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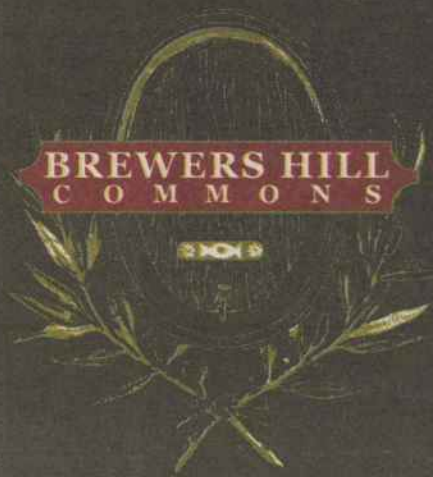
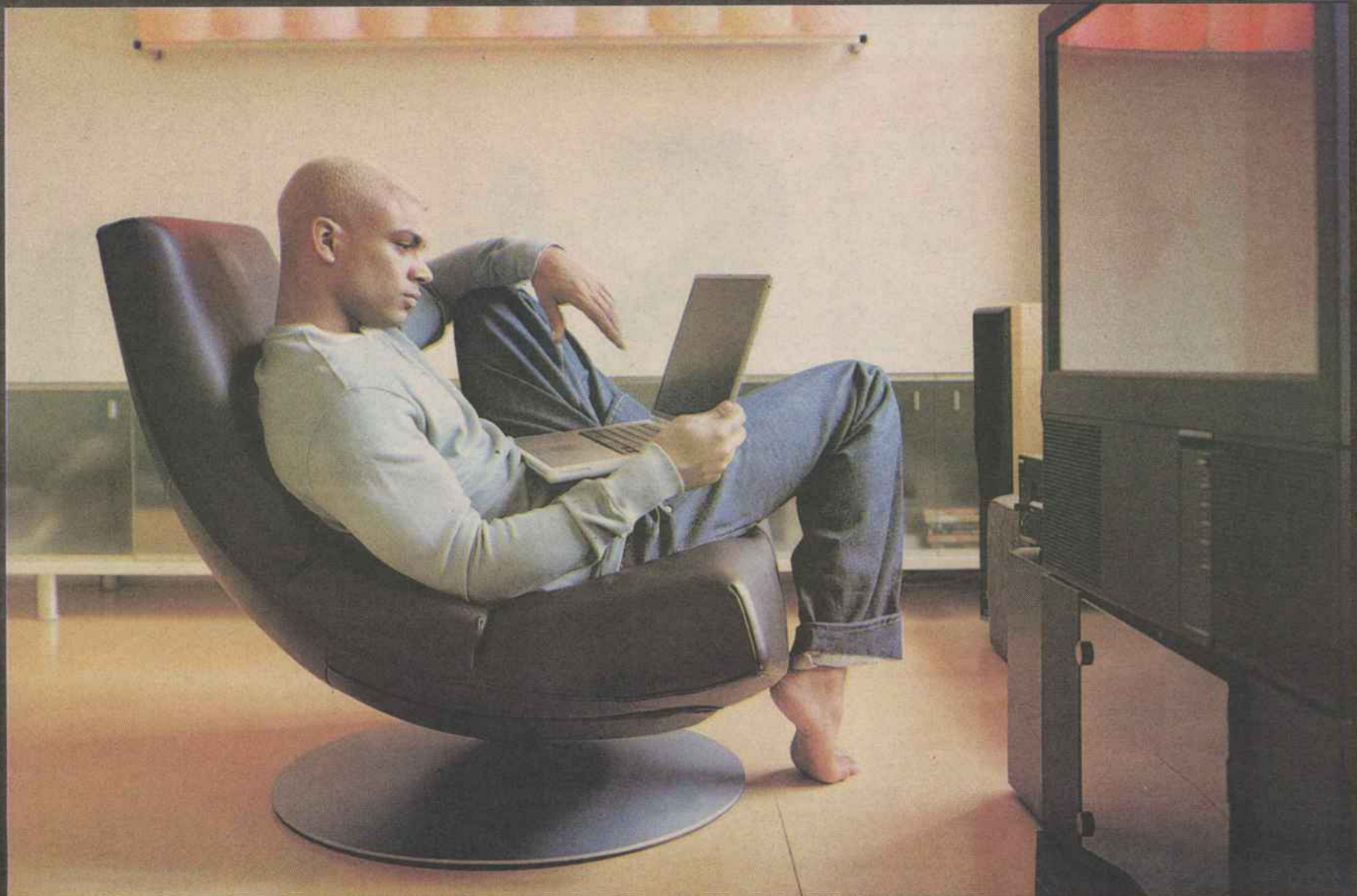
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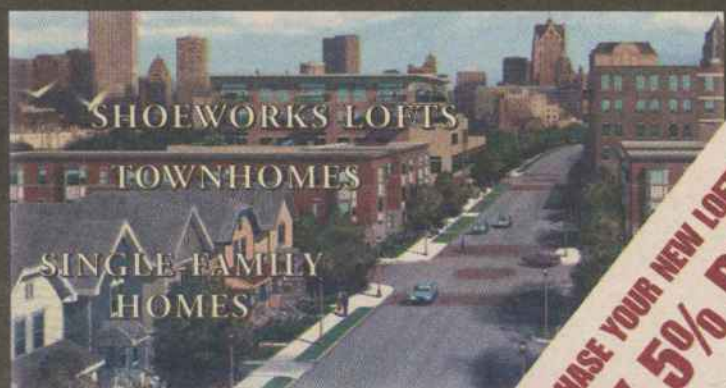
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## Wisconsin Assembly Votes on DOMA Slated for Oct. 23

**Madison** - The Wisconsin Assembly has scheduled a floor vote on AB475, the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA), for Thursday, October 23. Debate likely will precede the vote. The exact time the bill is expected to be up for consideration was unknown at IN Step's deadline.

No vote has been scheduled on SB233, the identical Senate version of the DOMA bill. That body's Committee on Judiciary, Corrections & Privacy voted to move the bill to the floor via a party line 3-2 vote, conducted privately by paper ballot on October 7. GOP strategists reportedly wished to avoid another public appearance by committee chair and DOMA cosponsor Sen. Dave Zein (R-Eau Claire), whose four marriages were revealed publicly prior to joint committee hearings on the bill last August.

Action Wisconsin, the statewide LGBT civil rights organization, continues to actively lobby against the bill's passage in both houses of the legislature.

Updates on the floor vote will be available on the Wisconsin IN Step website ([www.instepnews.com](http://www.instepnews.com)) as soon as the information becomes available.

## Chicago Meningitis Outbreak May Hit Wisconsin's Gay Community

**Madison** — Chicago's gay community has been hit by an outbreak of bacterial meningitis — which may put some gay men at risk back here in Madison according to John Quinlan, Executive Director of Madison's LGBT Community Center, OutReach.

Three men are dead and a fourth is in critical condition, Chicago's Public Health Department reports. Thousands are being inoculated in a predominantly gay northside Chicago neighborhood.

"Given that many Madison gay community members travel to Chicago and visit its bars in the affected neighborhood on weekends, we want people here to be aware of the potential risks. This form of meningitis might be contracted with contact as casual as coughing and sneezing, sharing food or a drink, or sharing a kiss. While the risk is remote, we encourage gay community members to be cautious in avoiding behavior that might result in exposure to meningitis — especially if they're in a setting with others who may have recently traveled to Chicago, such as a local bar," Quinlan says.

"Chicago health officials have noted that contraction of meningitis is not connected to a person's sexual orientation," he continues. "However, small closed-in communities where there is likely to be close contact—whether a gay bar or a dormitory setting—are venues where the infection can spread quickly. We don't want to be alarmist. The risk is slight. However, the onset of meningitis is swift, and can potentially be fatal, so we want people to know about this potential risk right away so that they can exercise informed caution," Quinlan added.

## Anglicans Wrangle Over Gay Issues

**Dallas** — Anglican conservatives are pressuring Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams to condemn recent gay-friendly actions by the Episcopal Church USA during an emergency meeting this month in London.

Pressure mounted in mid-October when 2,700 Episcopal clergy and lay leaders gathered outside Dallas for a meeting of the American Anglican Council, which called on Williams — the worldwide Anglican leader — and the 37 other primates in the Anglican Community to create a "new alignment for Anglicanism in North America."

Williams, according to The (London) Independent, is expected to side with conservatives reiterating the church's official view, reached five years ago, that "homosexuality is incompatible with scripture," a cleric claimed earlier in the during the meetings.

But supporters of change in the Anglican Church say that it is unclear what Williams will do and have expressed "optimism" and "encouragement" by the support they have received over this contentious debate.

In August, Episcopalians approved the confirmation of Rev. Gene Robinson as bishop-elect of New Hampshire, making him the church's first-ever openly gay bishop. The church also voted to recognize that its bishops are allowing blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples.

The Episcopal Church USA has 2.3 million members in 105 dioceses. It is one of 37 branches of the 70 million-member Anglican Communion, which also

includes the Church of England.

The 37 Anglican leaders, called primates, gathered in London Wednesday for a two-day meeting, ordered by Williams, to discuss the American situation and a similar dispute among Anglicans in Canada. An announcement of the meeting's outcome was not expected until late Thursday.

The Associated Press reported that Williams' spokesperson said that the mood of the closed meeting was "relaxed," beginning with prayers and Bible study and a five-minute speech given by each primate. The meeting is taking place in Lambeth Palace, the historic London building where the Anglican Communion was formed.

John Bradley, communications director for the gay Episcopal group Integrity USA, said that unlike the Catholic Church, there is no centralized authority in the Anglican Church since each province is autonomous. Additionally, primates have no collective legislative authority and cannot punish a member, like the Episcopal Church USA.

Church officials say that Williams, despite being limited in his powers, can decide whether a denomination can affiliate with the global communion.

The Anglican churches of Africa have been most vociferous in their condemnation of the Episcopal Church USA. The primate of Nigeria, Rev. Peter Akinola, said recently "homosexuality is a flagrant disobedience to God," and that "for us, therefore, adherence to Scripture is not only paramount, it is also nonnegotiable."

## Gay Marriage Bill Ready For Massachusetts Legislature

**Boston** — On the eve of hearings for the most important gay rights legislation in Massachusetts history nearly 150 same-sex couples rallied at the State House on Oct. 22.

The Judiciary Committee will hear testimony tomorrow on two bills dealing with gay marriage and civil unions.

The gay rights advocates, many with their children, packed a meeting hall in the legislature to show their support for legislation recognizing gay and lesbian families.

Claire Humphrey attended with her daughter and infant son to demand equal treatment for the family she's built with her partner. Humphrey says she doesn't want to have to explain to her children why convicted murderers and child abusers can get married, but she and her partner can't.

"They don't have the right to visit their partners in the hospital. They don't have the right to make burial decisions when one of their partners passes away. We don't have the right of automatic inheritance. We are taxed very differently," Freedom To Marry Coalition Josh Friedes said.

The coalition also is opposing conservative pressure to amend the state constitution to bar gay marriage. The leg-

islature is slated to vote next month on whether to allow the amending process to move forward.

Meanwhile, both sides in the marriage issue are awaiting a ruling from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court on the constitutionality of preventing gays and lesbians from getting marriage licenses.

The state's highest court was to have rendered a decision in mid July but put off releasing its ruling. It now is expected sometime this winter.

Lawmakers in other states also are awaiting the Massachusetts court ruling. If it says the state cannot bar same-sex marriage, other states could be constitutionally forced to recognize gay marriages. It is an argument Republicans are using to press for an amendment to the US Constitution to permanently stamp out any hope for recognition of same-sex couples throughout the country.

## Gay Student Sues Private School

**West Palm Beach** — An 18-year-old student and his mother filed suit on Oct. 21 in Palm Beach County Circuit Court against a Christian private school they say expelled him two months ago after he told a teacher that he is gay.

Jeffrey Woodard said Jupiter Christian School expelled him three days after an instructor pulled him aside after Bible class on Aug. 15 and asked him in confidence if he was gay.

When Woodard answered "yes," a

Africa's sole liberal archbishop, Njongonkulu Ndungane, told Reuters on Tuesday that "it will be a sad day if the leadership of the church cannot find one another when we are supposed to set an example on how to resolve conflict."

Vituperations on both sides of the debate have reached extreme levels. Some conservatives called the election of Robinson a "Satanic attack on God's church," while some gay activists have compared threats from conservative Anglican leaders to Nazism.

The Lincolnshire Echo, an England newspaper, reported that a gay Christian activist accused conservative Anglicans of entering a "new era of persecution," saying that the present "theological purity" being waged is reminiscent of the "ethnic purity" conducted by Nazi Germany.

A gay British bishop likened Sydney Anglican Archbishop Peter Jensen to Adolph Hitler because of his opposition to gay clergy and same-sex marriages, according to the Sydney Morning Herald.

"Whenever a single group is singled out like [gays] have been for this type of opprobrium and hatred, it's nothing short of the evil that went on in the '30s," Bishop Martin Reynolds told ABC radio.

Bradley said that it is the job of Integrity USA, and likeminded "Christian people," to "emulate our lives after Christ ... even those who disagree with us."

"There is room in the Episcopal church and Anglican Communion for those with a variety of opinions and spectrum," Bradley said. "But for some conservatives, there is no room for us in their church. They appear to be saying that everyone must believe in what they say."

school official called his mother, Carol Gload, and told her Woodard could not attend an upcoming school retreat unless he and Gload met with the school to talk about Woodard's sexual orientation.

"We were basically given three choices — to get counseling for his 'problem,' to voluntarily withdraw him, or he would be expelled," said Gload, who has known for more than a year that her son is gay. "I didn't think Jeffrey needed therapy, ... so when I explained he doesn't need help for anything, he knows who he is, they ... expelled him."

Send this article to a friend School President Richard Grimm said last week he could not comment on the issue because it involves private information about a former student, but he said the school's policies are based on Biblical values. Legal experts said the private school was within its rights to discriminate.

"It was just completely wrong," said Woodard, who had attended the school for three years, adding that the teacher "outed" him before he was ready. "It's just a horrible thing. I just don't want this to ever happen to another student again."

Karen Doering, an attorney with the National Center for Lesbian Rights in Tampa, said the school broke no law.

"Unfortunately, in the state of Florida, discrimination based on sexual orientation is not specifically prohibited by any law," Doering said. "When it comes to public schools, it is clear the Constitution protects youth based on sexual orientation; however, that does not apply to private schools."



## Feud Rocks Gay Games

**Montreal** — A bitter feud has placed the Montreal Gay Games in jeopardy. The Montreal Organizing Committee and the Federation of Gay Games are at loggerheads over financing and control of the 2006 event, says Mark Tewksbury, the co-president of the 2006 Organizing Committee.

Tewksbury, a three time Olympic gold medallist in swimming, accused the FGG of attempting to imperil the viability of the games.

The Montreal committee has planned what are to be the most ambitious games yet, but to carry it off it will need to attract 24,000 athletes. The FGG says there must not be more than 16,000. In addition, Tewksbury charges, the FGG has ordered Montreal to cut its budget from an estimated \$20 million (Cdn) to 16 million dollars.

