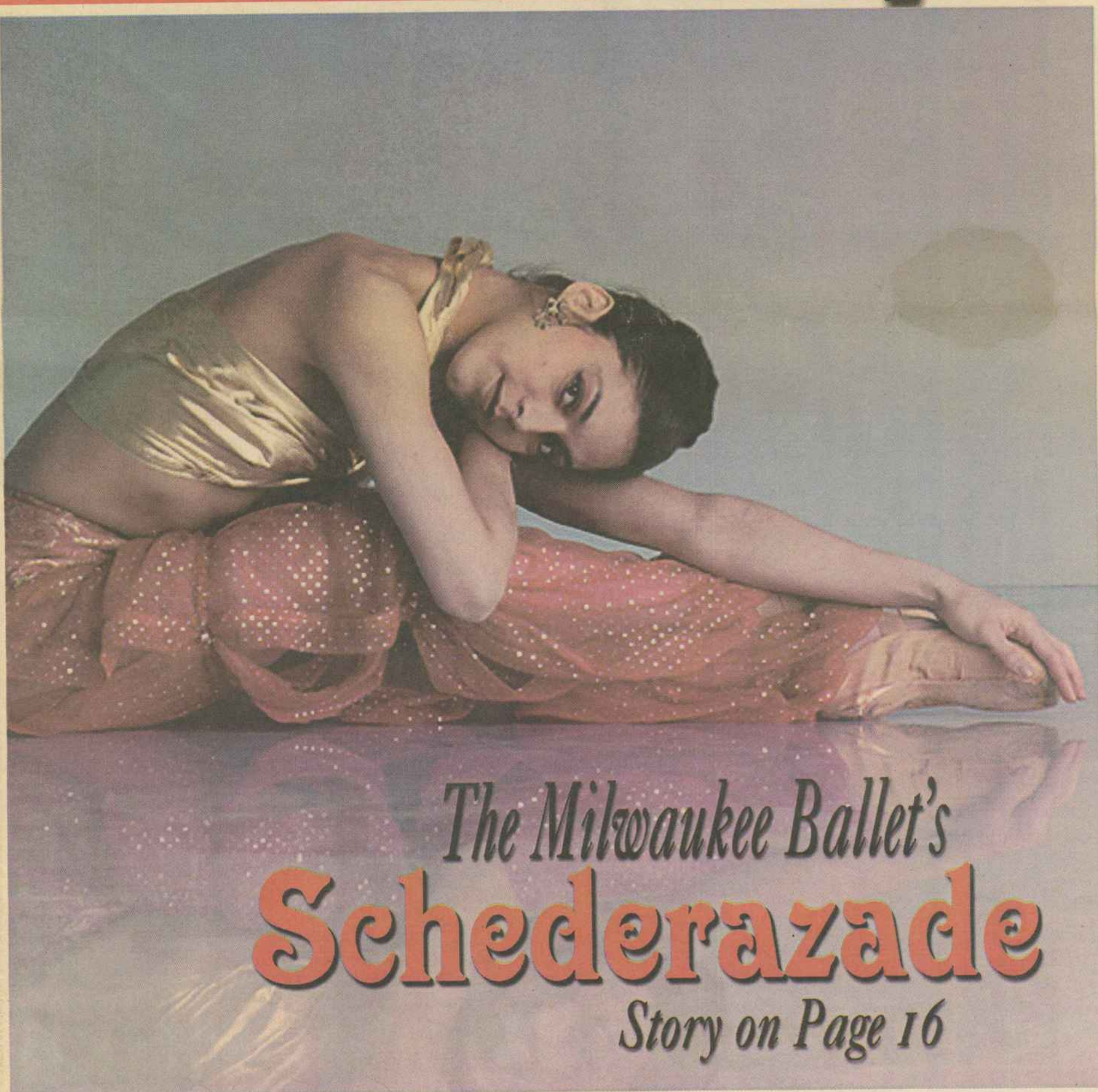
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Milwaukee GOP Calls For End To Military Ban On Gays

Milwaukee — Members of Log Cabin Republicans of Wisconsin, a lesbian/gay Republican organization, praised Milwaukee Republicans for recently calling for an end to the ban on lesbians and gays in the military. At the 4th Congressional District Republican Caucus held at the Milwaukee Athletic Club, a resolution calling for an end to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the armed forces was overwhelmingly adopted.

The resolution called for "the elimination of the Clinton policy of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell', and that all patriotic Americans be given the chance to serve their country regardless of sexual orientation." No one

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spoke against the measure during the caucus, which is organized annually by the various Republican clubs in the 4th Congressional District, consisting of the City of Milwaukee and the suburbs of St. Francis and Cudahy.

The resolution originated from the East Side Republican Club, where a non-gay member drafted the resolution and spoke in favor of it. It was adopted unanimously by the East Side Republican Club, and sent on to the 4th District Resolutions Committee, where a majority supported it and sent it on to the 4th District Caucus. It was adopted by the caucus on a voice vote with only a few votes cast against it.

Jim McFarland, Political Director of Log Cabin Republicans of Wisconsin, pointed to the fact that Log Cabin members did not have to introduce the resolution nor lobby on its behalf in obtaining its adoption.

"We've worked in the trenches for years with these Republicans and have gained their respect," McFarland said. "They know we are gay, we don't make a big issue of it, and in turn this has caused them to change their attitudes and realize that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is wrong," added McFarland, who was one of several Log Cabin members at the caucus.

Another member who was present, Pat Prudlow, Secretary of the organization, stated, "This is the product of patient one on one education of members of the Republican Party." Prudlow continued, "We prefer the quiet education process rather than making loud demands, and we feel we have obtained better results."

McFarland urged lesbian and gay Republicans to get involved with their local Republican organizations throughout the state so that this education process can take place in the other Congressional districts. The resolution now goes to the Republican State Convention Resolutions Committee, where its fate is uncertain since Log Cabin members have not been as active in other parts of the state.

Anti-Gay Remarks Trips GOP Leader

Washington — National gay civil rights groups called on the Republican leadership to remove Pennsylvania



Sen. Rick Santorum

Senator Rick Santorum as chairman of the GOP Senate conference after he compared homosexuality to bigamy, polygamy, incest and adultery.

In an interview with the Associated Press, the third highest ranking Republican in the Senate was asked to comment on the Texas sodomy case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Said Santorum: "If the Supreme Court says that you have the right to consensual (gay) sex within your home, then you have the right to bigamy, you have the right to polygamy, you have the right to incest, you have the right to adultery. You have the right to anything."

A spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights advocacy group, dubbed Santorum's remarks "stunning," and compared them

to Sen. Trent Lott's remarks in December praising Strom Thurmond's 1948 segregationist campaign for president. The ensuing controversy eventually forced Lott's resignation from his position as majority leader.

"We're calling on the Republican leadership to repudiate his remarks and reconsider his position," said the HRC's David Smith.

Santorum's spokeswoman said the comments "were specific to the Supreme Court case."

Several conservative organizations released statements supporting Santorum, while GOP leaders in the Senate remained silent, and White House officials declined to rebuke him. Strategists from both parties predicted that unlike the Lott controversy, which festered for weeks before leading to his demotion, a slap at the gay community is likely to be viewed as a problem only for a small segment of voters.

"Fact is, there is no debate in this country about whether African Americans should be treated as second-class citizens," said one Democratic strategist, comparing the Lott and Santorum cases. "The debate on homosexuals is still taking place."

Meanwhile, even the normally apologetic Log Cabin Republicans took offense. "If we're going to condemn someone like Trent Lott for racial comments, then we certainly should be able to come out with disgust against Sen. Santorum," said John Partain, president of the Log Cabin Republicans of Philadelphia, a gay

Republican group.

And Stacy Sobel, executive director of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights in Philadelphia, agreed.

"What concerns me is that one of our elected officials is making a statement that supports stereotypes and detracts from the ability of lesbian and gay families to take care of themselves," she said. "He should be called onto the carpet for that."

Sen. Barbara Boxer called Santorum's comments "offensive and hurtful."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein said the remarks were "ill-advised" and "wrong-headed."

Both Senators said Santorum's position as Republican conference chair, the post after Majority Leader Frist and Majority Whip Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was a matter for Republicans to decide.

The person the political parties choose to lead them "sends a message to America," Boxer said.

In an interview with Fox News on April 22, Santorum said he doesn't owe anyone an apology.

"I do not need to give an apology based on what I said and what I'm saying now — I think this is a legitimate public policy discussion," Santorum said. "This is what the state of Texas argued in their brief. ... These are not, you know, ridiculous you know comments, these are very much a very important point."

Among the groups condemning Santorum's remarks were the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, the Pennsylvania Log Cabin Republicans, OutFront, and the Pennsylvania Gender Rights Coalition.

LAMM and LAMM-EF Welcome New Leaders, Help Launch "Code Pink" Project

Milwaukee — The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund (LAMM-EF) Board of Directors has a new Chairwoman, Susan Dexter, confirmed at the LAMM Board of Managers meeting on April 8, 2003. Dexter brings an extensive background in business accounting and public sector management to the job.

Founded in 1992, LAMM-EF is a non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to cultural and educational projects aimed at serving the needs and protecting the rights of lesbians. Besides publishing a newsletter that provides lesbian-focused news and views, LAMM-EF is affiliated with the Lesbian Community Health Project and is a member agency of Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee (formerly ACHOICE), the work-place giving federation.

"We're enthused about working with Susan Dexter and looking forward to new projects," said Jane Bowers, who served as LAMM-EF Chairwoman since June 30, 2002. Bowers continues to serve as Chairwoman of LAMM-EF's sister organization, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee. The LAMM-EF Board wel-

comes input and ideas from the lesbian community and invites interested parties to call the LAMM-EF/LAMM shared office at (414) 272-9442, or e-mail LAMM@milwpc.com.

Meanwhile, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee has added five new members to the LAMM Board of Managers: Barbara Aho, Maria Cadenas, Jenny Durnall, Sarah Morgan and Marilyn Riedel. These new members join five others in providing ideas, and action for the largest lesbian organization in the Milwaukee area. Aho joined the Board in late December while the others were elected at the April 8, 2003 LAMM Board meeting.

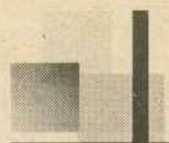
"The new Board members add depth, diversity and talent as well as positive energy," said Jane Bowers, LAMM Chairwoman. The five individuals are community activists and are already involved in LAMM activities.

Barbara Aho put together LAMM's January public forum on the Loss of Civil Rights since 9/11. She taught at UWM for many years, is an art conservator and a peace and political activist. Maria Cadenas will head LAMM's Policy and By-

Laws committee and helps out on the Membership committee. She is the Associate Director of the Wisconsin ACLU. Jenny Durnall is chair of the Membership committee and is now working on CODE PINK (see below) for LAMM. An intern for Milwaukee N.O.W. (National Organization for Women), she is planning to start a women's bookstore.

Sarah Morgan is new to LAMM and is working on the Policy and By-Laws and Social Justice committees. Finishing her PhD. in nursing at UWM, she is also head of a federally funded study of women in Wisconsin living with HIV. Also working on the Membership and Social Justice committees for some months, Marilyn Riedel is a long-time political activist for women, civil rights and peace. Currently, she is a member of Interweave in the Unitarian churches of Milwaukee and Racine.

In other Board action, LAMM is helping to launch a local CODE PINK chapter. CODE PINK is a national women's peace action group. Its name is a parody of the color coded warnings of terror put out by the Bush Administration. As part of the national movement of women for peace, LAMM is supporting a local CODE PINK chapter, coordinated by Board Member Jenny Durnall. The group will appear behind its "Women for Peace" banner at peace rallies, vigils, and marches throughout Milwaukee and will also put on CODE PINK-only demonstrations and events. For more information and to find out how you can participate, contact Jenny Durnall at jbdurnall@hotmail.com or leave a message at (414) 272-9442.



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Trans Dad Loses Round One

Chicago — A transgendered man has lost his fight to seek custody of his ten-year-old son, despite the fact that the neutral Public Guardian in the case came out on his side.

The father, known as Sterling in court records, married his wife in 1985. At the time, Sterling had transitioned, and no objection was raised to the marriage. In 1991, Sterling's wife had a baby via artificial insemination. Seven years later, the two divorced, and Sterling sought custody of their son.

Several courts have faced the issue of transgender marriages and custody, as well as the fundamental issue of how gender is defined as a matter of law. Activists were thrilled last February, when a judge in Florida ruled that FTM Michael Kantaras was legally married to his wife Linda, and then awarded him primary custody of their two children. After other victories, community court watchers had hope for this case, but they were disappointed when Judge Gerald Bender ruled the marriage was invalid in early April.

"The parties proposed marriage is invalid because the Legislature has determined that a marriage between two individuals of the same sex is prohibited in Illinois," Bender wrote. "This is not to say that there cannot be same sex relationships that may be more stable than those of married couples, but it is up to the Legislature and not this court to enact the law."

Bender's helplessness in the face of state law was arguably illusory. Although same-sex marriages are prohibited in Illinois, and to date, around the country, several courts have recognized the corrected genders of transsexual parents, just as we saw in *Kantaras v. Kantaras*. In addition, the best interest of the child is normally the watch phrase of the presiding judge in a family court. In this case, Public Guardian Patrick Murphy was clear. "From our perspective, the case was never about transgender rights," he said. "I don't know whether [Sterling] is a man or a woman. I just know he's a hell of a good father, the kid loves him and wants to live with him."

According to the Chicago Sun Times, the ruling will be appealed.

Use of "Gay" May Block AIDS Research

Washington — Federal health officials have given undocumented warnings to scientists who study AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases to keep words like "gay" and "transgender" out of their grant applications if they wish to receive funds, the New York Times reported on April 18.

An anonymous official at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) told the newspaper that grant applicants had been told by officers at the agency to avoid "sensitive language" when describing their research. The official added that the scrutiny for politically "delicate" words has become, under the Bush administration, "much worse and more intense."

Targeted words and phrases include "men who have sex with men," "needle exchange," "anal sex" and "sex workers."

Bill Pierce, a spokesman for the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which oversees NIH, denied that federal health officers screen grant applications in that way.

The article's suggestion that research may be thwarted due to conservative politics distressed some GLBT rights activists and advocates for people with HIV/AIDS.

San Francisco AIDS Foundation spokesman Redge Norton said, "This is very alarming. If it's true, it seems like the (Bush) administration is turning its back on the people and communities who need the research the most."

David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, the largest GLBT political group in the country, called the news "outrageous." He said that HRC is investigating the matter.

"If it's true, we will take immediate action, and that may include involving Congress," Smith said.

A University of California researcher told the Times he was advised by an NIH staffer to delete words like "gay" and "transgender" from his grant proposal. The study, however, focused on HIV testing among gay men.

"It's hard not to mention them in your abstract," he said.

In mid-April, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, another branch of HHS, released a revised national HIV prevention strategy aimed at making HIV tests more routine and channeling more prevention efforts toward HIV-positive people. The plan was praised by many, but several AIDS groups cautioned about removing counseling from testing programs.

First All-Gay Slasher Film Wraps

Hollywood — What is being claimed as the first "all-gay horror film" recently wrapped production in Los Angeles. The currently untitled film stars Dylan Fergus, Bryan "The Real World" Kirkwood, Hank "Pumpkin" Harris, Matt Phillips and Andrew "Psycho Beach Party" Levitas and is directed by newcomer Paul Etheredge-Ouzts.

"This is the first film of its kind," producer Steven Wolfe said, not counting the various lesbian vampire films and hardcore flicks. "[This] is not just a horror film with gay characters, but a horror film where all the primary characters are gay. What attracted me to the idea of developing this project was the lack of gay-themed films out there that are non-issue-related. This is simply a horror film that follows the standard genre formula, like a 'Scream' kind of film. The twist is that all the lead characters are gay."

The plot goes something like this: On Halloween morning in a West Hollywood park, two guys' makeout session is interrupted by a serial killer with a fondness for severed heads. Later that night, a group of gay kids celebrate the holiday with a visit to the site of the murders.

Producer Wolfe and his Sneak Preview Entertainment company will be shopping the film around to distributors once postproduction finishes in the months ahead. The company also has other gay-themed horror films in the works.

Federal Funds Finance Gay Senior Center

Fort Lauderdale — The first federally funded day-care center tailored to serve the needs of gay and lesbian seniors will open this summer in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Opening this August, the center will annually receive \$200,000 and will offer day-care services for 20-30 seniors on weekdays in a local red-carpeted church hall.

Funding for the center was provided by the local Broward County Agency on Aging and will include federal funds provided under the Older Americans Act, the Los Angeles Times reported. The center is eligible to receive government funds through President Bush's program for faith-based initiatives.

The federal money will be given to the center to provide services for needy seniors while their primary caregivers, such as friends or relatives, take time off.

Although the center will be open to anyone, Edith Lederberg, the executive director of the Broward County Agency, said that as one of the country's largest gay communities there was a critical need that had to be met.

Tabloid: Saddam Starred in Gay Porn Films!

Kuwait City — Deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein has been caught with his pants down — literally. At least according to a report in *The Weekly World News*.

The tabloid says that a shocking 1968 porn film has surfaced, in which "the flamboyant strongman appears performing raunchy homosexual acts!"

The image quality of the grainy 16mm film, reportedly uncovered by the Kuwaiti secret police, is poor — but *Weekly World News* experts who've taken a close look at the hairy-chested actor are "100 percent certain" it is a younger, trimmer Saddam according to story.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this is Saddam — there's no mistaking those eyes and that distinctive nose," Hussein biographer Sadiq al-Sabah of Kuwait told the tabloid.

