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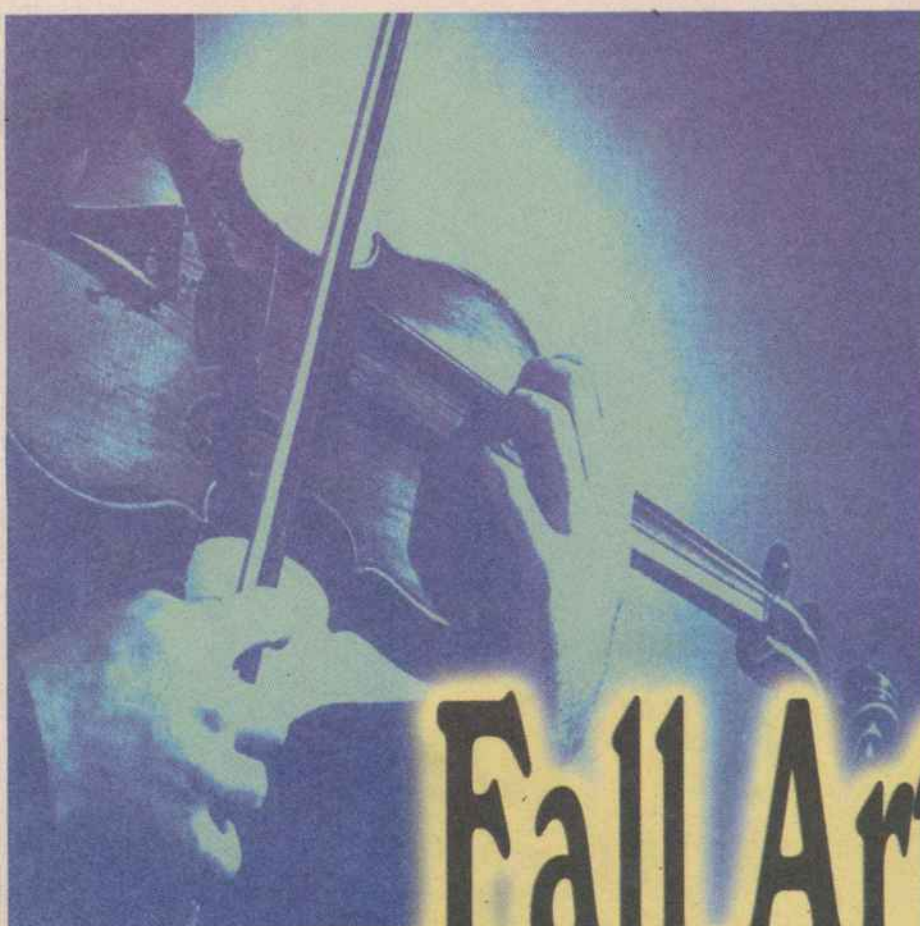
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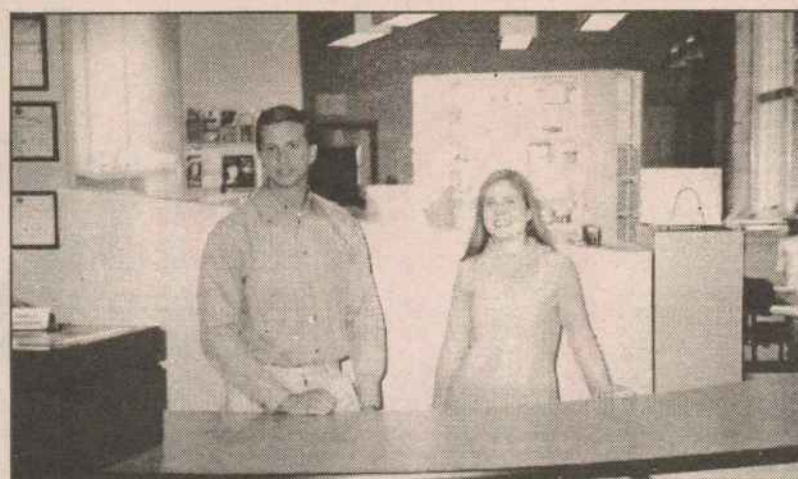


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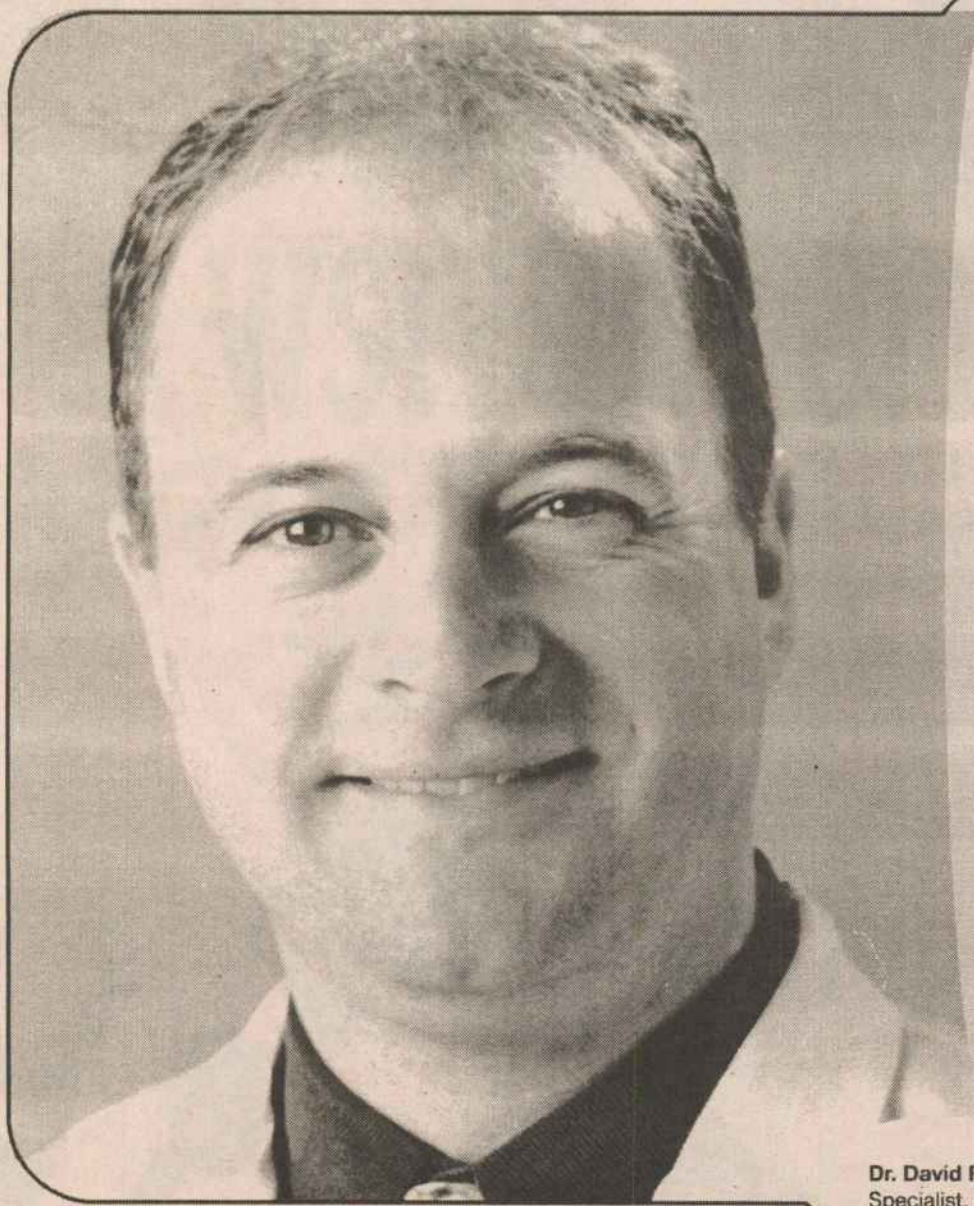
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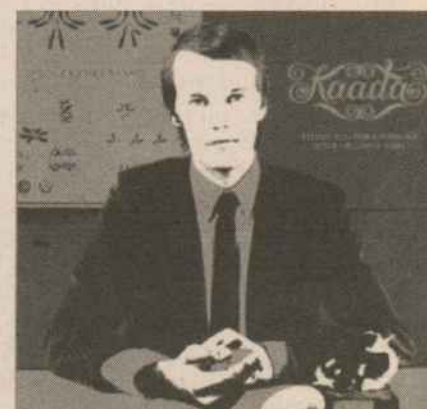
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Log Cabin Takes on GOP Over Gay Marriage

Washington — Gay Republicans in a rare split from the party line are openly battling GOP members of Congress and the white House over a proposed Amendment to the Constitution banning same-sex marriage.

Log Cabin Republicans announced the launch of a nation-wide lobbying campaign targeting Republican elected officials and party leaders who support the ban. Senate Republicans plan to use a hearing at the Judiciary Committee to push for the Amendment.

Sen. John Cornyn, a Texas Republican and member of the committee has scheduled a subcommittee hearing to determine if the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) to find out if it has weakened by the Supreme Court gay civil rights ruling. (story)

"I believe we must do whatever it takes to safeguard the institution of marriage and ensure that the principles defined in DOMA remain the law of the land," said Cornyn, who is chairman of the subcommittee on the Constitution, civil rights and property rights.

"This hearing will remind people why traditional marriage is so important for a healthy society, and will determine the extent of the threat posed to DOMA by judicial activism in light of recent court decisions and pending cases."

The Massachusetts Supreme Court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of same-sex marriage this fall. Similar cases are working their way through the court systems in several other states.

"The message from Log Cabin members and allies across the nation is clear and unequivocal: hijacking the sacred Constitution of the United States of America to score political points with the radical right is completely unnecessary and will only serve to divide the American family," said Log Cabin Republican executive director Patrick Guerriero.

"As Republicans, we agree with Vice-President Cheney, who said 'I think we ought to do everything we can to tolerate and accommodate whatever kind of relationships people want to enter into.' Even former Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA), the author of the Defense of Marriage Act, is on record opposing a constitutional amendment noting that, 'A constitutional amendment is both unnecessary and needlessly intrusive and punitive.' (story) There is nothing conservative about unnecessarily tinkering with the U.S. Constitution and nothing conservative about discouraging stable relationships," added Guerriero.

Log Cabin Republicans campaign will see its members writing, emailing and meeting with members of Congress and GOP party leaders urging them not to amend the Constitution.

"As a grass-roots political organization with members and chapters across the nation we are uniquely prepared to reach out to Republican leaders and make a conservative and Republican case against igniting a cultural war as we head to the 2004 elections," added Mark Mead, Log Cabin Director of Public Affairs.

"The American people are looking to our nation's leaders to win the war on terror and jump start the economy. A Congressional move to amend the Constitution, and the resulting fight in states across the nation, would result in an intense cultural war that would divide the Republican party and divide the American family," Guerriero said.

PrideFest Unveils Restructuring Plan

(Editor's Note: In the interest of keeping our readers updated on the ongoing financial problems at PrideFest, we have published below a statement received from the Cream City Foundation which has been assisting the festival through its crisis.)

Milwaukee — After listening to community input on how to improve and ensure that PrideFest remains a viable event, the PrideFest Board of Directors concluded that it is best to change the way it does business. This change entails a restructuring of PrideFest's governance and the recruitment of an interim board of directors.

In a meeting held on Wednesday, August 27, the PrideFest Board of Directors asked the Cream City Foundation (CCF) for help implementing PrideFest's restructuring plan.

PrideFest 2003 was held June 6-8 at Henry W. Maier Festival Park. The event attracted over 18,000 individuals to the lakefront for a celebration of the unique cultural experiences associated with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. While thousands of PrideFest attendees considered the weekend a success, the event fell short of financial expectations. In the end, PrideFest ended the festival with a debt of approximately \$125,000.

"We realized that even though we throw a great party, our current board does not have the funds necessary to run an event of this magnitude," said PrideFest board member Peter Minns. "We took a long, hard look at ourselves, listened to the community, and realized that we need to turn over the governance of this organization to individuals who have the expertise to make Pride-

Fest sustainable. That's why we came to Cream City Foundation — they are a neutral party that cares about the festival and the community as much as we do."

"We are happy to assist," said Jenny Gryniewicz, CCF's Executive Director. "We granted PrideFest its first \$500 and over the years have provided seed money to a number of the festival's most popular events. Most recently, this included a \$5,000 grant to the Milwaukee LGBT History Project. As a foundation and as members of the LGBT community, we believe that PrideFest plays a vital role in Milwaukee, serving as the LGBT community's largest and most visible event."

PrideFest's restructure begins with the resignation of the current board. The new interim board will determine the best way to resolve the 2003 debt, fund the 2004 PrideFest event, and form the new board of directors. The current PrideFest board and council members will be reorganized into a PrideFest Festival Committee which will report to the interim board. This committee will use its prior experience and knowledge to produce the 2004 festival.

The Cream City Foundation plays two vital roles as outlined in the restructuring plan: one, working with key community agencies in recruiting the interim board of directors; and two, funding the audit for the 2003 PrideFest event.

"It is critical that [the] community collaborate during this restructuring period," stated Denise Wise, CCF's Board President. "To ensure the new board has complete financial information, the CCF board of directors

has agreed to pay for an immediate 2003 PrideFest audit." The timeline is aggressive to get the interim board of directors in place and complete the financial audit. The festival has given itself 30 to 45 days to complete these tasks.

Wise concluded: "CCF is pleased and impressed by PrideFest's recognition [of the need for] change and their willingness to act on making the critical changes. Together we will do everything we can to assure the continuance of a yearly Milwaukee LGBT festival at the Henry W. Maier Festival grounds."

The Cream City Foundation's mission is to build a strong foundation and infrastructure in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community by distributing funds to emerging groups and programs that enhance the quality of life for LGBT people. To achieve its mission, CCF: acts as a catalyst working to promote charitable giving within the LGBT community; grants funds for projects and programs; and offers assistance and education sessions to LGBT-serving organizations.

PrideFest's mission is to advocate, celebrate and educate both the general community and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community with regard to all aspects of the LGBT culture. To accomplish this, PrideFest produces an annual Pride celebration. Educational events include, but are not limited to, exhibits, lectures, art and community outreach, which fully display the diversity of LGBT culture.

CCF can be reached at (414) 225-0244, PrideFest at (414) 645-FEST.

EDITORIAL

Another 9-11, Another Attack by Religious Extremists

By William Attewell

September 11 marks the second anniversary one of the darkest days in recent memory. After plotting for years, religious extremists commandeered four commercial airliners and damaged or destroyed two national landmarks, the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The terror might have even been worse but for the actions of a group of passengers on one of the flights who thwarted their hijackers. It was a horror so traumatizing to the American psyche that today we can only refer to it as the date that changed America forever: 9-11.

As the details of the terror attacks emerged so did the stories of gay heroes and victims caught in the maelstrom. We learned of Flight 93 passenger Mark Bingham, Flight 77 pilot David Charles and NYFD chaplain Fr. Mychal Judge. We also learned that nearly fifty of the gay victims left behind life partners in relationships that ranged from 11 to 23 years.

Americans opened their hearts and their wallets to the victims and their families. Our country came together in a way no one might have imagined. The single discordant note came from one of America's own religious extremists, Jerry Falwell, who blamed gay people as one of the groups responsible for the tragedy.

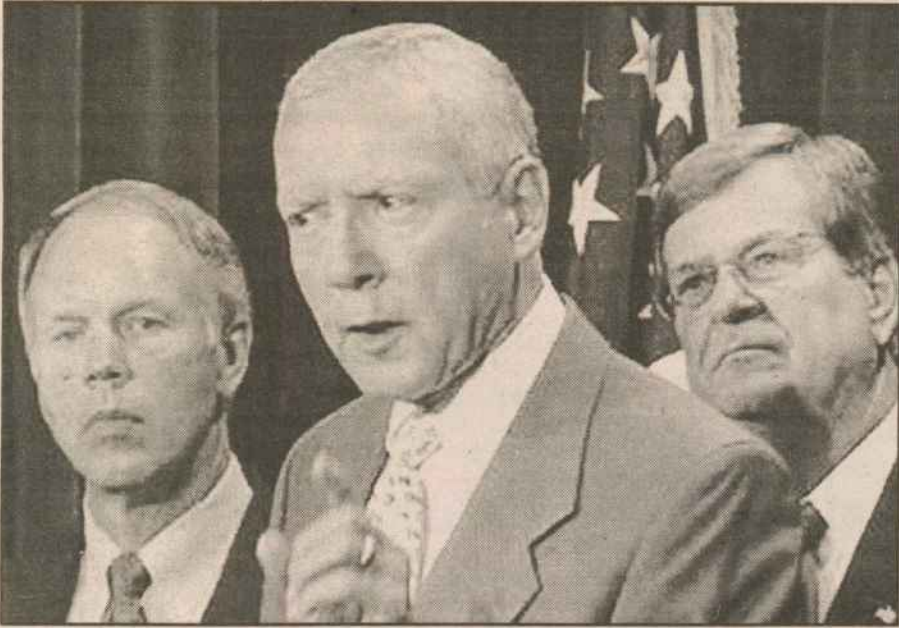
How ironic that on this second anniversary of 9-11 Wisconsin legislators will permit yet another attack by religious extremists on their fellow citizens. After plotting for years, the Family Research Institute of Wisconsin will see the Assembly Judiciary committee vote today to move the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" (AB475 and its senatorial sister SB233) to consideration and likely passage by the full body.

We know that 8,232 of Wisconsin's same-sex couples optionally chose to identify their relationships on the 2000 Census. We also know that in the last decade more than 10,000 divorces have been granted to heterosexual couples, including some of the bill's sponsors, who apparently don't recognize their unions and being between only "one man and one woman."

A bill that supposedly defends marriage by merely replacing one heterosexual definition with another needs to be called by what it truly is: the Perpetuation Of Ongoing Prejudice. That's right, DOMA really is POOP. It needs to be flushed from the legislative calendar.

That won't happen however. Political posturing and pandering to voter base bigotry are far more important to bills' sponsors than finding ways to truly defend, recognize and honor all of Wisconsin's everyday heroes: the millions of Wisconsin citizens of all sexual orientations who live — and in many cases raise children — in stable, loving relationships. The shame in Capitol should be palpable. How sad for Wisconsin's LGBT families, their friends and all supporters of full equality for all people.

They will remember September 11th's DOMA vote for what it truly is: Another 9-11 attack on core American values by religious extremists.



Republican Senator Orrin Hatch (Utah) has proposed compromise versions of a hate crimes law that most gay rights groups say is unacceptable.

Frist Blocks Vote on Hate Crimes Bill

Washington — A popular foreign aid authorization bill has been stalled since July and become hostage to an effort by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) to block a vote on a hate crimes bill that includes protections for gays.

Frist, acting on the wishes of other Senate Republican leaders, stopped the foreign aid bill from coming to the Senate floor in July after Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) announced he would move to attach the hate crimes legislation to that bill in the form of an amendment.

Capitol Hill observers say Kennedy has enough votes lined up to pass such an amendment, with a number of Republican senators expected to support it. Kennedy, the author and chief sponsor of the hate crimes bill, took steps to attach it to the foreign aid bill after Frist refused to allow Kennedy to bring the legislation to the floor as a freestanding bill.

The bill, officially known as S. 966, the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, would give the federal govern-

ment authority to prosecute hate crimes based on a person's sexual orientation, gender or disability. The bill has 49 co-sponsors and enjoys bipartisan support, with as many as 60 senators expected to vote for it in the form of an amendment or a freestanding bill.

Sen. Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) signed on as the bill's chief co-sponsor and its lead Republican backer.