"To finance the Games a certain level of participation is necessary in order to attract the interest of major sponsors," the committee said in a statement.

"Our vision on this issue is not shared by the FGG: their contract requires Montreal Games be planned on the basis of 12,000 participants. We know this would be a financial disaster, and to operate the Games without deficit, we must aim for a minimum of 16,000 participants."

Athletes pay \$200 to compete in the Gay Games, so numbers do play a part in the operating budget, he pointed out.

"We've done the math and our break-even point is 15,540 people," Tewksbury said.

The governments of Montreal, Quebec, and Canada have pledged over \$5 million in grants and services to the games. In addition, the Montreal committee has sold television rights to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for live coverage of events, the first time the games will be televised live.

The Montreal committee accuses the FGG of attempting a power play to take control of the funding.

"For Montreal 2006, it is unthinkable that financial decisions on the Games be made by anyone other than its Board of Directors, who are legally responsible for the outcome of the event. As well, the citizens of Montreal, Quebec and of Canada would never accept the use of their tax dollars being determined by a small group of people directing the FGG."

Tewksbury says attempts at mediation have been rebuked. He said the committee hopes to raise the issue at the annual meeting of the Federation next month in Chicago.

"We still hope," said Louise Roy, Director of the Montreal Games, "that the FGG and Montreal 2006 can come to an agreement and that we will be able to announce this in Chicago."

The FGG has not commented on the committee's allegations. No Gay Games

has made money. The Sydney 2002 games, which at the time were to have been the biggest in the 20 year history of the Gay Games, was scaled back several times and almost were cancelled over money problems. In 1976 Montreal hosted the Olympic Games. The games were to have brought millions into the city, but ended up losing money. Taxpayers are still paying the tab.

## Streisand to Recieve HRC Award

**New York** — Barbra Streisand is to receive a Human Rights Campaign award for her support of gay and lesbian issues, religious freedom, and racial and gender equality.

The group, which lobbies on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gender people, will present Streisand with its Humanitarian Award on March 6.

The gay and lesbian "community and the nation have been enriched by Ms. Streisand," said Elizabeth Birch, the group's executive director. "Her passion and leadership are important to all Americans."

The group said Streisand, 61, took a stand against an anti-gay-rights proposal in Colorado in 1992 and has been a regular financial contributor to the Human Rights Campaign and other gay and lesbian organizations.

## 'I'm Not A Homophobe' Beyonce Says

**New York** — Pop star Beyonce says she is stunned by quotes attributed to her in a British newspaper that made her look like a homophobe.

The pop megastar spoke on Oct. 22 with GLAAD's Scott Seemin and denied criticizing gays.

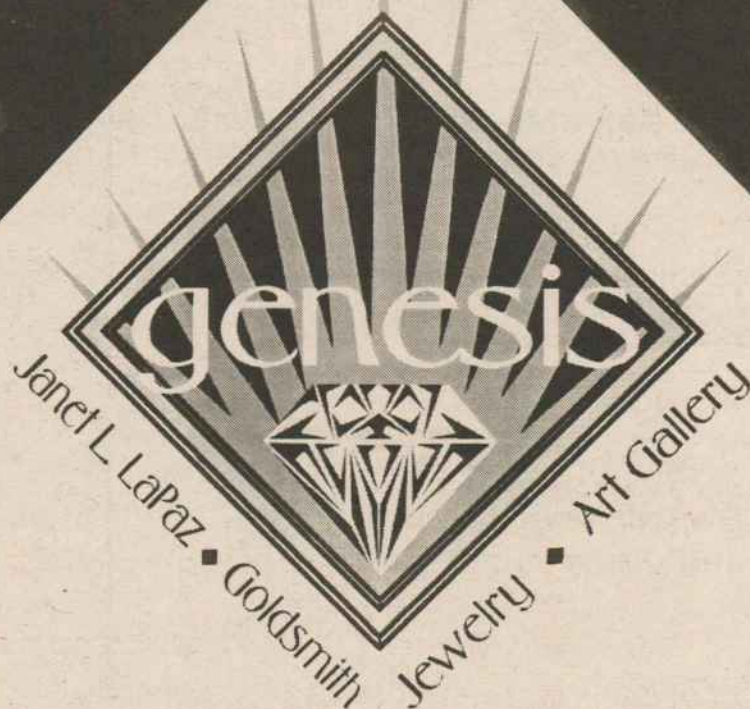
In early October the paper published what it billed as an 'exclusive' interview with the singer which quoted her as saying: "I couldn't do what Britney and Madonna did at the MTV Awards (kissing). I knew it was going to happen from rehearsals but it was still a shock when they did it."

"I have standards. There are things I will not do," the 22 year old singer was quoted by the paper as saying. (story)

"I never said any of those things," Beyonce told Seemin.

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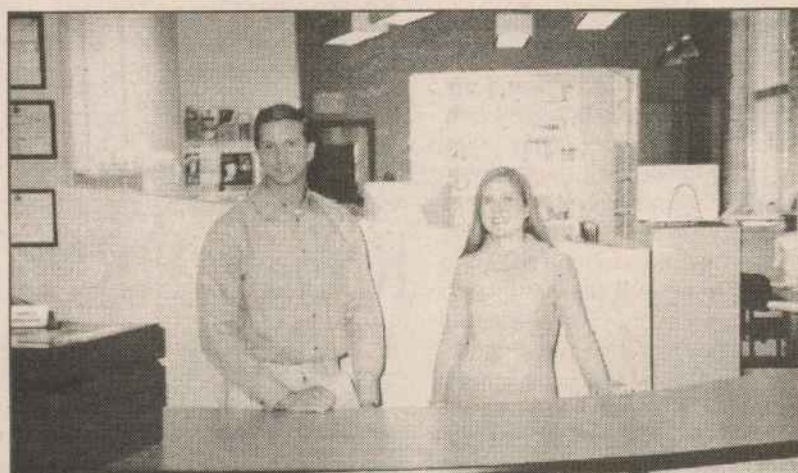


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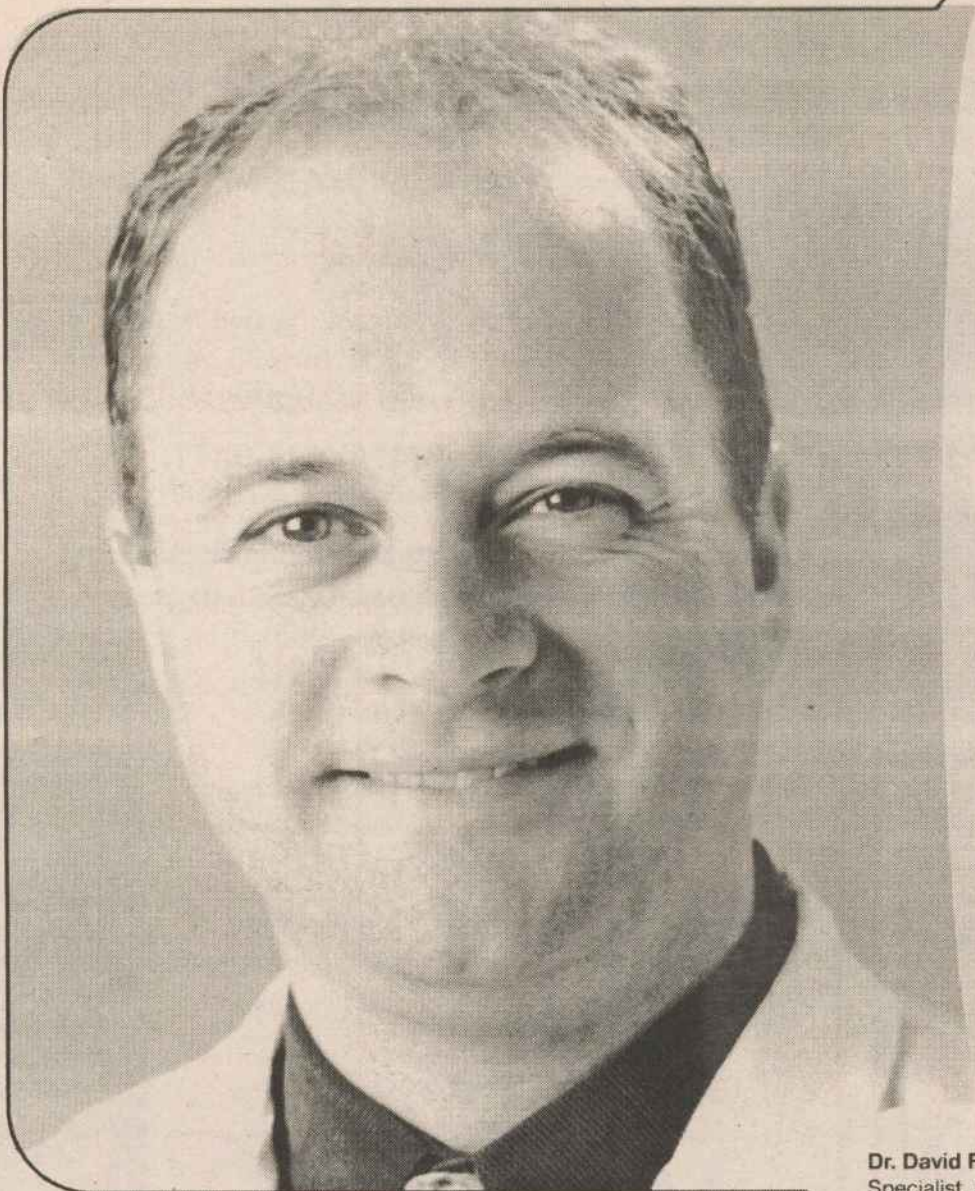
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## GROUP NOTES

### Coming Out Groups for Women and Men to Start at OutReach

**Madison** — Coming-out support groups for women and men are forming for this fall at OutReach. The purpose of the groups is to offer support to women and men who are dealing with the realization that they are not heterosexual and how that affects their everyday lives and to support those people previously or currently in same sex relationships.

The coming out support groups will identify and discuss the stages of coming out and explore topics such as how to deal with family members, physical and sexual safety, legal rights and discrimination, and spirituality, among others. The groups will run for ten weeks. Two trained volunteers will facilitate each meeting. Women who are interested in attending the meetings should talk to or leave a message for Berta on Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m. Men should talk to or leave a message for Harry. Please contact the agency by November 3, if interested.

For more information, contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582 or email programs@outreachinc.com.

### ARCW Secures \$1.7 million Medical Care Funding

**Milwaukee** — Providing a substantial boost to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's rapidly growing medical care program, ARCW recently was awarded a \$1.7 million grant from the Federal govern-

ment to provide medical care to people living with HIV/AIDS in Wisconsin through 2006. This is a 40 percent increase over the previous grant, awarded in 2001.

"Our clinics serve hundreds of HIV+ people, many of whom have no other access to medical care. ARCW has an expert physician, and medical staff who specialize in HIV/AIDS care providing high quality medical care to anyone living with HIV/AIDS," said ARCW President and CEO Doug Nelson.

"This grant affirms the quality of care we provide and the ongoing need to expand medical care for people with HIV and AIDS."

"The patient load at our medical clinic is growing by as many as four patients each week. Within a year we expect to double the number of patients we are seeing," noted ARCW Physician Dr. David Fisk. "HIV-specific care is crucial to maintaining a high quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS."

Dr. Fisk graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School and completed his Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine residencies and fellowships at the University of Michigan. He has six years of experience in treating HIV/AIDS patients and provides medical care to all of ARCW's patients in southeastern Wisconsin, conducts day to day oversight on all ARCW medical services, and supervises all ARCW medical staff. ARCW's clinic provides outpatient services, including office visits, lab testing and diagnostic testing. Health care services span initial HIV diagnosis through

comprehensive care and treatment.

ARCW also helps people remain on complicated medication regimens by providing adequate, nutritious food and nutritional supplements and the opportunity to join support groups and adherence programs, and provides one-on-one social work case management, rent and utility assistance, residential housing, financial assistance, legal representation, vocational counseling, benefits advocacy and transportation assistance all designed to assist people with HIV and AIDS in maintaining access to medical care.

"In the last year, we have developed a quality, state-of-the art medical clinic, and have served 200 patients with nothing but the best in HIV medical care," said Dr. Fisk. "Our staff takes pride in the work they do and we are pleased that the Federal government has recognized this work and continues to support it at an increased level."

The medical clinic at ARCW is accepting new patients. Call ARCW's patient line at (414) 223-6800 for a medical appointment or the opportunity to meet Dr. Fisk.

### PFLAG, Project Q Plan Family Event for Nov. 2

**Milwaukee** — A PFLAG/PROJECT Q Family Event will be held on Sunday, November 2, at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th St., Milwaukee (that is just north of Walnut St.). Project Q's Theatrical Troupe will present two short pieces — one with a youth focus and one focusing on younger children.

The purpose of this event is to bring parents, friends and allies together to dialogue about what our young people experience in their daily lives and making schools safe places from kindergarten through high school. This is a time for bringing families

together — families of all sizes, definitions and persuasions to help children of gay and lesbian parents find inclusion in the school setting; to connect parents and children in sharing their experiences, their fears, their hopes and their dreams.