"It may be hard to believe that a man who [once] led one of the most powerful nations in the Middle East once acted in blue movies, but not to anyone familiar with how reckless and sexually promiscuous Saddam was in his youth."

"Saddam appeared in as many as 85 of these films under a variety of stage names, most frequently Omar Studdif," the researcher said.

Still photographs from the sizzling XXX-rated film, *La'iba al-Waladani* (The Two Boys Played), were leaked to a Kuwait news magazine after authorities found it amid a stash of illicit porn in the vault of a recently deceased sheik the story says.

Rumors that Saddam appeared in gay porn films in his younger days have dogged him for decades and almost torpedoed his political career when he was a rising star in the ruling Baath Socialist party.

"He was able to squelch the rumors in the past, but now it looks like the Kuwaitis have found the smoking gun," a State Department spokesman is quoted as saying.

Al-Sabah claims that Saddam, then a struggling law student, acted in porn to make ends meet — and because he was addicted to gay sex.

In the newly uncovered 86-minute prison flick, Saddam, then just 34, plays a naive young peasant who is wrongly convicted and sent to jail. He is initiated into homosexuality by a series of older and more experienced cons.

"Saddam's acting in the picture is actually quite good," al-Sabah told *The Weekly World News*. "One scene, in which he buries his face in a pillow and cries, is so touching you almost can forget you're watching a low-budget exploitation film."

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Madison LGBT Campus Center to Become Dean of Students Unit

Madison — The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Campus Center will formally partner with the Dean of Students office in a new plan by Dean Luoluo Hong and the campus center's student staff.

Under the new arrangement, the LGBT Campus Center, currently a student organization located on the second floor of Memorial Union, will become an administrative unit of the dean's office. The change, which was agreed to jointly by the dean's office and center's student staff, is expected to take effect by summer.

Students will continue to provide leadership in setting the center's priorities and agenda and will help shape new services and programs that will now be possible with the addition of full-time professional staff support.

"It's important that the university shares responsibility for providing services and advocacy on behalf of LGBT students and their allies," Hong says. "Students should not have to do this alone. I'm very excited about this opportunity to provide improved support to both students and student organizations, as well as elevate our commitment to LGBT issues."

Additional support from the university has been a long-time goal of the center's student leadership, says Kris Johnson, LGBT Campus Center director, who adds that services to students will improve through greater continuity and efficiency.

"This is something that we, as a staff, have really been looking for," Johnson says.

"It's a good decision and we're excited to go forward with it and make it happen."

The center will follow a model similar to the McBurney Disability Resource Center and the Multicultural Student Center, both of which receive segregated fee funding, but also have full-time professional staff and are units of the dean's office.

The practical effect of the changes will redirect the LGBT issues coordinator position in the dean's office to serve as the LGBT Campus Center director. The director will oversee the campus center student staff and operations.

The mission of the LGBT Campus Center is to help foster a safe campus learning environment that supports the academic, personal, and interpersonal growth and development of students.

Likewise, the dean's office has been working on a parallel track, developing links between services and programs that support LGBT students. The dean's office and the LGBT Campus Center have worked closely on numerous issues, so the transition is not expected to be difficult, Hong says.

In the coming weeks, UW-Madison students will have the chance to ask questions or offer suggestions on how to make a smooth and effective transition and improve LGBT services. Discussion sessions are scheduled from 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at Memorial Union and from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 also at Memorial Union. Check the posted Today in the Union (TITU) schedule for exact room locations.

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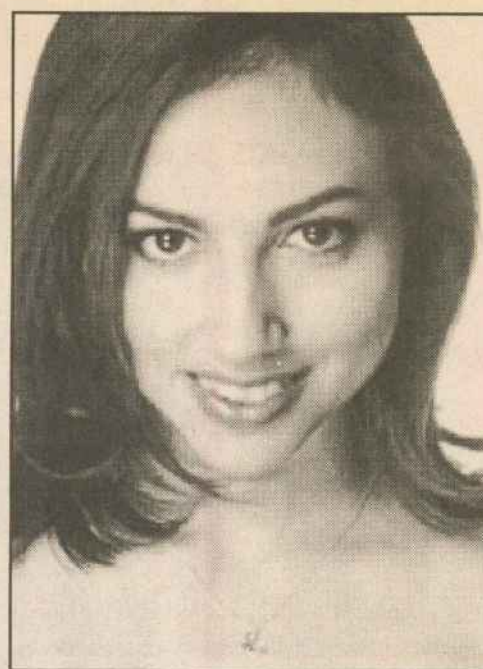
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ABC Daytime Debuts Lesbian Kiss on "All My Children"

New York — "All My Children's" Bianca Montgomery (played by Edén Riegel), the lesbian daughter of Erica Kane (Susan Lucci), is experiencing her first romance. The move, which fans of the show have been calling for ever since Bianca's character first appeared, made her first daytime drama gay or lesbian character to share a same-sex kiss on television.

"They will actually have a sexual relationship," promised Brian Frons, president of ABC Daytime. "We will see the

seduction." The kiss took place during the April 22 episode of the Emmy-award winning drama, in a scene featuring Riegel's character, who came out as a lesbian in 2000, and her new friend Lena (played by Olga Sosnovska) who "in a moment of truth and true love ... comes to terms with her feelings."

"This is a watershed moment for daytime television," said GLAAD Entertainment Media Director Scott Seomin. "ABC and All My Children's producers are showing a lesbian character in a truer light. Had Bianca remained a lesbian in name only, it would have been unrealistic and unfair to viewers who expect to share in the lives of their favorite soap opera characters."

In the current issue of The Advocate, Seomin also notes that he hopes her romance is just as tumultuous as everyone else's love affairs on the show. "Frankly, if she has some happiness, I hope it's short-lived. The moment that Bianca settles into domestic bliss with another woman, that's the time viewers tune out."

World Briefs

PIM FORTUYN KILLER CONVICTED

Amsterdam — The man who killed Dutch gay politician Pim Fortuyn was convicted of murder and sent to prison for 18 years April 15.

Some of Fortuyn's supporters believed Volker van der Graaf, 33, should have been jailed for life. They stormed from the courtroom when the sentence was announced.

Van der Graaf said he shot Fortuyn, who founded a very popular grass-roots political party, for the sake of The Netherlands' Muslim population. Fortuyn had proposed a ban on additional Muslim immigrants, saying the ones who were already there had failed to integrate into Dutch society.

Van der Graaf said, "I could see no other option than to do what I did."

Fortuyn, who may have had enough support to become prime minister, headed the new party Pim Fortuyn's List, which snagged 26 of Parliament's 150 seats nine days after the assassination, coming in second behind the Christian Democrats who won 43 seats. In addition to stemming immigration, the party stood for a crackdown on crime and increased attention to problems such as hospital waiting lists, train delays and education funding.

The List joined a three-way center-right governing coalition but infighting among List MPs prevented the three parties from working together and the cabinet disintegrated last October, becoming the shortest-lived Dutch government in 50 years.

Many media reports labeled Fortuyn a right-winger but he also was called a populist, a maverick, an independent and a libertarian.

BRIT TRANSSEXUAL LOSES MARRIAGE CASE

London — A British transsexual and her husband haven't been married for 22 years like they thought.

Five Law Lords from Britain's highest court, the House of Lords, ruled April 10 that Elizabeth and Michael Bellinger's marriage is invalid because gender is fixed at birth.

When the couple got married in 1981, the same year Elizabeth had a sex-change operation, no one requested proof of her gender. The Bellingers sought legal recognition as a test case.

"The man I have been married to all these years and been his wife, his dishwasher, cleaner and cook ... it means he has never existed," Elizabeth, 56, said after the ruling. "Everything was taken away from me today. ... I fear I am left with no choice other than to seek redress in the European courts."

The British government said in December that it hopes to change laws that prohibit transsexuals from marrying as a member of their post-operative gender. Only three other European nations -- Albania, Andorra and Ireland -- refuse to recognize sex changes.

CANADIAN CHILD CAN'T HAVE THREE PARENTS

London — A two-year-old boy in London, Ontario, Canada, can't have two moms and a dad, Family Court Justice David Aston ruled April 11.

Although the three adults share parenting of the boy, only the biological mother and father are his parents, Aston ruled.

The judge said he wanted to rule otherwise, but the Children's Law Reform Act prevents him from naming more than two

people as a child's parents.

The boy "obviously [is] thriving in a loving family that meets his every need," Aston said.

The nonbiological mother told the London Free Press, "We are heartbroken that, in his honor's view, our lives cannot reflect the truth of our son's life."

REP. FRANK TACKLES EGYPT

Washington — Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., is stepping up his campaign against Egypt over its recent treatment of gays.

Citing a "sustained, blatant and increasingly brutal crackdown against gay men," Frank April 14 urged gay organizations to start lobbying Congress against the Arab nation.

Frank also wrote Egypt's U.S. ambassador, Nabil Fahmy, accusing him of lying last year when he told Frank Egypt was not persecuting gay men.

"His fundamental dishonesty is now evident," Frank said.

On March 15, 21 men who were arrested in a gay-bar raid and in other anti-gay sweeps were sent to prison for three years for the crime of habitual debauchery. Numerous other men have faced the same fate in the past 20 months -- many after being entrapped on the Internet by police officers pretending to be gay cruisers.

Frank says it would be impractical for gay groups to pressure Congress to end all aid to Egypt, "particularly that aid we provide annually to Egypt for the constructive role it played in the late seventies when it signed a peace treaty with Israel."

"But the Egyptian government has other goals it is seeking that require Congressional approval, such as weapons sales, trade preferences and in other areas," Frank said. "Egypt must understand that it cannot continue to be so oppressive towards people's human rights and expect us to support these additional requests."

JAPAN OK'S GENDER-SWAP CANDIDATE

Tokyo — Japan's home affairs ministry ruled in mid-April that a transgender candidate could run for a local-government seat identified as her chosen gender.

News reports said the ministry's instructions to the Metropolitan Election Administration Commission may be the first time the government OK'd submission of a public document with a gender reference contrary to an individual's family register.

Aya Kamikawa, 35, will run for the Setagaya Ward Assembly as a woman even though she was born male. The election is April 27.

"I hope the decision will serve as a starting point for necessary legal reforms to allow one to live fully in accordance with one's preferred sex," she told the Japan Times.

25% OF N.Z. WOMEN HAVE HAD GAY FEELINGS

Auckland — Twenty-five percent of New Zealand women and 11 percent of men admit to having had gay sexual attractions, the University of Otago's Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study has found.

Researchers questioned 980 26-year-olds all born in the city of Dunedin.

People with more education were more likely to acknowledge same-sex attractions.

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State Briefs

"Queer People of Color" Film Festival April 25-26

Madison - A "Queer People of Color" Film Festival will take place on Friday, April 25th-Saturday April 26th in room 6210 of the Social Sciences Building on Observatory Drive in Madison. It will begin daily at 6 p.m. and run for four hours. The event is free and open to the public.

The following films will be screened: "East Palace/West Palace," banned by the Chinese Government; it follows a young gay writer's life; "Plata Quemada (Burnt Money)," based upon a book and story inspired by a famous bank robbery in Buenos Aires in the 1960s; "Honored by the Moon," in which Native American lesbians and gay men speak of their life experiences; "Paradise Bent," one of the first explorations of the Samoan fa'afafines, boys who were raised as girls, who then fulfill their traditional role in Samoan culture; "Body of a Poet: A Tribute to Audre Lorde," a celebration of Lorde's life and work, going from birth to death; "Forbidden Fruit," which breaks taboos about sexual identity and lesbian love in African (particularly Zimbabwean) society; "Shinjuku Boys," a documentary following three onnabes (women who live as men and have girlfriends although they do not identify as lesbians) who work as hosts at the New Marilyn Club in Tokyo; and "Flesh and Paper," a film that deals with the life and writing of Indian lesbian poet and writer Suniti Namjoshi.

The Queer People of Color Film Festival was conceived to explore LGBT identity

across cultures. We hope to create an environment conducive to sharing cultural experiences about our sexualities. It also offers a great chance to observe sociological differences at one level of observation and hopefully create a greater understanding of ourselves as well as our world-community.

The Festival is co-sponsored by: LGBT Campus Center Dean of Students Office, Wisconsin Union Directorate Multicultural Student Coalition, Campus Women's Center, Sex Out Loud, OutReach, Inc., QPOC (Queer People of Color), Ten Percent Society.

For more information, contact: John Alaniz or other staff at lgbtcc@mail.students.wisc.edu, or you can call the UW-Madison LGBT Campus Center at (608) 265-3344.

"Take Back the Night" April 26 in Madison

Madison - Madison's 18-year tradition of the "Take Back the Night" event continues on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 5 p.m. on the State Street steps of the Capitol. This annual rally and march unites women and men committed to fostering a community that is safe for all people, including women and girls.

The volunteer coalition that organizes "Take Back the Night" aims to provide a safe space in which to explore the ways violence and the threat of violence affect our lives. Men are encouraged to participate as witnesses at the rally, and to stand vigil at the beginning and end of the women's march.

The evening is expected to unfold this way: 5 p.m. Dadawah - African Drum and

Dance Band, Rape Crisis Center Men Stopping Rape, Capoeira - Martial arts & gymnastics performance, Luoluo Hung, PhD, MPH, UW-Madison's Dean of Students, Keynote Speaker, Erin Martin, Poet Patricia C. Grillot, RN, MSN, survivor of stranger and acquaintance rape; 7-7:30 p.m. Women's Speak-out with survivors of sexual violence; 7:30 p.m. Chimera Self-Defense Demonstration; 7:45 p.m. GOD-DES Rap Artist; 8 p.m. March starts; 8:30 p.m. Closing Ceremony at the Fountain on Library Mall with Womonsong & Reformed Church of the Goddess; 9-10 p.m. coffee & cookies at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St.

For more information, contact Alana Brennan, Take Back the Night Coordinator, at (608) 217-9633, email: alana_brennan@hotmail.com, or visit: www.women-shealth.wisc.edu/tbntn.

Watch Out for the Pink Boxes!

Milwaukee - OutVote, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's nonpartisan voter mobilization program, will be launching a campaign to distribute its voter pledge cards at Milwaukee LGBT community establishments.

The bright pink cards in pink and purple display holders will be available throughout the City of Milwaukee. These cards encourage voters to make a pledge to the LGBT community to vote. People who pledge to vote receive reminders about upcoming elections, nonpartisan information about the candidates, and helpful assistance about where and how to vote.

"Why pledge to vote?" the cards ask. "Your pledge helps us prove to politicians that our community votes and that our issues need to be addressed!" Indeed, since

the launch of the OutVote project in August of 2002, OutVote has been able to send nonpartisan reminders and information about candidates to thousands of LGBT voters. OutVote aims at gathering 2,000 additional pledges from LGBT voters in the next three months.

"These cards will definitely not be overlooked," said Elysse Chay, a local activist and regular OutVote volunteer. "If anything says 'queer,' it's the design of these cards! The bright pink and purple design made me notice them from a distance and go closer to see what they are." The pink and purple boxes were designed by MMK Design and chosen to be easily noticed and express an LGBT affiliation. A generous local printer produced the boxes for free.

To have an OutVote Voter Pledge display box and voter pledge cards delivered to your establishment or event, please contact OutVote at OutVote@mkelgbt.org, or by phone at (414) 271-2656, ext. 119. Persons can also pledge to vote online at www.mkelgbt.org/outvote.

OutReach Seeks Nominations for Community Awards

Madison - OutReach, Madison & Dane County's LGBT community center, is seeking nominations of individuals, organizations, and businesses who have made outstanding contributions to the LGBT communities. Awards will be presented at OutReach's Eleventh Annual Community Awards Banquet, to be held Wednesday, July 16, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center.

Nominations are a means of acknowledging some of the people whose work - sometimes visible, sometimes not - makes such a remarkable contribution to



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Madison's LGBT community. A committee of community members reviews the nominations and selects award recipients. Past award winners and OutReach staff and board members are not eligible.

Award categories are David Runyon Memorial Man of the Year, Susan Green Memorial Woman of the Year, Business or Organization of the Year, Ally of the Year (non-LGBT individuals or groups that support the LGBT community), and OutReach Volunteer of the Year. The nominations committee also will entertain nominations in other categories, such as special recognition for individual service. Nomination forms are available at OutReach, 600 Williamson St., by calling (608) 255-8582, or online at www.outreachinc.com. Nominations must be received by May 31, 2003.

Diversity Key To Seattle Dance Group Performance

Menasha — Unity through Diversity will be the overriding theme of a special free performance by the Seattle-based youth dance troupe Intersectionz Educational Artz Wednesday, April 30, beginning at 7 p.m. at the UW-Fox Valley Union here.

Intersectionz is an educational performing arts company composed of a diverse group of young adults from around the world who have come together to enhance community awareness of critical social issues. Intersectionz serves public and private schools for all age levels as well as the surrounding communities.

Intersectionz mission is to educate communities about the healing principles of unity in diversity and inspire them to work for positive social change. Through dance and movement theater, Intersectionz confronts the destructive and divisive nature of racism, sexism, violence, and drug and alco-

hol abuse as well as the challenges of the AIDS epidemic, the needs of the poor, and the importance of family support and unity. The goal of the performance is to create an open dialog with the youth in order to empower them to turn attitudes of apathy into enthusiasm, ignorance into understanding — working toward social change. Intersectionz performs on an average of 186 performances per year, reaching approximately 200,000 youth and families.