Gay activists consider the hate crimes bill an important part of their legislative agenda. They note that gays continue to fall victim to hate crimes in cities and towns throughout the country.

The Senate passed similar versions of the hate crimes measure in 1999 and 2000 in the form of amendments to other bills. The legislation died in House-Senate conference committees after the Republican-controlled House of Representatives refused to support the bill.

Syndicated newspaper columnist Robert Novak drew attention to the latest saga of the hate crimes bill last week, when he noted in a column that the Kennedy-Frist confrontation symbolizes the near stalemate in the Senate between the two parties.

In addition to the hate crimes bill, Kennedy said he planned to seek to attach a minimum wage bill to the foreign aid authorization measure. Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) introduced the foreign aid bill in close consultation with the White

House and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

"While opposing Kennedy's measures, the Republican leadership does not command the votes to defeat them and does not even want these issues debated," Novak wrote in an Aug. 8 column.

Novak, who is considered highly informed on Republican members of Congress, appeared to confirm the views of gay leaders that the hate crimes bill would pass if allowed to come up for a vote.

"Frist cannot find a majority against the Kennedy bill," Novak wrote. "Indeed, it is now the Kennedy-Smith bill," he wrote.

Stephanie Cutter, Kennedy's communications director, called Novak's assessment "correct." She said Kennedy would seek out another bill to attach the hate crimes measure if Frist continues to block the foreign aid bill from reaching the Senate floor.

Cutter said Kennedy also remains open to a compromise with Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the leading GOP opponent of Kennedy's version of the hate crimes bill.

Activists Reject Hatch Proposals

Hatch has proposed several versions of his own, which gay activists and Senate Democrats have considered unacceptable. One of Hatch's versions would give states veto power over federal prosecution of hate crimes.

Gay rights attorneys say such a provision would defeat the purpose of the bill, which is to provide for federal intervention in cases where state or local officials refuse to prosecute hate crimes.

Andy Fisher, press secretary for Lugar, said the Indiana senator would not have objected to Kennedy's proposal to attach the hate crimes bill to the foreign aid authorization bill, which Lugar wrote. Lugar is chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Both Democrats and Republicans have praised Lugar's bill as an important measure needed to clarify and update U.S. foreign aid programs.

Protesters Jeer Students at School for Gay Teens

New York — Pickets who waved signs strewn with anti-gay epithets greeted students as they started their first day at a high school that was expanded to accommodate gay and lesbian teens.

But supporters of the 72 students and seven teachers at Harvey Milk High School on Astor Place shielded the teens from the protesters as they came to school.

Many of the protesters decried homosexuality as being against God's laws, calling the teens sodomites and other offensive names.

But others were on hand to defend the students. "For those of you who say this school is unnecessary, I would refer you to some of the signs and comments from over there," said City Council Speaker Gifford Miller as he pointed to the picketers. Education officials announced the \$3.2 million expansion of the school in July. The officials said it would eventually house 170 students.

Gay Buying Power Grows To \$485 Billion

Washington — The total buying power of the U.S. gay, lesbian and bisexual (GLB) adult population in 2003 has grown to \$485 billion, up from \$451 billion a year ago.

The power of the so-called pink buck is tracked by an ongoing joint study by Witeck-Combs Communications and MarketResearch.com. The research is used as a benchmark cited frequently by business analysts.

The new figures make the LGBT market the third largest in the US, after African-Americans at \$688-billion and Hispanics at \$653-billion. The fourth largest group is Asian Americans at \$344-billion.

In releasing the current analysis, Bob Witeck, CEO of Witeck-Combs Communications said, "Validating buying power helps measure the economic contributions of the gay, lesbian and bisexual population. Buying power, however, does not equal affluence nor does it imply that same-sex households are wealthier than others. In fact, there is evidence suggesting gay males may earn slightly less than their heterosexual counterparts."

Based on several population samples, the analysis conservatively benchmarked 6 percent to 7 percent of the adult U.S. population as gay, lesbian or bisexual — or between 14 to 16 million individuals over the age of 18. The estimate assumes that average income patterns within the GLB population generally reflect those of the population as a whole over the age of 18, that the population may be adjusted to take into account a higher proportion of males, and based on same-sex household Census data, that gays and lesbians appear more likely to live in metropolitan areas than the population as a whole.

Given the growing visibility of the gay consumer dollar, Witeck noted that corporate America is paying attention as shown by the popularity of new television trends such as Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," and innovative marketing campaigns by many Fortune 500 companies to target same-sex households.

"As consultants, we work to understand buying patterns, attitudes and preferences of gay consumers," Witeck said.

"Buying power is just one part of this story. By digging deeper, we've also learned that one in five same-sex households have children under the age of 18, and usually have needs similar to other families, while single gay men tend to be early adopters and often enjoy upscale products. Smart marketers look for these distinctions and develop strategies to target this sizable market segment," he added.

Action Wisconsin Announces Sept. 30 Lobby Day

Madison — As state legislators began to recruit sponsors for yet another attempt to ban same-sex marriage recognition, Action Wisconsin announced it will host a lobby day for LGBT equality in Madison on September 30.

The goals of the lobby day will be to ask lawmakers to vote against the anti-marriage bill, support full civil marriage equality, and support domestic partner benefits for state employees.

"Too many legislators in Wisconsin either don't understand the discrimination facing same-sex couples or they think LGBT people are a disposable constituency," Action Wisconsin executive director Chris Ott said. "It is essential that large numbers of people from every corner of the state turn out to the lobby day in order to demonstrate that we will not sit quietly while our rights are violated."

Recently, a number of state legislators have publicly lined up against equality. In the Fond du Lac Reporter, state Senator Carol Roessler (R-Oshkosh) sneered at the notion that same-sex couples deserve respect under the law. "It's no different than my best girlfriend or my dearest niece," Roessler said. "I

love them, but it is not a marriage." State Sen. Tom Reynolds was quoted in the Milwaukee Shepherd Express: "It seems to me that the idea of treating that sort of relationship as marriage makes a mockery of the institution."

"Unfortunately, too many of our lawmakers seem to lack basic human compassion," said Ott. "We hope that having LGBT people and our families sit down face-to-face with these lawmakers will help them have a heart. It will help them better understand our lives and the very real need for equality." Action Wisconsin will coordinate the constituent meetings with state legislative representatives and senators. The day will begin on September 30 with a citizen lobby training at 12pm, followed by the meetings from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Interested individuals can contact Action Wisconsin at info@actionwisconsin.org for more details. The organization is looking for regional volunteers across the state to help coordinate local participation in the event.

Action Wisconsin is also asking those people who cannot attend to participate from afar by contacting legislators via phone or email on the Sept. 30.

The lobby day will build upon the momentum created by a strong and growing statewide response to the soon-to-be introduced anti-marriage bill. In just four days, over 700 messages were sent urging legislators not to join the anti-marriage bill through Action Wisconsin's new online action center. So far, individuals in at least 107 of the 132 Wisconsin voting districts have sent messages. The campaign lasts until August 18, the deadline for legislators to join as co-sponsors of the bill.



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The CCF board — both men and women attended the event, but only women could play. Above (l-r) Mary Finely, Tony Rhodes, Robert Starshak, Ross Draegert, Scott Gunkle and CCF executive director Jenny Gryniewicz.

CCF's Inaugural Women's Golf Outing a Success

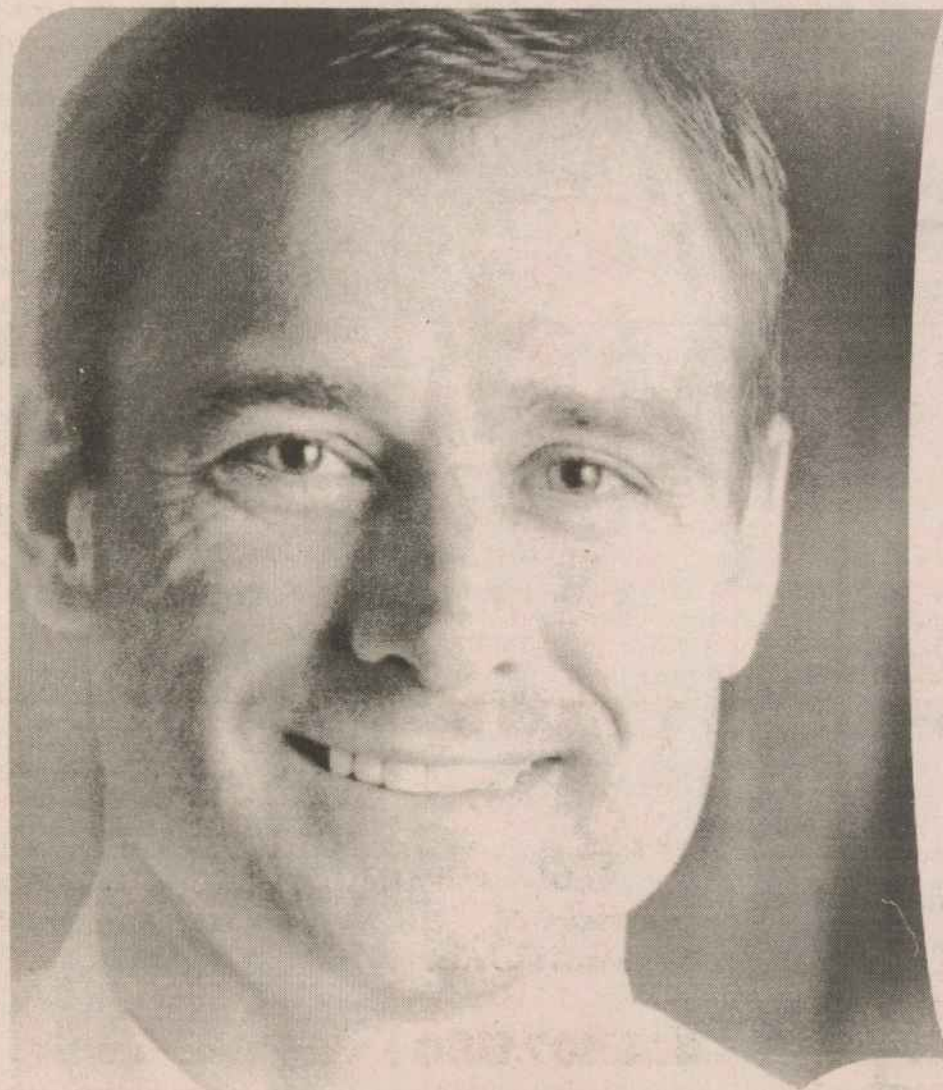
Milwaukee — Despite temperatures that rose above 100° and a last-minute change of venue, compliments of the Milwaukee County Park System closing down Dineen Golf Course, Cream City Foundation's (CCF) first ever Women's Only Night golf outing was a rousing success.

"We had 40 women golfers attend and we raised nearly \$4,000," said Jennifer Gryniewicz, CCF's executive director. "Our goal was three fold: one, we wanted to raise funds to carry out CCF's mission; two, we wanted to provide a fun and affordable social

outlet for lesbian women and their straight allies; and three, we wanted to increase the awareness within the female community that they can be a driving force for social justice but they need to become involved in philanthropic giving. The first two goals we were a qualitative success; as for the third goal, we will have to wait and see."

The evening began with a picnic dinner sponsored by BOXX Magazine, followed by a fabulously fun group golf lesson with a local PGA professional. At sundown, the ladies grabbed their glow-in-the-dark necklaces and golf balls and hit the links. The wide range of scores highlighted the varying levels of golf experience, but everyone had fun. A survey passed out at the end of the night revealed that 100% of the respondents would participate again. "That's all we can ask for," said Denise Wise, CCF board president.

With the success of this first time event, CCF says they plan to make it an annual affair.



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GROUP NOTES

Madison NOW Focuses on Positive Body Images

Madison — In an effort to combat negative images of women in the media and fashion industry, and raise the level of awareness of positive body image for women and men, the Madison chapter of the National Organization of Women is producing a play called "Smash the Beautocracy — A Play on Fashion." The production is set for Thursday, Sept. 25th at the Bartell Theater, 113 E. Mifflin St., at 7:30 p.m. A fund-raiser for Madison NOW, all proceeds raised are to be used to help develop a peer counseling program on positive body image.

"It is important as feminists to understand the negative and destructive effects that unrealistic and negative imagery has on the minds of young people, and how the bombardment of these images has on the mental health of young girls," says Kristen Fricchione, Madison NOW president.

Fricchione says the Madison NOW chapter has worked hard to make this project a community-based project drawing on the voices and experiences of real women and men in the Madison area. Directed by Tara Ayres and written in part by Kathy Utley of Madison NOW, the show includes original monologues and ensemble performances written and performed by cast members.

"We hope that audience members will be entertained as well as appreciative and understanding of how damaging our mass media culture demeans the real value of

women, and men too. From the beginning we saw the creative process of the script-writing as a collaborative process, creating monologues and ensemble performances directly from the real voices and experiences of women and men in the Madison area. Audience members will be treated to fresh and authentic performance that we hope reflects how real these issues are to our community," says Utley.

For more information and tickets, call (608) 438-7117.

St. Croix Valley GLBTs Set Fall Meetings

St. Croix Valley — Out in the Valley, the social and community-services group serving the GLBTA citizens of the St. Croix Valley, will meet on Saturday, Sept. 20, at a member's private home in Woodbury, MN. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed after 7 by the meeting and program. The guest speaker is Macalester College Prof. Harry Hirsch, who will report on his national GLBT survey of political attitudes, comparing the Twin Cities to other major cities in the survey.

In October, the group will again do its Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Day on Saturday, Oct. 11, followed by a picnic at the home of members who raise llamas. And, tentatively on Friday, Oct. 24, there will be a facilitated group discussion on matters of interest to GLBT citizens.

Out in the Valley serves the 30,000 GLBT citizens of the Valley and their families and friends. The group meets during the third week (usually) of each month in

various locations in the St. Croix Valley, in addition to sponsoring occasional special events. Friends and guests are welcome at all Out in the Valley events. For more information, call (612) 822-0127, ext.502, or (800) 800-0350, ext.502, or e-mail: 102225.1412@compuserve.com.

Professor Carole Vopat Wins Teaching Award

Madison — Carole G. Vopat, a 33-year veteran of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside who developed the school's women's studies program and designed its first course in gay and lesbian literature, was honored in early September with a Teaching Excellence Award from the UW Board of Regents. Vopat is a professor of English and Women's Studies.

The award recognizes outstanding career achievements by individuals and an exceptional commitment to teaching by academic departments or programs. Nominees underwent a rigorous campus selection process, which included support from students. Vopat will receive \$5,000 for professional development.

Regent Charles Pruitt of Milwaukee presented the award to Prof. Vopat. Again and again, he said, students write that Vopat's teaching changed their lives: "Her students do not just take a course from her, they enter, struggle and eventually thrive and soar."

In thanking the regents for the award, Vopat said she appreciated the board's commitment to quality teaching, even in the face of budget cuts, for the benefit of all students. "I want to give them that fervor and passion I learned in college," Vopat said. "I believe education makes us better and helps us to rise."

"I want to give my students what was given to me: a world transformed through

education and literature. I try to open their minds and hearts through literature so that they can enjoy all that life has to offer; so that they may transcend the lives they were given, and realize that they don't have to play the cards they were dealt: literature — education — can deal them a whole new hand."

Professor Vopat has also played a supportive role in Milwaukee's women's community since the 1970s.

Juana Vega Resource Center Announces Fund-raiser

Milwaukee — The Juana G. Vega Resource Center Announces its Fall Giving Campaign with the Awarding of its 2003 Juana Gloria Vega Scholarship.

The 2nd Annual Juana Gloria Vega Scholarship for Lesbian and Bisexual Latina students will be awarded to Calixta Alvarez on October 7 at 6 p.m. at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court Street.

Calixta is a graduate of Milwaukee Area Technical College's G.E.D. program and is entering her second year as an English As A Second Language student.

"My goal is to obtain an Associate Degree in Business Mid-Management from MATC. I would also like to bring my mother, sister and two nephews to see what my life is like in Milwaukee. MATC has been very supportive of immigrants and people of low income backgrounds."

Calixta arrived alone to Milwaukee in 1996 from the state of Veracruz, Mexico. Since then, she has worked at Maglio & Co. as a vegetable cleaner and is currently employed at JW Speaker in assembly and quality control.

"At MATC, I see teachers and directors who are always very helpful. I've always felt welcomed and never discriminated against

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The Juana Gloria Vega Scholarship is named after the visionary Mexican-American, out lesbian and native of Milwaukee, who was brutally murdered on November 11, 2001 by her former girlfriend's brother. Pablo Parilla is serving 65 years to life. Juana was a GED and Culinary Arts Student at MATC but due to personal and financial obstacles she was unable to complete her studies.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, a 501c3 agency is our fiscal agent. To make a tax-deductible contribution, write: The Juana Gloria Vega Scholarship, 315 W. Court Street, Suite 202C, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

CCF to Introduce New Executive Director and Board Members

Milwaukee — The board of directors of the Cream City Foundation (CCF) invites you to come meet their new executive director and new board members on September 18 5 to 7 p.m. at 1451 Renaissance Place. The evening is an informal Donor Appreciation Reception and an opportunity for everyone to learn more about CCF and the individuals who will guide its mission.

Jennifer Gryniwicz became CCF's third executive director in its twenty-one year history in April of 2003. Jenny comes to CCF with a highly successful record of community fundraising in the Milwaukee area. As campaign director of United Way in Waukesha County, she focused on workplace giving; prior to that, Jenny was development director at the Grand Avenue Club, a direct service agency.

"Jenny's experience is sure to be a creative catalyst that will increase charitable giving in the LGBT community," said Denise Wise, president of CCF's board of

directors. "Equally important is her attention to future giving, and she has already come up with a number of strategies to promote philanthropy from the younger members of our community."

New board members who have signed on for three-year terms include: Carl Bogner, Carol Roberts and Dan Simoneau.

Bogner is an instructor at the UW-Milwaukee Film Department and is executive director of the Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival, a position that he has held for the last six years. The Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival is internationally known for its high quality and diverse array of films.

"I am extremely interested in supporting and expanding CCF's current scholarships for LGBT youth through the John Cowles Scholarship fund, and, in general, stimulating and supporting diverse cultural activities and energies," said Bogner. "CCF was instrumental in providing the LGBT Film Festival a consistent bedrock of support that has allowed the festival to blossom. Now I will have the opportunity to encourage similar innovative programs in our community. I am extremely honored."

"Carol is a dynamo," said former CCF president and current member-at-large, Tony Rhodes, speaking of Carol Roberts. "She started an LGBT employee group that fought for safe places and domestic partnership benefits at her workplace, eFunds. Their group accomplished that mission within three years. Her experience will certainly be a huge benefit when we are working with the struggles of emerging groups."

Dan Simoneau is a program developer, as well as the membership chair for the Transparent Watercolor Society of America. He served two-years on the Mayor's Task Force for the Arts in Lewiston, Maine. "I would like to grow the organization and also grow community

awareness of CCF, not only in Milwaukee but throughout southeastern Wisconsin," said Simoneau.

"Dan's expertise in computers, financial accountability and the arts makes him an attractive candidate for any board," said CCF's vice-president Robert Starshak. "We couldn't be more pleased that he has chosen to share his talents with us."

The September 18 event is free and open to the public, however donations will be accepted. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served, along with a cash bar. A short program at 6:15 p.m. will feature two numbers from Men's Voices of Milwaukee, a look back at what CCF accomplished in the past year, and a look ahead to what they hope to achieve in the future.

Equality Knocks Event a Success

Milwaukee — On September 6, volunteers for Equality Knocks, a unique grassroots action program of the LGBT Center Advocates, took to the streets for the third time this summer.