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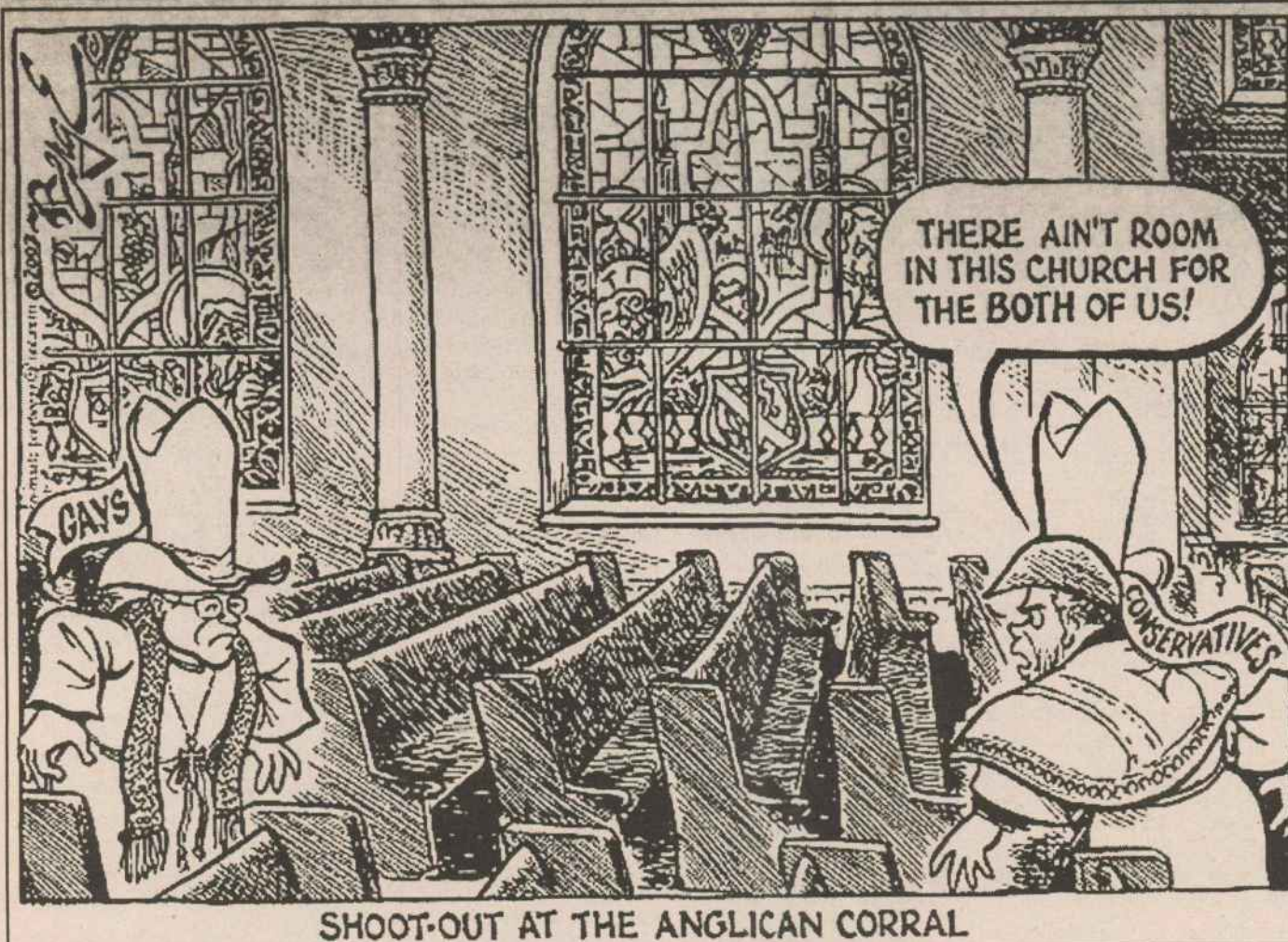
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## REALITY CHECK

### Julaine, Ralph & Sully — The DOMA Debate Drags On

By Mike Fitzpatrick

By the time you read this column, the Wisconsin Assembly likely will have voted on and passed the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" (AB475) or DOMA. The vote was scheduled for the street date of this edition of IN Step.

Though I suspect the vote will be somewhat lopsided and bipartisan, I doubt it will be the 78-20 drubbing the gay community saw back in 1997 on a similarly hateful bill. Action Wisconsin's lobbying efforts certainly have had some effect, most notably in the number of straight allies contacting their legislators to oppose this unnecessary bill.

Even more interesting, however, has been the increasingly ineffective efforts to mobilize the hard-core religious right grass roots on gay issues. Even as the rhetoric of Wisconsin's two anti-gay groups becomes more strident, their impact lessens. Here are two cases in point:

First, Julaine Appling of the Family Research Institute of Wisconsin (FRI) continues to whine on the radio and online that her allies at the State Capitol are still report the electorate contacting legislators to oppose

the DOMA bill overwhelm those supporting it, despite two months of what appear to be under-funded efforts by the FRI.

Julaine also went so apoplectic over Governor Doyle's meetings with LGBT activists she even linked her website to IN Step's, which contains some not very pro-FRI rhetoric. Thanks for helping us get out our side of the story, darlin'!

Second, Ralph Ovadal's "International Conference on Homo-Fascism," the self-described "firebell in the night" that has been touted for nearly a year on the Wisconsin Christians United website plays to a choir of fifteen or so at a "secret" location in Milwaukee on October 9-10. Dinner bell is more like it. This column is the first printed public mention of that little taffy pull.

Ralph's one coup? He snagged a "state senator" to spend some time with his fellow bigots. My sources say that was freshman Republican Tom Reynolds, not exactly a new convert to the extremist right.

Of course Wisconsin's "real issue"—diverting drive toward DOMA is reflective of the national scene. The just completed "Marriage Protection Week" of October 12-18 saw a lot of gay-bashing but not a single, documented "save" of a troubled, traditional union.

The week actually got off to a rocky start with the widespread reprinting of an op-ed by a widely read and respected right-wing journalist. In "The State of Our Unions," his pro-same sex marriage piece in the Wall Street Journal, gay conservative pundit Andrew Sullivan struggled mightily to "keep it civil". In other words, he focused solely on civil marriage equality.

Sullivan expressed amazement that social conservatives "oppose, for the most part, every single practical measure that brings gay citizens into the mainstream of

American life" and asked if anyone could name another "legal, noncriminal minority in society toward which social conservatives have nothing but a negative social policy."

Multiple respondents to his piece pointed what he, as a devout Roman Catholic, should have already known. Organized Christianity, with minuscule denominational exception, officially considers homosexuals evil. As such, that evil should never be allowed to become mainstream. Sullivan's beloved Holy Mother Church, while claiming homosexual orientation is, of itself, morally neutral; considers any thought, word or deed related to understanding or expressing that orientation as venially or mortally sinful. At least the fundamentalists refuse to slice their baloney that thin.

By avoiding the religious underpinnings of the social conservative's opposition Sullivan merely begs his own question and deflects a greater one. The gay marriage debate is symptomatic of a much larger concurrent social development occurring both in American society and in human history. For American society the issues are the place of organized religious values in the dialogue developing social policy and the hierarchy of civil rights. For human history it is the very place of institutional religion as science continues to reveal the very nature of existence and the inner workings of the consciousness.

To address the core American social dilemma first: How do America's lawmakers and policy wonks uphold the Constitutional separation of church and state, yet reconcile the differences between, say, the Baptists and the Unitarians, whose attitudes toward homosexuals are directly opposite? The historians among us like to point out that the forefathers of the contemporary American social conservatives vilifying same-sex marriage also opposed abolition, women's suffrage, women's marital property rights, racial integration and interracial marriage on "deeply held religious" grounds.

As to the civil rights conundrum, ongoing independent scientific research—including a major California study released earlier this week—continues to support the contention that sexual orientation is genetically

predisposed, and thus joining such other immutable identities such as race, gender, handedness and age. Do civil rights based on immutable identities trump civil rights based on personal choice, such as freedom of religious belief or political philosophy?

For humanity as a whole, the future of religion as we know it also is in flux. For 99% of the multi-millennial march of human progress, the world has been explained by shamans, priests and other holy men and women. (Don't forget, only the monotheists among that group thought a Supreme Being was talking directly to them.)

It's critical to comprehend that those explanations were not created in a vacuum. A terracentric cosmos, an agricultural understanding of human reproduction and sexuality, and a testosterone-dominated social hierarchy produce both world views and sacred texts that are at odds with that how we know the real world works today.

Only in the last 500 years—and especially in the last century and a half—has science corrected those core misconceptions, typically with sometimes-lethal dissent by organized religion. In the last 15 years alone scientists have even deciphered much of the brain chemistry and activity that produces so-called "religious experiences."

Organized religion has reacted accordingly. Darwin in essence begat 19th Century fundamentalism, whose "every Biblical word is true as written" tenet underpins the modern Christian evangelical movement and its pseudoscientific offspring such as "intelligent design" creationism and "reparative therapy" for homosexuals. Christian evangelicals may make up the overwhelming majority of the American social conservatives, but similar fundamentalist movements in organized Islam, Hinduism and other world religions also explain much of the muddle in the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and perhaps even America's most recent day of infamy: 9/11.

As you may have noted, I have consistently referred to organized religion as opposed to personal philosophies of the primogenitors of the world's great religions (Abraham, Jesus, Mohammad, Buddha, Krishna, Confucius et. al.). There is a difference. History has clearly documented that religious institutions as a whole are more about power, control, influence and self-sustenance than they are about the genuine promotion of the philosophies that lie at the their foundations. Before you disagree, ask yourself this question: Do you really think the Roman Church needed more Cardinals, or was John Paul just stacking the deck for the next papal election?

Those who follow the Baha'i tradition like to point out that all of the world's great religions, from Wicca to New Age, hold within their various screeds one universal tenet: the Golden Rule. In that commonality, not in FRI or WCU propagandizing nor in Sullivan's civil catechizing, lays the ultimate resolution to not only the same-sex marriage issue, but also the future place of religion both in political dialogue and in the heart of all humankind. Sullivan and citizens of all political persuasions (not just social conservatives) should demand an answer to the question: what part of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" don't you understand?

Anyone up to asking Wisconsin's state senators, Tom Reynolds notwithstanding?

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# QUIPS AND QUOTES



## Marriage is Sacred?

"To say that marriage is sacred is a ludicrous idea. Fucking Carmen Electra and Dennis Rodman got married, and Lisa Marie Presley and Michael Jackson got married. Now that is not sacred, I don't care, that's fucking stupid, you know, and I'm not buying it."

—Comedian **Margaret Cho** to the Florida gay publication Contax Guide.

## Equal Rights?

"I am for equal rights for all. I do not support gay marriage. Marriage is unique to a man and woman. That said, I do believe that gay couples are entitled to full protection under the law and should not be discriminated against based on their relationship."

—California Governor-elect **Arnold Schwarzenegger** on his campaign Web site.

## Arnold's Caress

"One woman's grope is another woman's caress. ... He [Arnold Schwarzenegger] said to me in that wonderful Yugoslavian accent of his, he saw there was a bit of lint on my bodice and he lightly brushed it off — one bodice and then off the other bodice. And then he was interested in my snugly fitting Donna Karan jeans, so he just slid his hand down there and had a look at the label. That's all."

—**Dame Edna** on The Tonight Show with **Jay Leno**.

## Those Crazy Episcopals

"Homosexuality, as we understand it as an orientation, is not mentioned in the Bible. I think the confirmation of the [openly gay and sexually active] bishop of New Hampshire is acknowledging what is already a reality in the life of the church and the larger society of which we are a part."

—Episcopal Church Presiding **Bishop Frank Griswold** to the Associated Press.

## Gays in Uniform

"Simply put, there is no evidence to support a ban on gays in the military. If you can serve as a police officer, an FBI agent, or a Member of Congress, there is no reason why you cannot serve as a soldier, sailor, airman or marine."

—**Bill Clinton** in a letter to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network that was made public Oct. 6.

## Rosie's Deep Pockets

"What does it take to raise a million dollars? Ten millionaires who will never know the money is missing from their bank account to stand up and give \$100,000, and tonight ... I'm going to give the first \$100,000 and ask if there are nine other people who can please do it."

—**Rosie O'Donnell** pledging money to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force at the group's Leadership Awards Sept. 28 in Los Angeles.

## Gay America

"It's tempting to think there are two gay Americas, one frightened and one fabulous, a merely gay America and a fully Queer America. An America where the gay bars darken their windows to hide ashamed patrons, and an America where straight people stand in line to get into gay clubs. An America where the June 26 Supreme Court decision legalizing sodomy had more than symbolic consequences, since gay sex was still a crime in 13 states. And an America where instead of arresting gays, the police help clear the streets every June for pride parades, which of course include contingents of gay cops."

—Time magazine, Oct. 5.

## The Opposition

"The majority of social conservatives oppose gay marriage; they oppose gay citizens serving their country in the military; they oppose gay citizens raising children; they oppose protecting gay citizens from workplace discrimination; they oppose including gays in hate-crime legislation, while including every other victimized group; they oppose civil unions; they oppose domestic partnerships; they

oppose ... well, they oppose, for the most part, every single practical measure that brings gay citizens into the mainstream of American life. This is simply bizarre. Can you think of any other legal, noncriminal minority in society toward which social conservatives have nothing but a negative social policy?"

—Gay journalist **Andrew Sullivan** writing in The Wall Street Journal.

## Queer Eyes

"The five friends of Dorothy who front Queer Eye appear to be the most flamboyant gay stereotypes you're likely to see outside of a My Fair Lady Appreciation Society screening. It's a pretty safe bet that any fictitious TV show presenting five gay characters as breathlessly self-conscious and OTT as Kyan, Ted, Jai, Thom and Carson would probably be pilloried. But Queer Eye presumably is meant to represent some form of reality, so perhaps one of the things our queer quintet is here to teach us is the truth behind the cliché that stereotypes contain an element of truth, and that it's no big deal. It's certainly fun to watch."

—Columnist **Jim Schembri** in Melbourne, Australia's The Age.

## Positive Feedback

"Mostly I've gotten e-mails and cards, beautiful cards from people I don't even know, that would make you cry. It's 99.9 percent positive [feedback]."

—Newly out Boston Herald sportswriter **Ed Gray** to Newsweek.

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—Kevin Thomas, LOS ANGELES TIMES

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## Present Music to Offer Spooky "Hitchcock Halloween"

**Milwaukee** — Present Music, Milwaukee's nationally acclaimed group specializing in new music, proudly helps to kick off the first Milwaukee International Film Festival with a concert and party entitled "Hitchcock Halloween." The spooky evening will be held in the Grand Reception Hall of the Milwaukee Art Museum, 600 N. Art Museum Dr., on Friday, Oct. 31, with two performances at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The program will feature the American premiere of a score written for Alfred Hitchcock's silent film "The Lodger" by British composer Joby Talbot. Following the 9 p.m. performance there will be a Masquerade Party with live music and cash bar. Single tickets are \$35, \$25 and \$15 and can be purchased by calling (414) 271-0711.

Known to audiences as the "Master of Suspense," Alfred Hitchcock inspired a generation of filmmakers and revolutionized the thriller genre, making him a legend around the world. "The Lodger" is set in London and is enveloped in fog and fear as an unknown killer is preying upon blondes. Present Music proudly kicks off the first

annual 11-day Milwaukee International Film Festival running November 6-16, 2003.

Explore current issues in filmmaking by attending the seminars, panels, and workshops. Exciting parties and a film-themed Block Walk in the vicinity of the cinemas are all part of the schedule of events. For more information on the film festival, call (414) 831-1776 or log onto: [www.milwaukeeinternationalfilmfestival.org](http://www.milwaukeeinternationalfilmfestival.org).

Ticket holders to Present Music's "Hitchcock Halloween" will also have the opportunity to view the Milwaukee Art Museum's special exhibit "The Quilts of Gee's Bend." Doors to the Museum and cash bar open at 5:30 p.m. There is an additional charge of \$6 for the special exhibit and can be purchased the night of the concert. At 5:45 p.m. in the Lubar Auditorium at the Art Museum there will be a pre-concert talk with composer Joby Talbot and moderator Karen Beaumont.

Immediately following the 9 p.m. performance, Present Music and the Milwaukee International Film Festival will kick-off the film fest in true Halloween fashion, complete with a Masquerade Party, live musical entertainment, a cash bar, judged mask competitions and much more. The party is available to ticket holders from both the 6:30 and 9 p.m. performances and is included in the ticket price: There will be a \$10 charge to attend the party without the purchase of a concert ticket. For tickets and more information on "Hitchcock Halloween," call Present Music at (414) 271-0711.