In addition to performing throughout the Pacific Northwest, the Intersectionz program has toured to Oregon, Idaho, Florida, New Mexico, Vermont, Alaska, and Germany.

The dancers range in age from 17-24 years, are high school graduates and come from a broad spectrum of cultural, religious and racial backgrounds. The dancers commit to a full year with Intersectionz. Dancers have hailed from Newfoundland, Vancouver Island, Australia, Haiti, the Philippines, the Ivory Coast, Columbia, Trinidad, Germany and throughout the United States.

The company is run by three partners, who have all come from the well-known Diversity Dance Workshop, and have combined their energies and talents to create Intersectionz.

A reception with refreshments will follow the hour-long show. The all-ages Menasha appearance will be hosted by major sponsors the Appleton Bahais, Goodwill Industries/Harmony Café and UWFV. Additional sponsors include the Boys & Girls Club Fox Valley, P-FLAG Fox Cities, Fox Cities NOW, Toward Community: Unity in Diversity, Youth Go and Neil & Pat McCarty.

The UW-Fox Valley Union is located on Midway Road in Menasha. For more information, call (920) 730-3815.

G/L Trust Fund Seeks Grant Applications

Milwaukee — The G/L Community Trust Fund, operated by the G/L Community Center Inc. (and not affiliated with the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center), has announced plans for the distribution and awarding of grants for the spring of 2003. Any organization or group in the Milwaukee area interested in applying for a grant or funding is asked to submit their request in writing before May 30 to the board of directors, in care of the G/L Community Trust Fund, P.O. Box 1686, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Funds available for these grants come out of the general Social Service Program that is funded thru general donations and gifts. Funds from this program are separate from the "Your Choice Program" that is distributed semi-annually. Last year beneficiaries and agencies receiving funding included BESTD Clinic, GPU Archives/Phone Line, House of Infinity, LGBT Community Center, Metropolitan Community Church, Queer TV Show, Sage/Milwaukee, Galano Club, the Milwaukee Youth Group, Milwaukee Gay Fathers, and Men's Voices Milwaukee.

In other news, the Trust Fund currently has several openings on its advisory board and is looking for volunteers who can devote some time. More information is available by calling (414) 643-8330 before May 30.

The G/L Community Center is planning its annual meeting for this June, and all members will be receiving their announcements in a few weeks. Membership is open to everyone. Dues are only \$20 a year and can be sent to the above address. The Community Trust Fund also maintains the Endowment Fund, and

Building Fund, supported by individual donations and memberships. For more information, call at (414) 643-8330.

"Out & About" Dance at UW Memorial Union May 2

Madison — The Ten Percent Society at UW-Madison will hold its annual Out & About Dance for LGBTs and their friends on Friday, May 2, at 9 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union on Langdon St.

Admission is \$3. There will be a DJ and cash bar. The dance is open to anyone over the age of 18 with a university or college ID, Wisconsin Union members, members of the Ten Percent Society and those with a Guest Pass which can be obtained by calling (608) 262-7365.



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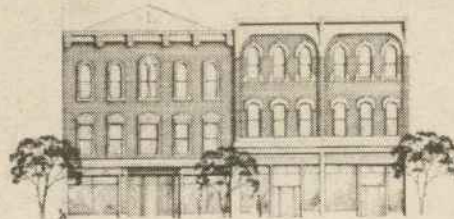
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Challenge Party 2003 Set for June 20

Milwaukee — The date has been set for the 15th annual Challenge Party, to be held on Friday evening, June 20, 2003 at a beautiful, recently renovated home on Lake Michigan. The Challenge Party is a special cocktail party that raises money for organizations providing services to the Milwaukee lesbian and gay community.

Since its inception, the Challenge Party has raised and distributed \$387,000. Last year's party raised over \$40,000. This year, as always, the Challengers will bear all of the costs of this event so that 100% of your contribution goes directly to the recipient organizations.

This year's recipient organizations are ARCW, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, and the Galano Club. Donors may allocate their contribution of at least \$300 to one, two or all three of the recipients, in whatever proportion they wish.

Please join us and show that you are up to the Challenge of supporting Milwaukee's LGBT community. For more information, contact John Wirth at (414) 228-6659 or Ruth Irvings at (414) 777-0220.

Non-Profits Join the WCC Chorus in Fund Raising Opportunity

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus' June 15 concert, "Life Signs: Interpretations of the Heart," is a unique concert dedicated to raising awareness of the deaf community and the beauty of sign language. To be presented at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, the concert will feature the eloquent signing of professionals specifically chosen for the quality of their expression.

The chorus will itself become a backdrop to this unusual performance, interpreters for those unable to speak the language of sign. Every piece in the concert is being chosen for the depth of emotion and richness of imagery that translation into sign will provide.

Non-profit groups, organizations and service providers are asked to both join in this celebration of the elegant music of sign and raise money for their own needs at the same time. Groups are invited to sell advanced tickets to "Life Signs" for \$10 each. Of this amount, \$7 will be theirs to keep. For example, if the group sells 20 tickets, they will have made themselves \$140. Tickets and a variety of advertising materials, including flyer and poster originals and press releases will be provided by WCCC.

"We've already signed on a number of organizations," said chorus President Emory Churness, "so we may have to accept qualified organizations on a first come, first served basis."

For more information or to sign-up for this opportunity, contact our Life Signs fundraising coordinators. Susan Westby can be reached at (414) 476-1707(TTY), via relay #711, or through e-mail at suewestby@aol.com; Bill Martin can be reached at (414) 672-9262. You may also write to the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus at 315 W Court St., Suite 101, Milwaukee 53212, or log onto our website at creamcitychorus.org.

MVM To Host "Christmas In Summer" Fundraiser

Milwaukee — Please join Men's Voices Milwaukee for an evening of entertainment, fireworks and fun as the chorus sets sail on the Edelweiss Cruise Boat on Saturday May 31 for a "Christmas In Summer" fundraising cruise.

The evening will begin with a buffet at the M&M Club, 124 N Water St., where a shuttle bus will escort passengers to the 3rd Street Pier for Riversplash entertainment and fireworks. The group will then board the Edelweiss for a beautiful evening on Lake Michigan where passengers will enjoy entertainment and a festive holiday evening including prizes and special silent auction items.

Tickets are \$50 with proceeds benefiting the chorus, efforts to perform at the 7th International LGBT Choral Festival in Montreal, Quebec. Tickets are available through chorus members or by calling the MVM offices at (414) 765-9198. For more information about Men's Voices Milwaukee, call the chorus office or visit their website at www.mvmchorus.com.

Couples Weekend Workshop

Milwaukee — This weekend workshop for couples is based on "Getting the Love You Want" as demonstrated by Harville Hendrix, Ph.D., on "Oprah."

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Presented by Patricia Smith, MSW, LCSW, Certified Imago Therapist (workshop presenter in training) and Virginia Thomas, RN, MS, Imago trained. At Milwaukee LGBT Center, May 30-June 1st; \$300 per couple includes 2 workshop manuals. For more information and to register, call (920) 668-6368 or email thomsmat@execpc.com.

PrideFest Extends Search for Executive

Milwaukee — PrideFest has extended their deadline in the search for an executive administrator. The new deadline for applications is Friday, June 13.

PrideFest is seeking an individual with proven experience in fundraising, as well as office and administrative skills.

This individual will be responsible for raising funds required to operate the festival, along with many of the daily tasks needed to keep the festival planning process on track.

"This is an excellent opportunity for someone to become involved with a significant aspect of the festival planning. PrideFest believes this new position will be the necessary vehicle that will drive the festival forward and facilitate growth." Stated Lil Lau, Board Co-Chair.

PrideFest feels this much needed position will create more streamlined operations, and fill the many gaps in the daily festival operations.

Please send resumes to: Cindy Taylor, VP & Merchandise Director for PrideFest, P.O. Box 511763, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or via email at ctaylor@pridefest.com.

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ARCW's "Make A Promise" Gala Raises \$188,450

Milwaukee — ARCW supporters celebrated their commitment to stopping HIV/AIDS in Wisconsin by raising



Dr. Robert Starshack (center) and his partner Ross Draegert (left) receives a courage award from Doug Nelson, Executive Director of ARCW (right)
Photo: Jay Langhurst

\$188,450 at the 17th annual Make A Promise Gala on April 12 at Milwaukee's Midwest Airlines Center.

"Programs for people with HIV/AIDS and those at risk of contracting HIV depend so much on the generosity of ARCW's donors," said ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson. "Through their kindness and support ARCW is able to implement lifesaving prevention programs and provide crucial health, housing, legal and social services to people living with HIV/AIDS."

Every spring since 1986, hundreds of Wisconsin citizens dedicated to preventing the spread of HIV disease and caring for people living with HIV/AIDS have come to Milwaukee to celebrate their dedication to halting the AIDS epidemic in Wisconsin. Despite national trends toward decreases in funds raised through AIDS fundraising events, Make A Promise Gala raised \$35,000 more than in 2002.

The event was punctuated by a wonderful awards ceremony recognizing outstanding commitments made by individuals and groups in the fight against AIDS. Honorees at Make a Promise included:

Philanthropists of the Year Dr. Robert Starshak and Ross Draegert for their generous support of ARCW's new medical clinics providing care to more than 250 HIV/AIDS patients who otherwise would not be able to access medical care.

Courage Award winner Paul

Milakovich, for his more than 13-year, full-time commitment to AIDS that has been instrumental in developing health care, social service, housing, legal and prevention services reaching thousands of people throughout the state.

Leadership Award winners the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Wisconsin AIDS Fund, for their \$100,000 gift to support ARCW's nationally-recognized clean needle exchange in response to Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's veto of county HIV prevention funding.

Leadership Award winner Mary Bridget Carlson, RN, for her 20 years of providing high quality medical care, compassionate support, and unyielding advocacy for hundreds of people with HIV/AIDS in Milwaukee.

"These individuals and groups exemplify the best in the response to AIDS. Their commitment and passion to defeat



Daniel Klingler (back left), Gay Outreach Director for ARCW, poses with his Bag Boyz, a group of volunteers that offer education and testing regularly at gay bars in Milwaukee Photo: Jay Langhurst

AIDS is the cornerstone of Wisconsin's success in reducing the number of new HIV infections and serving thousands of people with HIV/AIDS," Nelson said.

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ization instead of one that perpetuates secrecy, the smell of scandal and puts on event which has become more of a beer party than a celebration of Pride and the LGBT community.

Thank you for sticking your neck out there and don't let PrideFest blame you if this year's festival goes south.

**Jerry Kramer
Milwaukee**

Dear Editor—

PrideFest is our state's most important GLBT event, and this distinction demands that the issues raised in *IN Step's* recent cover story receive serious attention. To ensure the life and vibrancy of this festival, tough questions must be asked and a review of operating procedures must take place. Most importantly, this process must be open to public scrutiny to justify the community's continued investment in PrideFest's vision for its future.

A remarkable group of volunteers, led by PrideFest's planning council, has spent years building PrideFest into a great community gathering. They have worked to no end to ensure that all of us have a memorable, affirming experience year after year. It is truly a labor of love, which has produced a cornerstone from which our community rises. It would be a shame if their hard work were lost in controversy.

IN Step, for its part, should be commended for its steadfast commitment to ensuring the health of one of our community's best assets. Writing an investigative piece on something so precious to us all is not an easy task. Hopefully, *IN Step's* continuing coverage will be a catalyst for the changes that a growing festival like PrideFest must make. PrideFest has the potential to be one of the nation's best pride events. Let's work together to ensure that this great festival can grow to be even greater.

Paul Williams

Correction:

In the story in our last issue "57 Days and Counting" the information in the graphic "PrideFest Attendance at a Glance" was incorrect due to a typographical error. The correct attendance figures are: 1999 - 13,731, 2000 - 15,964, 2001 - 16,666, 2002 - 18,604.

Bag Boyz

Dear Editor—

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) and the Bag Boyz are grateful for all of the support they have received in the gay community and in the recent *IN Step* article. The Bag Boyz are indeed a new statewide, powerful force in the fight against AIDS. Their year long commitment to protect our community from HIV can encourage all of us to rededicate ourselves to prevent the spread of HIV.

The article mentioned free HIV Testing provided by ARCW and the Bag Boyz, which is an important part of our efforts. We hope the Bag Boyz make it even easier to access testing. ARCW is happy to provide test results in many locations that are comfortable for the individual receiving the test, but does not provide test results over the telephone to assure that vital confidentiality and counseling standards are maintained.

Thanks again to *IN Step* for the article and the community support that the Bag Boyz have received; and, remember when you are out and about, "Talk To The Bag Boyz!"

**Daniel L. Klingler
Gay Outreach Manager, ARCW**



Dyer's Departure

Dear Editor—

This letter is in response to your article "57 Days & Counting" concerning PrideFest and questions regarding Bo Dyer's sudden departure.

Some of the information in the article with regard to myself was inaccurate. I'd like to take the opportunity to correct these errors and defend my reputation.

Although it is common knowledge that Bo Dyer did serve as PrideFest's Entertainment Director during the 2001 festival year she was not my booking publicist. I did not perform as a solo artist during 2001. I performed as a member of the band ChixMix.

The article stated that "the investigation had turned up a second apparent conflict in Dyer's 2001 contracting of singer Melissa Beastrom. Dyer served both as

PrideFest's local entertainment chair and Beastrom's publicist that year as well."

Dyer did not handle bookings for my personal appearances, so there was never a conflict of interest concerning my involvement. At no time did Bo Dyer ever receive any commission or form of payment as my personal publicist. The only services Dyer was ever contracted for was photography for my solo CD, "Pieces of the Puzzle" and my website design.

The tone of the article suggests that there was information to be uncovered inclusive of unethical practices on the part of the artists. It shines a light of "guilty by association" on those mentioned in the article. I have personal relationships with people on the PrideFest counsel and they have always been aware of my dealings with Dyer due to the fact that they are in the same social circle. Both the local music scene in Milwaukee as well as the LGBT community tend to be small worlds. As both a lesbian and a musician, those associations overlapping are unavoidable. Unfortunately, Dyer ran in both of those circles and her indiscretions are starting to appear.

Before performing her sudden disappearing act, I had known Bo Dyer for the last two years and had considered her my

friend. Along with the public, others that were close to her are only now becoming aware of some of her desperate measures. Unfortunately, I'm sure there will be more information to come.

As the mainstream paper for the LGBT community, *IN Step* has brought public attention to Dyer's misconduct. Because of this I hope Bo Dyer will be held accountable for her actions. PrideFest remains an organization full of people who work tirelessly, with only the best intentions in mind. As they have in the past, I am confident that the people involved with PrideFest will overcome these new obstacles and implement the policies and procedures that will ensure a smooth running organization for years to come.

Let us remember not to point a finger in an effort to deflect light off of ourselves and instead focus our attention on both the right and the left hand within the organizational structure that allowed Bo Dyer the freedom to misrepresent us all. We should try to put our energy into one another, working together to ensure that PrideFest remains out, loud and proud.

Melissa Beastrom

Dear Editor—

Thank you for your recent article "57 Days and Counting." Your story brings to light many concerns that I have had over the years surrounding PrideFest.

To me, the most telling comment in the story was a quote by PrideFest Co-Director Lil Lau who stated, "The ultimate goal is that ten years or twenty years from now, somebody else will be able to step up to the plate and pick up where we started."

From that statement and the behavior of PrideFest leaders over the years, it is clear that the current PrideFest board and council (a board with no term limits as you pointed out) appears to view PrideFest as their own personal event, rather than something that belongs to the LGBT community. I guess we should all be grateful to them — but I for one am not. PrideFest is simply not living up to its potential.

What exactly will it take for sponsors and supporters of PrideFest wake up and realize that it is the best interest of the community for PrideFest to be a more transparent organ-

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OPINIONS

Best Today, Still Better Tomorrow

By Barbara Lightner

It was out in front of the company where my father worked, there beneath the name of his company, back in the late '40s. It was a sign I still remember. It read, "Best Today, Still Better Tomorrow." I liked that sign a lot when I was a little girl and I still like it a lot, even now when it so often looks like a striving for excellence and the vision required of excellence have gone by the boards. Why do we not ask where we are, and wonder what bold new place we want to head for? "What's a hand for," as Robert Browning put it, "if not to reach?"

I try to reckon why we have lost a sense of excellence and of vision, but I do not know. Is it because we are so involved in the deadening dailiness of our days that we are no longer very good, in George Bush Sr.'s words, "at the vision thing?" Is it because, as one self-appointed therapist to the human race has said, the demands of excellence are so intimidating that it is harmful to those who lack self esteem? Or are we too scared? Too unhappy? Too strung out? Too hopeless? Too narcissistic for the common good? So overwhelmed by events that we have become supine? Or is it because we have become so results-oriented that we can't see the vision for the rigidi-

ties required to measure results in numbers or ciphers or salaries?

Whatever, we are in a time and in a temper that runs counter to LGBT vision. In the absence of vision, we allow the demagogue, the bigot, and the hatemonger to take over. We have MSNBC carrying talk show host Michael Savage, the most notorious of the dangerous homophobes, who spews hate unimaginable. (So ugly are Savage's words that his major sponsors, including such stalwarts as Procter and Gamble and Dell Computer, etc., have withdrawn.) Locally, we have our very own talk show bigots Charlie Sykes and Mark Belling.

Without a vision to hold on to for ourselves and to counter the demagogues as well, we are in a perilous place. We are in a William Butler Yeats place where "the best lack all conviction; the worst are full of passionate intensity."