Equality Knocks targets certain legislators based on their LGBT legislative voting history, then goes directly to the targeted legislators district to lobby voters and identify and organize non-gay support for LGBT issues of equality. Equality Knocks gathers and delivers constituent letters, then arranges a face-to-face constituent meeting with the targeted legislator. The non-gay allies are recorded and used in the future for mobilizing non-gay support of upcoming LGBT issues.

In the last Equality Knocks project, canvassers took to the streets of Jeff Plale (WI Senate District 7) who has yet to confirm his commitment to voting against the anti-marriage Senate Bill 233 (SB 233) and Assembly Bill 475 (AB 475) that would explicitly ban marriage equality for same-sex couples.

Equality Knocks will deliver over 100 constituent letters to Senator Plale in a face-to-face constituent meeting with gay and non-gay allies and set up phone banks to have constituents call him and express their opinion against these bills.

Equality Knocks is organized by the LGBT Center Advocates, an advocacy organization affiliated with the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center that is working to win equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. For more information about the Center Advocates or Equality Knocks project, please call (414) 271-2656 ext.119, or email outvote@mkcgbt.org.

ROW Grants \$5,761 to ARCW and Action Wisconsin

Green Bay — Rainbow Over Wisconsin, Inc. (ROW) has granted \$5,761 to two statewide organizations whose work directly impacts the lives of LGBT people living in northeast and eastern Wisconsin.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin will receive \$3,000 for its prevention outreach program in the agency's 17-county northeastern region. One of the most visible ways the money will be used is for the provision of barrier protection and other educational material at venues catering to the region's gay community.

The Action Wisconsin Education Fund was granted its full request with a mix of \$1,761 outright and a matching grant of \$1,000. The funds will be used continue the statewide civil rights organization's ongoing project to provide information and resources on domestic partnership benefits to area corporations and other employers in an effort to see such benefits extended to LGBT employees and their families.

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LETTERS

PrideFest Money Woes

Dear Editor,

As an annual vendor of PrideFest, I strongly suggest the board there contact each vendor and explain the financial state of PrideFest.

The policy of no return phone calls, to talk about unpaid bills, will ultimately diminish the creditability of the entire community. It will also increase the financial pressure for the 2004 event. I for one will be asking for cash up front. I am a small vendor, so just think what approach the large ones will take.

If bills can't be paid in full, at least contact the vendors that help PrideFest go on, and make some kind of payment plan. No

return phone calls after ten attempts at calling the office and leaving messages is unacceptable. No call back, means no responsibility, and no basic understanding of business practices.

Good luck in 2004, PrideFest. You will need it.

**Lester S. Sutton,
Ryder Truck Rental**

Letter Creates Bi-Uproar

Dear Editor,

There are so many problems with the letter by Connie (IN Step, Vol. 20, #17) that it is difficult to know where to begin.

No one is saying that being bi or trans is the same "phenomena" as being gay or lesbian. The idea is that we all have had our sexual identity attacked, rejected, undermined and/or ignored by mainstream society and together we are larger and stronger than we are apart.

Not all lesbians and gay men want to marry just as not all straight couples want to marry, nor all bi or trans couples. If you only include lesbians and gay men that want the right to marry, you will not have enough numbers to get such laws pass, nor will you have enough numbers to stop anti-queer marriage laws from being passed.

Many bisexuals are monogamous and Connie's sweeping statement that non-monogamy is the "norm" for bisexuals is inaccurate and uninformed. It is true that

some bi's are non-monogamous just as some lesbians are, some gay men are, some straight people are and some trans people are.

In many polyamorous relationships (loving, committed relationships that don't limit themselves to only two people), the "protection of marriage" is actually a hindrance or an outright danger — some states still allow the state to prosecute a married person for adultery even without a complaint and polyamorous people risk losing their children, married or not, to name just two difficulties this group faces. And, as stated in number three, not all bisexuals are polyamorous.

If a male to female transgender has a female partner, then this would fall under "homosexual marriage" and by Connie's argument, then trans people should be included in the LG group. And so should any bi's who want to marry a same sex partner.

Connie says that transgender people "don't want to be who they already are." My transgender friends tell me that their struggle is actually "to openly be who they really are." Connie claims that only lesbians and gay men go through this kind of struggle.

Be careful playing up the "born that way" argument — the rabid Christian right has been throwing that in our faces by agreeing that, yes, we are born this way and that is OK — just control your behavior then. I think it is critically important for all queer people to assert that, while we are born this way, we are also choosing to live our lives in line with our heart's desires, and that we are proud to choose to be true to ourselves.

In closing, I believe that following Connie's divisive advice would greatly weaken our ability to work together to make the world a safe place for people to openly and freely love who they love. Now, more than ever, we need to work together to make the world a better place for us all. The far right would like nothing more than to see us attack each other. Let's not give them the satisfaction.

Nikki Schlaishunt, Milwaukee

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Connie for her editorial comments in your most recent edition. Connie stated that because there are differences in the life experiences between the LG Communities compared with the BT Communities they should dis-

solve their political associations and each fight their own fights.

The point being that having people in your group that haven't experienced all the same things that you have, or will want all the same things that you do, will hurt your group's ability to win political objectives.

At reading this, I had an epiphany. I'm a white, non-disabled, straight male with a Christian upbringing who despite all these external factors, still managed to become a liberal. I'm sorry Connie, I didn't realize my error. Apparently, I've been wasting a lot of precious time, energy and resources for people who have had different life experiences than me. And I guess from Connie's assertions, "my kind" has been detrimental to "your" objectives. I'm so sorry, I just didn't know.

When I say I'm a liberal, I'm not referring to white, shallow Northern liberalism which consists of voting ethically when it's politically expedient. I'm talking about the working for peanuts in non-profits, building networks and bridges, down in the trenches, out on the streets, mobilizing and advocating type of liberalism. Thanks to Connie, all of that can now become a distant memory for me. Despite my left-leaning tendencies to speak up when someone (anyone) is being oppressed, I can now look the other way with a clear conscience. I understand now that none of it is my business because I was not, to steal a phrase from the sage Connie herself, "born that way." I'm not one of "them" and I'm not responsible. I'm off the hook!

Think of all the free time, the reduced stress and the extra discretionary income I'll have now that Connie has shown me the error of my logic. Apparently, I'm only socially accountable and morally compelled to advocate for the socio-economic plight of those that share my "birth accidents," which are white, straight males without a noticeable genetic disability in the United States (and as we all can see, that demographic is doing just fine). Therefore, I'm spared the inconvenience of political action. Even among other white, straight males I've found that our lives have not held — amazingly enough — identical life experiences and so actually under the "Connie Gospel," I'm not obliged to assist them either. I can just focus on raising my family and making lots of money. One of my children is a girl and I don't have to worry about any political oppression she might experience in life. That's a relief, fighting for 51% of the population was a pain in the that leaves my son and you know what, there is a certain generation gap I feel with him now that he's becoming a teenager, so I guess he's gonna have to advocate for himself as well. Especially if it turns out that God made him "born gay" and he just hasn't told me yet. This means the only person I should ever feel morally compelled to advocate for is me. Screw the rest of you! Thank you Connie, a great weight has been lifted!

Another advantage to following the "Connie Wisdom," by nature of the various accidents of my birth and my subsequent life experiences I will always enjoy an inherent advantage in the USA. How lucky am I not to have been born gay or belonging to other oppressed minorities who will never have enough political clout to topple the current paradigm, "my" paradigm? Gays by themselves, lesbians by themselves, transgendered by themselves, latinos by themselves and certainly the disabled by themselves will never have enough numbers to beat "my team" of white, straight males! Without "your" groups working together, I'm on Easy Street from now on. Especially if you sub-separate into black and white gays, tall and short women, and maybe, eventually, Abyssinian lesbians with speech impediments caused by genetic



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variances who were born under the Libra sign in the Southeastern region of the United States during rainstorms.

How decent is Connie? As a lesbian, to allow "my kind" to perpetually reign! I believe she shows an extraordinary degree of sportsmanship and consideration in this all too often selfish culture of ours. Let's hear it for Connie! She ended her editorial with, "God Be with Us." To paraphrase her, "God be with me and those of my ilk!" Under the context of her statements, I don't see a difference! To become serious for a moment, the fight for civil rights and equal treatment under the law is a political movement. It's not a social gathering, a team sport or a support group. Unite or lose! Or you can leave it in the capable hands of Connie.

Brad (the straight, white, Christian-raised guy with no discernible genetic defects, but kind of short)

We Love Ruthie!

Dear Editor,

Do we really have to go over this again? It seems as though yet another reader of *IN Step* took the short bus to school.

This is addressed to Kenny or Kevin or Danny or whoever it was that wasn't man enough to sign his real name in his letter bashing Dear Ruthie.

I'll try to use small words so you'll understand (sorry, so "it will be clear"). Ruthie writes for entertainment (fun, to make people laugh, etc.). She has never claimed to be accredited (educated or learned — basically went to school for) in any type of psychoanalysis (evaluation of one's motives, dreams, desires, feelings).

She is not pulling a Dr. Laura and assuming a persona (pretending to be something she's not) in order to further her own ideals. If you have been reading her column for the years it has been printed, you should have determined (came to the conclusion) that most letters are not of a serious nature. When a question of a serious nature is posed (asked), she always refers the person to a professional or professional organization.

It seems odd to me that this is not the first letter sent in to bash Ruthie and that the senders always seem to say the exact same thing. Now we have you, Mr. Alias (using another identity). Could you be the same person who has written before? If so, I wouldn't be surprised if one day Ruthie walks right over and lets you know what she thinks of you. It was more difficult than I thought to write for someone of your intelligence. You make being moronic (stupid) seem so easy.

Tony Torti, Milwaukee

Dear Editor,

The LGBT community in Wisconsin faces challenging times. There are many issues of major importance. The money situation with PrideFest, the upcoming DOMA vote in the state's legislature, domestic violence, substance abuse and, of course, the writings of Dear Ruthie.

The "anonymous" letter-writer in your last issue, who took poor Ruthie to task, has hit upon the most pressing issue of our generation!

God forbid that an *IN Step* writer (Ruthie) should provide some well-needed humor in a clearly unhumorous era! The time has come for the LGBT community to stand together against drag queen advice columnists. Unite I say!

Forget homophobia, forget violence against LGBTs, forget discrimination ... this is an area we really need to focus our attention on! I, for one, pledge never to ask a drag queen for advice again ... unless I need some make-up tips.

Ron Seymoure, Appleton

QUIPS AND QUOTES



Brown Wad?

"See, in our community that's frowned upon when you have a big brown wad on your finger. You're just kind of like, can we get rid of that?"

— "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" **Carson Kressley** after the cop straight guy they just made over fed his girlfriend a gooey glob of chocolate with his finger.

Weak Brain Muscle

"I do support domestic partnership. I think that gay marriage [sic] is something that should be between a man and a woman."

— **Arnold Schwarzenegger** on the Fox News Channel.

"Fag Business"

"Men shouldn't feel like fags just because they want to have nice-looking bodies. Another thing: Recently I posed for a gay magazine, which caused much comment. But it doesn't bother me. Gay people are fighting the same kind of stereotyping that bodybuilders are: People have certain misconceptions about them just as they do about us. Well, I have absolutely no hang-ups about the fag business; though it may bother some bodybuilders, it doesn't affect me at all."

— **Arnold Schwarzenegger** to *Oui* magazine, August 1977.

Howard Dean on Real Issues

"Eventually when full gay and lesbian rights are available, Americans will do what they did in Vermont. They'll realize it's not such a big deal. People are people. You know what the biggest issues in the gay and lesbian community are? Just like they are in everyone else's society: jobs and health insurance."

— Democratic presidential candidate **Howard Dean** to *St. Louis' exp* magazine, Aug. 29.

"I actually think these kinds of shows [like "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy"] that are sort of in-your-face are gonna pass eventually because as gays and lesbians gain greater and greater acceptance in America they're going to be accepted as human beings and these shows are going to lose their shock and novelty value."

— **Howard Dean**.

Carson was Freeze-dried

"He looks like he was freeze-dried in 1978 and brought back to life as a stereotypical 1970s queen. I can't believe that he worked at Ralph Lauren with those shirts, and the matching necklaces and bracelets. The irony of it all is that the other guys are better dressed than him."

— New York Times Magazine Fashion Director **Robert Bryan** on "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" **Carson Kressley**, to The New York Times News Service.

Fab 5 Bashing

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is exorable — a catalog of homosexual stereotypes, played to a throbbing, techno-disco beat, that also systematically denies its gay stars their complexity and their sexuality. From first scene to last, they trill and fuss, displaying their talents at traditionally effeminate domestic tasks. The straight guy, meanwhile, stands back, endures some innocuous flirting and emerges as the ultimate heterosexual stud. Talk about reaffirming heterosexual primacy: the Fab 5 are the very literal fairy godmothers who help straight dudes hook up, and who then return to their own beds alone."

— Reviewer **Christopher Kelly**, Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Gay TV Coup

"If you look just at the news coverage of 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy' alone, you'd be convinced that there weren't any straight people on television."

— Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Executive Director **Joan Garry** to D.C.'s *MetroWeekly*.

Canadians Getting It Right

"Less than equal is less than adequate. To create another institution [such as civil unions] just contributes to the fact that we would tell those members of the gay and lesbian community that they are not entirely part of our society. Why wouldn't they be part of marriage?"

— Canadian Justice Minister **Martin Cauchon** as quoted by the *Edmonton Sun*.

"I'm a Catholic and I'm praying. But I am the prime minister of Canada and ... I'm acting as a person responsible for the nation. The problem of my religion — I deal with it in other circumstances."

— Canadian Prime Minister **Jean Chrétien** on his support for full same-sex marriage as quoted by the *Edmonton Sun*.

"If people want to do something and it doesn't hurt other people, doesn't reduce other people's rights, we should let them do it. Why not?"

— Canadian Defense Minister **John McCallum** on his support for full same-sex marriage as quoted by the *Edmonton Sun*, Aug. 13.

"The Amazing Race" Boys Get Their 15 Minutes

"The hardest part of this race was to open up to the other people on it. To show a lot of wonderful people that are here that we're just like them. We're Americans, we're teammates of these guys, and we just happen to be gay. ... In the end, people look at both Reichen and myself and they see love, and they realize that Reichen and I are partners — and together, we can do anything."

— **Chip Arndt** after he and husband **Reichen Lehmkuhl** won CBS TV's "The Amazing Race," Aug. 21.

"This race was about a lot of things. It was about competitiveness. It was about

showing the world that gay people can do anything that anyone else can do. But the most important thing I learned is I'm very loved by my partner, and I know that I can feel safe and happy and protected when I'm around him, and I trust him implicitly."

— **Reichen Lehmkuhl** after he and husband **Chip Arndt** won CBS TV's "The Amazing Race."

"[We're] maybe at the other end of the spectrum, but we don't dis on anybody. Everybody has been trying to get us to say we're angry that there is all this stereotyping on 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy' and that these guys are really flamboyant. But that's who they are. With us, I just look at it as, yes, finally the media is presenting another type of gay person, and we just hope that the kids who are 12 to 20 years old, who might want to go to the Air Force academy, who are on a football team right now, who are on a water polo team or captain in a sport and are gay are saying: 'Wait a second. I don't identify with Will on Will & Grace. Now what do I do? Oh, wait a second. I identify more with those guys [from 'The Amazing Race']. OK, that's cool."

— **Chip Arndt** who, with husband **Reichen Lehmkuhl**, won TV's *The Amazing Race* Aug. 21, to PlanetOut.com.

Crazy Catholics

"You see the Catholic Church denouncing gay marriage when they have been doing worse in their own church. And never mind how they behaved during World War II! The Holocaust didn't bother them. But gay marriage bothers them. I think they should clean their own house before telling me how to clean mine."

— Tennis champ **Martina Navratilova** to The New York Times Magazine.

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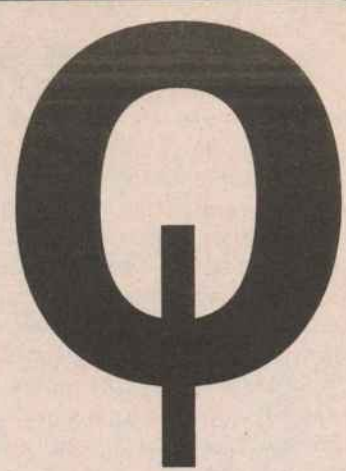
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Milwaukee Ballet Opens Season with "Romeo & Juliet"

Milwaukee – Michael Pink's fiery retelling of Shakespeare's tragic romance "Romeo & Juliet" will ignite the Milwaukee Ballet's new season Sept. 25-28 in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St.

The tale of two young lovers creates a tug-of-war between true love and family duty as Juliet and Romeo must decide between their passion for each other and their desire to remain true to their feuding families. The Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra will perform Prokofiev's beautiful score.

First performed by the Atlanta Ballet in 2000, "Romeo & Juliet" marks Pink's choreographic debut as Artistic Director of the Milwaukee Ballet. His choreography of pieces like "Dracula," "Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "Swan Lake" has been acclaimed by critics worldwide. "I could think of no better way of inaugurating the 2003-04 season than by presenting this classic tale," said Pink. "Elements of surprise and excitement will contribute to one incredible experience for all who attend."

This production of "Romeo & Juliet" brings the return of costume designer Judanna Lynn, who was praised for her exquisite designs in last May's premiere of "Scheherazade." The dramatic fight scenes in the play will be directed by Lee Ernst, a resident actor with the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre.

For tickets and show times, call the Milwaukee Ballet at (414) 643-7677, or visit the company's website at: www.milwaukeeballet.org.

Outwards Rocks with "Unplugged" Sept. 20

Milwaukee – On Saturday, Sept. 20, Outwards Books will host a special appearance by Paul McComas, author of "Unplugged." But this isn't a typical author reading – it is a multi-genre presentation that will offer a performance of scenes and songs from the book, the story of bisexual rock musician Dayna Clay, who struggles against depression despite being at the top of the music world.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and is a 45-minute performance featuring McComas, Teresa Schweigert, an actor/singer from



the Twin Cities, and Milwaukee drummer Tim Buckingham. It takes place at Outwards, 2710 N. Murray Ave. This musical/dramatic event is presented with the cooperation of Outwards Books, Gifts & Coffee, Milwaukee P-FLAG and Project Q.

Despite being at the height of her career, Dayna is struggling to make it through the final concert of a wildly successful tour. Tormented by an ever-deepening depression, the 27-year-old rocker hands her guitar to a fan and beats a hasty retreat. First she heads for Chicago where she attempts suicide, but nature steps in to spare her. Still unsure whether her life is worth living, she forfeits her career and disappears, setting out incognito for parts unknown eventually trading the bright lights of stardom for the Badlands of South Dakota.

A gripping chronicle of depression, recovery, and self-reinvention, "Unplugged" is also the tale of how a young

woman is taught and healed by nature – by the very land beneath her feet.

McComas is the founder of the teen-suicide prevention program "Rock Against Depression." He started out as a screenwriter with a masters degree in film and is a fiction-writing instructor and performance artist whose short story collection, "Twenty Questions," is in its third printing.

For further information, call (414) 963-9089, or visit: www.outwardsbooks.com.

"2 Pianos, 4 Hands" Plays at the Stackner Cabaret

Milwaukee – Two would-be famous pianists tell their story of growing up at the keyboard in the delightful musical comedy "2 Pianos, 4 Hands," playing at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre's Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St., through Nov. 2. The show features the artistic talents of Richard Carsey and Jack Forbes Wilson.