## Milwaukee Shakespeare Opens Season with "As You Like It"

**Milwaukee** — Milwaukee Shakespeare, a non-profit, professional theatre company devoted to the works of William Shakespeare, opens its fourth season at the Peck School of the Arts at UW-Milwaukee with a production of the comedy "As You Like It" Oct. 24-Nov. 9. Performances will take place in the Mainstage Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Chris Abele, founder of Milwaukee Shakespeare, is excited by recent developments within the organization. The company has emerged from a period of transition with a more extensive partnership with the Peck School of the Arts and a new artistic director, Paula Suozzi, formerly associate artistic director with the Skylight Opera Theatre. Said Abele: "With two organizations committed to producing professional theatre and an artistic director of Suozzi's caliber, we will take a major step toward realizing our goal of developing a world class theatre company here in Milwaukee."

"As You Like It" is directed by Lisa Rothe, who is making her Milwaukee debut. The cast includes Libya V. Pugh as Rosalind. Pugh is a founding member of the Congo Square Theatre Company, Chicago's preeminent African American ensemble. Tif Luckenbill as Orlando, Anne Louise Zachry as Celia, and Joe Foust as Touchstone. The production also features Milwaukee Shakespeare veterans Drew Brhel, James Fletcher, Jeremy Woods, Mik Mattaresse, Betsy Skowbo and Bill Clifford as well as David Flores and Tom Bruno, who are making their first appearances with the company.

Two visual artists served as inspiration for director Rothe as she worked on this production: Marc Chagall and Matthew Barney. Chagall's colorful and magical paintings and Barney's intense focus on gender and sexuality, obsession, transformation and longing both have their place

in Rothe's Forest of Arden. She has set the production at the turn of the nineteenth century, a period when preconceptions about the role of gender in courtship, marriage, and erotic love were under challenge. For Rothe, Arden is a place of freedom where all are encouraged to experiment and question the conventional wisdom about gender roles.

The Milwaukee Shakespeare season will continue with "The Tempest" (Feb. 27-March 14, 2004) and concludes with "Titus Andronicus" (April 23-May 9, 2004). Season subscriptions are \$50 (special rates for seniors and for students). Single tickets are \$12-\$20. For tickets and show times, call (414) 229-4308.

## Madison Rep Presents "The Credeaux Canvas"

**Madison** — The Madison Repertory Theatre presents the Wisconsin premiere of Keith Bunin's "The Credeaux Canvas," a play that explores the age-old question: can art capture the mysteries of the human soul? "The Credeaux Canvas" opens Oct. 24 at the Isthmus Playhouse in the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St., with performances through Nov. 16.

In "The Credeaux Canvas," Playwright Keith Bunin, one of American theatre's rising stars, tells the bittersweet story of three young friends struggling to make ends meet on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Jamie convinces his roommate Winston, a painter with a keen knack for copying great artists, to forge a work by obscure French master Credeaux. If Winston, using Jamie's girlfriend Amelia as the model, creates a Credeaux nude that can be sold to Tess, an unassuming art collector, the group can finally stop toiling at dead-end jobs and pursue their artistic dreams. As their plan takes unexpected turns, however, more than the mysteries of the body are revealed.

"I was thrilled to receive the call from Rick asking me to direct 'The Credeaux Canvas,'" said director Kate Buckley. "I was

drawn to this production for many reasons. The opportunity to work at Madison Repertory Theatre, one of the most respected theatres in the Midwest, has long been a wish of mine. Another reason is the writing of playwright Keith Bunin. One of his many gifts is the ability to write keen, humorous, and genuine dialogue for intelligent characters. This is no easy feat, nor is the challenge of developing both a skillfully constructed plot and emotional honesty in characters that speak candidly of their fears, vulnerabilities, and dreams... The decisions, attractions, and lost loves that we experience in youth are echoed in this play."

The cast of "The Credeaux Canvas" includes Hans Fleischmann (Jamie), who last performed in Steppenwolf Theatres "World Set Free"; Michelle Hensley (Amelia), a veteran of Chicago Shakespeare Theatre and the Goodman Theatre; and Brad Eric Johnson (Winston), an ensemble member at Famous Door in Chicago. Morgan McMabe (Tess) most recently appeared in Chicago and Florida with Shapeshifters Theatre Company as Kate in "Dancing at Lughnasa."

Tickets start at \$10 each for all performances. They are on sale at the Madison Civic Center Ticket Office, or by calling (608) 258-4141.

## University Opera Presents Verdi's "Falstaff"

**Madison** — University Opera at the School of Music, UW-Madison, presents its first opera of the season, "Falstaff," by Giuseppe Verdi, on Thursday, Oct. 23, Saturday, Oct. 25, and Monday, Oct. 27. All performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Carol Rennebohm Auditorium, Music Hall, located at the foot of Bascom Hill on Park Street. The opera will be sung in Italian with English surtitles. Based on Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Henry IV, parts I and II," the story is set in Windsor England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Sir John Falstaff and his companions, Bardolfo and Pistol, are

accused of robbing Dr. Caius. To obtain funds for recompense, Falstaff composes a plot to seduce two wealthy ladies, Alice Ford and Meg Page. Bardolfo and Pistol refuse to go along with Falstaff's dishonorable scheme. When Falstaff's plan is discovered, Alice, Meg, and Alice's husband Ford plot to punish the fat knight. Joined by Bardolfo and Pistol, they disguise themselves as a band of fairies and witches who pinch and torment Falstaff unmercifully. When they finally reveal themselves, Falstaff repents in good humor, and everyone is reconciled.

William Farlow directs a cast of current students and James Smith conducts the UW Symphony Orchestra for this production of a work that has not been performed at University Opera since 1977. Sir John Falstaff will be sung by Michael Koon; Bardolfo by Chad Graham; Pistol by Grant Hendrickson; Ford by Thomas Combs; Fenton by Todd Patrick; and Dr. Caius by Ethan Bremner. Melanie Cain will sing the role of Alice Ford; Jessica Timman, the role of Meg Page; Brenda Rae Klinkert, Nannetta; and Kassy Coleman, Mrs. Quickly.

Tickets are \$17 for the general public and \$10 for UW-Madison students with a valid student ID. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Vilas Hall Box Office from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (608) 262-1500 or visit the box office at 821 University Avenue.

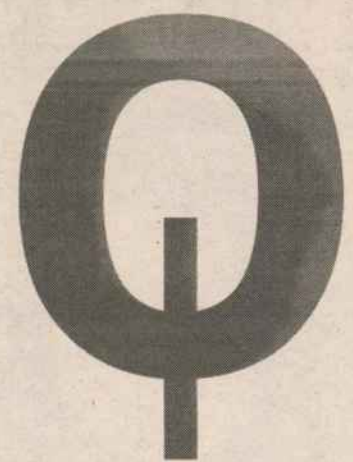
## Ko-Thi's "Harvest 2003" Blends Hip-Hop with African Dance

**Milwaukee** — The Ko-Thi Dance Company, the internationally acclaimed African dance company based in Milwaukee, will present "Harvest 2003: BootDance Isiskathulu!" Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the historic Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St., in Milwaukee.

"Harvest 2003" will celebrate and link the Zulu South African dance form Isiskathulu with African American step-dancing and hip-hop. Ko-Thi will welcome three special guests for this concert: the Olive Hip-Hop Dance Theatre of Philadelphia, the John Hope Step by Step Troupe of Providence, Rhode Island, and the Heritage Chorale men's Ensemble of Milwaukee.

Step dancing, developed by African American fraternities and sororities, choral music and hip-hop have a common thread in that all use the body as an instrument creating multi-levels of rhythm, voice and movement.

For tickets and more information, call (414) 273-0676.





# ARTS CALENDAR

## THEATRE/MUSIC:

"As You Like It" (Milw.): Shakespeare's comedy gets the treatment from the ambitious Milwaukee Shakespeare company, Oct. 24-Nov. 9, Mainstage Theatre, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-4308.

"BLAST!" (Green Bay): Dance! Brass! Percussion! Why, it's a ...Blast! Nov. 4-9, Weidner Center on the UW-Green Bay campus. FMI: (800) 328-TKTS, or: www.weidnercenter.com.

"The Drawer Boy" (Milw.): Chamber Theatre production about a big city actor who disrupts the lives of two farmers whose lives he studies for a role, thru Nov. 2, Cabot Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Falstaff" (Madison): University Opera at the UW School of Music presents this Verdi comic opera, Oct. 23, 25 and 27, 7:30 p.m., Carol Rennebohm Auditorium, Music Hall, Bascom Hill & Park St. FMI: (608) 262-1500.

"Fame: The Musical" (Green Bay): Stage musical based on movie and TV hit, thru Oct. 26, Weidner Center on the UW-Green Bay campus. FMI: (800) 328-TKTS, or: www.weidnercenter.com.

"Flanagan's Wake" (Milw.): A new comedy about the rituals of an Irish wake with audience participation—come ready to be part of the fun! Miramar Theatre, 2844 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 967-0302.

"Forever Plaid" (Milw.): Lots of corny songs and great harmonies as The Plaids, a '60s boys' group, come back to life to perform the show they couldn't do in 1964, thru Jan. 4, Vogel Hall, Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

Jazzworks Dance Company (Madison): Sophisticated jazz dance company offers new contemporary ballet performance, Nov. 1, 8 p.m., Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

Ko-Thi Dance Company (Milw.): Annual Harvest concert entitled "BootDance Isiskathulu," with three guest companies joining forces in a blend of hip-hop and Zulu dance rhythms, Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1, Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 286-3663.

"Mary Stuart" (Milw.): Schiller's drama about the battle of wills between Queen Elizabeth and Mary, Queen of Scots comes alive at the Milwaukee Rep, thru Nov. 2, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Memoir" (Milw.): Angela Iannone stars as Sarah Bernhardt in this one-woman retrospective of Bernhardt's life and career produced by Renaissance Theatreworks, Oct. 30-Nov. 16, Off Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-0765.

"The Memorandum" (Madison): UW-Madison's Theatre Dept. presents Orwellian tale in which new jargon has replaced popular language in a bureaucratic society, thru Nov. 1. FMI: (608) 262-1500.

"Pygmalion" (Statewide) The American Players Theatre tours Wisconsin with George Bernard Shaw's classic: Milwaukee's Pabst Theater, Oct. 24, (414) 286-3663; Appleton's Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Oct. 26, (920) 731-5000; UW-Whitewater's Young Auditorium, Oct. 28, (262) 472-2222; Hartford's Schauer Arts & Activities Center, Oct. 30, (262) 670-0560; and UW-Madison's Union Theater, Nov. 1, (608) 262-2201. FMI: (608) 588-2361 or visit www.playinthewoods.org.

"Richard III" (Milw.): Shakespeare's cruel and conniving king comes chillingly to life in the Milwaukee Rep's season opener, thru Nov. 2, Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"The Sunshine Boys" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep performs one of Neil Simon's comedy classics, thru Nov. 9, Stiemke Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"The Credeaux Canvas" (Madison): Keith Bunin's bittersweet play about a trio of artists and the forgery they hope to sell, Oct. 24-Nov. 16, Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 258-4141.

"Two Pianos, Four Hands" (Milw.): Musical comedy revue about two classical pianists growing up at the keyboard, thru Nov. 2, Milwaukee Rep's Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Full View" (Milw.): Theatre X offers an interactive performance art show featuring Pegi Taylor and Ted Brusubardis, Oct. 23-26, Studio Theatre, Broadway

Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

## BOOKS:

### Thursday, Oct. 23

Peter Straub Reading (Brookfield): Author of "Lost Boy Lost Girl," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 17145 W. Blue-mound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6145.

### Friday, Oct. 24

Amiri Baraka & John Corbett (Milw.): A "Public Conversation" between the radical poet and the Chicago Reader and Downbeat music critic, 7 p.m., free, Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

### Saturday, Oct. 25

Wisconsin Book Festival (Milw.): Authors Sena Jeter Naslund, James Bradley, Elizabeth Berg, Anne Garrels and Tim O'Brien, 7 p.m., Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. FMI: (414) 270-3434, ext. 120.

### Sunday, Oct. 26

Robert Meeropol Reading (Milw.): Author of "An Execution in the Family," 2 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

### Monday, Oct. 27

Tom Frank & Dave Mulcahey Talk (Shorewood): Authors of "Boob Jubilee" speak at 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

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

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

Julie Otsuka Reading (Milw.): Author of "When the Emperor Was Divine," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

George Warts Talk (Mequon): Author of "Insurrection in Milwaukee," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

### Thursday, Oct. 30

H.W. Brands Talk (Mequon): Author of "The Age of Gold," 7 p.m., Schwartz Books, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

### Monday, Nov. 3

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

## FILM, TV & RADIO:

### Saturday, Oct. 25

Gay Video Club (Madison): Free Buffet Dinner, featuring "Brotherhood I & II," 6:30 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. dinner, call for location. FMI: (608) 244-8675 (eves.), www.mgvc.org.

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

### Sun., Oct. 26 & Every Sun.

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

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Women's Music Radio (Milw.): WMSE-91.7FM. 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Variety of women's music genres and

announcements of events in Milwaukee's women's community. Request Line: (414) 799-1917.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): WYOU public access cable channel 4 at 2 p.m.

### Monday, Oct. 27

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

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring "Beau Travail," 7:30 p.m., OurReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: www.frontiersmadison.org.

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

"Friday the 13th - 3-D" (Milw.): A guilty pleasure too good to miss! Thru Oct. 30, Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

### Wed., Oct. 29 & Every Wed.

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

### Friday, Oct. 31

Experimental Film/Video (Milw.): Showcasing some haunting and grisly tales for Halloween, 7 p.m., \$2, Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

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## MUSEUMS:

Appleton Art Center (Appleton): "The Native American Experience" thru Nov. 26, 111 W. College Ave. FMI: (920) 733-4089.

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): "Cultural Landscape of the Plantation," a solo exhibition by

Patrick Turner along with other exhibits reflecting African American heritage. 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): Cedarburg Artists Guild Fall Show and League of Milwaukee Artists' "The Color of Harvest," thru Nov. 16, W62 N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): "Andre Ferrelle: The Living Pictures and Beautiful Flowers" thru Oct. 26. Tudor style mansion with original furnishings and art collection. 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

Eisner Museum of Advertising & Design (Milw.): "100 Years of Harley Davidson Advertising" and "Brooks Stevens: Advertising for the 20th Century" thru April, 2004, 208 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 847-3290.