Or in a hideous corruption of the majestic bald eagle symbol of this land, we are in a Muriel Rukeyser place where "freedom's eagles scream above our face, misleading, sly, perverse, and unprofound."

In our LGBT communities we are at high risk. We, as are people of Middle Eastern descent and the African diaspora, and as are women who are more violently set upon by rapists than is commonly acknowledged, the soft underbelly of the whale around and under which the hatemonger gathers for attack. Particularly is this true now, with Patriot Act Two waiting to be enacted, the legislation that would steal from us our rights to freedom of speech, and to the freedom to come togeth-

er in LGBT organizations without fear of arrest; that would put an end to the right to read books without being spied on by the government, and that would end our ability to obtain legal representation—along with allowing immediate incarceration—if our Attorney General, and infamous right wing ideologue, John Ashcroft so much as suspects us of something he does not like.

We must counter these attacks with legislative activity of course, and with participation in the electoral process. But it is clearly more than that. We must, in words still meaningful today, become—to refer to a highly popular book of the same name—an Aquarian Conspiracy of envisioners, articulating the best we know today, striving for still better tomorrow. Both inside our own souls and psyches, and outside in our institutions, we must meet the "passionate intensity" of the demagogues, hatemongers and bigots; and counter the scream of "freedom's eagles, misleading, sly, perverse and unprofound," with the boldness of our visions.

As a member of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, I need LAMM to articulate a vision for the lesbian/woman in the 21st century. As a member of the Milwaukee LGBT Center, I need to see the Center do the same for the LGBT communities. As a member of SAGE, I need to see SAGE do the same for those of us old LGBT members of Milwaukee. As a participant in PrideFest, and someone who has set up and staffed tables, I need PrideFest to join in this community visioning. Else I am overcome by what the poets so feared, the "misleading, sly, perverse and unprofound;" "the worst," so "full of passionate intensity."

Our organizations also need to get beyond their internal troubles by rallying 'round a vision, a vision they believe in and

can say to themselves and others at each and every difficulty. It needs to be something more than a statement in a book, or on grant applications. It needs to be a lived reality. That, ideal as it may seem, is not beyond visioning, and is to my way of thinking extremely and essentially important.

We as individuals and as members of our community organizations also need to begin visioning separately, and then together, toward the best LGBT today, which shall be still better tomorrow. We do that best, I think, by beginning at the grass roots, right where each one of us lives and loves and finds our being, with ourselves. We do that by talking vision-making up, by making a suggestion or two, by writing a letter to the editor of *IN Step* to let others know what we vision for ourselves and for our communities.

It is like what our gay brother Walt Whitman said of his poetry, "I sing the individual en masse." It was a poetry envisioning a brave and bold new America. Let's try it for the LGBT communities, making the best better, beginning with ourselves and then moving out to become a part of the whole, en masse.

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The Truth About Wishy-Washy

By Nikki Schlaishunt

There is a difference between being wishy-washy and being fluid. As a female I have been accused of being wishy-washy all my life. Thinking out loud, a common female trait, is often misconstrued as being wishy-washy or inconsistent.

Talking, for me, is a journey. The first thing that comes out of my mouth is not necessarily my destination. I like to feel how something sounds out loud. I may decide it doesn't quite describe my inner landscape and try again. I may decide to add your words to mine and transform both thoughts.

None of this is wishy-washy. It is pictures of my process, snapshots that describe how I got from where I was to where I am now. Each picture is valid on its own. And all the photos together make up a larger story.

As a bisexual, I often find myself facing the same wishy-washy charge—that I can't make up my mind between men and women. It is assumed that I can't be loyal or committed because I am confused.

Sexuality is a journey for me. The gender of my first love is not necessarily my destination. I am attracted to people who are compassionate and who listen intently. I am attracted to people who have

a passion for dancing. I am attracted to the earthy scent of freshly washed skin and a nice laugh. It is these things that define my attractions, not gender and not particular body parts.

This is not being wishy-washy. I am very clear about what I like and what I don't. I know what I am looking for and who I am. If you look at my life when I was 16 and madly in love with my best girlfriend, you might say I am a lesbian. If you look at my life when I was 25 and I married my best male friend, you might say I am straight. If you take a step back and look at my life as a whole, you will see the larger story.

To look at my life and say that sometimes I am homosexual and sometimes I am heterosexual is just trying to fit the whole of me into only one part of the truth. It tells only part of the story and it mistakes the part for the whole.

The larger truth is that I am bisexual. I love all genders and I like and dislike people regardless of gender. I change as I experience new relationships, new people, new situations.

By staying true to my own unique pattern, I am able to navigate the flow of the larger world around me and avoid both stagnation and chaos. I am able to be committed and loyal to myself and my relationships. I am able to keep my balance and to honor the whole of who I am. My truth is not wishy-washy, it is fluid.

And my truth doesn't make anyone else's truth untrue.

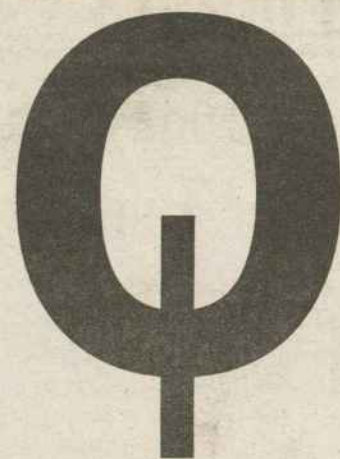


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**Tickets Going Fast for
"Fully Committed"
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Milwaukee - Tickets are selling at a brisk pace for the extended production of "Fully Committed" starring funny man John McGivern which will open at Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center on May 22. The Vogel Hall run follows the wildly successful sold-out run in the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Stackner Cabaret.

"Fully Committed" offers Milwaukee's favorite gay son John McGivern a broad canvas on which to portray more than 40 different characters - all at a maddening pace. The one act play follows a day in the life of Sam Peliczowski, an out-of-work actor who staffs the hectic reservation line at Manhattan's number one restaurant. As he juggles scheming socialites, name-dropping wannabes, fickle celebrities and egomaniacal bosses, Sam tries to sort out his own life and career.

"Fully Committed" comes close on the heels of another wildly popular sold-out play featuring John McGivern, "Shear Madness." People are urged to purchase their tickets (\$28-\$38) as soon as possible. Call (414) 273-7206, toll-free: (888) 612-3500.

Theatre X Offers "Krazy Kat" at Studio Theatre

Milwaukee - Theatre X will present the world premiere of "Krazy Kat," an adaptation of the acclaimed novel by Jay Cantor, from May 1-25 at the Studio Theatre in the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. The adaptation was written by longtime Theatre X writer and director John Schneider.

Cantor's wise and funny novel gave magical life to George Herriman's famous comic strip characters and their endlessly enacted triangle of love. The star is Krazy Kat, who adores Ignatz Mouse. She sees the bricks he constantly hurls at her bean as tokens of love. Ignatz spurns Krazy and each day arranges a cunningly different method of delivery for his missile. Offisa Pup, ardent admirer of the Kat, tries to protect her from Ignatz by throwing him into Cococino County's one-mouse jail. Doing their bit in the background are Mrs. Kwakk Wakk, Don Kiyoti, Beaucoup Jack and others.

Happily, the Theatre X folks included this explanatory note for their often challenging works: "Krazy Kat" is about opposites endlessly attracted, like cats and mice, Jews and Gentiles, blacks and whites, men and women. It's about our need for love and our confusing desire for pain, and how hard it is to become a rounded, feeling human being."

For tickets or more information about "Krazy Kat," call (414) 291-7800.



Perfect Harmony Presents "Love Changes Everything" May 10-11

Madison - Perfect Harmony, Madison's gay and gay-friendly men's chorus, will present its spring concert, "Love Changes Everything: A Celebration of Families, Friends and Lovers," on May 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. at Madison East High School, 2222 E. Washington Ave. Tickets are \$10 at the door or in advance from chorus members. There will be a reception after the show on May 11.

The program for the May concert will include a mix of show tunes, inspirational songs and even a few for barbershop quartet. Among the featured numbers are: "Love Changes Everything" from "Aspects of Love," "Someone Like You" from "Jekyll and Hyde," "One Hand, One Heart" from "West Side Story," "Standing on the Corner" from "The Most Happy Fella," Lennon and McCartney's "In My Life," Jacques Brel's "If We Only Have Love," "Old Friend" from "Tales of the City," "Rhythm of Life" from "Sweet Charity" and Kahlil Gibran's "On Children."

Ken Forney and Ian Riddle are the current co-conductors of Perfect Harmony and share the position of artistic director. The chorus presents two major concerts a year, including a holiday concert in December and a second concert in late spring/early summer.

Perfect Harmony also performs at special events, such as the rally against a proposed anti-same sex marriage bill brought before the state legislature, benefits for GLBT community groups, memorial services, award ceremonies, and church worship services. In fact, Perfect Harmony will join with Womansong, Madison's women's chorus, at a "Celebration of Diversity" Thursday, May 15, 5-7 p.m. at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St. The gathering is free of charge, with a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres.

Perfect Harmony is a non-profit organization, its singers and conductors serving in a volunteer capacity. It is also a member of GALA, an organization of GLBT choruses across the world. Perfect Harmony holds weekly rehearsals Sunday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, just off the Capitol Square on W. Washington. Perfect Harmony is a non-audition chorus and anyone can join to sing, or to serve in a non-singing capacity.

For further information, email: info@perfectharmonychorus.org, or visit the Perfect Harmony web site at www.perfectharmonychorus.org.

Ko-Thi Opens New Season with Kuumba Festival at the Pabst

Milwaukee - The Ko-Thi Dance Company, Wisconsin's premiere African dance company since 1969, will present "Kuumba Festival 2003: Generations" in the historic Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St., May 8-10 at 7:30 p.m.

"Generations," the first production of Ko-Thi's 34th season, will showcase the range and repertoire of Ko-Thi's musical and drumming history. The first half of the show will begin with the Ivory Coast and a dance which celebrates the crowning of Malian King Sundiata. Afterwards, the show proceeds across the shores to America, where African and American dance and music forms will be celebrated. Sticks, various methods of percussion and drums will be used to demonstrate African poly-rhythms.

After this brief visit, the audience will travel to Guinea to witness the "Dance of the Strong People," a piece that is characterized by strength, pride and agility. The performance will end with "Mandiane," a dance of celebration from Guinea's neighboring country, Senegal. The work emphasizes the art of solo improvisation and interaction between dancer and drummer.

Tickets for the Kuumba Festival range from \$17-\$42 and are available from Ko-Thi or the Pabst Theater box office at (414) 286-3663. For more information on Ko-Thi, call (414) 273-0676.

"Why Sex? Why Not the Violin?" at Broom Street Theater

Madison - Broom Street Theater is currently presenting an original biographical production about the legendary porn star and stripper Nina Hartley. Written and directed by John Sable, "Why Sex? Why Not the Violin?" is being performed Fridays-Sundays at 8 p.m. at Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St. in Madison, through May 25.

Sable spent the last three years researching this play about Hartley. Hartley has been a stripper and porn star since the early 1980s, appearing in more than 500 adult films. She is also a registered nurse, and a writer and activist promoting sexual freedom, free speech and pro-sex feminism. Her trail-blazing efforts, high spirited exhibitionism, beauty, intelligence and tireless public appearances have earned her a huge cult following among both men and women.

This comedic play about Hartley's life has been authorized by its subject, and Hartley is expected to attend the show some time during its six week run. Anne Biscobing portrays Hartley, and the cast also includes Eliza Smit, Josh Hobson, Aaron Anderson, Aaron Patterson, Jesse Craig, Megann Kelley and Terry Lane.

"Why Sex?" has sexual situations and adult language; viewing by minors is not recommended. For more information, call (608) 244-8338.

Milwaukee Ballet Presents "Sheherazade" May 8-11

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee Ballet will present the world premiere of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Sheherazade" choreographed by Kathryn Posin in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St., May 8-11.

"Sheherazade" is the story of a young woman sentenced to death by her husband, the Shah. In an effort to save her life and the lives of others, Sheherazade tells tales so intriguing that the Shah is beguiled into allowing her to live another day. Among the stories that she uses to entertain and intrigue are the tales of "Ali Baba," "Sinbad the Sailor," and "Alladin" - stories that have made their way into modern American culture.

Posin has worked closely with award-winning costume designer Judanna Lynn to create costumes for this world premiere. More than 30 different costume designs will fuel the fire that Posin's stunning choreography will ignite, ranging from brilliantly colored turbans and knee length tunics for the men to midriff baring tops for women. Posin's choreography will be complemented by the melodic tunes of Rimsky-Korsakov as performed by the Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra under the direction of Andrews Sill.

Tickets to "Sheherazade" start as low as \$15. For tickets and more information, call the Milwaukee Ballet at (414) 643-7677, or log on to: www.milwaukeeballet.org.

QUIPS & QUOTES



Earning Her Salary

"They pay me to keep my clothes on."
—Actress **Sharon Gless**,
Debbie Novotny on Showtime's *Queer As Folk*, to Miami's *The Weekly News*.

Language!

"People said to me if I came out, I'd feel different. I remember thinking: 'Shut up! I don't need your rhetoric, Nazi bullshit! Shut the fuck up!'"

—**Rosie O'Donnell** at
the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against
Defamation Media Awards.

14 and Counting

"Whether it is applying for a job, buying a house or a car, or applying for a loan, no one should face rejection and humiliation because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. It's no different than the way the law already applies to ethnicity or religious beliefs."

—New Mexico Gov. **Bill Richardson** signing a law April 9 banning discrimination against gays and transgender people. New Mexico is the 14th state to protect gays and the third state to protect transgender people.

In the Details

"Details is a magazine for men — all men. I'm not going to get caught up in a whole butcher-than-thou stand-off with the cookie-cutter men's magazines. Those other books are squeamish about running stories with any gay content; Details isn't."

—Details magazine Editor-in-Chief
Dan Peres to the *New York Post*.

Coming Soon to PrideFest?

"The nicest thing that people say to me is that I give nelly queens a good name, and I'm glad."

—**Peter Paige**, Emmett
on Showtime's *"Queer As Folk,"*
to *The Advocate*.

It is Always Something

"Every year you stay on current HIV medication is associated with a 27 percent higher risk of getting a heart attack."

—Researcher **Jens Lundgren**
speaking at the 10th Conference on
Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections
in Boston, according to London's
Positive Nation magazine, April issue.

Dirty Bathroom Secrets

"It's one of Philadelphia's dirty little secrets. Furtively lurking around the stalls, urinals and sinks of some of the city's most respectable public restrooms are men cruising for anonymous gay sex."

—Lead sentence on the
lead article in the April 3
Philadelphia Daily News.

Gay to the Core

"There are moments in my life when I become acutely aware of just how gay I am. One occurred during Cher's farewell appearance at the Staples Center. It happened the minute she made her entrance, standing on top of a huge chandelier being lowered from the ceiling. When I saw her, a massive, involuntary scream escaped my tiny Asian body, so loud and sustained that even the ushers were horrified."

—Actor **Alec Mapa** writing
in *The Advocate*.

Love that Gay Porn

"I dig ogling pretty boys doing it on-screen. I've always had an abiding preference for gay over lesbian porn."

—Conservative lesbian
columnist **Norah Vincent** writing
in *The Advocate*.

Guessing Game

"There is one extremely famous Hollywood actor who's gay and doesn't like being in the same room as me."

—Gay actor **Sir Ian McKellen** to
the British magazine *Attitude*, as
quoted by *The Scotsman*.

Cher's Dancing Troubles

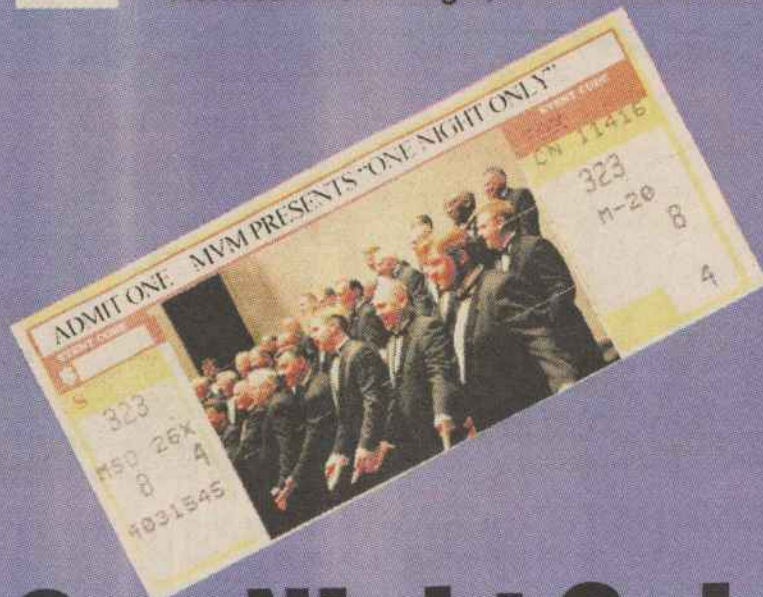
"I think it's much more difficult [to find a boyfriend when you're a superstar]. I remember once Michelle Pfeiffer and I were at a club. We wanted to go dancing, and no one asked us to dance. It was so stupid! ... It takes a certain kind of man to come up and start talking to you."

—**Cher** to *PlanetOut.com*.