"2 Pianos, 4 Hands" begins with young Richard – Richy – being told he's too young to play the pedal. So begins the journey of two boys – Richard and Ted – in search of concert pianist stardom. Two actors, two pianos and many, many characters grace the stage as fifteen years of learning the art of piano playing pass by. As the boys mature so does their piano playing. From "Little Birch Canoe" they move to auditioning for the conservatory and playing jazz. In addition, there lies the universal plight of all those with an ounce of training and talent: the will and the dream to be a professional musician, athlete, actor, dancer. Through two strong characters, "2 Pianos, 4 Hands" captures the humor that comes with learning to play the piano, and the sense of loss of eventually learning to let go of the dream.

Carsey (Richard) returns to The Rep after appearing in "Little by Little" and "School for Wives." He is in his seventh season as the Skylight Opera Theatre's Artistic Director where he has recently music directed "The Fantasticks," "Chicago," and "The Spitfire Grill."

Forbes Wilson (Ted), like Carsey, was born and raised in Nebraska. He attended the University of Wisconsin and after working at American Players Theatre for a few years, he moved to Milwaukee, where he has worked as a pianist, singer, and

actor for fifteen years. He has appeared in ten shows at the Stackner Cabaret, and has performed with the Madison Rep, the Skylight Opera, Next Act Theatre, and other groups.

For tickets and show times, call (414) 224-9490. Tickets can be purchased online 24/7 at www.milwaukeeballet.org.

Mexican Prints on Display at Madison Art Center

Madison – The search for national identity provides the historical backdrop for "La vida en marcha: Mexican Prints from the Permanent Collection," a new exhibition showing at the Madison Art Center, 211 State St., through January 4, 2004.

In the wake of the Mexican Revolution (1910-20), the country experienced an artistic revival that changed the face of its leading institutions. Moved by the plight of their countrymen and inspired by the European avant garde, Mexican artists embraced modernization. As they transformed public buildings with colorful murals, they increasingly turned to the graphic arts and wrote a new chapter in the history of printmaking, producing masterful woodcuts, etchings and lithographs.

"La vida en marcha" – "The March of Life" – chronicles four decades of Mexican printmaking and features 100 works by 34 artists. Among those represented are the celebrated muralists Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco and David Alfaro Siqueiros (known collectively as "los tres grandes"), along with Jean Charlot, Carlos Mérida and Rufino Tamayo. The exhibition documents the remarkable synthesis of indigenous and European traditions these artists achieved, many of whom lived or worked abroad during their formative years.

Admission to this exhibition is free of charge. Please note that it will be closed for two weeks beginning Nov. 16 to accommodate a special event. After that, it will be on view again through Jan. 4. For more information, call (608) 257-0158.

"Little Shop of Horrors" at Skylight Opera

Milwaukee – The Skylight Opera Theatre will present "Little Shop of Horrors," a musical spoof of the 1950s sci-

fi movie, Sept. 26 through Oct. 12 in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway.

"Little Shop of Horrors" first opened in 1982 and became the highest-grossing Off Broadway show as well as the third longest-running musical in Off Broadway history. It tells the hilarious story of Seymour and his Skid Row flower shop co-workers who become overnight sensations with a man-eating plant named Audrey II. The show's book and lyrics are by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, who later created the Disney films "The Little mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin."

The cast of "Little Shop" includes Skylight favorites Benjamin Howes as Seymour, William Theisen as Mr. Mushnik, and Michelle Smith as Audrey – the three shop employees. Additional cast members are Steven M. Koehler as Orin, Arsene DeLay as Chiffon, Dawn Miller as Crystal, and Malkia Stampley as Ronette. The infamous Audrey II will come to life via the voice of Bill Jackson and operator Peter Bruce. The show will be directed by Pam Kriger with musical direction by Jamie Johns.

For tickets and show times, call (414) 291-7800 between noon and 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Theatre X to Present "What Matters"

Milwaukee – The X stands for the unknown. Communication is the purpose. A group of actors and actresses in their twenties will develop 90 minutes of original materials for a performance that will open Theatre X's 2003-04 season on Sept. 25 at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. The show will run through Oct. 19.

The young performers and writers will communicate what matters most to them. They will create a performance that is true to their experiences and which is fashioned in their own language. "What Matters" is intended to give audiences a theatrical picture of what and how this generation thinks. The performance will be created by the actors during a six-week workshop directed by Theatre X Artistic Director John Schneider.

The members of the young ensemble come from a variety of backgrounds, and all are experienced performers. They include: Julia Gilling, Chantal Harpole, Andy Herro, Darryl Holman, Nick Olszewski, Nicolo Onarato, Annie Paul, Vanessa Rawls, Primavera Romero-Montoto, Melissa Blue Thompson and Andre Ward. Lexi Klupchek is the Assistant Director and Roberta Hudgens serves as Design Intern.

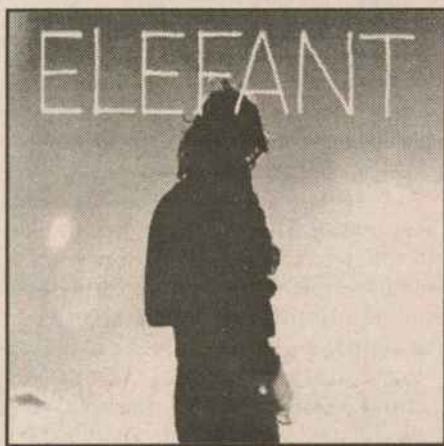
For tickets, show times and more information, call Theatre X at (414) 291-7800. The opening night performance is a pay-what-you-can night.

MUSIC

One-named Wonders

By Gregg Shapiro

With the electroclash movement picking up where new wave synth-propelled music left off almost twenty years ago, I've been thing a lot about some of my favorite groups from that period. A Boston duo called November Group ranks high on that list. After putting out two independently released albums in 1981 and 1983, November Group released their final album on A&M in 1985. I'm mentioning November Group because Adult, another



duo, reminds me so much of them on their album Anxiety Always (Ersatz Audio). Removed, yet dramatic, vocals ride the electronic waves of songs such as

Unromantically robotic, songs such as "The Cold Call," "Glue Your Eyelids Together," "Blank Eyed, Nose Bleed," "People, You Can Confuse," and "We Know How To Have Fun," electronically evoke another time.

Where Adult's songs are distant and cold, the songs on Feast Of Wire (Quarterstick) by Calexico are as warm as the Arizona sun. Beginning with the almost uplifting "Sunken Waltz" and continuing on to the dark velvet lushness of "Black Heart," the drive over the cliff that is "Not Even Stevie Nicks..." the Roswell, New Mexico soundtrack "Attack El Robot! Attack," the mariachi horns of "Across The Wire," and the southwestern jazz of "Crumble," you'd be wise to feast your ears on Calexico.

If you are a liner notes reader, you will probably recognize the name Joy Askew for the years that she recorded with people such as Joe Jackson, Laurie Anderson and Peter Gabriel. Seven years ago she released her long-awaited solo disc Tender City, which, if you can find, is well worth possessing. Echo, Askew's latest musical incarnation, is essentially a duo (with Takuya Nakamura), with the assistance of other

musicians. The eleven songs on Echo's self-titled debut (New Line) are a striking balance of Askew and Nakamura collaborations (the best of which include "Spark,s On A Wheel" and "Surrender") alongside chill-out covers of standards by Cole Porter ("I've Got You Under My Skin," "Night And Day," "Every Time We Say Goodbye," "Love For Sale"), Arlen & Mercer ("That Old Black Magic"), Jobim ("The Girl From Ipanema") and Hillard and Mann ("In The Wee Small Hours Of The Morning").

Sunlight Makes Me Paranoid (Kemado) is the bright debut disc by NYC glam/garage quartet Elephant. The ten songs on the album are ideal for the next phase of the new wave revival — let's call it the next wave — that is almost certain to follow in the glittery footsteps of the electroclash scene. Songs such as "Now That I Miss Her," "Bokkie," "Tonight Let's Dance" (with its echoes of early New Order), "Love," "Ester," and the title track all sound as if they are meant to be danced to, so you'd better get busy.

For a band with one name, Francine knows how to give an album a lengthy title. Said album 28 Plastic Blue Versions of Endings Without You (Q Division) is a pleasing, near lounge (take a listen to "Inside Joke"), lightly psychedelic ("This Sunday's Revival," "Ratmobile," "Uninstall") effort that deserves more attention than it will probably get.

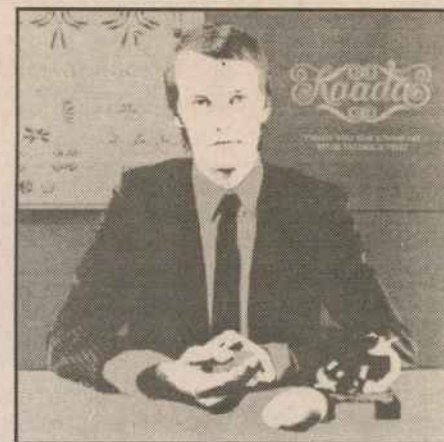
Insurgent country band Glossary understands the value of female vocals on its album How We Handle Our Midnights

(Undertow). Joey Kneiser's Tennessee tiger's growl is tamed by the presence of percussionist Kelly Smith; it's like pouring honey over gravel. Sneers are softened, but not suppressed, on songs such as "These City Lights Shine," "Remember Me Tomorrow Night," "Golden Houses," "When Easy Street Gets Hard To Find," and "The Rutherford County Line."

You might say that the pressure was on for Grandaddy to follow up its acclaimed 2000 album The Sophtware Slump with something spectacular. Sunday (V2) isn't spectacular, but it's close. Now that The Flaming Lips have moved beyond cult status, followers such as Grandaddy stand a chance to be heard by a wider audience. Songs from Sunday that deserve such an audience include "Now It's On," "The Go In The Go-For-It," "The Group Who Couldn't Say," "El Caminos In The West," "Saddest Vacant Lot In The West," and "Stray Dog and the Chocolate Shake."

Blanca Rojas sounds like a Southern California version of Bjork on Poise Is The Greater Architect (Second Nature) by the band she fronts called Ilya. Her indifferent vocals draw the listener in, especially on more rhythmic tracks such as "Isola," "Rana," "Blatchford," and "Disturbed." The longer (up to eight minutes), down tempo songs don't have the same energy and may cause listener's attention to drift away like an ice floe.

I've made a few cross-country driving trips this year Kaada has been on a couple of those with me. Thank You For Giving Me Your Valuable Time (Ipecac). Kaada's debut disc is a distinctive blend of samples and beats and deeply soulful vocals. Clearly influenced by the music of the fifties and sixties, Kaada has created a fusion of



bizarre sounds that make for great highway music. Especially roadworthy are "Care," "Black California," "Burden," "All Wrong," and the particularly suitable "Honk."

Like Kaada, Pram's songs are steeped in retro and vintage settings, making them sound like selections from sixties movie soundtracks. The instrumental "Track Of The Cat," which opens Dark Island (Merge), comes complete with a haunting whistle, which is eventually surrounded by horns and period guitar. The vibrato synthesizer on "Penny Arcade" hovers just above Rosie Cuckston's breathy vocals. "The Pawnbroker" sounds like it could have been recorded in 1964, at the time that the Rod Steiger movie of the same name was playing in theaters. "Paper Hats" is the closest Pram comes to party music, even though it may be a pity party and the instrumental "Sirocco" could be the song that the hostess dances to after she's had too much to drink. The near tropical "Leeward" is the appropriate predecessor to the wavy album closer "Distant Islands."

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By Jamakaya

The Fall performing arts season is already underway here in Wisconsin. The arts scene is humming (and dancing and emoting!) and the diversity of offerings should make everyone, from the occasional theatre-goer to the most hardened critic, thrill with anticipation.

We've organized this review geographically between Madison, Milwaukee and other cities statewide. We encourage everyone to send us information from their parts of the state so we can provide even better coverage in the future. Contact numbers and websites are included after each entry so you can obtain more information.

MILWAUKEE

R.S.V.P. Productions, which recently debuted with a Judy Garland musical revue, is back with "Times Square Angel," a queer fantasy by Charles Busch featuring IN Step's own Dear Ruthie, Nov. 22-30 at the Off the Wall Theatre, 127 E. Wells St. In February, look for Terrence McNally's side-splitting "It's Only a Play." It's full of name-dropping and back-stabbing at the opening night party of a show that's just tanked! (414) 327-2552.

With a name like **Bialystock & Bloom**, this theatre company has a lot to live up to, or down to — oh, whatever! B&B began its season with "Unidentified Human Remains" (running through Sept. 14), and continues with "Never the Sinner," a new take on the infamous Leopold and Loeb murder case, Oct. 31-Nov. 16. Next March sees "An Empty Plate in the Café du Grand Boeuf," followed by the annual "guilty pleasure" called "Johnny Rod's Swinging Burlesque Circus." (414) 223-0479. www.bialystockbloom.com.

The intimate **Boulevard Ensemble**, where new talent abounds, opens its new season with "A Girl's Guide to Chaos," Oct. 2-19, followed by the Milwaukee premiere of Stephen Sondheim's rediscovered 1957 musical, "Saturday Night," Oct. 23-Nov. 9. Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" takes center stage Dec. 11-28, followed by "Theatre District," a gay-themed comedy, Dec. 31-Jan. 18. February brings "Waiting for Godot," and in April, it's the annual Wisconsin Playwrights Festival. Boulevard Studio Theatre is at 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. (414) 744-5757. www.boulevardtheatre.com.

Theatre X has apparently overcome its internal challenges and promises another season of provocative new works. This fall brings "What Matters," in which an ensemble of diverse 20-somethings from the area express their interests and concerns in an original production directed by artistic director John Schneider, Sept. 25-Oct. 19. Up next will be "Full View," an interactive performance art show by Pegi Taylor and Ted Brusubardis, Oct. 23-26. Shows are in the Studio Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. (414) 278-0555.

The Chamber Theatre, which performs just across the hall in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Center, opened its season with "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)," "The Drawer Boy," being universally acclaimed as a "new classic," follows Oct. 18-Nov. 2. "The Guys," Anne Nelson's play about the brave firefighters who saved thousands but perished in the World Trade Center, rounds out the year, Nov. 28-Dec. 21. In February, Chamber dusts off a gem with "84 Charing Cross Road." (414) 291-7800. www.chamber-theatre.com.

Even the best companies with the best repertory sometimes give women's voices short shrift. Not so at **Renaissance Theatreworks**, the city's women's com-



pany. The season began with a reading of Garcia Lorca's "The House of Bernarda Alba" and gains momentum with "Mémor," a one-woman play about Sarah Bernhardt, starring powerhouse Angela Iannone, Oct. 30-Nov. 16. In January comes an all-new version of the popular "Red Pepper Jelly" revue, followed in March by Neil LaBute's "The Shape of Things." Renaissance is housed at the Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. (414) 273-0800. www.r-t-w.com.

Also at the Off-Broadway Theatre is **Next Act Theatre**, which begins its season with "Mindgame," a "psycho-thriller with a brain-snapping twist of an ending," Sept. 18-Oct. 12. "Bravo, Caruso!" follows from Nov. 20-Dec. 21, with Milwaukee theatre vet David Cecsarini playing the role of the great singer, sharing stories of his career. The race-themed drama "Between Men and Cattle" plays Jan. 29-Feb. 22. (414) 278-0765. www.nextact.org.

Celebrating its 50th year, the **Milwaukee Repertory Theater**, in the Baker Theatre Complex at 108 E. Wells St., offers great entertainment on three stages. Opening at the Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre this month were Shakespeare's "Richard III" and "Mary Stuart," (to Nov. 9), to be followed by Larry Shue's hilarious "The Foreigner," Nov. 19-Jan. 4. The more intimate Steimke Theatre will present Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys," Oct. 10-Nov. 9, "Suburban Motel" in February; and Sam Shepard's "True West" next April. The Stackner Cabaret is currently humming with "2 Pianos, 4 Hands" with Richard Carsey and Jack Forbes Wilson (to Nov. 2), to be followed by "The Winter Wonderettes," in which our musical wonders prep for their big holiday gig at Harper's Hardware, Nov. 7-Jan. 4. The annual production of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" plays Nov. 22-Dec. 28 at the Pabst Theater. (414) 224-9490. www.milwaukeeerep.com.

The **Ko-Thi Dance Company's** Harvest 2003 concert is set for Nov. 6-8 at the Pabst Theatre, 144 E. Wells St. The company and its West African dancing and drumming are an internationally acclaimed, Milwaukee-based cultural treasure. (414) 273-0676. www.ko-thi.org. The Milwaukee Ballet, boasting new Artistic Director Michael Pink as well as new dancers, opens with "Romeo & Juliet" Sept. 25-28 in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center. (414) 643-7677. www.milwaukeeballet.org.

Meanwhile, Danceworks offers a flamenco workshop with Isabella Cascarano four Saturdays in October, and Danceworks Performance Company presents Ben Munisteri's "Terminal Event" Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at 325 E. Walnut. That's in addition to the many dance classes held weekly at Studio 1661 (N. Water St.) for everyone from kids to seniors. (414) 277-8480. www.danceworks1661.org.

The Skylight Opera Theatre, Milwaukee's light opera company, is offering the delightfully loony "Little Shop of Horrors" Sept. 26-Oct. 12; the Milwaukee premiere of "The Christmas Schooner" Nov. 28-Dec. 21; and "Romeo & Juliet" in January. Shows are in the lovely Cabot Theater of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. (414) 291-7800. www.skylightopera.com. The Florentine Opera Company will present Verdi's "La Traviata" Nov. 8, 12, 14 and 16 in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" follows in February. (414) 291-5700. www.florentineopera.org.

Present Music opened its season Sept. 5 but will perform v on Oct. 31 with "Hitchcock Halloween" in the Grand Reception Hall of the Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N. Art Museum Dr. Its Thanksgiving concert Nov. 23 at St. John's Cathedral features the Milwaukee Children's Choir, the Bucks American Indian Drumming and Singing Group and Bach via pipe organ. (414) 271-0711. www.presentmusic.org.

Alverno Presents is bringing jazz great Wynton Marsalis Oct. 18, the Australian folk group The Waifs Nov. 7, Theatre Les Deux Monde in "Mémoire Vive" Jan. 31, Kate and Anna McGarrigle Feb. 14, and Ben Munisteri and the Danceworks Performance Company March 6. All shows are in the Pitman Theatre, 3431 S. 39th St. on Alverno's campus. (414) 382-6044.

The **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra**, under the direction of Andreas Delfs, is offering a full season of Classics and Pops concerts. Highlights this fall include: Midori, Sept. 12-14; Berlioz's "Requiem," Oct. 17-18; Tilson Thomas' "The Diary of Anne Frank," Nov. 21-23; Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," Nov. 28-30; and Doc Severinsen's Holiday Hit Parade, Dec. 5-7. Concerts in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. (414) 273-7206. www.milwaukee-symphony.org.

MADISON

StageQ, Madison's queer theatre company, opens its new season Nov. 7 with a production of James Kirkwood's New Year's Eve themed comedy "PS: Your Cat is Dead." It will be followed March 10-27 by Terrence McNally's "Corpus Christi," a retelling of the story of Jesus in which he and his 12 apostles are gay men. It's a play that has been picketed in the past by religious groups. Rounding out the season next June will be the world premiere of Mark Eisman's "Dodo for President," about a woman candidate's bid for the White House. All shows are at the Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. (608) 204-0306. www.stageq.com.

Following its successful production of "Psychos in Love," the always provocative **Broom Street Theater** offers "Frankenstein Smankenstein" Sept. 12-Oct. 19, followed by "The Economist and the Ballerina," billed as the true love story of a famous gay economist and a renowned Russian ballerina, Nov. 7-Dec. 14. Broom Street performs at 8 p.m. Fridays through Sundays, at 1119 Williamson St. Tickets are only \$7 at the door, a steal for original plays performed with brio! (608) 244-8338. www.broomstreet.org.