Elvehjem Museum (Madison): "Medieval Art from the Metropolitan Museum of Art" thru Dec. 31. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Peter Sehringer: Contemporary German Painting," thru Nov. 30. Marquette University, 530 N. N. 13th St. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milw.): "Quilt Show," featuring winners of the National Competition for Small Quilts, thru Oct. 30, 241 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 289-0855.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): Exhibits, performing arts, classes and lectures. 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): "Birds in Art," thru Nov. 9, 700 N. 12th St. FMI: (715) 845-7010.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Concrete Abstraction: Aaron Siskind Photographs" and "La vida en marcha: Mexican Prints from the Permanent Collection" both thru Jan. 4, 2004, 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): "The Quilts of Gee's Bend," thru Jan. 4; and "O'Keeffe's O'Keeffes: The Artist's Collection" on permanent display. 700 N. Art Museum Dr. FMI: (866) 626-1323.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "Quilts and Community" thru March, 2004; "Workhorses of Commerce" features Harley Davidson delivery vehicles; "Milwaukee's Multi-Cultural Heritage," 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

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# GBCT's "Glass Menagerie" Heralds Spate of Tennessee Williams Plays

By Mike Fitzpatrick

It may seem hard to believe, but the genteel South is invading northeast Wisconsin just as the first snowflakes are set to fly. Theatrically, that is. Productions of four plays by Tennessee Williams in the Green Bay area in the next few months start with the Green Bay Community Theater (GBCT) production of "The Glass Menagerie" starting a 10-day run on November 5.

The Glass Menagerie is a classic of American drama, which premiered in Chicago in 1944. It marked the beginning of a 25-year period of great American dramas that form the core of our dramatic literature. It has been made into notable films, had Broadway revivals and has become a staple in the repertoire of theaters around the world.

The play captures the faded spirit of the old south with poetic dialogue that evokes a bygone era. The characters face the alienation of being lost in the increasingly urbanized America between the world wars.

In a Saint Louis tenement in the early 1930s, a family comes to grips with the limitations of their lives. Tom Wingfield, played by Bennett Reinhard, Abrams, is a would-be poet who works in a shoe warehouse but longs to travel the world. His handicapped sister Laura, Allie Klinker, Appleton, is afraid to venture out of their cramped apartment. Their domineering mother, Amanda, played by Terry Minor, Green Bay, dreams about her genteel past

on a southern plantation and frets over the lack of options facing her family. When Tom invites Jim, Adam Wills, Green Bay, an old friend from high school, to dinner, the visit leads to a disastrous family split.

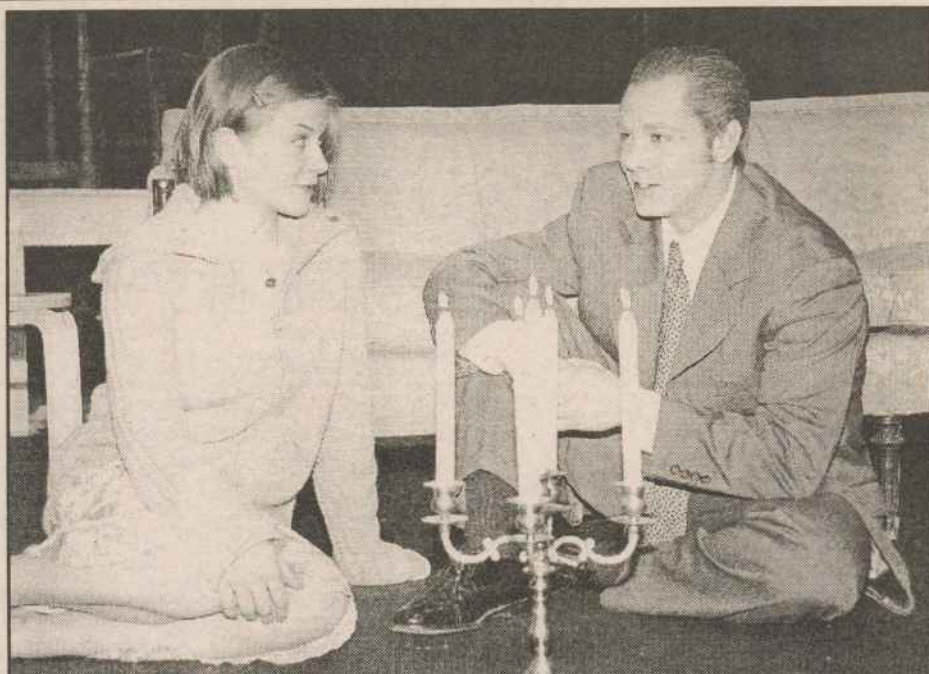
The play is directed by Susan Currie. Willie Sabel is production designer, with costumes by Darrell George Wagner and Travis Lindburgh. L. Douglas Pire is stage-managing.

Performances of the Glass Menagerie will be evenings at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 4 p.m. through November 15 at GBCT's playhouse, located at 122 North Chestnut Avenue, one block west of Broadway on Green Bay's near west side. Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased by calling the box office at (920) 435-6300. Opening night patrons are invited to a free reception catered by Kavarna and Wisconsin Public Radio after the performance on November 5.

The Green Bay Community Theater has been in operation for 68 years and at their current playhouse since 1996. However, the company has become highly visible since the hiring of Thom Yarnal as managing Executive Director of theater 1... years ago. *IN Step* recently spoke with Yarnal about the company, its heightened visibility into the northeast Wisconsin theater scene, the upcoming show and the mini-festival of Williams' plays.

**IN Step: Are you the latest in a long line of directors?**

Yarnal: There have been three others before me. One was for 37 years and one



Laura (Allie Klinker) meets her "gentleman caller" (Adam Wills) in a scene from the upcoming Green Bay Community Theater production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie." (Photo: Steve Ryan)

was over eight. The GBCT mostly has had volunteers until recently.

**What are the greatest accomplishments in your tenure thus far?**

I think getting 22 new people on-stage in the last year — 22 making their stage debuts.

**What is the Green Bay gay community's involvement with the GBCT at this point?**

If we do a play about gays, they show up. If you don't they pretty much don't. (laughs)

**You did do a gay-themed play this past summer, I know.**

"The Benevolent Women's Craft

Society" had a gay male character. He was the only man (in the production). The play had an interesting twist: he was accused of sexually harassing a female student so he joined a woman's craft group to learn more about women. He felt isolated in his "bubble of homosexuality."

There was also an (independent) production of "The Laramie Project." The producers of that show were disappointed that there weren't that many people showing up. He thought that there would be an overwhelming response because it was a gay-themed play. He advertised the show in all the gay bars in the area. But I just don't think there's a theatergoing habit developed yet.

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**Cities Performing Arts Centers?**

I think the theater habit for that kind of theater (exists). But the habit for the more intimate, more challenging -- but ultimately more rewarding -- theaters that are on the fringe is not well established.

The biggest problem is what is called "barriers to entry." People who haven't done something are afraid to try something new. They're afraid to look silly or do something wrong. I think, without exception, once people come to this theater to see a show they come back. They find (the GBCT) is a very warm and inviting atmosphere. Plus the quality on stage is very good. At fourteen bucks, four of you can see a play here for what it would cost you to see a show at one of the big roadhouses.

**Has the gay community been involved in the theater productions, or support the theater in other ways besides attending gay-themed productions?**

Well, there are a lot of gay people who are in our plays, working backstage or working the theater.

**Have there been any changes since you, as an openly gay director, have taken charge of the theater?**

I think so. People pretty much didn't know about the organization. That's why I was hired: to get the name out there in the community.

**So you're saying it was not just the gay community that was unaware of the GBCT?**

(laughs) It was, pretty much, a well-kept secret. I was hired to change that. For example, our season this year is sponsored by four different sponsors. We're also working with the Oneida Nation to possibly do some original Naive American work in Fall, 2004.

We now have media partners, restaurant partners -- they didn't have any of that 18 months ago. The partner restaurant for the upcoming production is Kavarna, the vegetarian restaurant. They will cater the opening night party. We also work with the Coppertop, Titledown Brewery and Uprisings, all within walking distance of the theater.

**Are there other theater groups renting the GBCT facility?**

Yes, this year we will have four different production companies renting space from us. Next year there will also be a poetry jam, and an art exhibition throughout the entire building. We also rent the theater out to community organizations.

Actually, we can rent to any producer who wants a 195-seat theater. This is a really great theater in which to see plays. At the Weidner Center, you need binoculars to see actors. Here you're up close and personal. It's a very nice, intimate setting.

**Tell me a little bit more about theater, because it is a unique building.**

Well, it used to be a Baptist church -- I'm sure the founders are spinning in their graves! It was built in 1859. There was a community room built onto the side in 1910 where we have art exhibits. It's sort of semi-Gothic and it's really a warm and inviting environment to see a play.

The GBCT production is the first of four Tennessee Williams plays to be presented in northeast Wisconsin in the next few months.

The Montana Repertory Theater is coming in next spring at the Weidner with "A Streetcar Named Desire." (Prior to that) Evergreen Theater will be doing two shows

at St. Norbert College. "27 Wagons Full of Cotton" and "Suddenly Last Summer" are two of Tennessee Williams' more difficult plays. They're very rarely done, so it will be very interesting.

Suddenly Last Summer, of course, is a gay-iconic play made famous by the 1960s Elizabeth Taylor version. However, I suspect most readers don't know much about 27 Wagons Full of Cotton.

It's a dialogue between two adolescents sitting on a railroad track talking about life. It's more a character study.

**Let's talk a little bit about the upcoming production of The Glass Menagerie.**

A lot of high schools study the Glass Menagerie because it's an important work in the history of American theater. Tennessee Williams brought to the stage a lot of issues that had never been examined before.

**It's a play that deals with loneliness, isolation, and maybe a little sexual frustration?**

Absolutely. Each of the characters is searching. The mother is searching for a past that might possibly be made up. The young man, Tom, is searching for meaning. He works in a shoe warehouse and finds no meaning in his life. The daughter, Laura, is just searching for a way to get through life. She is afraid to even leave the apartment.

**Both Tom and Laura have been considered by various theater scholars to be the "voice" of the playwright. Which would you pick?**

I would pick Tom. Tom is the writer who writes poetry on shoe boxes and is about to be fired for doing that. Tennessee Williams had a younger sister who had health problems. I think he fashions the character Laura from his experiences with his sister.

The character of Amanda was his mother. I think Amanda is the center of the play. She will be played by Terry Miner. She's an actress who has worked all over northeastern Wisconsin. She has been seen before here, at Evergreen (Theater Company) and I think she's done things at the Attic (Community Theater in Appleton). She's a really seasoned performer and she'll do a great job.

All of the younger people are cast very young. They're all in their 20's (as Williams originally envisioned their ages). It will be interesting to see younger people doing the show. That kind of anxiety and wanderlust happens when you're in your 20's. Usually by your 30's, if you haven't followed that wanderlust, you're either an alcoholic or depressed! (laughs)

**Anything final words that you'd like to add about the GBCT?**

We do six shows a year during the regular season. What we try to do is to make sure that every single time that you come to the theater, your experience is completely different. We just did a musical comedy revue that had people laughing their asses off. The Glass Menagerie is a real tear jerker. We're doing a thriller later on this season and then a comedy. That will be the Wisconsin premiere of "Atomic Study" by the same author who wrote the Benevolent Women's Craft Society.

We're comparable to Off Broadway in New York. We want people to have an experience that will last longer than the two hours they're in the theater.

Lastly, we are a volunteer organization. People who are interested in working backstage, working on-stage should come - no experience is necessary. Experience helps, but it's not an absolute requirement. We are a community theater and we're very open to all.

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## Dan Boyle and Mark Zubro at Outwards Nov. 6

Milwaukee — It will be an evening of gay football and murdered boy band singers when authors Dan Boyle and Mark Zubro stop in at Outwards Books on Thursday, November 6 at 7 p.m.

"Huddle," a new novel by Dan Boyle, breaks all testosterone-charged gridiron stereotypes by confirming that football is a sport that not only can but is played by gay men and straight men alike. In his debut novel published this month by Haworth, Dan Boyle explores the lives of nine gay men as their team — the Quakes — vies for the West Los Angeles Flag Football Championship. The title, "Huddle," while describing the gathering of teammates on the field between plays, also depicts nine distinct, separate lives gathering together in camaraderie as a team.

This engaging account chronicles a season in the life of the L.A. Quake, a ragtag collection of gay men who drink hard, screw hard and play hard as they wage weekend seven-on-seven battles against the likes of the Culver City Centurions, the Santa Monica Seahawks, and their bitter rivals from the Gay Flag Football Winter League — the West Hollywood Warriors. For the nine gay men of the L.A. Quake, the season of sweat is about to end with a chance to win the West Los Angeles Flag Football Spring League championship. For some, it's a last hurrah; for others, a taste of gridiron glory they've only dreamed about.

Outwards is delighted to welcome back for another appearance in Milwaukee, Mark Zubro. Easily the most prolific and popular gay mystery writer, Mark Zubro has recently released, "Dead Egotistical Morons," his seventh Paul Turner entry and his 16th murder mystery. In "Dead Egotistical Morons," Zubro's Chicago Police Detective Paul Turner and his partner, Buck Fenwick, investigate the murder of the lead singer of Boys4U, the world's most popular boy band. The young pop star was shot at close range, in the shower, just after finishing the last concert in a wildly successful world tour. But the shower was backstage, protected by security, and none of the dozens of potential witnesses heard or saw anything. Turner and Fenwick dig up the nasty secrets behind Boys4U's squeaky-clean image in an effort to keep the rest of the band alive.

Dan Boyle's appearance at Outwards is a part of his "Huddle Tailgate Party Tour," a two-month book tour that will take him throughout the Midwest, East Coast and the South. A working journalist throughout the West Coast, Boyle is a veteran of the Los Angeles Gay Flag Football League as well as a member of

Mark began his first series in 1989 with "A Simple Suburban Murder," which featured professional baseball player Scott Carpenter and his lover, Tom Mason. "Dead Egotistical Morons" follows the fortunes of openly gay Chicago police detective Paul Turner in a series that began in 1992 with the publication of "Sorry Now?" Additional Paul Turner mysteries are "Drop Dead," "Another Dead Teenager," "Political Poison," and "Sex and Murder.com."

Dan Boyle and Mark Zubro will read and sign copies of their new books at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 6th, 2003 at Outwards Books, located at 2710 N. Murray Ave. in Milwaukee.

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**Three (Milw.):** PUMP! Milwaukee's Hottest Gay Party! This Sunday, DJ John Murges gets the party started at 9 p.m. 2-4-1 Rail and Bottles of Corona until 11 p.m. \$6 specialty martinis. No cover. 722 N. Milwaukee St. FMI: (414) 225-0003, or www.PumpMilwaukee.com.

## Monday, Oct. 27

**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, Oct. 29

**Boom (Milw.):** Tim's B-Day Bash! with Special Guest Marcus Allen. Starting at 7 p.m.

**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, Oct. 30

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

## Friday, Oct. 31

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

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

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



@ Walker's Pint. Photo by A. Gallegos

## Sundays:

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

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

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

**Boom (Milw.):** Open at 11am. Packer Game Specials: 50 cent tops of MGD & Miller Lite. \$2 Bloody Mary Myrna's.FMI: [www.boommke.com](http://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 219 (Milw.):** \$1 tappers, \$2 rail drinks, \$2 bottled beer. Two shows: 8:30 pm. - 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 midnite.