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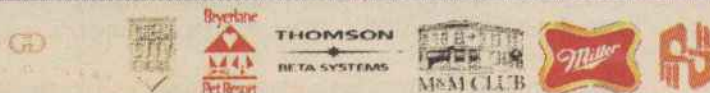
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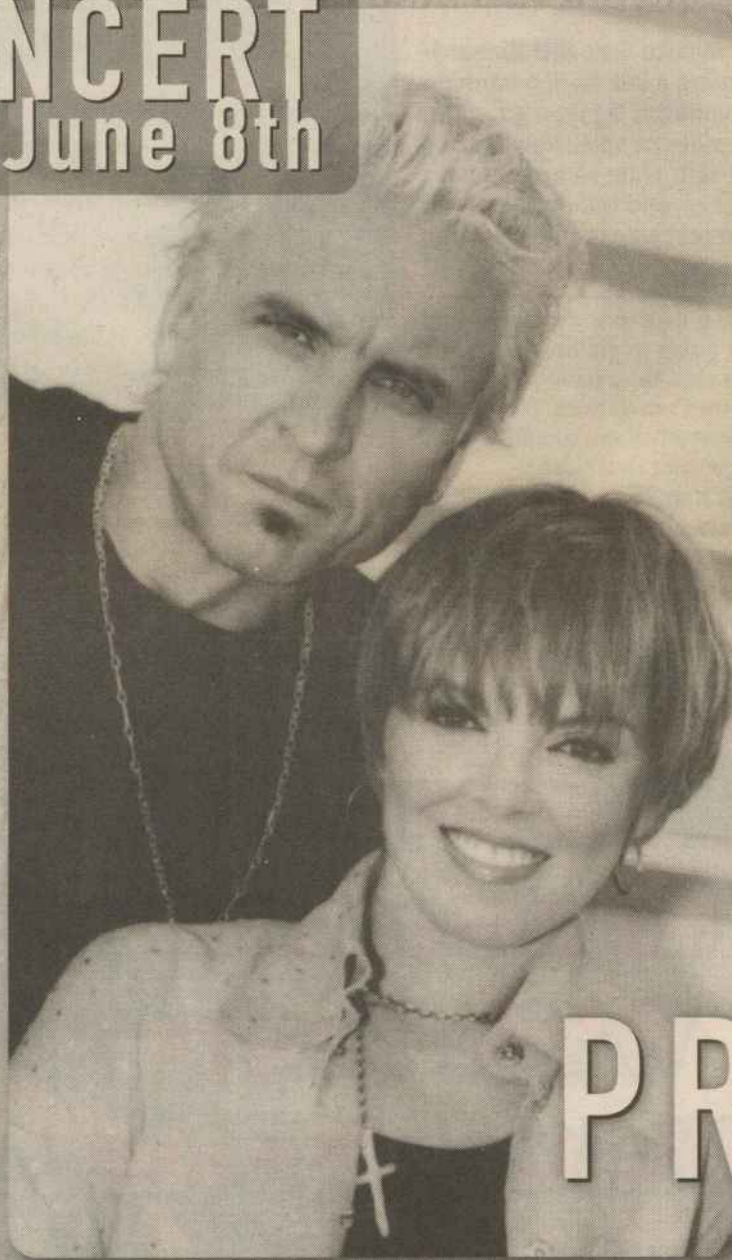
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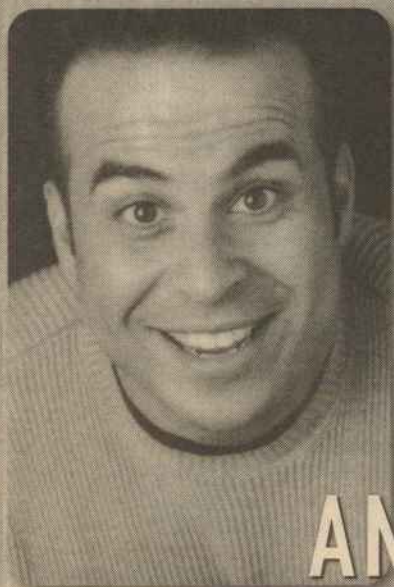
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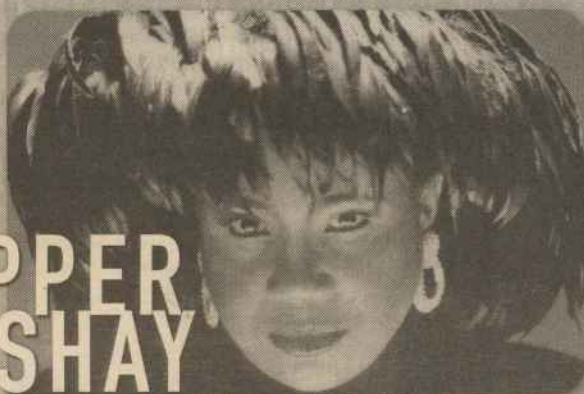
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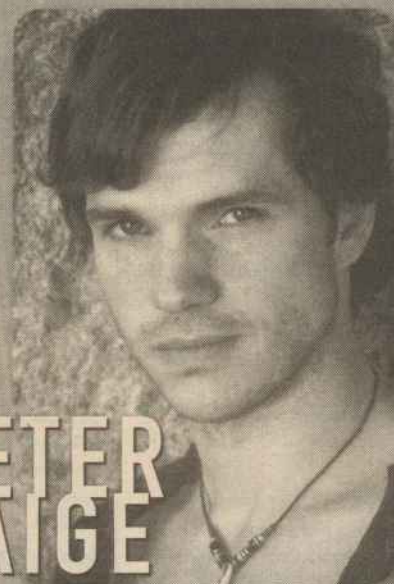
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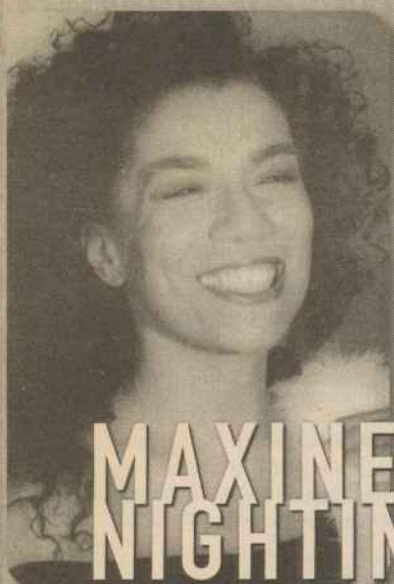
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ARTS GUIDE

THEATRE/MUSIC:

"Art" (Eau Claire): Yasmina Reza's award-winning play about three friends and a painting. May 1-3, 6-10 at 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, UW-Eau Claire Campus. FMI: (715) 836-2407.

"Bea's Niece" (Milw.): Milwaukee fave Angela Iannone stars as a best-selling novelist wrestling with demons and her psychiatrist in David Gow's play, produced by Next Act Theatre, thru May 4. Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-0765.

Dar Williams (Milw.): World, folk and pop music by Williams and the Ben Taylor Band, April 24, 8 p.m., at the Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 286-3663.

"Dinner with Friends" (Milw.): Chamber Theatre presents this domestic drama about two couples dealing with their relationships and friendships, thru May 4. Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Flowers for Algernon" (Racine): Stage version of Daniel Keyes' novel about retarded man who advances and then regresses dramatically after brain surgery, thru May 4. Racine Theatre Guild, 2519 Northwestern Ave. FMI: (262) 633-4218.

"Fully Committed" (Milw.): Milwaukee's own comedy queen, er, king, John McGivern stars in this multi-character piece of comic mayhem, thru May 11. Milwaukee Rep's Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490. Also, opening May 22 at Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center: (414) 273-7206.

"The Game of Love and Chance" (Madison): Madison Rep production of the 18th century comedy classic by Marivaux, thru May 4. Isthmus Playhouse, Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

Glenn Miller Orchestra (Madison & Oshkosh): Swing to the Big Band sound, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St., FMI: (608) 258-4141; and May 3 at 3 and 8 p.m., Grand Opera House, 100 High Ave. in Oshkosh. FMI: (920) 424-2350.

"Krazy Kat" (Milw.): Krazy Kat, Ignatz Mouse, Offisa Pup and their triangle of love in a musical version of the classic comic strip by Herriman, May 1-25. Studio Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"The Mill on the Floss" (Milw.): Theatrical version of George Eliot's Victorian novel performed by the Milwaukee Rep, thru May 4. Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

Pinchas Zukerman (Milw.): The renowned violinist joins the Milwaukee Symphony in a program of Bruck, Brahms and Franck, April 25-27, Uihlein Hall, Marcus center, 9929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 291-7605.

"Present Music (Milw. & Madison): Concert features Phil Kline's "BOOM," for over 40 boom boxes, in Madison April 25, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Meeting House, 900 University Bay Dr., and in Milw. April 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N. Art Museum Dr. FMI: (414) 271-0711.

"The Reducers" (Madison): Roll in the aisles as the Reduced Shakespeare Co. presents fast and hilariously condensed versions of the Great Books of literature, 8 p.m., Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

Tim Conway & Harvey Korman (Milw.): The goofy guys

reunite for funny stories and sketches, April 25, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 116 W. Wisconsin Ave. FMI: (414) 276-4545.

"Why Sex? Why Not the Violin?" (Madison): Broom Street Theater presents an original play by John Sable about porn star Nina Hartley, Fris.-Suns, thru May 25, 1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

BOOKS:

Saturday, April 26

Poetry Reading (Milw.): Susan Firer, author of "The Laugh We Make When We Fall," and Sarah Fox, author of "Assembly of the Shades," read at 7 p.m., \$6/\$5 in advance and members, Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Sunday, April 27

Dennis Lehane Reading (Mequon): Author of "Shutter Island" reads at 2:30 p.m., Schwartz Books, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Monday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

Bharati Mukherjee Reading (Shorewood): Author of "Desirable Daughters," reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4090 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Saturday, May 3

Ed Friedman Master Class & Reading (Milw.): Poet Ed Friedman conducts a master class, 10 a.m. to noon (\$20) and shares a reading with Mark Anderson at 7 p.m., \$6/\$5 in advance and members, Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Monday, May 5

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.

Yann Martel Reading (Mequon): Author of "Life of Pi" reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Tuesday, May 6

David Milofsky Reading (Milw.): Author of "A Friend of Kissing," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Wednesday, May 7

Clark Howard Talk (Brookfield): Author of "Clark's Big Book of Bargains," 6 p.m., Schwartz Books, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

Iain Levison Reading (Shorewood): Author of "Since the Layoffs" and "A Working Stiff's Manifesto," reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4090 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

FILM, TV & RADIO:

Friday, April 25

Kurosawa Fest! (Milw.): Featuring "Yojimbo" with Toshiro Mifune and "Throne of Blood," Kurosawa's searing version of "Macbeth," on the big screen, also April 26 and 27 alternating at 6:30 and 9 p.m. each night. Union Theatre, UWM Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4070.

Saturday, April 26

"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.

"Alien" (Milw.): The original and the scariest. Ridley Scott's sci-fi classic in a midnight showing on the big screen, with Sigourney Weaver as the heroic Ripley. John Hurt, Harry Dean Stanton and Tom Skerritt. Union Theatre, UWM Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4070.

Sun., April 27 & 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, April 28

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring "Don't Tell Anyone," about the struggle of a Peruvian adolescent to come out, 7:30 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St.

"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., April 30 & 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.

Saturday, May 3

Gay Video Club (Madison): Featuring "Queer As Folk - Episode 304," "Under One Roof," "Fire Island Cruising 3 & 4," 8 p.m. Call for location: (608) 244-8675 eves.

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MUSEUMS & GALLERIES:

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

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): 56th Annual Ozaukee County Art Show and "Time and Time Again Photo Exhibit," thru May 4, W62 N546 Washington

Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): Personal Penchants Exhibition by Evelyn Patricia Terry. 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; "Up in Smoke: A Politically Incorrect History of Cigarette Advertising," thru June 15, 208 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 847-3290.

Elvehjem Museum (Madison): UW-Madison School of Art Faculty Quadrennial, 800 University Ave. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Honoré Daumier," a pictorial exhibit of works by the 19th century caricaturist, opens thru May 18; "Watts: Art and Social Change in Los Angeles, 1965-2002," Marquette University, N. 13th and Clybourn Sts. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Hmong Art: Selections from the Collection," Exhibits, performing arts, classes and lectures, 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milw.): "Photography 2003," featuring works by Ray Hartl, Ken Konchel, Barry Wolf and others, thru April 24, 241 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 289-0855.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): "Francis Lee Jacques: Master Artist of the Wild," 700 N. 12th St. FMI: (715) 845-7010.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): Retrospective of the films and videos of Rodney Graham, thru May 25; Highlights from the Permanent Collection, 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): "African Sculpture: Bamana Art from Mali" thru May 11; "Rags to Riches: 25 Years of Paper Art from Dieu Donne Papermill," thru June 22, 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 LGBT Center (Milw.): 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): "Watercolors from the Garden," by Tom Smith thru April 27, 3330 Arwood Ave. FMI: (608) 246-4550.

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

Paine Art Center & Gardens (Oshkosh): "Picasso Ceramics," thru June 8, 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.): "Gary John Gresh: First Attempt to Move Jupiter" and "Dan McGuire: Lock Up Your Kids, the Circus is in Town," thru May 24, 911 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): "Oxymorons: Absurdly Logical Quilts," 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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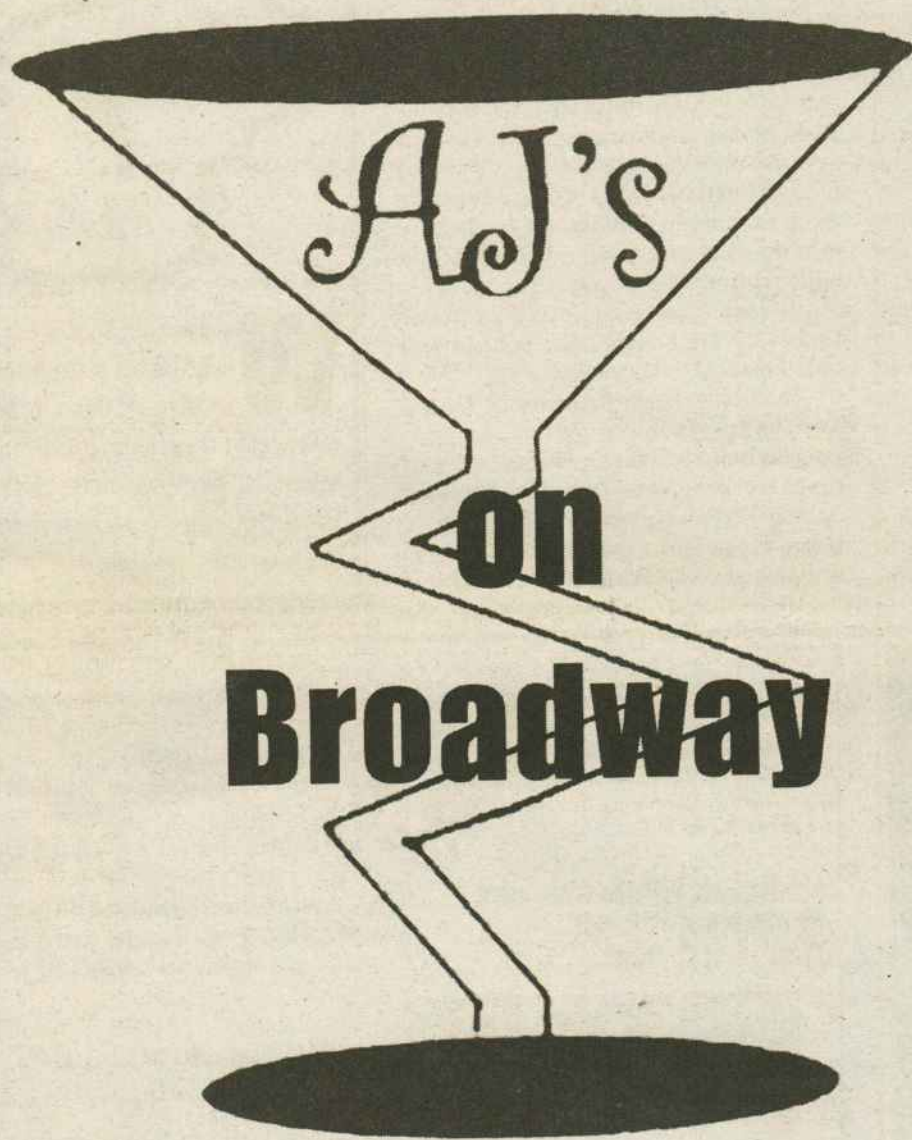


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MUSIC



Madonna's "American Life" is Bitchin'

By J.C. Michalek

America's favorite 'Material Girl' is back! After a three year musical hiatus, pop music's chameleon hit stores earlier this week with the release of American Life (Warner Bros.), a surprisingly eclectic, funky mix of electronica laced odes that resonate with a subdued sense of metaphysical awareness and inner peace. Life is a tantalizing opus that shatters any illusions or preconceived notions she may have impressed upon friends and foes during her 23 year musical odyssey.

As with any Madonna album, two things can be assured. First, the album will be preceded by controversy; her video to the CD's titular first single was pulled and modified because the singer did not want the public to "misinterpret" its intent, especially while America was at war. Second, critics, for the most part, will pounce and brutally assail her efforts.

"American Life" finds Madonna sounding more than a little bit tired, repetitive and all played out," writes Chicago Sun-Times critic, Jim Derogatis, who damningly panned Life. "Amazingly, after two decades in the business, the star still hasn't learned how to sing." Really? What a revelation. Derogatis, and his brethren, repeatedly miss the point in their criticism. Most of the biggest superstars in the world are not great singers — they are artists. Mariah, Whitney, Celine, Liza and Barbara are great singers. Madonna, Cher, Bette, Diana and Tina are artists. All are Icons. In fact, all three of the female singers reviewed in this article would, arguably, not be considered top notch singers, yet their music is undeniably catchy, encompassing and popular.