Through Sept. 21, the **Madison Repertory Theatre** is staging the world premiere of Sarah Ruhl's "Eurydice," a modern retelling of the Greek myth, and the "Fall Festival of the Future," a series of new plays. October will bring the Wisconsin premiere of "The Credeaux Canvas," Oct. 24-Nov. 16. The holiday season will be celebrated with a production of "Heartland, A Musical," about family life and love in the Midwest, Dec. 5-28. Next year brings "Mercy of a Storm" in January, and August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" in March. Most shows are performed in the Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. (608) 256-0029. www.madisonrep.org.

Strollers Theatre begins this month with a series of short comedic plays called "All in the Timing" Sept. 4-20, followed by Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park with George," Nov. 6-29. January brings David Mamet's hard-hitting "Glengarry Glen Ross," Jan. 8-31, and then, a real contrast, with Shakespeare's sparkling romantic comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing" March 4-27. Shows are performed at the Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. (608) 238-8183.

The Madison Theatre Guild launches its season with a production of the musical comedy "Stop the World. I Want to Get Off" Oct. 3-18, followed by the perennial favorite, "A Christmas Story," based on Jean Shepherd's holiday tales, Dec. 5-20. The Guild stages Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" Feb. 8-28. Most shows are at the Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. (608) 238-9322.

The Madison Civic Center always offers an eclectic mix of entertainment. Selected highlights this fall include: Ann-Margret & Company, Sept. 26; percussionist Bobby Sanabria and Ascensión (as part of the Isthmus Jazz Fest), Oct. 4; National Theatre of the Deaf: "Oh, Figaro!" Oct. 5; Sweet Honey in the Rock, Oct. 12; Wynton Marsalis Septet, Oct. 20; Jazzworks Dance Company, Nov. 1; Spalding Gray in "It's a Slippery Slope," Nov. 22; and Windham Hill Recording Artists in a Winter Solstice Concert, Dec. 5. Next year brings Hubbard Street Dance, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, José Feliciano, the Peking Acrobats, and more. (608) 258-4141. www.madcivic.org.

The Madison Symphony, led by conductor John DeMain, welcomes pianist Cecile Licad at its season opener Sept. 20-

21 in a program of Smetana, Dvorak and Goldmark. "The Mahler Mystique" is explored Oct. 18-19 with accomplished vocalists and the Symphony Chorus. Pianist Yefim Bronfman performs with the symphony Nov. 8-9, followed by the annual Christmas spectacular Dec. 6-7, with the Symphony Chorus and the Madison Children's Choir. All concerts are at the Civic Center. (608) 258-4141. www.madisonsymphony.com.

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AROUND THE STATE

The **American Players Theatre** is bringing its acclaimed production of Shaw's "Pygmalion" to theatres across the state. Performances are slated for Wausau's Grand Theater, Oct. 14; Manitowoc's Lincoln High School, Oct. 17; Wisconsin Rapids' Performing Arts Center, Oct. 18; Pulaski High School, Oct. 22; Milwaukee's Pabst Theater, Oct. 24; Appleton's Performing Arts Center, Oct. 26; Whitewater's Young Auditorium, Oct. 28; Hartford's Schauer Arts & Activities Center, Oct. 30; and Madison's Union Theater, Nov. 1. (608) 588-2361. www.playinthewoods.com.

At the **Weidner Center** on the UW-Green Bay campus, our own Lily Tomlin appears Oct. 1 for a performance of Jane Wagner's "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe." Itzhak Perlman performs Oct. 2, the Flying Karamazov Brothers on Oct. 9. The new

version of "Flower Drum Song" plays the Weidner Oct. 28-Nov. 2, followed by the noisy but exhilarating "Blast!" a musical featuring brass and percussion, Nov. 4-9. The Manhattan Transfer performs Dec. 2. (920) 465-2217. www.weidnercenter.com.

The **Racine Theatre Guild**, 2519 Northwestern Ave., opened its 66th season with the domestic comedy "Send Me No Flowers," which plays through Sept. 28. The next show is the ubiquitous "A Christmas Story" Nov. 28-Dec. 21, followed by Nagle Jackson's bittersweet "Taking Leave," the story of a Shakespeare scholar afflicted by Alzheimer's and the three daughters who care for him, Jan. 16-Feb. 8. (262) 633-4218. www.racine-theatre.org.

The **Grand Opera House** in Oshkosh presents the men's chorus Pride of the Valley, A Celebration of Sound, Sept. 20; the River City Brass Band, Oct. 17; Robert Post in "The Postman Delivers," a new vaudeville, Oct. 19; the folk trio The Waifs, Nov. 6; the Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival, Nov. 13; Kathy Mattea with songs of the season Dec. 13; and — oh no, not again! — "A Christmas Story" Dec. 19-21. The Grand Opera House is located at 100 High Ave. (920) 424-2350. www.grandoperahouse.org.

Finally, the **John Michael Kohler Art Center** in Sheboygan offers an array of performing arts to complement its visual exhibits. This fall, see a production of "The Belle of Amherst," about poet Emily Dickinson, Oct. 3. Groove to the reggae rhythms of King Solomon Sept. 19, or thrill to the movements of the Koresch Dance Company on Oct. 16. (920) 458-6144. www.jmkac.org.

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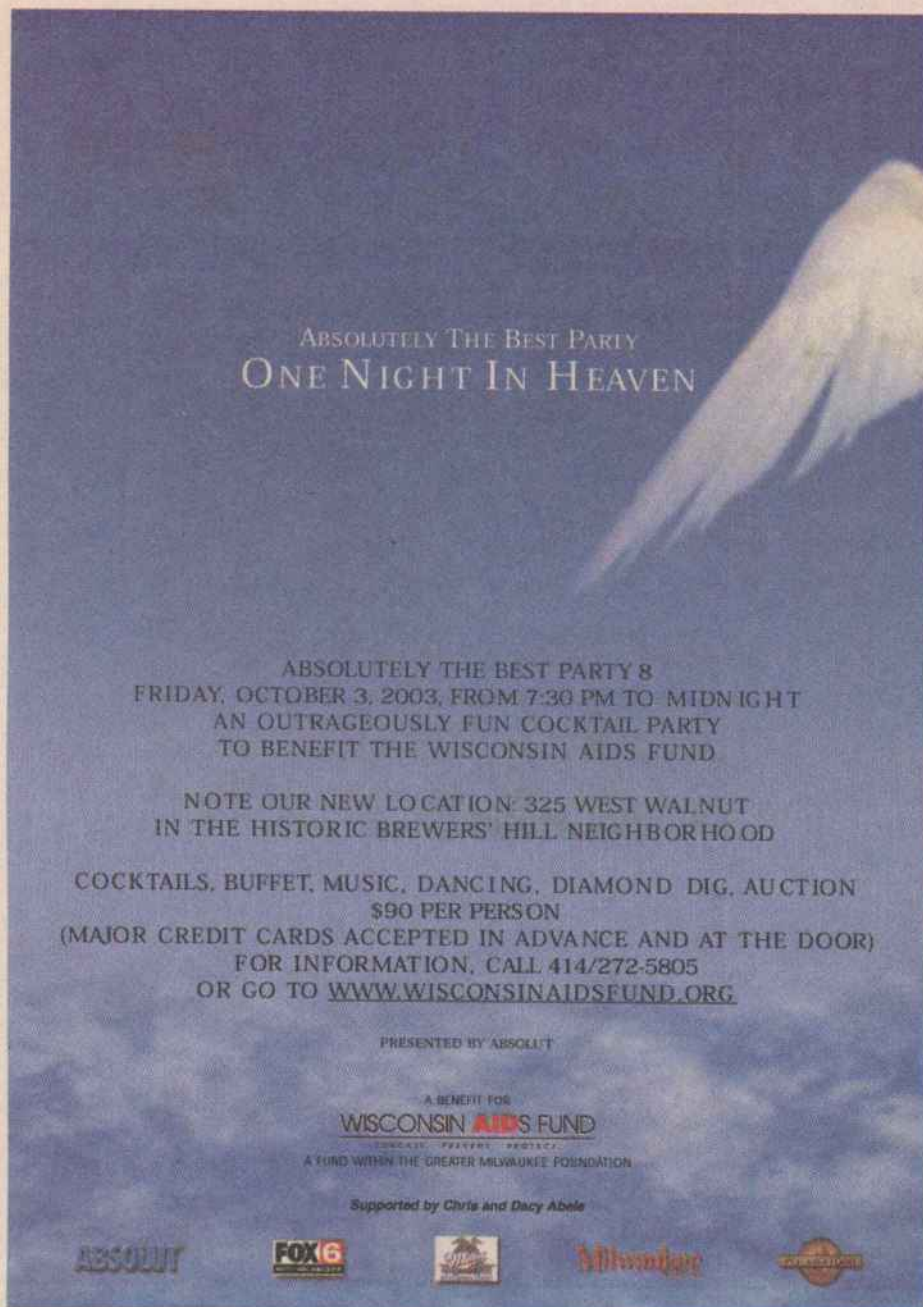
Milwaukee — This year, start National Coming Out Day with a song in your heart as the 2003 Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival presents Radical Harmonies on Saturday, October 11. An infectious lively chronicle of the extraordinary history of "women's music," the film is impressively inclusive in scope, arching from the Woodstock era to riot grrls, as it presents a cultural movement that exploded gender barriers and made room for new voices in American sound and song.

With a generously abundant amount of rare festival and concert footage, interviews, and archival material, Radical Harmonies presents, among others: Cris Williamson, Ani Di Franco, Ferron, Casselberry-Dupree, Margie Adams, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Toshi Reagon, Azucar y Crema, the Indigo Girls, The Hail Marys, Bitch and Animal, Ulali and Wild Mango.

This music has served as a something of a soundtrack for Pride for decades so it is only appropriate that this screening of Radical Harmonies will function as a fundraiser for Milwaukee's PrideFest. Admission to this one-time only screening is \$8 with proceeds from the door going to the support of the future of PrideFest.

"Radical Harmonies" will be shown on October 11 at noon in the UWM Union Theatre in the Student Union at 2200 E. Kenwood Boulevard. Tickets are \$8 and proceeds will be donated to PrideFest.

For more information on the screening or the Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival in general contact Carl Bogner at (414) 229-4758 or crlelbog@uwm.edu.



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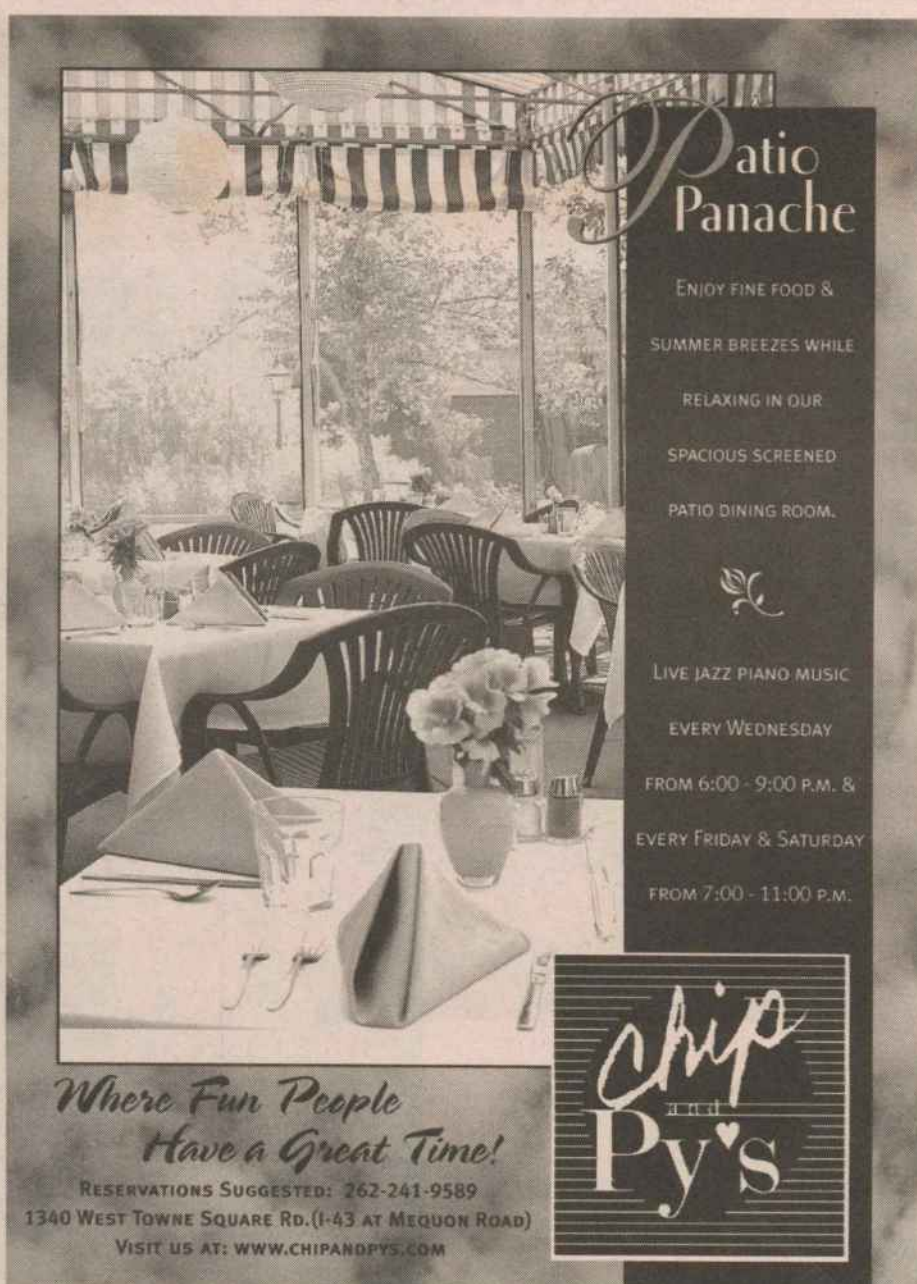
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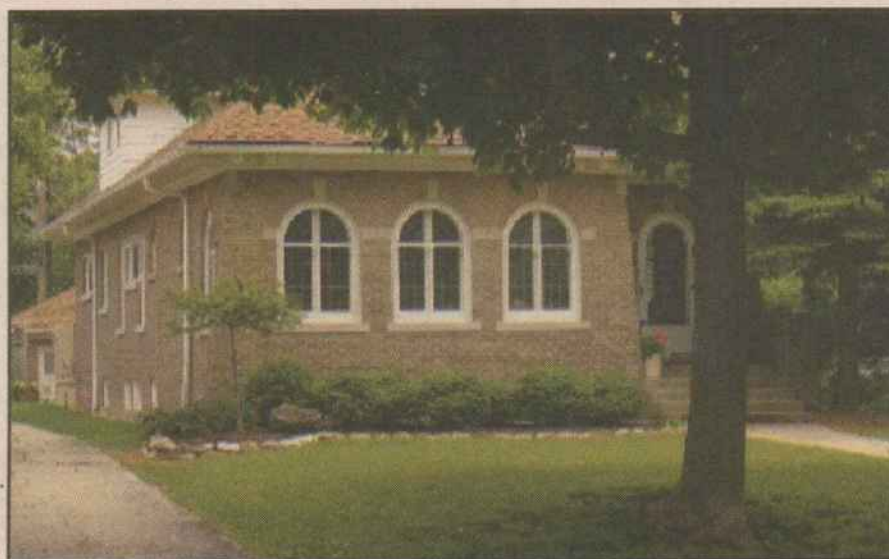
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Friday, Sept. 12

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, Sept. 12 & 13

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.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Three (Milw.): INFERNO! Join the gay-friendly staff and patrons of Three for an evening that's guaranteed to heat up your weekend! Featuring the hot, sweaty beats of DJ John Murges and DJ Rob Winter. Doors open at 8 PM. No cover. 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003 or e-mail PumpMilwaukee@aol.com.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Three (Milw.): PUMP! Milwaukee's Hottest Sunday Night Gay Party! Tonight DJ Rob Winter 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.PumpMilwaukee.com <http://www.pumpmilwaukee.com/>.

Monday, Sept. 15

M&M Club (Milw.): Trixie at the Piano during Cocktail Hour, plus 2-4-1 drinks, 5-7 p.m. 124 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 347-1962.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

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, Sept. 18

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

Friday, Sept. 19

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.

Saturday, Sept. 20

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic conducts anonymous HIV testing at Harbor Room, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., 117 E. Greenfield Ave. FMI: (414) 272-2144.



Walker's Point Harley Party. Photo by A. Gallegos

Sundays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Juice drinks only \$3. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Top beer \$1.40.

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

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

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

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 259 (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. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

LaCage (Milw.): Sunday Bloody Sunday - Bloody Mary bar 12 p.m.-9 p.m. Queer As Folk at 9 p.m. LaCage Presents at 11:30 p.m. FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com

M&M Club (Milw.): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joyce or Ginni at the Piano on Monday nights. FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

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.

Switch (Milw.): Service Industry Night. Plus.

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.): Open at 2 p.m., Beer Bust from 2-6 p.m. FMI: www.daveant.com/woody's.

Mondays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 2 p.m. to close.

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

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 - jack required. FMI: www.boommke.com

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

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



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M&M Club (Milw.): Cocktail hour with Trixie at the Piano! FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

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

Pulse (Milw.): Import night. \$2.50 imports. FMI: www.pulsemilwaukee.com.

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.

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., with \$1 off drinks. Margarita Madness - \$2.50 Margaritas and Shots of Tequila. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com

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, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails. FMI: www.daveant.com/woody's.

Tuesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Pull tabs, drinks as low as 25-cents.

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

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!

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

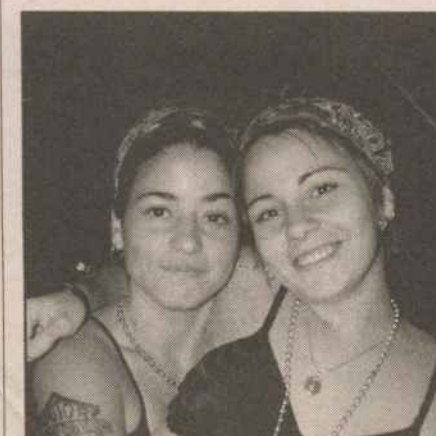
Club 5/Barracks (Madison): 50¢ off all drinks. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

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

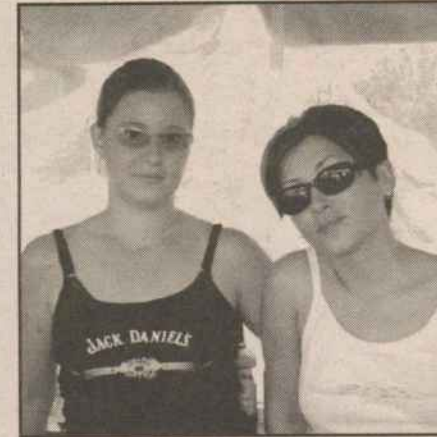
Club 259 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! No cover. \$1 tap beer, \$2 rails and bottled beer.

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m., \$2 mixers 8pm to close. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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



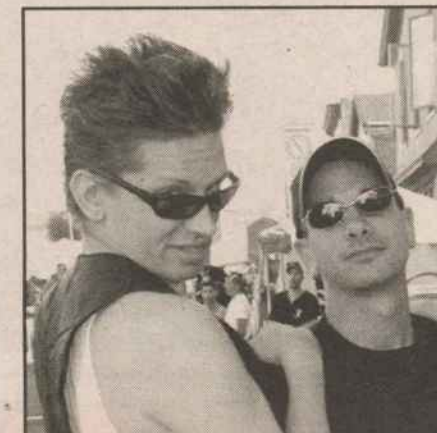
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yours, 2nd drink free! Shirtless men half price anytime. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

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

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

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. FMI: www.pulsemilwaukee.com.