**Woody's (Milw.):** Open at 2 p.m., Beer Bust from 2-6 p.m. FMI: [www.woodys-mke.com](http://www.woodys-mke.com).

## 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.):** Happy Hour 5-8pm. FMI: [www.boommke.com](http://www.boommke.com)

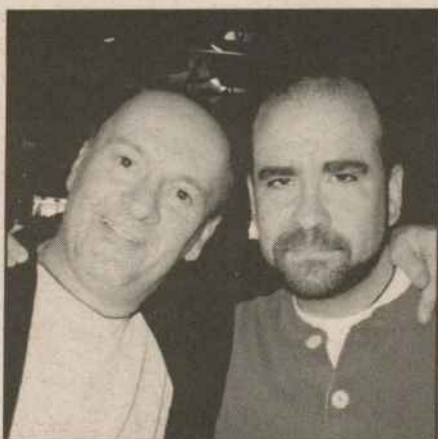
**Club 5/Barracks (Madison):** 2-4-1 drinks up to \$3.75, \$1 off all others. 3-4-1 drinks for those men in just underwear. Additional 50¢ off when you are shirtless.

**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](http://www.fluid.gaymke.com).

**The Harbor Room (Milw.):** Happy Hour 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys. 8-3-6 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza. Shirtless men half price anytime. Bartenders, waiters, owners \$1 off drinks 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. FMI: [www.harbor-room.com](http://www.harbor-room.com).

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



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**M&M Club (Milw.):** Cocktail hour with Trixie at the Piano! FMI: [www.mandm-club.com](http://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](http://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](http://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.woodys-mke.com](http://www.woodys-mke.com).

## Tuesdays:

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

**Boom (Milw.):** Happy Hour 5-8pm. Tini Tuesdays: Specials on Featured Martini of the week. Plus Free Pizza. FMI: [www.boommke.com](http://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 219 (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](http://www.fluid.gaymke.com).

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



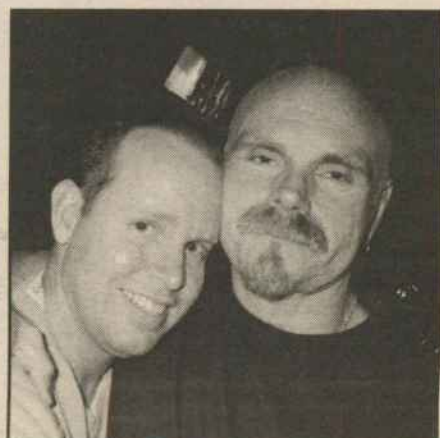
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yours, 2nd drink free! Shirtless men half price anytime. FMI: [www.harbor-room.com](http://www.harbor-room.com).

**LaCage (Milw.):** Open for cocktail hour at 5 p.m. "Prize Nite." Win \$100 cash — no cover. FMI: [www.lacage.gaymke.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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**Woody's (Milw.):** Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m., \$1.25 taps, \$1.75 rails. FMI: [www.woodys-mke.com](http://www.woodys-mke.com).

### Wednesdays:

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

**Boom (Milw.):** Happy Hour 5-8pm FMI: [www.boommke.com](http://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 Dis. 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](http://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](http://WWW.FLUID.GAYMKE.COM)

### Harbor Room (L/L, Mw)

117 E. Greenfield, 53204 .... 672-7988  
[WWW.HARBOR-ROOM.COM](http://WWW.HARBOR-ROOM.COM)

### Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)

1500 W. Scott 53201 ..... 647-2673

### La Cage/ETC (Mw, DJ, V, F)

801 S. 2nd St., 53204 ..... 383-8330  
[WWW.LACAGE.GAYMKE.COM](http://WWW.LACAGE.GAYMKE.COM)

### M&M Club (MW, F)

124 N. Water 53202 ..... 347-1962  
[WWW.MANDMCLUB.COM](http://WWW.MANDMCLUB.COM)

### Out 'N About (MW, DJ, V, F)

1407 S. Water St., 53204 ... 643-0377  
[WWW.MILWAUKEE-OUT-N-ABOUT.COM](http://WWW.MILWAUKEE-OUT-N-ABOUT.COM)

### Pulse (Mw, D, F)

200 E. Washington., 53204 . 649-9547  
[WWW.PULSEMILWAUKEE.COM](http://WWW.PULSEMILWAUKEE.COM)

### Switch (Mw)

124 W. Nat'l Ave., 53204 .... 220-4340  
[WWW.SWITCH.GAYMKE.COM](http://WWW.SWITCH.GAYMKE.COM)

### This Is It (M)

418 E. Wells 53202 ..... 278-9192

### Triangle (M, V)

135 E. National 53204 ..... 383-9412

### Woody's (Mw, D)

1579 S. 2nd St., 53204 ..... 672-0806  
[WWW.WOODYS-MKE.COM/](http://WWW.WOODYS-MKE.COM/)

### Walker's Pint (Wm)

818 S. 2nd St., 53204 ..... 643-7468  
[WWW.WALKERSPINTMILWAUKEE.COM](http://WWW.WALKERSPINTMILWAUKEE.COM)



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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 Dis. \$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](http://www.fluid.gaymke.com).

**The Harbor Room (Milw.):** Happy Hour, 8 a.m.-Noon, Bloody Marys, 8-3-6 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks and free pizza! Leather Nite! Men in leather, 2-4-1 drinks, 7 p.m.-close. Shirtless men half price anytime. FMI: [www.harbor-room.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.woodys-mke.com](http://www.woodys-mke.com).

### Thursdays:

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

**Boom (Milw.):** Happy Hour 5-8pm \$8 Pitchers of MGD or Miller Lite with a Free Pizza, FMI: [www.boommke.com](http://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 Cosmas from 8 p.m. to close. FMI: [www.fluid.gaymke.com](http://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](http://www.harbor-room.com).

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

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



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**Woody's (Milw.):** Double Bubble all day, all night. FMI: [www.woodys-mke.com](http://www.woodys-mke.com).

### 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](http://www.boommke.com)

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

**C'est La Vie (Milw.):** Shippers! 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](http://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. call Martinis \$5, 6-11 p.m. FMI: [www.harbor-room.com](http://www.harbor-room.com).

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

**Midtowne Spa (Milw.):** Party night!

**The Nut Hut (Milw.):** Pull tabs, 5 to 7 p.m.

**Pulse (Milw.):** 3-9pm, Ultra-fabulous pulsing prime time happy hour 1/2 price Upper Shelf. FMI: [www.pulsemilwaukee.com](http://www.pulsemilwaukee.com).

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

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

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

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

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

### 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 dancing. FMI: [www.boommke.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.pulsemilwaukee.com).

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

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

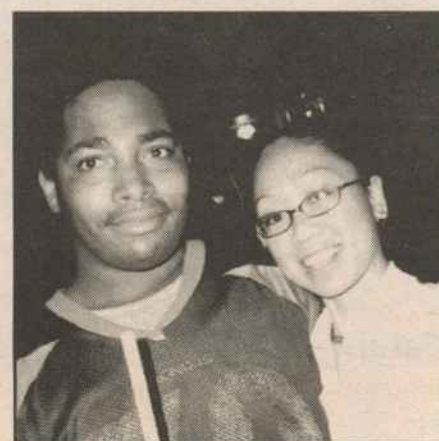
**Woody's (Milw.):** Open at 2 p.m. FMI: [www.woodys-mke.com](http://www.woodys-mke.com).



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 23 — November 5, 2003

## ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, Oct. 23

Commitment to Justice Awards (Milw.): Annual awards event sponsored by Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Haggerty Museum, 530 N. N. 13th St. FMI: (414) 342-0883.

Dialogue for Lesbian & Bi Women (Milw.): LGBT Center's Anti-Violence project hosts a discussion of domestic violence and sexual assault among women and what can be done, 6 p.m., LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

### Friday, Oct. 24

Transgender Assn. Meeting (Madison): Featuring guest is Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, 7 p.m. at OutReach, Inc., 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 259-9225.

### Saturday, Oct. 25

GSA & Allies Conference (Milw.): Milwaukee PFLAG and GLSEN host a conference designed for Gay-Straight Alliance advisors and all those who want to see improved conditions for LGBTQ youth in our schools, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$10 includes lunch, LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 299-9198.

HOMO-COMING! (Milw.): First annual "Homo-coming%o Halloween event for LGBTQ youth and well-behaved oldsters, prizes for best costumes, music, art, entertainment, fun, 9 p.m., \$12 advance, \$15 at door, Turner Hall, 1034 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 223-3220.

### Sunday, Oct. 26

Gay/Bi Fathers Group (Madison): Potluck and discussion, 5 p.m., call for location: (608) 244-2123.

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, Oct. 27

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): All welcome, Any Way the Wind Blows Line Dance, 7:30 p.m., then open dance to 11 p.m. 5 Applegate Ct. FMI: (608) 255-9131, email: rklmler@facstaff.wisc.edu.

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

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.

Prairie Fairies (Madison): Prairie Fairie Heart Circle, 9 p.m., Martha's Co-op, 225 E. Lakelawn, near McTaggart. FMI: (608) 246-8515, or visit: www.radfac.org.

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

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.

### Thursday, Oct. 30

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.

### Friday, Oct. 31

Women's Halloween Carnival (Milw.): Tarot readings, bake sale, food, music, dancing, games, fundraiser for Lesbian Alliance, 7:30-11 p.m., \$5-\$8 sliding scale, LGBT Center, 315 W. Court St. FMI: (414) 272-9442.

### Saturday, Nov. 1

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

Gay Video Club (Madison): Featuring "Queer As Folk - Episode 312," "Regular Guys" and "Out In Tuscany," 8 p.m., Call for location: (608) 244-8675 (eves), or visit: www.mgvc.org <http://www.mgvc.org/>.

### Sunday, Nov. 2

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.

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

### Monday, Nov. 3

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.

Rural Pioneers (Richland Center): Rural Southwest Wisconsin Gay & Lesbian Alliance holds regular meeting, 7-9 p.m., Richland County Community Programs, 1000 U.S. Highway 14 West, Richland Center. FMI: (608) 987-4451, or visit: <http://members.aol.com/PioneersWI>.

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 4

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 & EVENTS

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

### THURSDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](http://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 emailwistsgroup@charter.net.

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

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

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

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

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](mailto: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:

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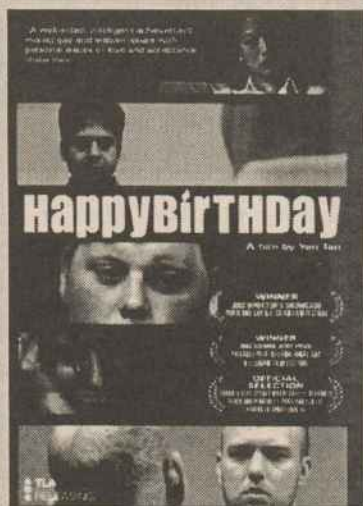
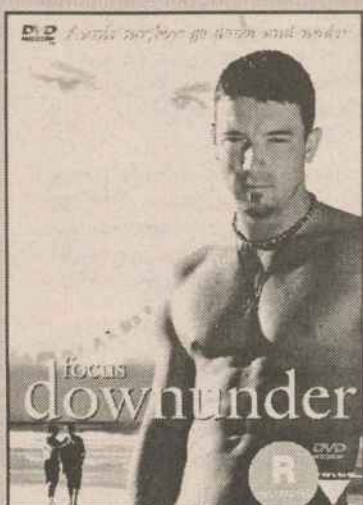
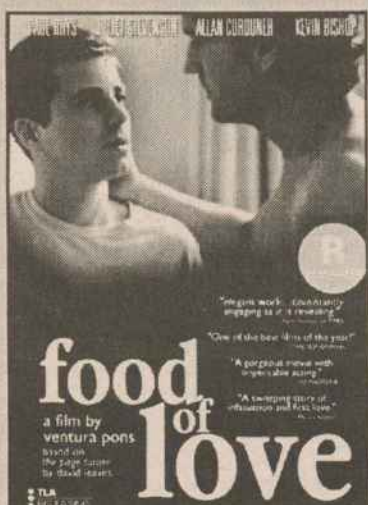
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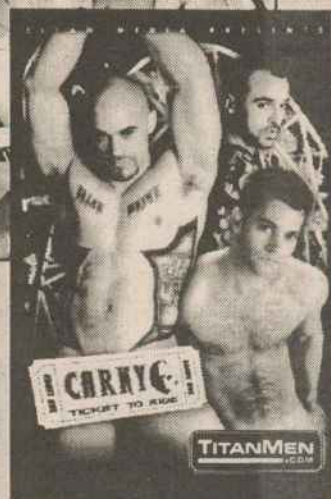
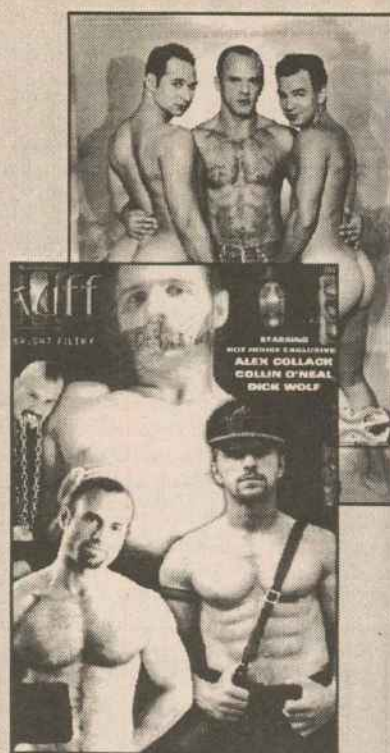


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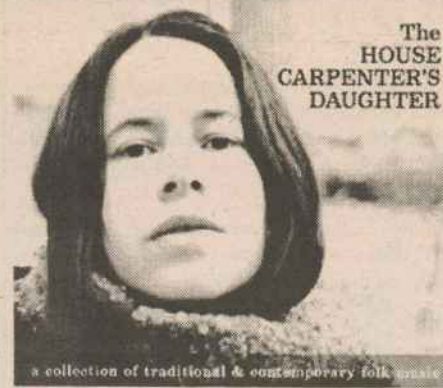
### Women Folk

By Gregg Shapiro

In the last year of her life, the late June Carter Cash was the subject of much musical interest. Her 1999 album *Play On* was reissued and her final recording, *Wildwood Flower* (Dualtone) was also released. Husband Johnny Cash, who would follow her in death less than four months later, is one of a host of family members and friends who made guest appearances on this remarkable disc that like a field of wildwood flowers features a variety of blooms. Songs of hope ("Keep On The Sunnyside") and redemption ("Kneeling Drunkards Plea") are to be expected on a June Carter Cash album, but the real pleasures lie in the revelation of Ms. Cash's unique sense of humor, which we heard on *Play On*'s "Tiffany Anastasia Lowe" (a song about her granddaughter whose parents are Carleen Carter and Nick Lowe). Here it surfaces on "Temptation" (featuring the "Little Junie Intro") and "Big Yellow Peaches" (with the "memories of Lee Marvin" intro). Every aspect of Ms. Cash's creativity will be greatly missed.