In all honesty, I have never been a Madonna devotee or enthusiast, however, to deny or denote her impact on pop culture and her ability to set the bar for trend-setting music would be foolhardy, not to mention ignorant. If the denizens of American Idol aspire to be more than the next Debbie Gibson or Paula Abdul, they would be wise to not only heed, but hone, the lessons of Rock's true survivors.

There is a reason why Madonna and Cher are so iconoclastic and continue to defy critics and intellectuals. They are bom-

bastic beyond pale and they have imbedded themselves into the public's psyche to the point of being real-life caricatures. They are determined, self-righteous and bold, much to the chagrin of many, yet — like them or not — they are unforgettable. Where Cher has an uncanny knack for foreseeing a musical trend and jumping in the fray, Madonna ingeniously manages to set the direction pop music will trend too.

"American Life" is demonstrative of that musical brilliance and despite that fact that she will never be lauded as a great singer, Madonna, can take umbrage in the fact that it doesn't matter. The pulsating title song goes on a cathartic lyrical journey that lets the listener know Madonna has reached an epiphany in her life, which she is going to share with us. Apparently, the superstar has engrossed herself in the religious teachings of Kabbalah, based on a philosophical Jewish mysticism.

Much has been written in the press recently about Madonna's metamorphosis as though she was the only artist to evaluate her life. It only stands to reason that an individual, famous or otherwise, tends to evaluate and assess their life when they hit a certain age landmark, otherwise known as forty. Why should our favorite bad girl be any different? At 44, she is one of the most famous people in the world, the mother of two, a wife and, above all, a human being. Luckily, Madonna's probing of life's relevance is an infectious set of tunes that are insightful, reflective and uplifting.

The album's best cuts are the poetic and resonant Love Profusion, Nothing Fails and Intervention, the first of which is my personal favorite. Nobody Knows Me is an introspective and compelling song wherein this rock maven lets us in on her innermost spiritual contemplations, a familiar theme

that continues on Mother & Father and X-Static Process. In truth, there is not a song on this CD that does not infectiously invite you into her material world and subsequent evolution into a mature artist of monumental proportions.

"There are too many questions, there is not one solution. There is no resurrection, there is so much confusion," she equates in Love Profusion, adding "There are too many options, there is no consolation. I have lost my illusions; What I want is an explanation." Truthful, personal and daring. That's Madonna and she's bitchin'.



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Friday, April 25

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.

Fri & Sat, April 25-26

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, April 27

Flashback at La Cage (Milw.): Female Impersonators and live entertainment featuring music from the awesome '80s!

Switch (Milw.): "Queer as Folk," 9 p.m. Get ticket with each drink purchase with Grand Prize: trip to Toronto where QAF is filmed. 124 W. National Ave. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com.

Three (Milw.): PUMP! Milwaukee's Hottest Sunday Night Party! DJ John Murges spins progressive, tribal and vocal house. \$6 specialty martinis. No cover. Every Sunday 9 p.m. to close. 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003, or www.Pump-Milwaukee.com

Wednesday, April 30

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

Thursday, May 1

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

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Saturday, May 3

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Sunday, May 4

Switch 4th Anniversary Party (Milw.): Food, Fun, Prizes @ 4 p.m. 124 W. National Ave. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com.

Sundays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Juice drinks only \$3. Tap beer \$1.40. 11am-6pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Joyce or Ginni at the Piano on Monday nights.

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.

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

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

Switch (Milw.): Service Industry Night. Plus, Switch (Milw.): "Queer as Folk" Take in your favorite soap and with every drink purchase you get one valuable ticket. The Grand Prize: round-trip trip to Toronto where "Q.A.F." is filmed. Starting at 9 p.m.

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

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

Mondays:

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. Jack 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.

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

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

M&M Club (Milw.): Cocktail hour with Trixie at the Piano!

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

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, 5-9 p.m., with \$1 off drinks.

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.): Pull Tabs.

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 with free, hot Klement's pizza!

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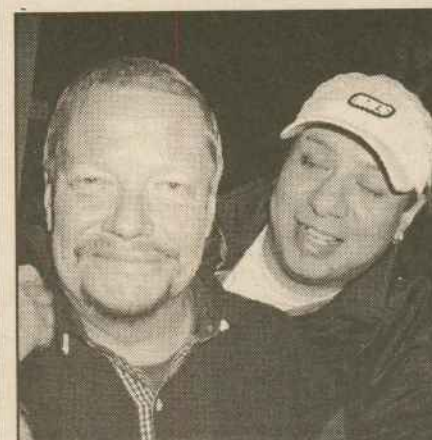
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LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Prize Nite." Win \$100 cash - no cover.

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.

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, 5-9 p.m., \$1 off drinks. "Tini Tuesday" from 8 to close, \$1.50 off martinis. Cheers!

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

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

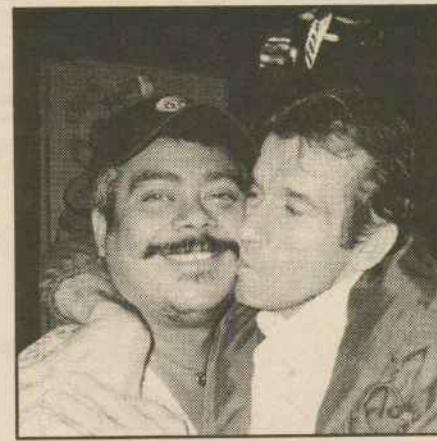
Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Pull tabs!

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

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

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

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



Smooch-a-rama! @ Ballgame by A. Gallegos



Glamour Shot @ Ballgame by A. Gallegos



LIPS! @ C'est La Vie by A. Gallegos

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, & 3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Leather Nite! Men in leather, 2-4-1 drinks, 7 p.m.-close. Shirtless men half price anytime.

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

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

Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Half price rooms.

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

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.



Peek-a-boo! @ C'est La Vie by A. Gallegos

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

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, 5-9 p.m., \$1 off drinks. Karaoke Contest: Win prize \$, from 8:30-close, after "Will & Grace." Patio Open.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. \$6 Rail Bust!

Walker's Pint (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 rails and bottles, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Import Night, all imports just \$2.50, 7:30 p.m. to close.

Woody's (Milw.): Double Bubble all day, all night.

Fridays:

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

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



Diva Rehearsal @ C'est La Vie by A. Gallegos

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.

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.

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

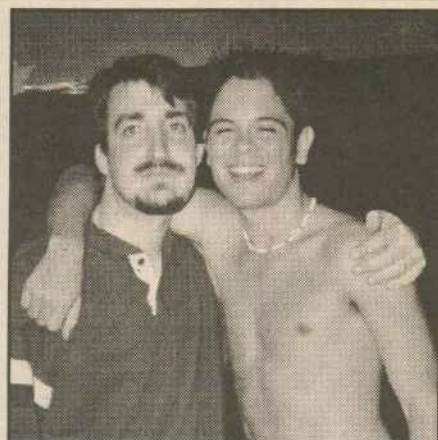
South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m.

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

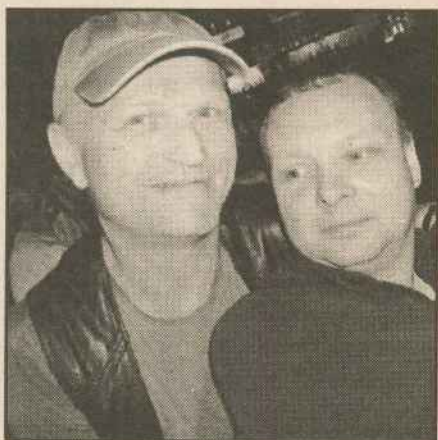
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Walker's Pint (Milw.): Happy Hour, 2-4-1 rails and bottles, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

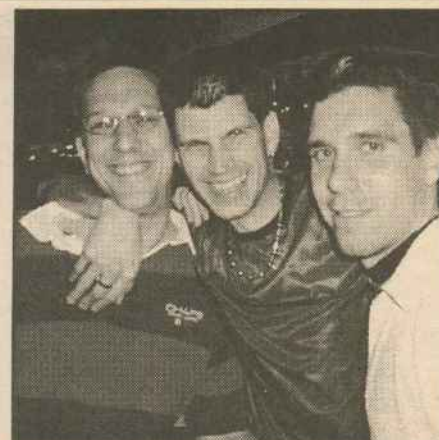
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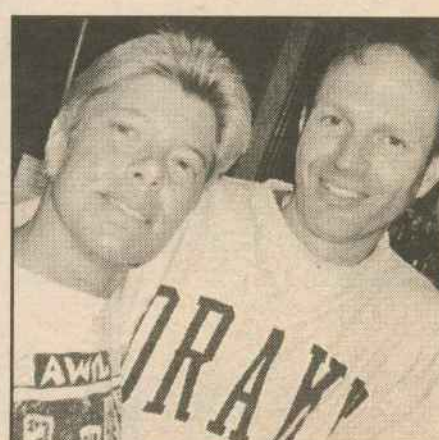
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Saturdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$3, and \$1.40 mugs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Clubs/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.

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

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April 24 – May 7, 2003

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 24

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.

Out in the Valley Workshop (River Falls): "Rights & Equality Under the Law," a workshop on legal issues and public policy developments for LGBTs with Phil Duran and Monica Meyer, OutFront Minnesota, 6 p.m. pot-luck dinner followed by workshop. FMI: (612) 822-0127 ext.502, or 800-800-0350 ext.502.

Friday, April 25

SAGE Program (Milw.): Kathy Herbst and Carol Seaver will discuss domestic abuse and sexual assault within the LGBT communities, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

SALC Game & Card Night (Madison): Join the Society for the Advancement of Lesbian Culture: meet friends, try your hand at Poker, Canasta or Uno, or play Sequence, Scrabble, Encore, Jenga, Taboo, S3, S1 non-alcoholic drinks or BYOB, free snacks and music, 4322 Buckeye Road. FMI: salc@lesbianculture.org.

Saturday, April 26

"Hate Groups on the Home Front" (Milw.): Presentation on hate groups and crimes by Prof. Jody Roy of Ripon College, sponsored by Wisconsin Center for Pluralism, 1 p.m., Centennial Hall of the Milwaukee Public Library, 733 N. 8th St., FMI: (414) 272-9984.

Take Back the Night! (Madison): Madison's 18th annual march and rally starts at 5 p.m. on State Street steps of the Capitol, speakers, performers until 8 when march begins, closing ceremony 8:30 p.m. at Library Mall, coffee and cookies at Room of One's Own at 9 p.m.

Howard Dean Fundraiser (Madison): Attend a party for the Democratic Presidential candidate who made civil unions the law in Vermont, free appetizers and cash bar, \$25 suggested donation, Cardinal Bar, 418 Wilson St. FMI: www.wisconsinfordean.org.

Sunday, April 27

Gay/Bi Fathers Group (Madison): Meets at 5 p.m. Call (608) 274-5821 for more information.

Champions on Ice (Milw.): Rudy Galindo, Nancy Kerrigan, Elvis Stajko and others dazzle with their skating skills, at the Bradley Center. FMI: (414) 276-4545.

Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus (Madison): Weekly rehearsal, new members welcome! 7-9 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Ave. FMI: info@perfectharmonychorus.org.

Monday, April 28

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.

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

Tuesday, April 29

Womansong (Madison): Madison's feminist community choir rehearses, 7-9 p.m., women of all ages and backgrounds welcome, Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St. FMI: (608) 643-0673.

Wednesday, April 30

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): Smoke-free, all welcome, beginning and advanced dance lessons for couple, line and folk dances, 7 p.m., S3, 1007 Stewart St. FMI: (608) 255-9131, email: rk-illmer@facstaff.wisc.edu.

Thursday, May 1

HIV/AIDS Seminar (Milw.): "Building Capacity on the Frontlines of HIV Prevention: The CDC/ASPH Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership," with Donna L. Richter, Chair of the Dept. of Health Promotion, Arnold School of Public Health, U. of North Carolina, 1-2:30 p.m., 2071 N. Summit Ave. FMI: (414) 456-7731.

Friday, May 2

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.

Polyamory Group (Madison): A discussion group about polyamory or responsible non-monogamy, 7 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 266-7086.

Out & About Dance (Madison): Annual Ten Percent Society Dance, S3, with DJ and cash bar, must be over 18, 9 p.m., Great Hall of the Memorial Union on Langdon St. FMI: (608) 262-7365.

Saturday, May 3

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

Urban Side Show (Milw.): Beauty Productions presents its annual exhibi-

tion and mini-culture fest, featuring art, marketplace, music, dance and fun, 7 p.m., S10 at door, Turner Hall, 1034 N. 4th St.

Sunday, May 4

Ballroom Dance (Milw.): Lessons on Sundays at 11 a.m., 614 N. Broadway, 2nd floor, S10. Beginners are welcome, with or without a partner. Professional instruction with an easy manner. FMI: Dwight (414) 906-9278.

Cream City Squares (Milw.): LGBT square dance club holds weekly dance every Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m., Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave. FMI: (414) 445-8080.

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, May 5

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

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 AAOpen 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.

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 test-

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By Billy Masters

You know, you're a cheap crowd — I like that in my readers. Oh, sure, I know that you read this column each and every week. I see the hits on our website, I hear from my newspapers. But throw in a nude celebrity (**Michael Vartan's** "long and dangling" penis), and the e-mails come flooding in! You want more penii (the plural of penis)? You've got 'em! I'm sure you remember the **Carlson twins** — those hot straight boys who like posing in various forms of undress for A&F ads — not to mention a featured spread in the April issue of "Out" magazine. You may have seen nudes of them before, but we just got a couple of new shots that impressed even jaded old me! Check 'em out in the members' section of www.filth2go.com. What the hell — I'll throw in the **Joe Millionaire** "Cosmo" nude photos.

This week I attended the Los Angeles premiere of "**Elaine Stritch** at Liberty" at the Ahmanson Theatre, and let me say that Elaine is in AMAZING form (OK, so she's no Carlson twin, but who the hell is?) Stritchy attracted a diverse crowd — from people like the ageless **Carole Cook** and **Betty Garrett** to relative youngsters like **Rosie Perez** and **Rex Smith**. Throw in **Nancy Dussault**, **Angela Lansbury**, and **Bruce Vilanch**, and it was clear that everybody loves Elaine. In fact, an insider told me that this audience was better than Elaine's opening night on Broadway. Since we had to dig up some filth, **Michael Feinstein** was virtually lactating over a phenomenal-looking **Lorna Luft** (they both were sporting new sassy hairdos).

Jimmy Smits showed up in a baseball cap and dark glasses trying to be very incognito (almost Taliban-esque). **Shirley Jones** was there with hubby **Marty Ingalls** (he ate a sandwich during act one). I adore **Loretta Swit**, who was in great spirits, but she really should find a plastic surgeon who's worked on humans. Lastly, **Dick Van Dyke** sat nearby and spent most of the show singing along with Elaine, tapping his feet, and fidgeting with some kind of cellophane in his lap. Once the show ended, I checked under his seat (the things I do for you people) and found a large quantity of Nicorette wrappers. Well, that explains everything.

I was standing with **Angela Lansbury** to pick up my tickets when I saw a hot yet somewhat cheap-looking guy in the crowd. From my vantage point, I could tell that he was cute and had a good body, but was taken aback because he was wearing a black muscle T-shirt, club pants, and flip-flops. To an opening? I turned to my companion and said, "Who brought the hooker?" I was sure that I'd see La Vilanch nearby! As I went in for a closer look, I realized that the "hooker" was the delectable **Michael Cunio** of "The Fluffer" fame. I took a pic of Mickey and told him exactly what I was going to write. He begged me not to call him a "hooker," but I explained that coming from me, it was a compliment — "After all, I'm saying that you look like you could get paid for it!" And all's well with the world.

The next night I was invited to a special art exhibition — "The Paintings of **Anna Nicole Smith**." I couldn't make this stuff up if I tried. For an edition of her E! series,



The Carlson Twins

Smith was convinced to display her artwork in a local gallery. Anna told me that she didn't want to show her work — she paints for her own enjoyment. In fact, she added, "I'm sure the tabloids will rip me apart for this." So, why do it? "Because it's a benefit to raise money for Aid for AIDS. It's a great cause and it's my way of helping — that's how they changed my mind." Good for her! Celebs spotted enjoying the view included Go-Go's drummer **Gina Schock**, **Warren Cuccurullo** (newly engaged and asking how my dog Jufka is doing), and drag empress **Jazmine**.

Speaking of art talent, have we got a real artiste for you. Remember **Jeff Griggs**? The actor from "Days of Our Lives" who previously did gay porn as Tony Sinatra (née Erickson)? Now he's spending his days painting. Jeffy's website, www.GriggsGallery.com, shows some of his work (my website shows samples of his porn work, but that's another story). The most shocking thing I saw on his site was a photo of Griggs giving **George W. Bush** a painting that he did of the president entitled "The Eyes of a Nation." Who'da thunk that a gay porn actor would be in the Oval Office? And of a Republican! Then again, as one of his former associates told me, "He's gay — what does he know about a good bush!"