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.

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., Shake-A-Drink - Ace = Dollar Off - and - Six = Half Price. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com.

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

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



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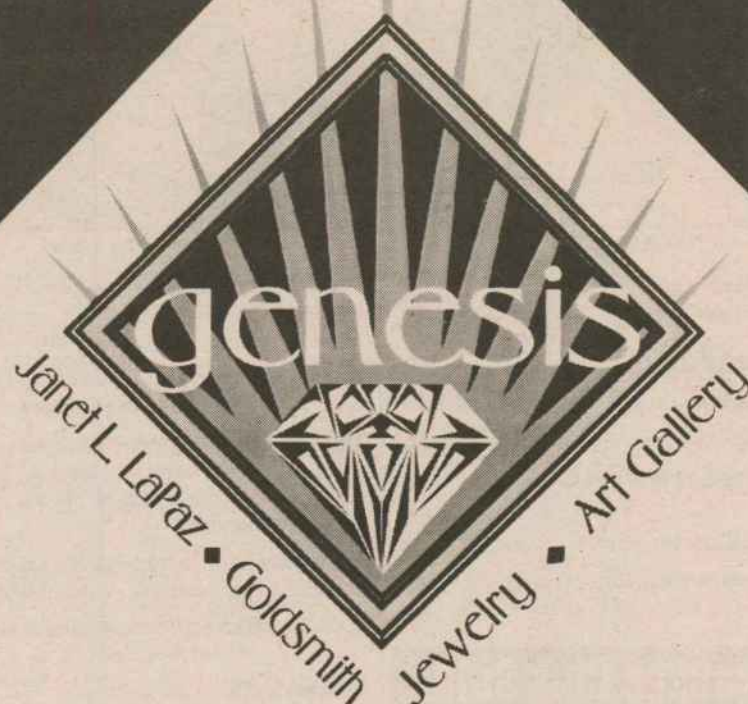
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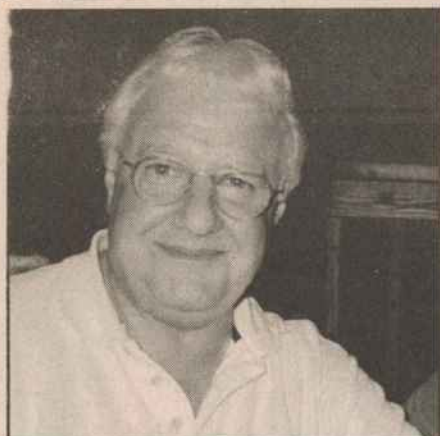


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Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.

Wednesdays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Pull tabs! FMI: www.boommke.com

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.

Milwaukee Club Guide

Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)

196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474

Boom (Mw, D, V)

625 S. 2nd St., 53204 277-5040
WWW.BOOMMKE.COM

Boot Camp (M, L/L)

209 E. Nat'l Ave., 53204 643-6900

C'est La Vie (Mw, D)

231 S. 2nd St., 53204 291-9600

Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)

219 S. 2nd St., 53204 271-3732

Fluid (Mw)

819 S. 2nd St., 53204 643-5843
WWW.FLUID.GAYMKE.COM

Harbor Room (L/L, Mw)

117 E. Greenfield, 53204 672-7988
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M&M Club (MW, F)

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Pulse (Mw, D, F)

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Switch (Mw)

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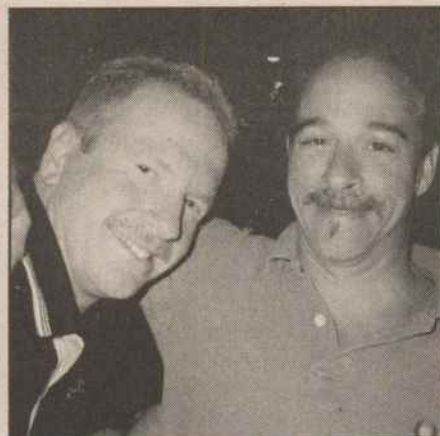
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Woody's (Mw, D)

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Walker's Pint (Wm)

818 S. 2nd St., 53204 643-7468
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Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. Male Dancers at 11 p.m., 50¢ off all taps and rails, \$2.50 Coronas and shots of Drs. \$2 shot specials.

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. \$1 Off Miller bottles, 8 p.m. to close. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

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

M&M Club (Milw.): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

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. FMI: www.pulsemilwaukee.com

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.

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! FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com.

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, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails. NTN Million \$ Match Night. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.

Thursdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Pull tabs, drinks as low as 25-cents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. \$3.50 Cosmo from 8 p.m. to close. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

LaCage (Milw.): Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Super Bust" — no cover. FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com

M&M Club (Milw.): Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to close! FMI: www.mandm-club.com.

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

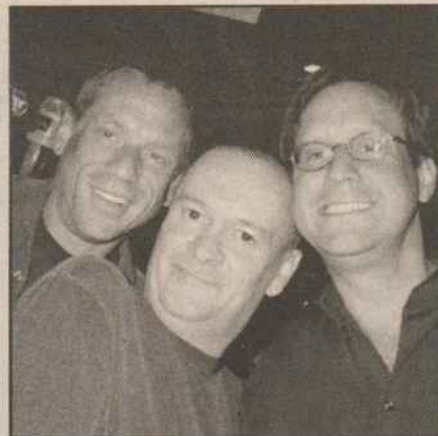
The Nut Hut (Milw.): Domestic beer, \$1.25, 4-6 p.m.

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

Switch (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m., \$1 off drinks. Karaoke Contest: Win prize \$, from 8:30-close, after "Will & Grace." Patio Open. FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com.

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.



At M&M. Photo by A. Gallegos

Woody's (Milw.): Double Bubble all day, all night. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.

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. FMI: www.boommke.com

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

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

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. FMI: www.fluid.gaymke.com.

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. coll Martinis \$5, 6-11 p.m. FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

M&M Club (Milw.): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

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

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

Woody's (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.

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. FMI: www.boommke.com

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

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! FMI: www.harbor-room.com.

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

LaCage (Milw.): Open at 9 p.m. Where Milwaukee Dances! FMI: www.lacage.gaymke.com.

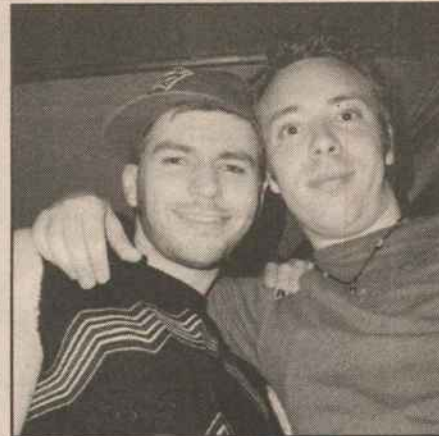
Midtowne Spa (Milw.): Bar-B-Q, 1-4 p.m.

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. FMI: www.pulsemilwaukee.com.

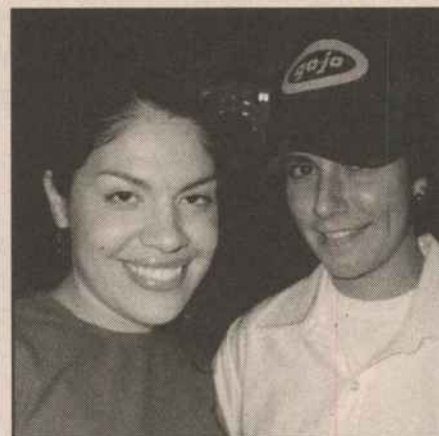
Switch (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m., featuring current dance music, DJ spin. Patio Open FMI: www.switch.gaymke.com

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

Woody's (Milw.): Open at 2 p.m. FMI: www.daveant.com/woodys.



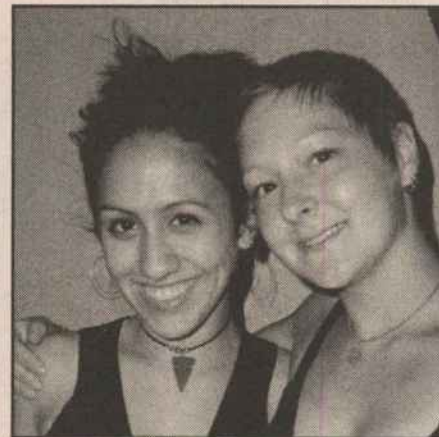
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 28 – September 10, 2003

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept. 11

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.

Jazz in the Park (Milw.): Free Thursday evening concerts featuring Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz. 6:30-9 p.m., Cathedral Square Park.

Friday, Sept. 12

Welcome Back Dance (Madison): Ten Percent Society presents first dance of the Fall semester! Open to students, faculty, staff and guests, \$3, cash bar, live DJs. 9 p.m., Great Hall of the Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. FMI: (608) 262-7365.

Saturday, Sept. 13

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

SCRAWL Open Mic (Madison): All-girl spoken word open mic with original poetry, short stories, music free. 7 p.m., A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 251-1861, or scrawlgirl@yahoo.com.

Sunday, Sept. 14

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.

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, Sept. 15

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.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): All welcome, beginning and advanced dance lessons for couple, line and folk dances. 7:30 p.m., open dance to 10:30 p.m., 5 Applegate Ct. FMI: (608) 255-9131, email: rrrkiler@facstaff.wisc.edu.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Project Q (Milw.): Drop-in for LGBTQ youth ages 14-24. 4:30-9 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 223-3220, or visit: www.projectq.org.

Bi Definition (Milw.): Discussion group for bisexuals with topic of "How Being Bi Has Changed My Life." 7 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 299-9612.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

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

Cream City Chorus (Milw.): Milwaukee's LGBT chorus rehearses at 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

Friday, Sept. 19

Dr. Cornel West (Milw.): The leading African American intellectual speaks on "It Matters: Affirmative Action, Race and World Peace." 5:30 p.m., UWM Union Wisconsin Room, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tix: \$15 students, \$25 general. FMI: (414) 229-4201.

LAMM/LAMM-EF Annual Meeting (Milw.): A dessert potluck will include a recap of the year's accomplishments, volunteer appreciation and future plans, members and newcomers welcome. 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 272-9442.

SAGE Discussion (Milw.): Featuring "The Importance of Gay Marriage." 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 224-0517.

Saturday, Sept. 20

PFLAG Conference (Madison): Central Region PFLAG Conference features speakers, workshops, food, entertainment and fun! 8 a.m. to evening and 8:30 a.m. to Noon Sunday, Best Western Inn on the Park, Capitol Square, Registration Friday eve. & Sat. morn. FMI: (608) 238-7789, or www.pflag-madison.org <http://www.pflag-madison.org/>.

Dog Party! (Milw.): Bring your proud pooch for an afternoon of fun with other LGBT dog lovers. Noon-2 p.m., Off-Leash Dog Park north of Good Hope Rd. and west of US 41/45 along east bank of Menomonee River, sponsored by the LGBT Center. FMI: (414) 271-2656, ext. 112.

Sunday, Sept. 21

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

Monday, Sept. 22

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring "Brain Drain." 7:30 p.m., Outreach, 600 Williamson St.

Monday Night Irregulars (West Allis): Milwaukee area bowling league starts its fall season, newcomers welcome. \$10 each week. 7 p.m. at AMF West Allis Lanes off of 10901 W. Lapham St. FMI: (414) 527-0132, or (262) 253-0610.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Womonsong (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.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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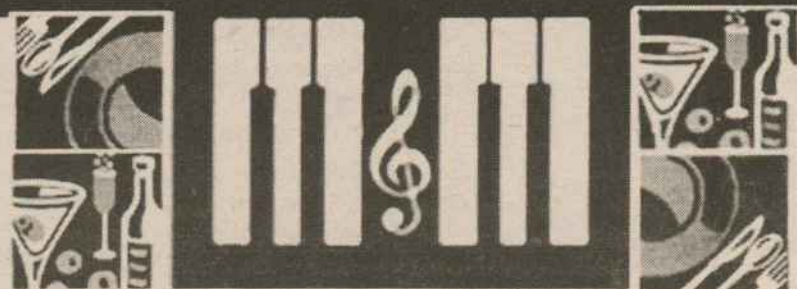
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Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. An opportunity for men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI: (218)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

Transgender Support (UW-Madison): Providing support for transgendered students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, meets the third Friday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., UW Memorial Union, 800 Landon St. (check "Today in the Union" for room). FMI: (608) 235-0512, or e-mail: Wistsgroup@charter.net.

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 "no structure! No preaching! Videos and music, refreshments but no alcohol please. 8 p.m. to midnight, last Saturdays of the month, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 1394, Big Book meeting.

Meets every Sunday at 7 p.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

Gay Al-Anon (Milw.): Papillion group, topic meeting. Meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

Gay AA (Milw.): Group 494, 12 Steps/12 Traditions. Meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite 201. FMI: (414) 276-6936.

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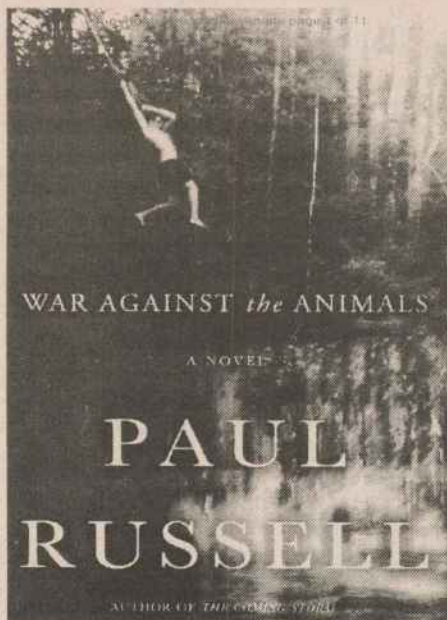
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"War Against the Animals"

BY PAUL RUSSELL

By Jim Drake

The garden is chaotic; it is like the jungle full of animals waiting to devour whatever weak prey comes their way. When that prey is a nineteen-year-old living in the garden of the Hudson Valley surrounded by animals who constantly probe him for whatever weakness he possesses, confusion and sadness can be overwhelming. Jesse Vanderhoff is a member of a close knit clan of long term resident families in this valley. Their values and traditions are old and cherished. Yet Jesse enters this summer confused by conflicting feelings concerning his own sexuality and the sense of doom he experiences as



his father dies of liver cancer.

Jesse's older brother Kyle is a dark foreboding character who takes risks, the consequences of which he cannot imagine. He and his best friend Brandon bully and pummel Jesse into their games and adventures. Lurking beneath the surface of Kyle's appearance is a conflict even more severe than the one experienced by Jesse.

Cameron Barnes is one of the many gay people who have moved to this Valley from the city. He designed playgrounds before his designed gardens, has just split from his current lover, Dan and he is HIV+. As the

summer begins he sees a new beginning for himself. His tests are optimistic, he has regained an interest in designing gardens again and he wants to clean up his own garden. He begins with a shed and calls upon the Vanderhof brothers to rebuild it.

What is set in motion is a search by all three characters into exploring issues in themselves they have not yet resolved. Paul Russell skillfully weaves the present and the past in such a way that each character gradually opens up to the reader. This happens without the reader being shocked into revelations. Instead the reader has been prepared by the character, by descriptions and by Russell's implied and suggestive symbolism.

Another delight of the author's fifth novel is how he treats his supporting characters. He imbues them with enough dialogue and physical detail to make them appreciable without moving away from the flow of the narrative. These individuals

exist to support the development of the three main characters. Russell's interweaving their strengths and weaknesses makes them real and thus Jesse, Kyle and Cameron become real for the reader.

Underlying the development of the main characters is the conflict being enacted by the new, mostly gay, residents of this community and those represented by the Vanderhofs and other families who have held political and social power until the present. His contact with these gay people make him review past and current experiences. He seeks answers, but his fear keeps him from asking.

This novel reminds the reader that discovering one is gay is not always a happy adventure and probably many young men and women live through the same kind of conflicts and fear Jesse Vanderhof does. "War Against the Animals" is a challenging and engaging reading experience.

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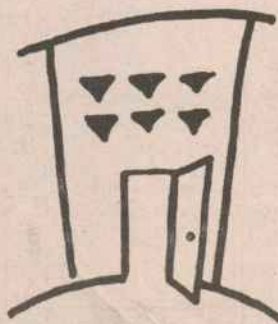


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GOTCHA!

By Billy Masters

“**B**oy Meets Boy” is over, and I, for one, am grateful. Don’t get me wrong – I was as entertained by the show as anyone. But as the weeks went on, I realized that **James** (our “leading man”) was not the only person being hoodwinked. He signed on to find a prospective mate, and presumably that’s why most of us gay viewers watched (although it was unlikely that he would find true love in a process that lasted just over a single week). Once the final “twist” was revealed (that one of the three final suitors was straight), the show completely changed – it was no longer about James choosing Mr. Right or even Mr. Right Now. His new objective was to choose a gay man and win twenty-five thousand dollars. Though he came right out and said that he saw **Wes** more as a “girlfriend” than a romantic partner, James chose him because...well, let’s face it – because Wes was the most “gay” of the three. And it was a choice that paid off handsomely. But is there any doubt that Wes (who was my choice) would have been the second runner-up had the final twist not been revealed? I’m sure that James and Wes will enjoy their trip to New Zealand in the spring, but I wouldn’t expect much more romance than that final kiss (which, despite slo-mo editing, was actually about ten seconds in duration). And was I the only one who got sick of all of the so-called straight guys saying how they went on the show to bridge the gap between heteros and homos and to bash stereotypes? I would have given anything for one of them to admit, “I went on the show to bag a fag and win twenty-five grand.”

If you want to find romance and a few bucks, I’ve got a more straightforward way to do so – join the Gay Millionaires Club. Yes, believe it or not, there’s an organization out there catering to wealthy gay men who cannot find romance – a problem I’d embrace. **Jill Hankoff**, owner of GMC, carefully screens applicants – “We know that if (members) can pay our entrance fee, odds are they are millionaires.” Needless to say, it’s a select group – there are only about 20 members nationwide, and most of them are guys in their 40s and 50s who’d like to meet someone a wee bit younger. But the prospective mates are not whom you’d expect. Jill says, “Our clients are not necessarily looking for some hot, sweet young boy. They’re looking for relationships.” See, James? There’s hope for you yet!

We hear that **James Lipton** has been successful in wooing one of his favorite actresses. Brace yourselves – **Barbra Streisand** will appear on Inside the Actor’s Studio. La Streisand’s sit-down will take place next month, and producers hope to have it ready to air in time for November sweeps. Seems like Bravo keeps getting gayer and gayer.

The hottest ticket in NYC was actually for a performance in Newark, New Jersey. The touring company of “Hairspray” did an invitation-only dress rehearsal at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, and it should go without saying that your own humble scribe was front row center. The cast is in exceptional shape, headed by a scrumptious **Carly Jibson** as Tracy and our own **Bruce “Boom Boom” Vilanch** – to say nothing of the obscenely talented (and hunky) music director, **Jim Vukovich**. Quite a number of famous folk were in the house (way too many to mention), but none as special as Bruce’s mom, **Henne**. After the show, I escorted Mama

Vilanch backstage to congratulate her famous son. Henne, who is a former show-girl herself, was impressed with Bruce’s fancy footwork – especially since he wears heels in the show. In fact, her first words to Bruce were, “I’ve never seen you move so fast!” To illustrate how fab Bruce is, I’ll post some photos for members of Filth2Go.com – and perhaps a surprise or two.