Something tells me that June Carter Cash would have appreciated *The House Carpenter's Daughter* (Myth America), the new album of traditional and contemporary folk music by Natalie Merchant. In fact, Merchant even covers "Bury Me Under The Weeping Willow," a Carter Family tune. Merchant's "long and hard" search for "a true definition of folk music"

### NATALIE MERCHANT

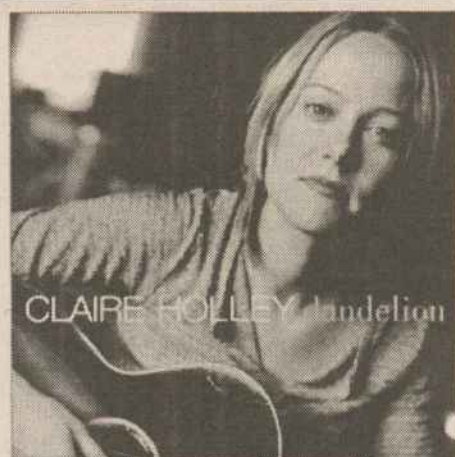


The HOUSE CARPENTER'S DAUGHTER

led her to record this eleven track album which features songs from the twentieth century ("Sally Ann," "Which Side Are You One?," and "Crazy Man Michael") and also delves into the past for meaningful traditional numbers including "House Carpenter," "Owensboro," "Down On Penny's Farm," and "Poor Wayfaring Stranger."

Another Natalie, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia fiddler Natalie MacMaster is the cousin of out, gay fiddler Ashley MacIsaac. Like Natalie Merchant's disc, MacMaster's *Blueprint* (Rounder) features both traditional and contemporary compositions which ring out in a timeless manner via her sensational string work.

With the aid of Willie Nelson (and others), Carla Bozulich (of Ethyl Meatplow and The Geraldine Fibbers fame) recreates Nelson's acclaimed contemporary, yet traditional album 1975 album *Red Headed Stranger* (DiCristina Stair Builders). Her smoky and lived in voice is the perfect female counterpart to Nelson's and her interpretations of these songs are definitely her own, giving the listener an opportunity to rediscover these songs (including "Time Of The Preacher," "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain," "Can I Sleep In Your Arms?," and



CLAIRE HOLLEY Dandelion

"Hands On The Wheel") in a different setting.

Allison Moorer's sister Shelby Lynne has released one of the best studio albums of 2003. Moorer can also say that he has released one of the best live albums of 2003 with *Show* (Universal South). The live follow-up to her acclaimed 2002 studio disc *Miss Fortune*, *Show* contains five concert renditions of songs from that album including "Let Go," "Steal The Sun," "Yessirree," "Going Down" and "Dying Breed," as well as songs from both of her previous albums including the flawless "A Soft Place To Fall." A limited edition of *Show* also includes a DVD.

Speaking of things that are flawless, nearly thirty years into her major label recording career, Emmylou Harris remains at the forefront of female vocalists, and continues to reveal herself as a songwriter of note and depth. As on her 2000 album *Red Dirt Girl*, Harris rises to the occasion as both a singer and a songwriter on the tumbling, yet graceful *Stumble Into Grace* (Nonesuch). *Stumble Into Grace* is also something of a reunion album. Reunited with producer (and occasional co-songwriter) Malcolm Burn, Harris also works again with Daniel Lanois (producer of Harris's 1995 masterwork *Wrecking Ball*), Kate (Rufus Wainwright's mother) and Anna McGarrigle on "Little Bird" and "O Evangeline," Linda Ronstadt on "Strong Hand," and Jill Cuniff (formerly of Luscious Jackson). The addition of Jane Siberry on the songs "I Will Dream," "Time In Babylon," "Can You Hear Me Now," and "Lost Unto This World," only sweetens the pot. *Stumble Into Grace* is a career high in a career that has long been at a heavenly elevation.

Labelmates Claire Holley and Caitlin Cary are two more representatives of the female voice in the folk/Americana/insurgent country scene. Holley's *Dandelion* (Yep Roc) may open with the bluesy Southern rock belt of "6 Miles To McKenney," but a majority of the remaining tunes are smartly crafted pop songs that divulge a range of emotions. Outstanding cuts include the title track, "Henry's," "Waiting For The Whales," "Playground," "Tread Softly," and "Waving Goodbye."

Whiskeytown (and Ryan Adams) survivor Caitlin Cary received quite a compliment and boost when Joan Baez recorded her song "Rosemary Moore" (from her 2000 EP) for her new album *Dark Chords On A Big Guitar*. Cary herself also released an exceptional album in 2003 called *I'm Staying Out* (Yep Roc). Produced by ex-db and current LeTigre producer Chris Stamey, the album features appearances by Mary Chapin Carpenter (on "Empty Rooms," "The Next One," and "Lorraine Today"), Don Dixon ("Sleeping In On Sunday" and the title track) and Stamey and Dixon cohort Mitch Easter ("Cello Girl"). You would be wise to stay out with Cary.



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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

University Congregational Church - Worship Service (Madison): Weekly services are at 10 a.m. at 1127 Uni-

versity 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 Atwood Community Ctr., 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 249-5096.

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

## TUESDAYS

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

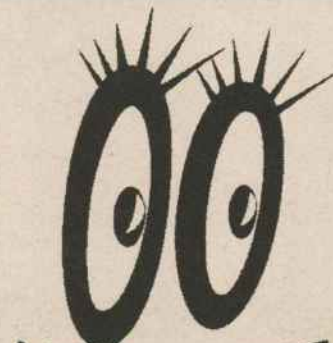
Gay AA (Milw.): Meeting every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Galano Club, 315 W. Court St., Suite #201. FMI: call (414) 276-6936.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## CINEMA

## "Mystic River"

By Carl M. Szatmary

We expect actor/director Clint Eastwood to understand the solitary nature of the panoramic plains of the old west but here turns his camera inward, into the souls of three lost boys in "Mystic River," just out this past weekend in theatres. The result is surprising; thoughtful, violent and painful.

The drama focuses on three former boyhood friends, Jimmy (Sean Penn), Dave (Tim Robbins) and Sean (Kevin Bacon). On one fateful day, the three lads were playing

street hockey and engaging in such typical mischief as writing their names in some fresh sidewalk cement. They're caught by an angry man they believe is a policeman. While two of the boys are left to tell their parents of their misdeed, the man insists on driving home young Dave personally. Only the man is not a policeman and Dave was locked in a basement and presumably sexual abused before managing to escape after four days.

It is a moment that marked the rest of their lives, believes Jimmy

Jump thirty-some years and the three men are now merely nodding acquaintances. All have remained in their hometown of Boston and all are married, although

Sean's wife has disappeared. Jimmy appears to rule the old neighborhood from behind the counter of the little corner grocer he owns. Dave is the caring father to a cute little boy but continues to flash back to the day when he got into the stranger's car and everything changed.

The brutal murder of Jimmy pretty, vivacious daughter Katie (Emmy Rossum) bring together these former friends, proving to be another of those oh-so fateful moments where nothing can ever be the same again.

Although Brian Helgeland's screenplay based upon Dennis Lehane's novel is ostensibly a whodunit, director Eastwood is far more concerned his characters painful journeys than simply offering a puzzling murder mystery for his audience.

The business of "Mystic River" is all about the shattering of facades. Jimmy seems to have it all, his own business, a lovely wife (Laura Linney) and three daughters with Katie his favorite. Yet Katie was not the happy, perfect daughter Jimmy had believed. Secretly, she planned to elope with her boyfriend Brendan (Tom Guiry), a nice kid with whom Jimmy held some unusual grudge. Sean is a successful police detective but visibly crumbles whenever his wife calls — which she seems to do daily — yet always refusing to speak with him. Dave might have a nice family but is clearly a damaged soul, the way he ambles about, he is sure to be a suspect in any local murder case and is so in the death of Jimmy's daughter Katie.

While both Sean and Jimmy seek out Katie's killer, Eastwood paints a bleak picture of lives filled with grief, pain and regret. The reunion of the three childhood friends should be more emotionally charged but isn't. Eastwood leaves his youthful protagonists at the moment the

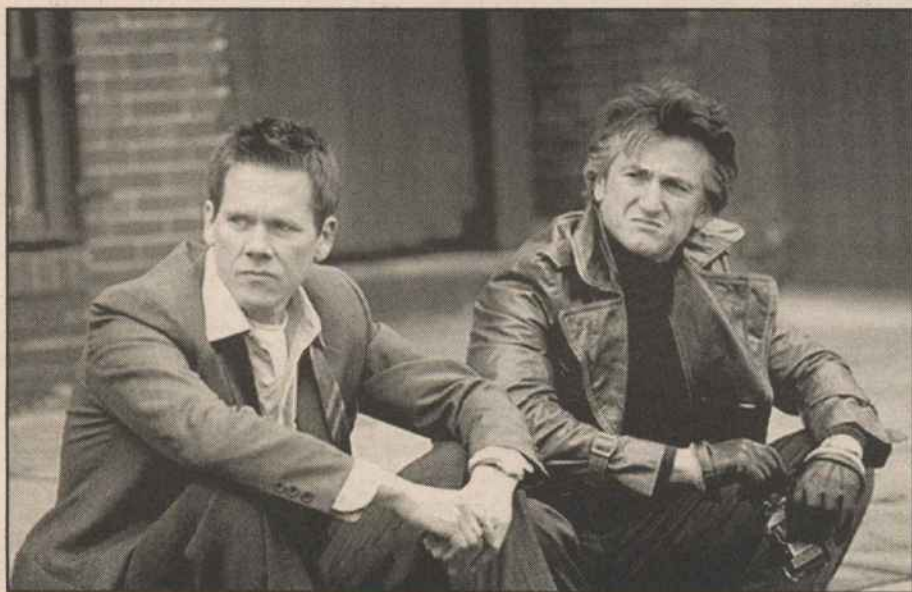
car takes Dave away, leaving his three adult protagonists in something of a vacuum.

As harrowing an experience as is Dave's abduction, Eastwood clearly blames Dave's tortured life on the abuse at the hands of his abductors rather than find fault with the subsequent betrayal by his two friends the film dares only to hint at.

Fleshing out these characters is an extraordinary cast. Sean Penn dominates in the showy role of Jimmy Markum while Kevin Bacon does a nice job anchoring the film with his stalwart detective, Sean. Best of all are Eastwood's supporting players. Laura Linney easily holds her own against screen hubby Penn with a performance of pure steel. Eli Wallach is hilarious as a liquor store owner while Kevin Chapman and Adam Nelson are a strangely cuddly pair as the aptly named Savage brothers.

Only Eastwood's finale feels false. As if worried that moviegoers would leave the cinema too depressed, Eastwood throws in a parade. With the sun is shining, seemingly for the first time in the film, all the lives but one are shown back on track. Or are they?

Grade: B+



Kevin Bacon and Sean Penn in "Mystic River."

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# GOTCHA!

By Billy Masters

It's not even on the air, but there's "American Idol" gossip. Of course, we all know that **Gay Clay**'s new CD is out. But didya know that there's an American Idol Christmas CD, too? This collection features holiday classics sung by **Clay**, **Tamya Gray**, **Ruben Studdard**, **Kimberley Locke**, **Justin Guarini**, **Christina Christian**, and **Kelly Clarkson** — and the group will appear on a FOX holiday special on November 25. Now, you know I hate to be bitchy, but where the hell is **Nikki McKibbin**? She came in third during season one but is nowhere to be found. And yet Christian (who came in sixth) and Tamya (who came in fourth) are included, to say nothing of season two's third place winner, La Locke. I certainly don't begrudge these people their props (as we say in the 'hood), but would it kill anyone to throw the McKibbin a bone?

In other AI news, **Tamya** has decided to explore her Sapphic side by playing a lesbian on the November 3 episode of "Half & Half" — a show that I never even heard of, but is apparently on UPN. And one-time AI contestant **Frenchie Davis** takes on the role of "Effie" for a three-city bus-and-truck tour of "Dreamgirls." Look for the sometime erotic website model to hit San Jose, Sacramento, and Seattle during January and February of 2004. No word if a topless scene will be incorporated into **Michael Bennett**'s original choreography.

Moving across the pond, the first UK "Pop Idol" winner **Will Young** has his second CD due for release in England on December 1. Will's hoping that this CD might spawn a hit single here in the States. He could probably get some help from **Christina Aguilera**, who is reportedly smitten with the openly gay Brit. Or he could just stay home and hook up with **Andrew Kinloch**, a member of the British boy-band **Phixx**. Andy came out in the British monthly *Attitude* and confessed that when he did "Pop Idol," Will slipped him his phone number. Oh, those crazy Brits!

Many readers have been e-mailing me wanting to see a new celebrity nude. And even more have been asking me questions about **Raoul Bova**. So let's combine both requests. You don't know who Raoul is? He's **Diane Lane**'s love interest in "Under the Tuscan Sun," and he's also the shirtless model who sleeps in his Gap jeans on that TV commercial (which we have at [www.Filth2Go.com](http://www.Filth2Go.com)). Although he's straight, he's also from Italy — where sexuality is much more, shall we say, "fluid." He's done some "erotic modeling" (kinda like Frenchie), and we've come into possession of photos where he shows off quite a bit of his sizzling skin. Feel free to check 'em out at [www.filth2go.com](http://www.filth2go.com).

Since Raoul is not completely nude, we'll throw in a new photo of **Bruce Willis**' penis — just 'cause we can.

Speaking of hot guys (obviously I'm referring to Raoul and not Bruce), one of my dearest friends asked me to find some information about the chef in the Barilla commercial. So if ya have any info, lemme know.

Does anyone out there know the identity of the queen who kept asking **Barbra** questions about "Yentl" on "Oprah After The Show?" Handsome face, dripping with moisturizer, dark haired (with some obvious highlights), wearing a navy blazer, and looking a bit like **James** from "Boy Meets Boy." I'm sure that my Chicago fans can ID him.

Last week, I attended the Spirit of Hope Awards given out by Being Alive — an LA

outreach organization for people with HIV. Our own **Jim J. Bullock** hosted the event with uproarious panache (after slamming Cosmos with Bullock prior to the show, I would have laughed at anything). Special performers included the always-amazing — and currently lactating — **Niki Haris** (who not only sings back-up for **Madonna** but is accomplished as a solo artist) and an exceptionally talented local vocalist, **Rick Delia**. Although this was a very good event for a very good cause, I was concerned when **Rain Pryor** called it the most amazing evening she'd ever been a part of. Nothing against Being Alive, but Rain's gotta get out more.

In a bonus story that we got just under the wire, our sources tell us that there will be a follow-up to the film "Sixteen Candles." The sequel, "32 Candles," will take place on the eve of **Molly Ringwald**'s character's 32nd birthday and is being developed as a made-for-TV flick for the USA Network. Members of the original cast have been approached, which is certainly good news for **Anthony Michael Hall**, who not only starred in the original but is currently on USA's "The Dead Zone." Of far greater interest to Filth2Go Fans is the possibility that **Michael Schoeffling** will appear. You'll recall that Michael was the object of Molly's affection — and made many gay boys' hearts flutter. Michael hasn't done any acting since 1991 and now resides with his wife and two kids in Pennsylvania, where he builds furniture. But who knows — a comeback may be in the offing.