Could it be that a certain actress is on the fast track to success? No surprise, given her dangerous liaison with that high-profile paramour. After all, it's an arrangement that worked wonders for her predecessor. But people close to her say that she's just walking around with her head in the clouds. She's so enchanted with the idea of becoming the first lady of film that she even signed a document agreeing to stick around for at least ten years or until she is dismissed (whichever comes first). Of course, rumor has it that she's the third lady to make this deal with the devil. Trickle down theories aside, we hope that



Uncle Bruce



Anna Nicole Smith (Thin Phase)

she won't one day be waking up to a bad dream.

When the works of Anna Nicole Smith and a gay porn star qualify as art, then we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. On our website of www.filth2go.com, we recently added some porn star profiles as part of our promotion for the upcoming "Bad Boys Pool Party" in Palm Springs on May 3. You'll definitely want to check that section out because, as one of the hosts, I am one of the featured profiles — and some of my comments may surprise you. And we have the upcoming "Ask Billy" column for those questions that I feel should be answered publicly. For a public or private response, simply send an e-mail to me at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Loretta Swit completely opens her eyes without the use of tape, glue, or any other outside help (if they ever make a movie of that scary Wildebeest lady in NYC, Switty's a shoe-in). So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

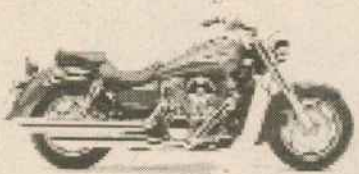
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Lavender Salon (Fox Valley): Reading and discussion group for gays and lesbians in the Fox Valley area, meets 3rd Thursday of each month, locations vary between Appleton, Green Bay and Oshkosh. Call for details. FMI: (920) 738-0497.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unitarian Universalist Church - Lesbian Support/Discussion Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets weekly from 7-8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI: call (815) 636-7298.

FRIDAYS

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

Gay AA - (Milw.): Sixty Minutes Group, topic meeting. Meets every Friday at 5:30 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936. Gay AA (Milw.): Group 794, select A topic/as Bill Sees It. Meets every Friday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

LGBT Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop-In Night (Milw.): The group meets Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Drop-in nights provide a variety

of youth activities in a space that is welcoming, safe and accessible to LGBTQ (questioning) youth. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Youth Group Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 - 57th St. FMI: call (800) 924-6601.

Madison Transgender Group (Madison): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), Cross-dressers and their friends, families and significant others. Confidentiality assured. Meets second & fourth Fridays of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Outreach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 235-0512 or emailwistgroup@charter.net.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Transsexual Support Group (Madison): Offering support, direction, and social assistance to Transsexuals who are pre-op, post-op, M-F, F-M, 18 or older. Seeks to help transsexuals in every aspect of their transition and journey. Confidentiality assured. Group meetings free. Meets third Saturday of the

month at Outreach, 600 Williamson St., FMI: (608) 235-0512, or emailwistgroup@charter.net.

SUNDAYS

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

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

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

Cream City Squares (Milw.): LGBT square dance club holds weekly dance every Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m., Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave. FMI: (414) 445-8080.

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

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

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

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

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

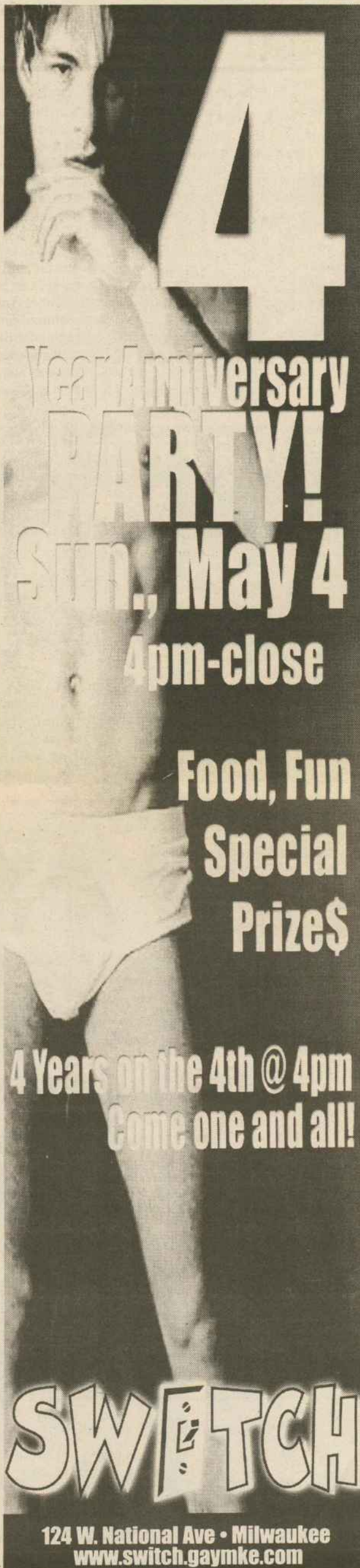
Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus (Madison): Perfect Harmony is Madison's all-inclusive chorus for gay, bisexual, transgendered and gay-friendly/allied men. We are a non-audition chorus. We rehearse Sunday evenings from 7-9 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington St. FMI: (608) 221-9599.

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

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

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

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"Bea's Niece"

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Fact or Fiction? The networks are filled with "reality television" programs that are laughably absurd while films are increasingly peopled with computer generated creatures that are uncannily lifelike. In today's curious world, discerning what is fact from what is not has become an increasingly difficult task.

Imagine, if you will, a writer, a novelist accustomed to picking and choosing bits from the real world and transforming it into fiction. Do this long enough, particularly if successful, and it seems possible

that the barriers separating the real world from the fictional might become blurred.

Such is the premise of playwright David Gow's "Bea's Niece," Next Act's current stage offering.

Anne Hirsch (Angela Iannone) might be an extremely popular and accomplished novelist but even popular and accomplished novelists are not expected to lose control in a bookstore, tearing up copies of books. Not even if the tattered books are those you've written. After one such episode, Anne lands in a mental health facility under the care of a brisk young psychiatrist, Beth (Tami Workentin).

Following an evening of far too many sleeping pills, morning finds Anne looking pretty shaky. Having your stomach

pumped can do that to a person. So can having visits from your husband who is supposed to be dead. Or from an eccentric Aunt who may or may not be dead as well.

Playwright David Gow certainly doesn't make things easy for the audience. In much the same fashion as Anne, we in the audience are constantly kept off balance, never quite sure what is real, if in fact Anne's visitors are flesh and blood or simply emerging from her imagination. As interesting a narrative device as this might initially appear, one result is that our relationship with Gow's protagonist proves problematic.

Nor is Tami Workentin's Dr. Beth Otis exactly the audience's lifeline to some semblance of reality. Since Anne is clearly in some sort of facility, the audience is likely to believe Dr. Beth when she assures Anne that the pack of cigarettes is not actually from her Aunt Bea but the fruits of Anne's brief escape from the hospital. We have no reason not to believe her.

Or do we? Isn't that a gun that Dr. Beth seems to use to give Anne a shot? And don't we see Beth ushering into Anne's room the rather strange woman Rabbi who soon is transformed in Anne's Aunt Bea?

Iannone's Anne is wonderfully complex and contradictory, at one moment seemingly tough as nails, as vulnerable as a frightened child the next. A delightful dinner guest perhaps but not a person with whom one could feel comfortable sharing confidences. Certain allowances are to be made for those possessing genius, we've often been told, but even at the best of times Anne Hirsch must have been some handful for her poor husband.

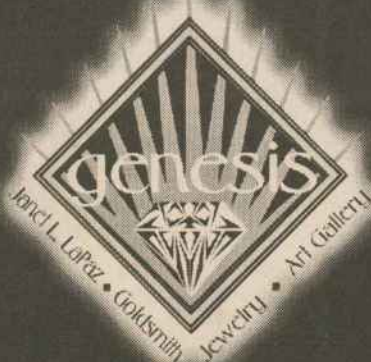
Conversely, as Anne's eccentric Aunt Bea, Ruth Schudson steals our hearts and the show. Warm, funny as well as being a gifted storyteller, Schudson's Bea is an immensely appealing character. Not only does she immediately connect with the audience, she helps to make us understand and care for Anne.

Enigmatic as these proceedings are, a real slam-bang finish is needed. As if pulling a rabbit out of a hat, Gow provides a reasonable and satisfying resolution at the conclusion of "Bea's Niece," one which neatly ties up all of the loose ends.

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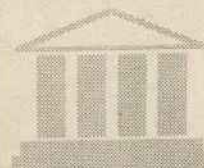
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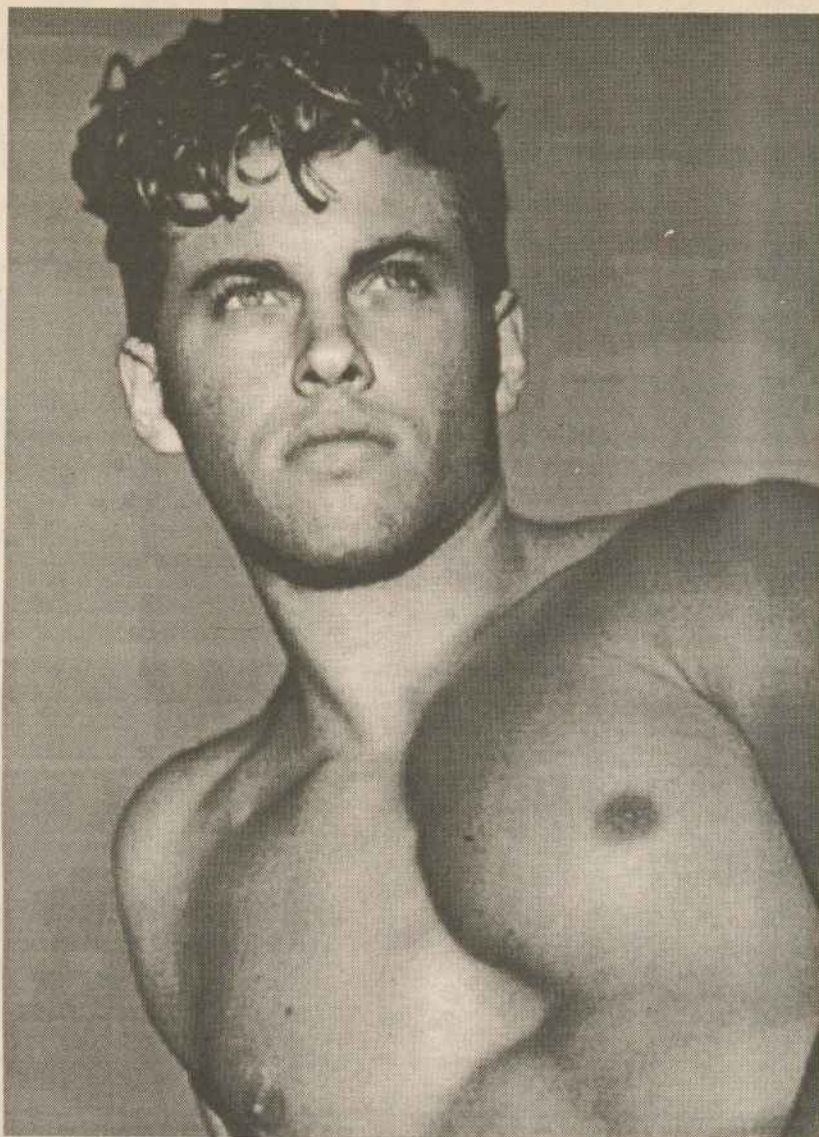
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Happy Spring! The Make a Promise Dinner is over and Easter has passed. (Congrats, by the way, to the winner of the

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I'm so glad Easter is through. I never got into that holiday. As a kid, I was always thrown by the religious stuff versus all the Easter Bunny crapola. I mean, really! Hiding eggs? Where did that come from?

What? Did Jesus really hate eggs? Did Christ tell his 12 apostles, "Okay, listen boys. After three days, I'm going to rise from the dead and all of your sins will be forgiven. BUT SO HELP ME, if I see ONE EGG the entire deal is off! I mean it! Hide 'em, paint 'em, do whatever you've got to do - just keep 'em outta my sight!"

Every Easter I picture God, flipping through the Bible and thinking, "Where the hell did they get 'hide eggs' and 'buy new hats' outta this?"

Anyway, summer is close at hand and PrideFest is only a few weeks away. I love PrideFest. Anyone who ever ran into me on the grounds knows that PrideFest and I go together like Liz Taylor and bourbon.

It'll be here soon, but if you're looking for a few laughs in the meantime, stop by the M&M Club on Mother's Day, May 11. The bar is hosting its second annual nun-a-thon, with patrons, bartenders and performers dressed like clergy. And after all, who couldn't use a drink after spending the day with mom?

I'll be drinking with the holy rollers and appearing in the show. It was a hoot-and-a-half last year, and this year promises more of the same.

AND mark your calendars for the first two weekends in June! That's when I'll be featured in Charles Busch's long-running comedy, "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom." This

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Okay, enough shameless self-promotion. It's time to kick off my espadrilles (are they ever coming back in style?) and read a letter.

Dear Ruthie,

I'm in love with a guy. We were at a party, and I was going to ask him out, but I got so nervous that I had a shot to calm my nerves. Then I had another, and another, and ... you get the idea:

I don't drink much, so the shots hit me fast and hard. I didn't ask him out but made a complete ass of myself in front of him. If I ever work up the nerve to approach him, what should I say?

Dumb-Founded Dave

Dear Dave—

Alcohol has a strong power over some gay men; it's a lot like Cher.

Actually, this isn't as bad as the time I tried to impress a K-Mart cashier but my under-wire bra kept setting off the security alarm. ("Ma'am? We're gonna need you to lean over this checkout counter and rub your jugs against the de-magnetizer.")

The next time you see your guy, take a deep breath and approach him with a smile. Use the party as an ice-breaker, then tell him that you weren't yourself that night. Explain that you'd like to show him the "real you," and ask him for a date.

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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
6 Fluid (Wm, DJ)	
819 S. 2nd, 53204	645-8330
17 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 GLBT 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/anonymous)	(414) 273-AIDS
	(800) 334-AIDS

SERVICES

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

Calyx Counseling Center (Kate Weishaar, Ph.D.)	
1840 N. Farwell Ave. Ave.	276-4664
Carnival Travel, 611 E. Wells St.	276-3388
Clarity (Writing and Research)	276-6935
Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel)	766-1066
Downtown Autobody (Car Repair)	
3425 N. Holton Ave.	964-7170
Denise Doege, Patti Wysocki (Shorewest Realtors)	
11622 W. North Ave.	476-9070
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
John Francis (First Weber, Real Estate)	(262) 544-8560

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	
e-mail: redtail@execpc.com	607-1180
Reiki Master/Wm Jacobs	
(energy balancing)	668-8860
Side by Side (performers)	961-2135
Diane Bloom/Sandy Lewis	
Jeannie Simpkins, (MS), (counseling)	282-6160
Jack Smith (Realtor)	962-4413
home/voice mail	224-1452
Special Touch Massage	536-8232
Streff Advertising/Sandy Lewis	771-8300
7600 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213	
The Right Angle (carpentry)	390-0909
Third Coast Courier (delivery)	562-0935
Travel Directions (Travel Agency)	
515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213	774-2174
Travel Experience (Travel Agency)	744-6020
Wauker Photography (Portraits, Commitments)	
by appointment only	383-0740
Wells Ink, Advertising & Design (Advertising, PR)	
1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, 53202	272-2116

2Burn (Ventless Fireplaces, Gifts)	
11708 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	607-7000

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11708 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	607-7000

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
Genesis (custom jeweler, goldsmith)	
6011 W. Layton Ave.	281-1022
Great Frame Up	
507 E. Silver Spring Dr.	962-4889
Frank Gentle (Auto Dealer)	
Hwy 20, Racine	886-5111
Grava Gallery (framing)	
1209 E. Brady St., 53202	277-8228
Mega Discount Nursery	
1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154	571-6565
Miss Groove (gifts)	
1225 E. Brady St., 53202	298-9185
Out of Solitude Jewelry	
918 E. Brady St., 53202	223-3101
Outpost Natural Foods	
100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212	964-7789
exchange@execpc.com	
Outwards (LGBT Books and espresso bar)	
225 N. Murray Ave., 53211	963-9089
exchange@execpc.com	
Popular News (adult books, videos)	
225 N. Water St., 53202	278-0636
Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse	
6833 W. North Ave.	607-9672
Rubin's	
224 E. Chicago St. 53202	278-8100
Sportland 2 (motorcycles)	
7221 S. 13th St.	764-2800
Starship Bodyworks	
4380 S. 76th St.	321-1336
Statscript Pharmacy	
826 N. Plankinton, 53202	278-7828
Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)	
1418 E. Brady St., 53202	272-6768
Wishful Things (Antiques)	
207 E. Buffalo, 53202	964-9799

Spa/Health Clubs

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

CENTRAL (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Schellfield, 54476	(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481	
	(715) 592-6245, ext. 5920200
Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)	
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort	
Eagle River, 54521	1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgewinn.com	
G&L Society/Wausau	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)