By the way, when Bruce was cast as Edna, **Harvey Fierstein** (who originated the role on Broadway) called Henne and made a startling confession – much of Fierstein’s characterization was based on Mama Vilanch herself! So, in a roundabout way, Bruce is actually portraying his own mother! Oh, I need a Pamprin...

While in NYC, we learned that **Delta Burke** will make her Broadway debut later this month in “Thoroughly Modern Millie” – and just in the nick of time. Although **Leslie Uggams** has more than capably filled **Sheryl Lee Ralph**’s shoes, she hasn’t provided much excitement at the box office. Producers are confident that the “Designing Woman” will bring in a wide range of people who might have otherwise skipped this wonderful show. Look for Delta to take over the role of Mrs. Meers – the role that won **Harriet Harris** a Tony and that **Beatrice Lillie** played in the film. Incidentally, another Beatrice – as in **Bea Arthur** – played the role in the workshops of the musical, and I’m told she stopped the show. When I brought this up to Bea, she gave me one of those famous sideways glances and corrected me – “Twice. I stopped the show twice.” So there.

Everyone’s talking about **Britney** and **Madonna**’s kiss during the MTV Awards. But no one is talking about **Christina Aguilera** – except Miss Aguilera herself. “Tina was perplexed when everyone was discussing Britney and Madonna’s steamy lip-lock at the after party. “I kissed her, too,” she told anyone who’d listen – although her kiss with the Material Girl was all but cut out of the telecast in order to show **Justin Timberlake**’s reaction (or, rather, his non-reaction) to the Britney smooch. Aguilera is taking matters into her own hands, talking about how soft Madonna’s lips are, how many times she’s kissed her, and how Britney’s open-mouth approach was not scripted – insinuating that perhaps Brit was trying to capture the lion’s share of attention. Ya think?

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James

Could it be that one of the “Boy Meets Boy” castoffs has actually already bagged **James**? In yet another twist, this lanky lothario could not get his “leading man” out of his mind and pursued him the moment James returned to LA. His persistence paid off – not only have they dined à deux, but they’ve also consummated their romantic interests. It seems James finally met someone who topped his list – which is a good thing, since another of his rejects is telling anyone who’ll listen what a big ole girl James is. Although the hard bodied boy wanted to win the game (and he missed it by this much), he admits that James’ “whining” during the rock climbing really turned him off.

When boys are dissing boys, then it’s time to end yet another column. While I’m admitting that I would have chosen Wes on “Boy Meets Boy,” I should add that **Robb** was tied as my favorite. You gotta love someone whose name is Robert and decides the shortened version will have two Bs! Do you have a favorite BMB of your own? Well, a little birdie told me that many of the SoCal single guys (like Wes) will be at Gay Day Disneyland’s Kingdom dance party on October 4.



Wes



Britney

Perhaps you have a question burning in your loins that I have yet to answer (and I do hate unanswered loins). Then send a note to Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before James tops....anyone!! Until next time, remember, one man’s filth is another man’s bible.

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"2 Pianos, 4 Hands" a Genial Blend of Comedy and Pianos

By Carl M. Szatmary

There must be something about the Milwaukee Rep's Stackner Cabaret of late that seems to encourage actors to play not just a single role but many, many roles. Last season's "Fully Committed" offered Milwaukee's favorite son, John McGivern, playing literally dozens of characters to sold-out houses.

Opening the 2003-2004 season at the Stackner is "2 Pianos, 4 Hands," a musical chronicle of two boys spending their "Wonder Years" behind a piano keyboard. This cleverly devised musical entertainment has Richard Carsey and Jack Forbes Wilson playing the two would-be famous

pianists, Richard and Ted.

Created by Richard Greenblatt and Ted Dykstra, "2 Pianos" is a genial pastiche of comic scenes and of course, plenty of piano playing. As the play begins, Richard (Carsey) and Ted (Wilson) are the tender age of eight and are somewhat reluctant to spend hours at the piano while their friends are all outside playing and having fun.

What follows is a series of scenes which alternate between the two boys, showing their foibles but also their increasing interest in the piano. In one scene, we see Richard's father, himself a frustrated classical pianist, hounding his son to practice. Later, there's a delightfully comic scene with the two boys being forced to play a duet together.

Eventually each learns that they possess a spark of talent which leads them through a variety of increasing expensive and eccentric teachers, grueling competitions and heartbreaking auditions. Their dreams of fame are nurtured and continue to grow. But do they have what it takes? Can Richard and Ted become successful classical pianists?

Although "2 Pianos, 4 Hands" is really a very slight piece of theatre, it is quite a demanding one on its cast of two. Not only does each actor play one of the boys, each must also take on a variety of other roles in



Richard Carsey and Jack Forbes in "2 Pianos, 4 Hands."

the other boy's life. And if that isn't enough, both actors must play the piano, showing progress from early attempts at scales and simple pieces suitable for beginners to playing well enough to be seriously considered for demanding music schools.

Carsey and Wilson are such wonderful performers; they somehow manage to make this all look so easy, particularly in the early scenes when both actors wonderfully capture the boys' youthful enthusiasm and rebellion.

If there's one quibble with "2 Pianos," it is that playwrights Greenblatt and Dykstra seem to feel the need to half-heartedly and rather unnecessarily tack on a

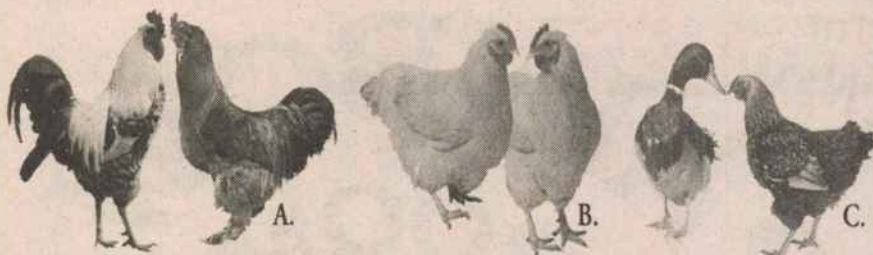
moral to their musical fable.

Those in the audience having endured childhood music lessons will surely be able to relate to their experiences. Yet so likable are Richard and Ted; so wonderfully universal is the quest to fulfill their dreams, that even the most musically challenged in the audience can not helped but be won over.

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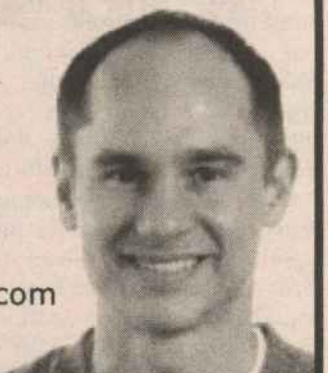
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DEAR RUTHIE

Jackhole of the Month

Well kids it's that time
of the month. No,
not THAT time! It's
time to announce the winner of my monthly JackHole
Award. Yes, I'm going to put my gabby gift for giving
advice on hold this issue to bring you this month's award
winner - and to add another name (or four) to my Jack-
Hole Wall of Shame.

If you aren't familiar with my little award, it goes to
those who made a name for themselves (locally or nation-
ally) for being nothing more than a complete JackHole.
(And if you can't figure out what a "JackHole" is, you
may just be our next recipient.)

At last month's "award ceremony," the honors went
to Randall Simon - a professional baseball player from
Pittsburgh who thought it would be hilarious to whack a
Brewers' sausage mascot in the head with a baseball bat.
What a JackHole!

This month's award goes to a group of four Jack-
Holes. And while they'll have to share the trophy, they are
clearly the biggest nimrods that Milwaukee has seen in
the last few weeks.

With that in mind, I announce our current JackHole(s)
of the Month - An idiot "minister" and three members of
the Faith Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith.

If you haven't heard the story, it goes like this: Self-
proclaimed minister, dumb-ass and JackHole winner, Ray
Hemphill conducted a series of bizarre ceremonies trying
to rid an 8-year-old boy of "demons." In actuality, the
child suffered from autism.

Hemphill, the boy's very own mother and two other
nut balls supposedly performed some sort of weirdo exor-
cism over the boy.

The "minister" reportedly told police that he was
lying across the boy's chest during the ceremony when the

child stopped breathing. Paramedics were called, but by
the time they arrived the boy had suffocated to death.
Hemphill was later charged with physical abuse of a child,
causing great bodily harm.

The innocent kid lost his life because these screw jobs
were so busy banging on the Bible that they never stopped
to open it up and decipher it's meaning. Instead of learn-
ing about autism and helping the boy and his family cope
with it, they literally squeezed the life out of him - all in
the name of God. To top it off, these crap heads continue
to defend their actions by hiding behind the Bible.

Any reasonable person - even a man or woman of
the cloth - knows that the only demons in this boy's life
were Hemphill, his mother and the two other peckers
involved in his death. Granted these individuals say they
were helping the boy, and I think that in their twisted
minds they believed they were. I don't think Hemphill and
his three accomplices wanted to kill anyone. I really don't.

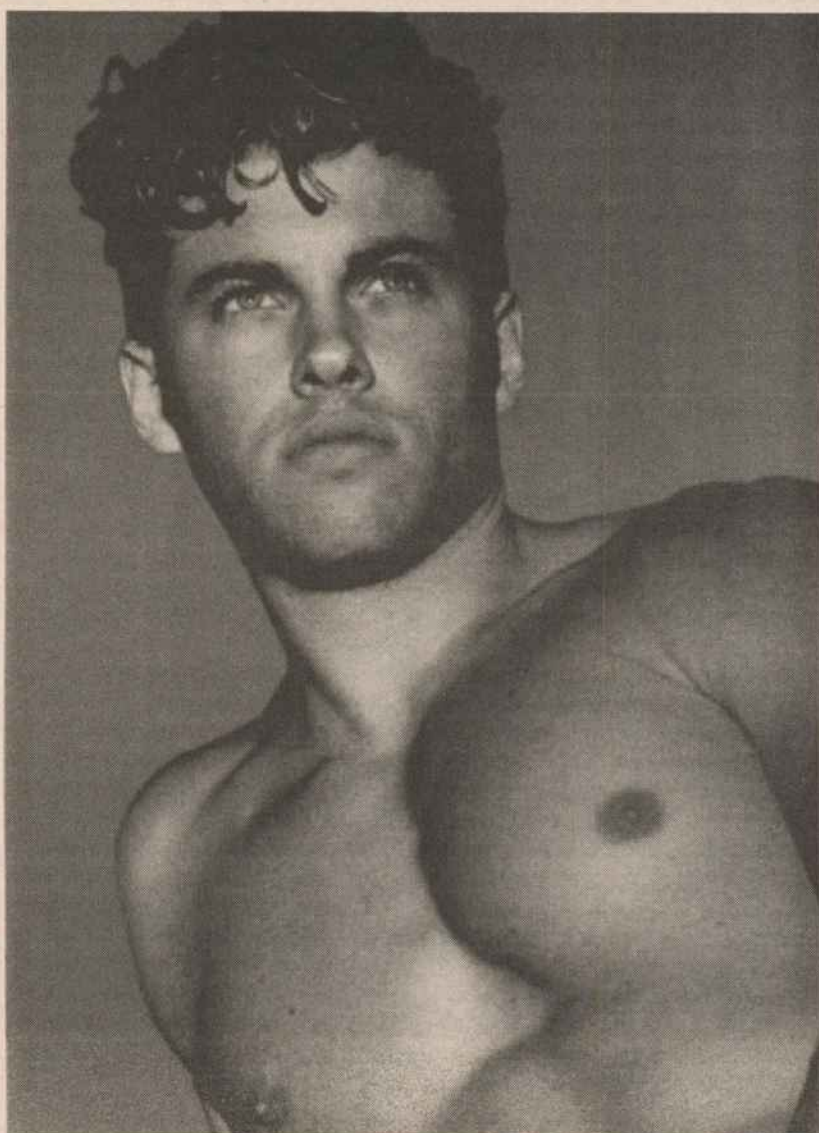
But when wayward religious dogma, God-fearing
fanaticism and pure stupidity turn dangerous, it's time to
hit the breaks and reign in the culprits - and in this case,
the culprits were four JackHoles of major proportions.

These folks are just as ignorant as the ass pipes who
line the streets, screaming at homosexuals at Pride parades.
Protesting a gay event is certainly not as serious as the
death of a child, but does it help you see how easily and
quickly ignorance motivates violence, pain or even death?

Maybe when folks like this stop screaming Bible
verses and start understanding them, things will begin to
change for the better. Until then, however, in the Book of
Ruthie they will forever be labeled as JackHoles.

Do you have a nominee for a future JackHole Award?
How about a question only Ruthie can answer? E-mail her
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Website: www.actionwisconsin.org

AIDS Action Wisconsin
820 Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee 53202 (800) 359-9272
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
820 Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee 53202 (414) 273-1991
(800) 359-9272

BiNet USA (National bisexual political organization)
(<http://norn.org/pub/other-orgs/brc/binet.html>)
(202) 882-4384

Continental Pageant System
Appleton, WI (920) 832-0492 (Neely)
Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline (Fri/Sat Eves 7pm-11pm)
GAY-YOUTH Milwaukee Metro (414) 272-TEEN
Wisconsin IN Step (Wisconsin's LGBT Newspaper)
1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, Milwaukee, 53202
(414) 278-7840
FAX only (414) 278-5868
Website: www.instepnews.com

Log Cabin Republicans/Wisconsin (414) 299-9443
P.O. Box 199, Milwaukee, 53201
New Beginnings PENPALS (Mo. newsletter)
Box 25, Westby 54667

OutBound (Monthly Entertainment Guide)
P. O. Box 1461, Brookfield 53008 (414) 915-3806
Website: outbound@media2go.com
Pride in Wisconsin Government (LGBT public employees)
c/o OutReach, P.O. Box 310
Madison, WI 53701 (608) 255-8582
Quest (bi-weekly G/L Bar/Entertainment publication)
PO Box 1961, Green Bay, 54301
(414) 433-9821

Rainbow Families Wisconsin (LGBT-Family Support)
600 Williamson St., Suite 1P, Madison 53703-3588
(608) 270-1024
Website: www.geocities.com/rainbowfamilieswisconsin/

USofA Wisconsin Pageants
405 West Walnut St., Green Bay, WI 54303
(920) 655-0611
(800) 578-3785

Wisconsin AIDS Library (414) 225-1539
arcwlib@execpc.com (800) 359-9272
Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymously) (414) 273-AIDS
(800) 334-AIDS

WI Conference of Churches
(AIDS Caring Community) (608) 244-0894

Wisconsin DHFS HIV/AIDS Program
Drug Reimbursement Program
Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Program
1 W. Wilson St., Rm. 318
P.O. Box 2659, Madison 53701-2659 (800) 991-5532

WI Legislative Hotline (800) 362-WISC

Fox Cities/NE (920)

BARS

Crossroads (Wm, F)
1042 W. Wisconsin Ave.,
Appleton, WI 54911 830-1927

Rascals Bar & Grill (MW, F)
702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton 54911 954-9262

ORGANIZATIONS

AA Hotline (for gay meeting referrals) 731-4331
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
120 N. Morrison St., Suite 201, 54911 733-2068
Website: www.arcw.org

Gay, Lesbian, Other, Whatever (GLOW)
Lawrence University, 207 South Meade,
Appleton 832-7051
Web: www.lawrence.edu/sorg/glow

GSA at UW-Fox Valley
1478 Midway Road, Menasha 832-2671
jkuemper@uwfc.edu

GLBT & Q Youth Partnership (Youth support group)
Meets Tuesdays 6-8 pm 731-4847
HIV+ Support Groups Northeast 733-2068
Lavender Reading Salon (Book Club) 832-6184
2611 N. Summit St., 54914-2120
Website: www.lavendersalon.org

The Network (LGBT Awareness)
Ripon College, 300 Seward Street PO Box 248
Ripon 54971-0248 745-7455
Hoell@ripion.edu

PFLAG Fox Cities

Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 749-1629
Web: www.pflagfoxcities.org

Rainbow Alliance for HOPE (UW-O group)
Reeve Memorial Union, 748 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh
54901, HOPE@uwosh.edu
Web: www.uwosh.edu/organizations/hope

Rainbow Over Wisconsin
703 E. Wisconsin Ave., 54911-4830
Web: www.rainbowoverwisconsin.org
TSO (Transgender Support) Appleton
733-1883
788-4797

Religious

Angels of Hope (MCC Church)
815 N. Richmond 991-0128

Green Bay (920)

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2600 E. Philip Lane Appleton 731-0849
vuuf@focol.org Web: www.focol.org/vuuf
Prairie Lakes UU Society 745-2446
P.O. Box 574 Ripon, WI 54971-0574
Meeting address: 315 Eureka St., Ripon

Green Bay/NE

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BlackSmith Inn Bed & Breakfast
Box 220, Baileys Harbor, 54202 839-9222
Prince Edward B&B (715) 526-2805
203 West 5th Street, Shawano 54166

BARS

AJ's on Broadway (Mw) 436-9970
301 S. Broadway, 54303
Brandys II (MW) 437-3917
1126 Main Street, Green Bay, 54301
Buddies (MW) 437-9256
1264 Main Street, Green Bay, 54301

Club XS (MW, G/S, DJ, V)
1106 Main, 54301 884-2949
Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ, F)
515 S. Broadway 54303 432-9646

SASS (Wm, DJ) 437-7727
840 S. Broadway, 54304
Sorry, We're Closed (MW) 884-2835
715 S. Broadway, 54304

Za's Historic West Theatre (Mw, G/S, DJ, V, F)
405 W. Walnut St., 54303 435-1057

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
824 S. Broadway, 54304 920-437-7400
800-675-9400
Web: www.arcw.org

Eastport Chiropractic (Mory Werner D. C.)
Eastport Center, Suite 242, 54301 362-5057
HIV+ Support Groups Northeast 437-7400
Independent Assessment & Counseling (Kenneth Sahn)
130 E. Walnut, #406 54301 438-8141

Marriage and Family Therapy Center (Gerald Wellens)
735 E. Walnut, #406, 54301 432-8777

ORGANIZATIONS

AA Hotline (for gay meeting referrals) 731-4331
Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305-2096
Entertainers Against AIDS (Brandon)
P. O. Box 2040, Green Bay 54306-2040

Katrina Kaye Productions (USofA preliminaries)
Green Bay 435-4107
PFLAG Door County (Sandy) 743-8146
Meetings: Hope Church, 12th & Michigan, Sturgeon Bay

Positive Voice (Gay and Lesbian Support)
P. O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305 435-4404
Web: www.positivevoice.org or PVnew4glbt@aol.com

Rainbow Alliance (St. Norbert College)
100 Grant Street DePere 54115-2099
www.snc.edu/rainbow/index.htm or rainbow@snc.edu

Straight & Gay Alliance (SAGA)
UW-GB(Brian) 465-2343
Web: www.uwgb.edu/tenpnt

Religious

Angels of Hope (MCC Church)
3607 Libal Street, 54301 983-7453
Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2201 S. Oneida, Green Bay 54304 499-2344
Web: www.greenbayuu.org

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County
269 Koessl Lane, Sister Bay 54234 854-7235
P.O. Box 859, Sister Bay, WI 54234-0859

Madison (608)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Prairie Garden B&B
W13172 Hwy 188, Lodi, 53555 (800) 380-8427

MEDICAL

AIDS Network (HIV/AIDS Service Organization)
600 Williamson St., 53701 252-6540
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
222 State St., 53701 258-9103
(800) 518-9910

Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)
1552 University Avenue 53705 262-7330
Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital (HIV Counseling/Testing)
80 1st St., Prairie du Sac, 53578 643-7583

BARS

CE's (Wm)
2415 Winnebago St., 53704 241-5042
Club 5 (MW, DJ, V, F)
Includes: The Barracks (Mw, L/L), The Foxhole(W),
(Planet Q (MW),
5 Applegate Court, 53713 277-9700
Web: www.club-5.com

Club Majestic (MW, G/S, DJ, V)
115 King St. 53701 251-2582
Web: www.clubmajestic.net

Shamrock (GS, MW, F, D)
117 W. Main St. 53703 255-5029

Greenbush (G/S, M/W, F)
914 Regent, 53715 257-BUSH
Rainbow Room (MW)
121 West Main St., 53703 258-5838

ORGANIZATIONS

Briarpatch
512 E. Washington St. 53703 257-0394
Web: www.brpatch.org

Brew City Bears
P.O. Box 8815, 53708-8815, Milw. 299-0401
E-mail: bcbeers@aol.com

Campus Womens Center
710 University Ave., #202, 53715 262-8093
Different Spokes G/L/B Bicycling Club 241-8184
18-21 Yr Old Social Group 256-2667

Flaming Dykasaurus 241-7020
E-mail: dykasaur@aol.com

Frontiers (Gay/Bi Mens Activities Organ.)
600 Williamson St., 53703 274-5959

Gay/Bi Father's Group
600 Williamson St., 53703 255-8582

Gay/Lesbian Information Recording
(ask for tape #3333) 263-3100

Gay Mens Video Club
P.O. Box 8234, 53708 244-8675

GLBT Phone Line (Outreach) 255-4297

Jewish Lesbians 256-8883
E-mail: catherine-odette@juno.com

Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Events) 266-9997
E-Mail: kgpgirlz@hotmail.com

Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group)
255-7447

LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)
Dean of Students Office,
75 Bascom Hall, Madison 53706 263-5700

LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge,
Resource Center) UW Union 265-3344

LesBiGay Teen Support Group 251-1126
(Briarpatch & Picada) or 246-7606

Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706

Lesbian Health Issues Task Force 242-6256
E-mail: sievert@co.dane.wi.us

Lizzards (Lesbians 30 and over) 586-4499
E-mail: cannon@maqs.net

Madison Area Gay/Lesbian History Society 839-4060
E-mail: dbergren@facstaff.wisc.edu

Mad City Bears 225-8582
c/o Outreach, 600 Williamson, Madison 53706
Madison LGBT Business Alliance 245-1611
www.lgbtalliance.org

Madison Volleyball Group (Jeff) 251-8716
Madison Wrestling Club
P.O. Box 8234, 53708 244-8675
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Mens Alanon 255-8582
New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
P.O. Box 1786, 53701

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

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

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

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
P.O. Box 536, 53701
UW LesBiGay Alumni Council 262-2551
Womonsong (Woman's Choral Group) 246-2681

RELIGIOUS

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

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

Coming Out, Coming Together (Interfaith)
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First Congregational UCC Church 233-9751
1609 University Ave., 53705
Web: www.firstcongmadison.org

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Milwaukee (414)

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Bi Definition (Bisexual community events)
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E-mail: bidef@hotmail.com

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

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

Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club), P.O. Box 1697, 53202
Counseling Center (LGB support & discussion groups)
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565

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

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

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

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

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

Firebirds (L/L group), P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159
Front Runners (running group) 332-1527

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

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

Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group 276-7626
Gay Father's Group
1240 E. Brady St., 53202 372-8008

Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.
(GLEEMM), Larry 462-8404
Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM 229-6402
Gay People's Union
P.O. Box 208, 53201 645-0585

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

Gay Straight Alliance
(Waukesha County Technical College)
GSA c/o Student Life C121, 800 Main St.
Peawaukee, WI 53072 (262) 691-5388

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

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

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

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

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

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P.O. Box 899, 53201

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Brian)
..... 704-1688

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

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

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

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

Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755

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

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

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

Wisconsin Haverim (GLBT Jewish Group)
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WisconsinHaverim
Zohar Harari: zoharwi@yahoo.com (414) 202-8074
Mark Behar: mpbehar@wisc.edu, (414) 277-7671

Wisconsin Outdoor Women (outdoor sporting events)

P.O. Box 94, Hales Corners, 53130 427-2082

RELIGIOUS

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

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

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

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

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

First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist)
1342 N. Astor St., 53202 273-5257

Lake Park Lutheran Church
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211 962-9190

Lutherans Concerned
P.O. Box 1676, 53201 372-9663

Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church
(U/MCC) 1239 W. Mineral St., 53204
Adm. Office: 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 383-1100

Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
5226 W. Burleigh St., 53210 445-2696

Pilgrim Christian Church
15400 W. North Ave., Brookfield 53005 (262) 782-6440

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2717 E. Hampshire St., 53211 964-1513

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1636 W. National Ave., 53204 672-4434

St. Ann's Church
5933 W. National Ave., 53214 259-1229

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833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233 271-1340

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130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 273-7617

Medical

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203 273-1991
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Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)
Family Care Center, 1834 W. WI, 53233 933-3600

BESTD (Brady East STD Clinic) (STD/HIV diagnosis/treatment)
www.bestd.org; bestd@execpc.org
1240 E. Brady St., 53202 272-2144

Health Options (Holistic Health Services)
823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202 225-9303

Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)
4311 W. Vliet, 53208 342-4333

Positive Health Clinic
Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233 219-7908

STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N. Holton, 53212 264-8800

Bars/Clubs

Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)
196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474
Bar Map: #1

Boom (Mw, D, V) www.boommke.com
625 S. 2nd St., 53204 277-5040
Bar Map: #2

Boot Camp (M, L/L)
209 E. National Ave., 53204 643-6900
Bar Map: #3

C'est La Vie (Mw, D)
231 S. 2nd St., 53204 291-9600
Bar Map: #4

Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)
219 S. 2nd St., 53204 271-3732
Bar Map: #4

Fluid (Mw) www.fluid.gaymke.com
819 S. 2nd St., 53204 643-5843
Bar Map: #5

Harbor Room (L/L, Mw) www.harbor-room.com
117 E. Greenfield Ave., 53204 672-7988
Bar Map: #6

Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)
1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673
Bar Map: #7

La Cage/ECT (Mw, DJ, V, F) www.lacage.gaymke.com
801 S. 2nd St., 53204 383-8330
Bar Map: #8

M&M Club (MW, F) www.mandmclub.com
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
Bar Map: #9

Out 'N About (MW, DJ, V, F)
..... www.milwaukee-out-n-about.com
Bar Map: #10

1407 S. Water St., 53204 643-0377

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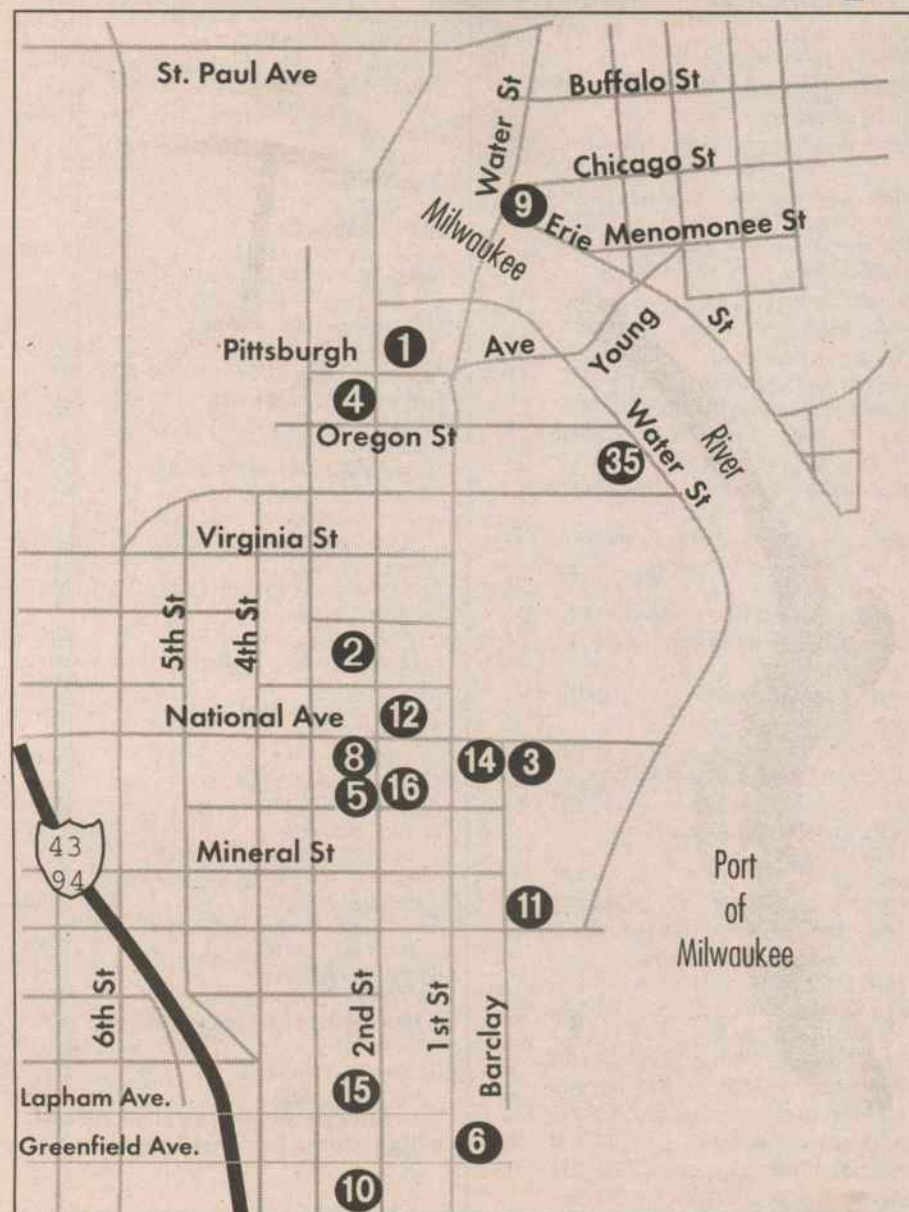
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By Michael Johnston

I didn't even dawn on me until dating this column 9/11 that it's the 2nd anniversary of one of the most horrific events in recent history. Hopefully, the past 24 months have brought on much healing and enlightenment.

On the topic of survival — **HarleyFest**, a Happy Anniversary. It may have been Harley's Reunion, but I had a field day! My favorite part, as always, the people! Be it my usual shift at Switch on Fridays 5-9 p.m. or working The Biggest, Best Block Party — "The Party of the Century," that took place on Saturday, August 30.

During my shift it was delightful to have local celebrities brightening the bar — **Fluid's** very own **Bill Wardlow**, **Josh** of the now defunct **Orbit**, **Steven**, picture-perfect in his chaps enroute to his shift at **La Cage**, with side-kick **Barney** the ageless "Eighth Wonder Of The World," sassy **Sarah Jonas** and **Princess Debbie** taking a break from their successful **Café LuLu** gig to come giggle with me. **Dame David Howser** and **Ginger** working swing shifts at **The M&M Club** sashaying in, **Debi Vance** and her "Big" brother, **Mike Hall**, **Cindy O.** and **Keith** adding to the festivities, and my very own **Harley Biker/Captain** in the **Marines Rembrent** from Texas. He stopped by to enjoy the facilities and air conditioning and stayed my entire shift! **Rembrent** gushed about **Milwaukee**, **HarleyFest** and all the fun he was having! What a great endorsement!

Special thanks to **Renee** and **Jerry Skals** for stocking and schlepping. **Loie** and **Cindy** set-up their version of a "Lemon Ade Stand" out front. **Loie**, with the determination of a dictator, had everything shipshape in no time. We were all so busy, I didn't even have the time to exchange pleasantries with **Craig** or **Scotty**. We all were going in opposite directions!

Jacob, one of **Milwaukee's** finest behind any bar, be it **Edelweiss** or **Switch**, took over for me into the night. Everyone was thrilled to see his return. From inside to outside, sipping with **Loie** and **Jerry Skals**, **Roland**, **Jeff L.** & **Marty** from **Chicago**, **Jerry**, **Brian** & **Jim** and half of **BrewTown**.

Our adventure began touring the Block Party onto **Fluid's** outside bar tent where we visited with **Buff** and **Jim** — who were busy tending to the masses. Then northward to **Boom** and catching up with **David** & **Tim**. Here I had a chuckle with **Bob P.**, president of the **Castaways**. **Woody's** favorite **Woody Steve Bale** was Boom-ing it up too. He reminded me that the Packer games would be back again this season in his ever-popular sports bar. There really is no other place to take in the Packers than at **Woody's**.

In need of more fluid, it was onto **Fluid** to pay a call on **Fluid's** First Filly, **Wilma Finger-Do**, the Birthday Girl herself, whose party will be Friday, Sept. 12. **Dame Edna Ross**, **Ariel Lift**, **Suzie Wong**, **Lana St. James** The Toast of the **Triangle** and Surprise Guests are slated as of this date. Of course, food, fluids and **Cordially Yours!**

I caught up with all-time legend **Al Thomas** — celebrating the "Reunion." I'm happy to report, life seems to be agreeing with him — of course it always did! He is as wild as ever — gurl!

Steven, aka **Rosie**, that rosy-cheeked bar boy of yesteryear was doing the town,

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looking about 5 minutes older than the last time I saw him! Such dimples! He is now busy selling real estate on the coast. **Harley-ites: Jeff & Fern** caught up with us here for a lively liquid as did "Princess" **Ryan** — even though he didn't bartend, in the unforgettable words of my favorite Gay divorcee **Liza** — "Maybe Next Time." **Matt** was doing an exceptional job on those "Holly GoLightly(s)." **Rich** from **Fond du lac** was in tow and informed me he's originally from D.C. — doesn't that make for fascinating reading? On the locale of D.C., that is where **Michael Jonas** & **Max** from **The Triangle** as well as **Miller's Michael** & **C.C.** escaped to, via plane as opposed to Hog.

From all the fabulous fellows of **Fluid** — it was to be **Out 'N About**. **Bev** was having a time of it as our hostess with the mostess, **Drew** all smiles and baring/sharing his tattoo(s). **D.J. Kelly** was kind enough to acknowledge me and play something misty for me (in my case musty — I love those oldies!). **D.J. Kelly** is not MIA; he is resident D.J. and Musical Director **Fridays & Saturdays 8 p.m.-close** at **Out 'N About**. I connected with **Tony Torti**, **Dr. Jeff** and **George** here as well as the rest of raucous riffraff.

Michelle, the lady who saved our lives from the **Fat Daddy** fire from last column, was out, giving me the chance to thank her! After our Labor Day disco inferno O'N A style, we wandered over to **The Harbor Room**. **Gregg** was in seventh heaven, with all the hot "WOOF" specimens in attendance. Talk about a standing ovation — it was standing room only! **Bulge** (Rick) and **Bob F.** were serving faster than you could order. By the time I got there the **Cigar Smoker** was taking place on the patio, but even I couldn't squeeze out there. But I did get to sample some mighty fine Scotch. **Lagavillin 16** years single islay malt. **Bozvenie 12** year single malt. **Auchentoshan** single malt — yum!

The cigars lighting up the sky were: **Macanudo**, **Hampton Courts**, **Baccarat** **Chuchill**... I had the pleasure of connecting once again with **Mr. Harbor Room 2003 Ross**. He really is so hot, sweet, sincere and kind — not to ruin the image! As flattering as the day is long! He wanted the honor of being photographed with me (again). Thanks to the **Harley** man that let us use his Hog. I can't wait to see those pix! (I'm the one side-saddle) **Andy S.** & **Brian B.** certainly know how to coordinate a fun function and must be applauded publicly.

Besides the sights here, I mixed & mingled with: **Danny Nelson**, **Mike**, **Mark Bucher**, **Ray Schafer**, **Sal**, **Paul Scalcini**, **Todd** & **Jay** from **Dallas**, **Bill** from **Kansas City** who "pinned" me. Birthday boy **Troy** and **Tim** — together! **Dame David Howser**, **Roland Hoffmann**, **Jerry Skals**, **Ben**, **Larry** and **Harbor Room -ites: Jason** and newest addition **Jerry** aka **Fortuna** — we remember his considerable charms from the old days/nights of **The Wreck Room** and more recently **Gargoyles**. Drop by and say "Hi." The weekend was wonderful and long-time remembered. I only wish **Elton** would have listened to me...

On the topic of music, my cordial Choristers of **The Cream City Chorus** will be doing a Cabaret come Saturday, Oct. 18, at the **Village Church** of the Arts on **Juneau**. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, music by individual members, duets, trios, ménage a trois... whatever! I'm thrilled to

be emceeing this event — so put down your knitting, the book and the broom.

They will be having a Jan. 10 concert in 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at **Plymouth Church** — an ideal "Cabin Fever" remedy. And while you have your calendars out, their **Spring Fling** will be on April 17, 2004 and the return of their ever popular "Gay Concert" is set for June 19, 2004 at **The Village Church of the Arts**.

Following up on the theme of art — that is exactly what **DeDe** and **Trixie** presented at a recent dinner party to celebrate a myriad of birthdays. It was like being at a gala thrown by the love child of **Martha Stewart** and **Liberace**! The table, the flowers, the food, the beverages (of the adult persuasion...) and, of course, the music. The music of the night — it doesn't get any better than being serenaded table side. Ooh, what a night! The celebrants' birthday or otherwise: **Joey A.**, **Wisconsin Leather Daddy 1995 Jim**, **Jezebel**, **DeDe**, **Trixie** and moi — in a word EXTRAORDINARY!

Peter, the stunning bartender/singer at **The M&M Club**, has been christened "Lena Le Court." It seems that cheap talkin' **ChiChi** "Billie Jean King-ed" him all over the court! What a racket!

My heartiest congrats go out to **Chris K.** (the best plumber in the world — does he know his pipes or what) and **Todd M.** They've pledged themselves to each other in a touching sunset ceremony in their special, secret garden. Many, many happy years ahead, men.

Two Davids are returning to school — **MIAD**. Beware, **Howser** and **Todryk** have designs and this city may never be the same...

The 2003 **Milwaukee Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, TransGender Film/Video Festival** will soon be up running. Fifty+ films and videos will be shown Oct. 2-5 and Oct. 8-12. Watch for more details in the next **IN Step**.

I had the pleasure of dining at **LaCage's** new eatery **ETC**. It was a decadent dining experience! **Wayne** was our server, **Bill** was our bartender, and having **Chef Tim** and **Sharon Dixon** herself actually pay homage to our table was quite a nice touch. Of course, it didn't hurt that I was with **Ms. Rona** of **The M&M Club** and her very own gal-pal **Holly**. Very unique selections, generous portions and something I don't think you could find anywhere else in the Dairyland.

I want to wish **Tom Look**, one of our community's finest gentlemen, a continuing speedy recovery. I know before long he'll be back holding court at **The Ball Game**. He has to hurry up though. **Notre Dame** has already started its season, and they need their #1 alumni.

Saturday, September 27 A VolleyBall Tournament to benefit **HIT AND IGBO**. **Switch** AND **Fat Daddy's** — that HOT place, next door! Will host an afternoon of sand and balls and fun!

Greg AKA **Myrna** had quite a B-Day celebration at **Boom**, where he tends bar. Special guest: The **Green Bay Packers** and their debut game for the season. Everybody touch — ed down there!

Remember, it's the glamour, not the grammar! A wee bit tired from the Holiday Weekend, I still remain "Cordially Yours."

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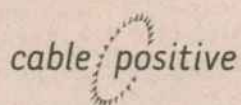
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