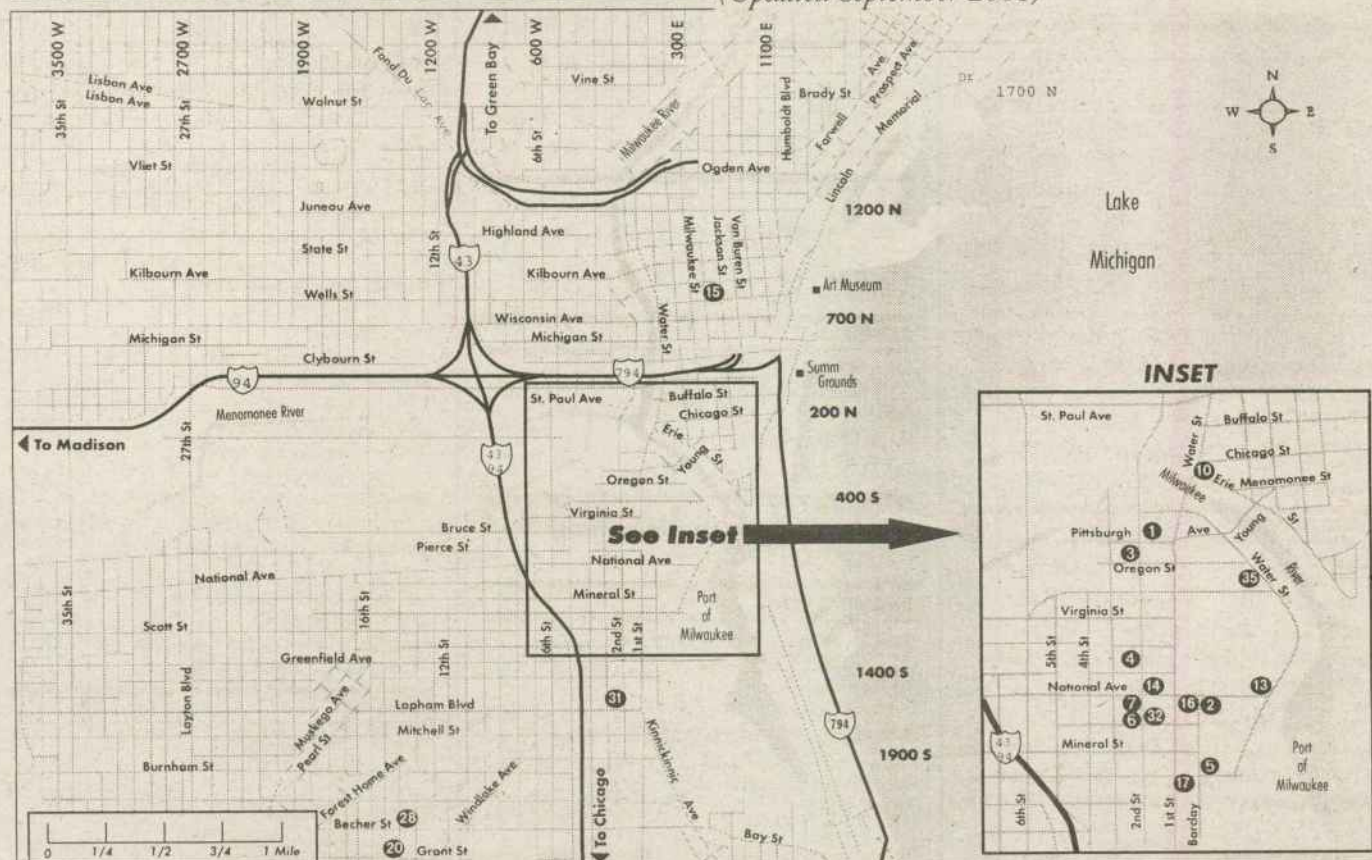
Gay/Lesbian Support Group	
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806	
Northern WI Lambda Society	
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of	
Gay/Lesbians/Bi's	359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)	
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891	682-2890

SHEBOYGAN (920)

Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081	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 5th St., Kenosha, 53140	657-6644
	(800) 924-6601

MILWAUKEE (Updated September 2001)

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)	
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 53403	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	63-4421
Wychowde (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
	(800) 750-2437
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 (eaglecove@cannon.net)	
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750	448-4302
GLOBE (Campus Lesb/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/glbcommunitycenter/	
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
Scouter'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, UWS	
Menomonee, 54751 UW Eau Claire	
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)	
22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729	723-8490

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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 (Lesb/Gay Social Group)	
PO Box 131, Platteville 53818	348-5596
e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu	
Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)	
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 J)	
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



By Michael Johnston

And now it's "Cordially yours," Starting off this attempt, I hope you all had a joyous Holiday Weekend. Here we are once again, soon it will be May Day, May Day! But now the latest...

I usually like to tell you what's ahead — what to look forward to, however, after the time I had at **Make A Promise** — I thought I'd share a dance or two with you. For the first time in forever, the weather was with us! Bright, sunny and cool enough for formal ware. I truly partied around the clock and by the end it might as well have been 1983!

Jerry, the Count of Caledonia, **Jay** and I started with Margaritas at **Botonas**, then cocktails with **Megan** at **Taylor's** and then onto yet another pre-cocktail party.

Ralph Ruder was kind enough to include us with a comforting glass or two, or three (who's counting?) of champagne! **Roland Hoffmann, Andy Cicero, Peter S., Todd & Steve, Paul, Steve** and **Ken** added many bubbles to the bubbly!

Then like a group of Cinderella's off to the Ball, were we! There we were sailing up the Avenue. Construction and all! Inside the mega Midwest Center AKA **GingerCenter** — we were greeted by **ARCW's Dr. Bill** then to registration, running into **Bob Stocki** — the video genius and **Miller's Doug Hipenbecker & Michael**. Once inside the Silent Auction, I saw the Couple of the Night: **Dr. Robert Starshak & Ross Draegert** (Philanthropist of the Year — should be Decade!)

Then it was on to cruising the auction — checking out the items on and off the easels. I love attending this one, it really is the GAY Prom! Everyone looked soooo nice! I'm a sucker for Black Tie Optional...I connected with former colleague and Award-Winning **Jim Moore**, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin AIDS Fund. He later accepted a Leadership Award - for his forward thinking organization. Of course, **Christopher Krimmer**, **ARCW's** legal eagle and **Jim's** partner in and out of the court room was near by.

Elmo Wendorf looking dashing in his tux, a very natty **Rod Clark** — out of costume this time. **Politicos Tammy Baldwin** looking radiant and equally appealing **Tim Carpenter** were the only elected officials in attendance. Well, it isn't an election year. I spotted local **Shorewest** realtors **Jack Smith, Dennis Miller** and **Scott Perkins**. Not to mention **HRL-Pac's Paul Williams**.

Tom & Darla Ament were there, showing continuing interest and support, **Cris Ross Dukler, Greg Ross, Scott** and **Tony Rhodes** from the Cream City Foundation, **PrideFest's** legal counsel **John Prentice**, The **M&M's Rona** and **Ed LaForge** (no, not together!), **Jeff Gossick** and **Jeff B., Tim & Denny, IN Step's Bill Attewell & Jorge Cabal, David Sagura, Paul Milakovich** — **ARCW's** Deputy Director

and this year's recipient of The Courage Award — definitely giving a very poignant and moving acceptance speech.

Doug Nelson, Mike Gousha & Lynn Sprangers, Tim & Troy, David & Laura Koziol, Doug Kwikkel, Henrik Christensen & Michael, Greg Plowe & Dr. Steve Debbink, Dr. David Paris, Jude, Tony, Ed & Tim, **PFLAG's** very own **Brigitte Volchek, Georgia** and new President of the Milwaukee Chapter of **PFLAG Gary Kroening, Ray Schafer & Chad Lindquist, Janice, Peg, Claude & Brad, Passion Patty, Thom Ertl, Keanen, Daniel Klinger** and **The Bag Boyz**, these were just some the Promise - rs I met and greeted before my first refreshment!

Kidd O'Shea of 94.5 WTKI did a masterful job of Master of Ceremonies. However, **Mary Briget Carlson, RN** brought the house down with her devoted, no nonsense approach to her career and her crusade against AIDS. Brava!

DJ John Murges got the capacity crowd hopping — every year it gets bigger, this year the biggest — up on the floor, dancing our way back to the '80s. What a time! We truly rocked this town!

Then onto clubbing — first stop The **M&M Club, Singational's Jon AKA Lizzie** and **Corlis AKA Corky** Karaokeing — to another capacity crowd! Cabin fever? Church & Chapel their groupies in residence were there too! **Evileen** and **Peter**, fresh from a jaunt to Ireland did the duties of making sure we were satisfied. Then we switched over to **Switch** — where **Scotty** and **Jeffrey** had the honors of filling us to the rim or is it brim? **Craig** even turned out to toast us all with a scintillating shot or two. Finally to **Boom** — where the party continued! 10% of their till that night went to **ARCW** and the '80s music continued ... "Come On Eileen" still gets my toes a tapping ... **Lee - Mr. Harbor Room** spun the fun. **David & Tim** and **Tim 2** made sure there were no empty glasses. Cheers to a great night!

The next day — a marvelous seafood Brunch at **Eagan's** on Water. How can you go wrong with **David Rogers** as your host? **Todd Richards & Mark Hagen, Tony Torti & Dr. Jeff, Jeff & Vance** and **Cordially Yours** putting the sun in Sunday. En masse our next point of interest was the **M&M Club** where **Cheap Talkin' ChiChi** and **Joan Bennett** enthralled us, the afternoon away. The day turned into a "Magazine Signing Party" as **ChiChi, Dear Ruthie** and I autographed copies of **OutBound**. I haven't had that much fun in the daytime for quite awhile. **Michael Jonas, Charlotte Lorraine, Princess Debbie & Steve, Ginger** - even **BooBoo** himself made the day even more glamorous! Ooh those HumStrums...

Can you believe **Switch** will be celebrating their flawless 4th Anniversary? It seems like I was fresh out of high school when they first opened. Set the date: Sunday, May 4 at 4 p.m. and celebrate with **Craig, Scotty** and all your favorite **Switch-Hitters**. A special buffet, raffles, prizes, Drink specials and you! **Switch** will also be hosting at least two "Foam Parties" this summer. The first one scheduled Saturday, June 7 (**PrideFest** Saturday) to usher in the season. The second one will take place Saturday, September 6 for **SSBL Weekend** and to close out the summer. The Weekend before, Labor Day Weekend - **HarleyFest** will be a special

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"Block Party" Noon - Midnight Saturday, August 30. The Budweiser Clydesdales will be in their parking lot. Certainly a bash you won't want to miss!

The Plymouth Chorale of Plymouth Church will be in concert on Saturday, May 3 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 at 3 p.m. Classical music for all to enjoy.

For fans of **Michael Horne**, like **Cordially Yours**, you can find his "Plenty Of Horne," gracing the pages of The Press. Write on!

Jim Balistreri is back behind the bar at **La Cage**, stop by and catch up with one of Brew Town's best bartenders.

The **M&M's Rita** — also of **HIT** — fame bought a CAR - not a BAR! Currently he is up to his perennial eyebrows with preparations for **HIT 25**.

Men's Voices Milwaukee (MVM) will be very busy come the merry, merry month of May — Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day — marks **Miss Rona's** Anniversary Celebration & Show. Back in the Habit — The Nun's Habit, that is ... a blessed benefit for the MVM. The following Saturday, May 17 — "One Night Only" MVM's Spring Concert at UWM. And to close out the month, Saturday, May 31, do **RiverSplash 2003** with MVM on The Edelweiss, enjoy the fireworks, the river and the action of downtown.

Speaking of music, The Lake Country Playhouse will be busy bringing to the boards a salute to Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Stephen Sondheim with "The Best Of Broadway Webber Sondheim." Arrowhead High School North Theater Hartland. Friday(s) May 2, 9. Saturday(s) May 3, 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m. For tickets, call (262)36-SHOWS.

That passionate painter **Patrick Farrell** will be having a One-Man Show at **Tory Folliard Gallery** on Milwaukee Street in The Historic Third Ward. Running Friday, July 18 - Saturday, August 30. Scheduled to be unveiled oil paintings for 2003. To visit and view Patrick's creations: www.patrickfarrellstudio.com.

I would be remiss not to include The Waukesha County Technical College's 15th Annual Wine Tasting. Happy Crystal Anniversary! **Chef Mic** steered her students into making a night of magic! **Tim Graham** had a lot to be proud of! Thanks **Tim & Michael** for always including me on thee most important evening in Waukesha!

I loved the notice that **Fluid** is only getting a "Face Lift" and will be opening soon. From what I hear, the new look absolutely fabulous — far more **Joan Rivers** than **Cher**! I can't wait for the Red Carpet Reception!

This Saturday, April 26 **Andy S.** Mr. Northwoods will be turning Green Bay on its ear with a mega fund-raiser. Sorry, I won't be there, but break a leg — at least a heal! Our gay friends in Green Bay also have a new night spot, **A.J.'s on Broadway**. Tell your host **Allen** that **Cordially Yours** sent you!

Boom will soon have a special guest artist **Anthony Shaw** from Falcon Studios — I'll keep you posted.

Remember, it's the glamour — not the grammar. I am eagerly awaiting **PrideFest 2003 (Peter Paige anyone?)** in the meantime, I shall remain "Cordially Yours."

To reach me feel free to e-mail me at cordiallyyours@instepnews.com



Sexual Assault Happens

...and if you're lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender,
it can happen to you, too.

It could be your date, a stranger, someone at work,
your partner, your roommate or even a relative.

Whatever your sexual orientation, gender identity,
race or age, you have the right to get help.

Resource List

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
Info and referrals: 414-271-2656 www.mkelgbt.org

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee
Counseling and groups for children and adults.
414-271-2565

SafePath
24-hour hotline for teens. Sexual abuse referrals
and counseling. 414-271-9523

Sexual Assault Treatment Center
Crisis counseling, medical examinations, safety
planning and treatment following a sexual assault.
414-219-5555

Healing Center
Providing support and advocacy for sexual assault
survivors and their loved ones.
414-454-6586 or 877-727-1577

Pathways of Courage, Inc. (Kenosha)
Counseling, support groups, advocacy and 24-hour
hotline. 262-656-3500

OutCare Clinic
STI testing and treatment, HIV testing and counseling
414-277-9370

BESTO Clinic
STI and HIV testing. 414-272-2144

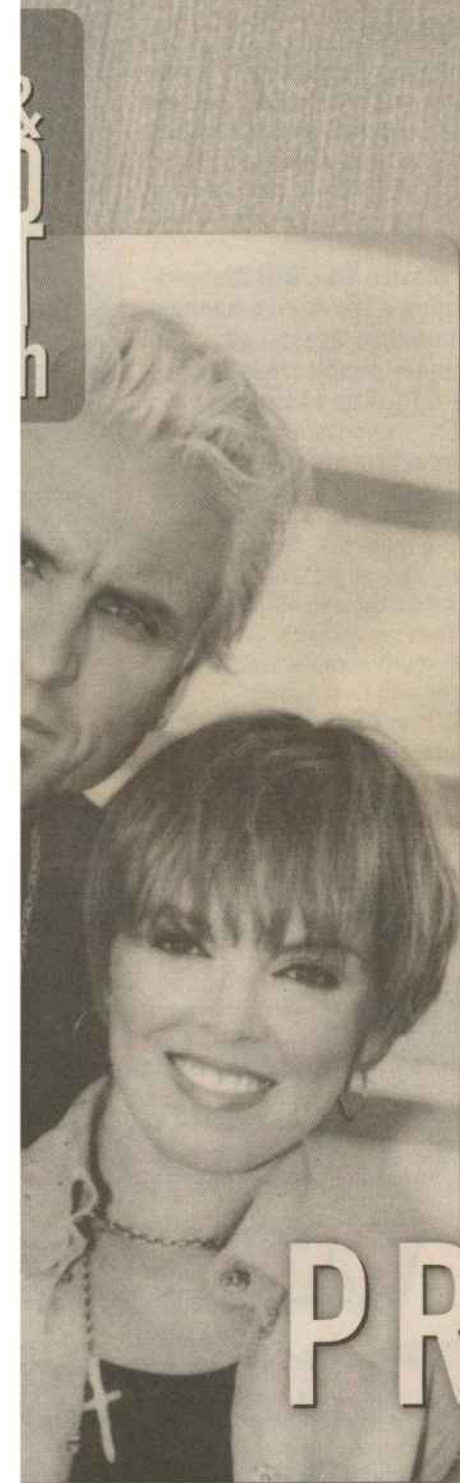
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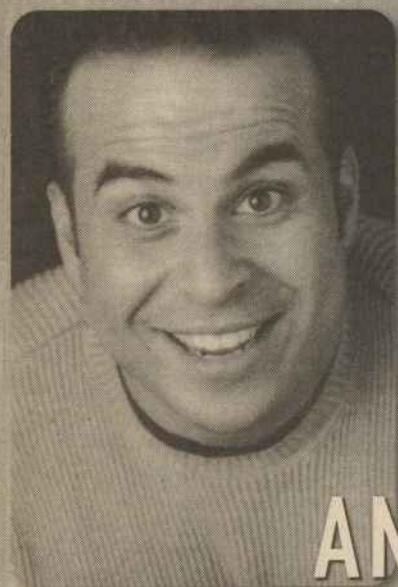


The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
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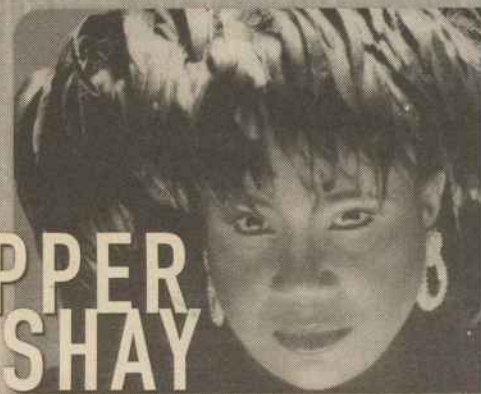
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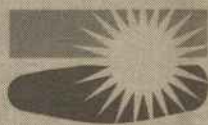


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