Could it be that **Nick Scotti** is FINALLY ready to publicly embrace his feminine side? I wouldn't go that far, but the hunky actor just landed a gig on the Style network where he will share "lifestyle tips" from Queens. And Nick is one of the Queens — as in the borough of Queens, silly. The series will also include segments by Nick's sister Viv and Aunt Irene. Catch the pilot — I have a hunch the show may not last long.

Could it be that people behind the scenes at that new sitcom are a bit concerned about their leading man? So say my amphibian friends, who were hoping that ninth time would be a charm for the hunky hubby. They're not nearly as concerned about the quality of his performance as they are about his looks. You see, when they landed him, they were sure they'd won the lottery. All was well when the pilot was shot, but after that, the former pitcher (who's more of a catcher, by the way) started bulking up just a tad too fast, his face began to morph, and his skin took on an unnatural hue — to say nothing of his hair. Rumor has it that the insurance company has requested that some random "testing" be implemented, but the show may be demolished long before it gets to that point.

When Nick Scotti is an expert on...anything, then it's definitely time to end yet another column. On the bright side, at least Nick's working. Meanwhile, poor Nikki McKibbin is probably hosting karaoke somewhere in Texas. It's a world gone mad. I tell you. Do you realize we've just completed our eighth year of Filth? Eight years ago, I never dreamed I'd write more than a couple of columns, and yet here we are — still dishing the dirty. And still answering your questions. So if you've got something on your mind, or a question that only Billy can answer, just send an e-mail to me at [Billy@filth2go.com](mailto:Billy@filth2go.com) and I promise to get back to you before Rain gets invited anywhere good (just kidding, Rain — you know I love you). So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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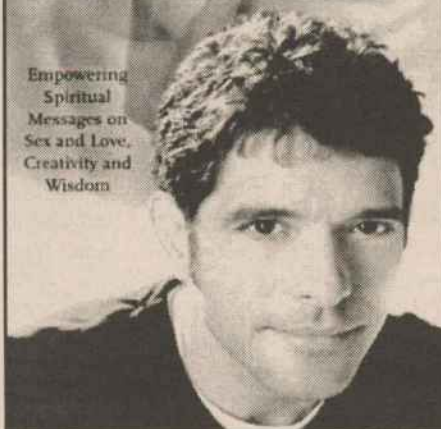
By Jim Drake

The author of *Finding the Boyfriend Within* has now written another self-help book about the qualities of the Greek gods. The temptation is to reach for this book hoping that one will be able to date god-like men. Sorry, guys. This book is about "empowering spiritual messages on sex and love, creativity and wisdom."

Gooch selects six of the gods and attributes to them qualities of wisdom, sensuality, communication, creativity, love

and power. The last chapter concerns the Oracle Within. He writes a brief modernized background for each god and then discusses that god's particular quality and suggests relevant applications to one's life. Each chapter has one or two exercises in which to practice this quality.

For instance, the god Dionysius is portrayed as a kind of bad boy who inspires us to change our appearances to discover something new about ourselves. In one exercise Gooch suggests to dress, behave or think in a way that runs counter to what one would normally do. The suggestion is not to do dangerous things, but to find something that may have some relevance

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author of *Finding the Boyfriend Within*  
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ing questions. Through dialogue the oracle within each person becomes revealed. This can work for oneself; it can also work with a group of people. Imagine a Socratic Party. One could invite people to talk about anything they wanted to. Each person could offer comments without raining on anyone's parade. Maybe out of that mess an oracle could be speaking. Well, it might be fun anyway.

As in his previous book, Gooch's style is simple, but what he writes contains thought-provoking exercises, on-target insights and a modern way of appreciating the ancient gods. It may seem a reach to base one's spirituality on the mythologies of the ancient gods. What Gooch achieves is a contemporary version of these stories that is well within the ethics and personal morality of today's mainline religions. His take is just more fun.

in one's life. Gooch suggests that sometimes changes in behavior open up new experiences and thought processes that may affect positive change.

Gooch's take on the Oracle Within concerns an inner voice that represents a truth each of us experiences. He portrays the Socratic method of finding answers by ask-

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## DEAR RUTHIE

It's time for another installment of yours truly. Hopefully this Halloween issue of "IN Step" finds you

well. I can't complain myself, particularly after hosting a fun night at 219 for the American Drag Queen Idol contest. What a hoot! Thanks to everyone who showed up, especially our two winners: Maraschino Cherrie and Wilma Fingerdoo. Check out the remaining installments of the contest on Oct. 25 at La Cage and Nov. 1 at Woody's.

Well, Halloween is here, and as usual I'm sure that few trailer park residents will remember to buy candy for Trick-or-Treaters. The little bastards usually end up with bags of damp kitchen sponges, half-used bottles of nail polish and old "TV Guides."

I'm just as guilty. Once a year, the doorbell rings and I'm greeted by a goblin, looking for a handout. After I make sure there's no relative trying to pawn his kid off on me, I give the little one a garden hose or a handful of rubber bands. Then I'm left to scavenge the trailer for goodies for the rest of the afternoon's "visitors."

I do pretty well, too. For example, kids with great costumes are likely to get beanbag ashtrays, pairs of mismatched earrings and slices of leftover pizza.

Some of the better costumes I've seen include a Wal-Mart Greeter, a food stamp and a 3 year-old dressed as an employee of Kathy Lee Gifford's.

Parents get into the act, too. Daddies dressed as soldiers, cowboys or construction workers are sure to get a can of beer and an invitation to come inside and warm up while the little ones finish trick-or-treating. What can I say? The holidays bring out the spirit of giving in me. Now, let's get to a letter.

Dear Ruthie,

My neighbors decorate their front yard to the hilt at

Christmas, and I say nothing. Nada. I keep quiet because they only lug out the illuminated figures, blinking lights, tree hangings, plastic nativity and other whatnots once a year. Until now.

As I type this, I'm looking out the window into their front yard. It is covered with orange blinking lights, dancing witches (motion detectors, I presume), a huge inflatable illuminated pumpkin, life-size monsters (with spotlights on them), tombstones, and tree-hanging ghosts (again, more spotlights).

It's tacky and everyone on this quiet block hates it. Should I say something to them? I fear that if I don't, I'll be faced with Christmas and Easter scenes of epic proportions. I own my home. Don't I have a right to enjoy the view outside my window?

Nosey Rosie

Dear Rosie,

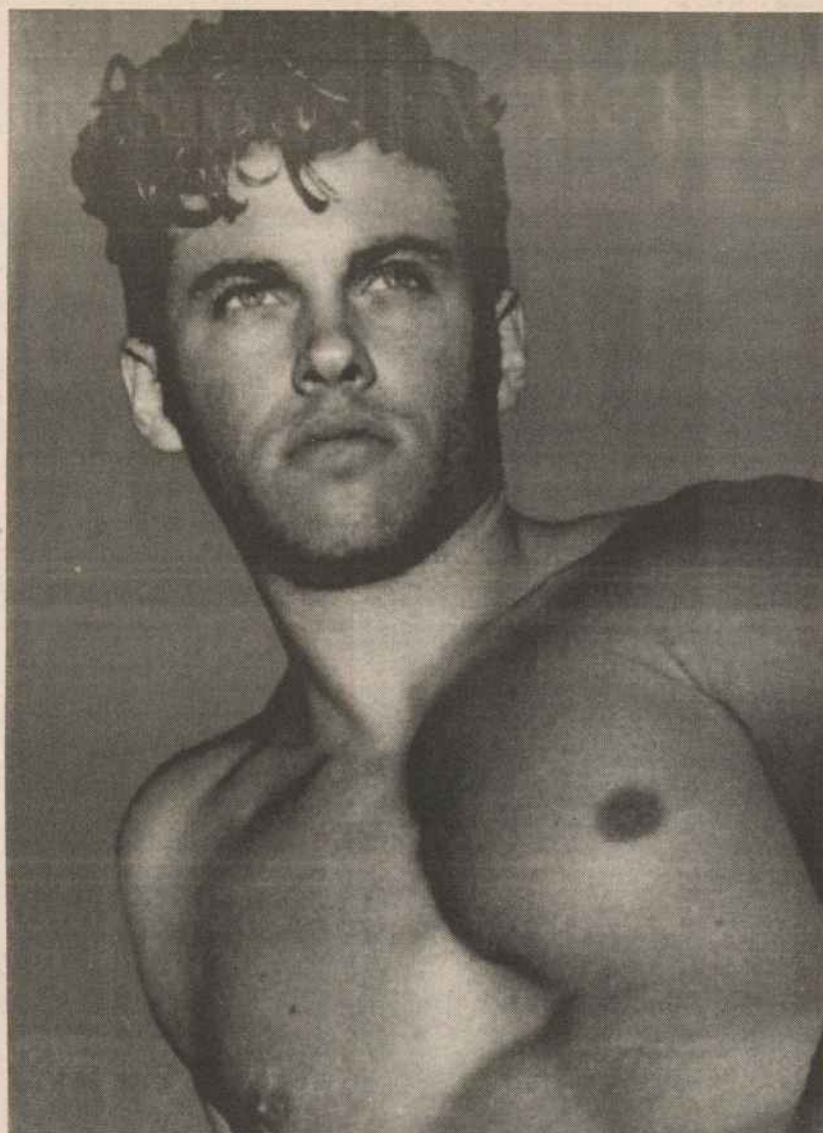
When I'm not molding cakes out of liver sausage for my cat, you'll find me making Christmas wreaths from crunched-up, worn out pantyhose. My neighbors don't complain about my door hangings, and I don't say anything when their kids leave Big Wheels in front of my trailer.

Unless your neighbor's decorations are on your property or their lights are shining into your windows, or the dancing figures keep you awake at night, I'd leave things alone.

You don't mention any other issues you have with these people, so I'm guessing they're good neighbors. Why hurt their feelings or start a conflict over your differences in taste?

If they ever ask how you like their yard, you can simply say that it's little busy for your taste and leave it at that - but I wouldn't instigate the conversation. A good neighbor is a great comfort. Don't say something you'll later regret.

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- Action Wisconsin: Congress for Human Rights, Inc.  
1202 Williamson St., Madison 53703 (608) 441-0143  
E-mail: [info@actionwisconsin.org](mailto:info@actionwisconsin.org)  
Website: [www.actionwisconsin.org](http://www.actionwisconsin.org)
- AIDS Action Wisconsin  
820 Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee 53202 (800) 359-9272
- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin ([www.arcw.org](http://www.arcw.org))  
820 Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee 53202 (414) 273-1991  
(800) 359-9272
- BiNet USA (National bisexual political organization)  
(<http://norm.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](http://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](http://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/](http://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  
[arclib@execpc.com](mailto:arclib@execpc.com) (800) 359-9272
- Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymous) (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](http://www.arcw.org)
- Gay, Lesbian, Other, Whatever (GLOW)  
Lawrence University, 207 South Meade,  
Appleton (832) 7051  
Web: [www.lawrence.edu/sorg/glow](http://www.lawrence.edu/sorg/glow)
- GSA at UW-Fox Valley  
1478 Midway Road, Menasha (832) 2671  
[jkuemper@uwfc.edu](mailto: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](http://www.lavendersalon.org)
- The Network (LGBT Awareness)  
Ripon College, 300 Seward Street PO Box 248  
Ripon 54971-0248 (745) 7455  
[HoelL@ripon.edu](mailto:HoelL@ripon.edu)
- PFLAG Fox Cities

- Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 (749) 1629  
Web: [www.pflagfoxcities.org](http://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](http://www.uwosh.edu/organizations/hope)
- Rainbow Over Wisconsin  
703 E. Wisconsin Ave., 54911-4830  
Web: [www.rainbowoverwisconsin.org](http://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@foccol.org](mailto:vuuf@foccol.org) Web: [www.foccol.org/fvuuf](http://www.foccol.org/fvuuf)
- Prarie Lakes UU Society (745) 2446  
P.O. Box 574 Ripon, WI 54971-0574  
Meeting address: 315 Eureka St., Ripon

## Green Bay/NE

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Chanticleer Guest House  
4072 Cherry Rd Sturgeon Bay, 54234 (746) 0334
- 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](http://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)  
(437) 7400 X. 103  
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](http://www.positivevoice.org) or [PVnew4glbt@aol.com](mailto:PVnew4glbt@aol.com)
- Rainbow Alliance (St. Norbert College)  
100 Grant Street DePere 54115-2099  
[www.snc.edu/rainbow/index.htm](http://www.snc.edu/rainbow/index.htm) or [rainbow@snc.edu](mailto:rainbow@snc.edu)
- Straight & Gay Alliance (SAGA)  
UW-GB(Brian) (465) 2343  
Web: [www.uwgb.edu/tenpcnt](http://www.uwgb.edu/tenpcnt)

### 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](http://www.greenbayuu.org)
- Union Congregational Church-UCC  
716 S. Madison St, Green Bay 54301 (437) 9266
- 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](http://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

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2415 Winnebago St., 53704 (241) 5042
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Includes: The Barracks (Mw, L/L), The Foxhole(W),  
(Planet Q (MW),  
5 Applegate Court, 53713 (277) 9700  
Web: [www.club-5.com](http://www.club-5.com)
- Club Majestic (MW, G/S, DJ, V)  
115 King St. 53701 (251) 2582  
Web: [www.clubmajestic.net](http://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](http://www.brpatch.org)
- Brew City Bears  
P.O. Box 8815, 53708-8815, Milw. (299) 0401  
E-mail: [bcbears@aol.com](mailto:bcbears@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](mailto: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](mailto:catherine-odette@juno.com)
- Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Events) 266-9997  
E-Mail: [kgpgirlz@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sievert@co.dane.wi.us)
- Lizzards (Lesbians 30 and over) (586) 4499  
E-mail: [cannon@magis.net](mailto:cannon@magis.net)
- Madison Area Gay/Lesbian History Society 839-4060  
E-mail: [dbergren@facstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:dbergren@facstaff.wisc.edu)
- Mad City Bears (225) 8582  
c/o OutReach, 600 Williamson, Madison 53706
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P.O. Box 8234, 53708 (244) 8675
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- Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians  
P.O. Box 1722, 53701
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P.O. Box 14706, 53714-4706
- Rainbow Community Collective (L/G/B/T Social Org)  
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Ctr. 2nd & 4th Thursdays  
953 Jennifer Street (Lira) (608) 238-9150
- Rural Dykes Association (social) (767) 3150
- SAGE/Madison-Dane (255) 8582
- Scrawl (Women's Open Mic, Music) (245) 9681

- <http://www.checkpages.com/brainiacs/allgirlscrawl>  
Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org) (240) 0504  
<http://www.aplaceforus.org/shakeitup.htm>
- Stage Q (Theater Group) (663) 6463  
<http://www.stageq.com>
- 100% 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 (Womon'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
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(249) 1537  
E-mail: [cwolfe@mailbag.com](mailto:cwolfe@mailbag.com)
- First Congregational UCC Church (233) 9751  
1609 University Ave., 53705  
Web: [www.firstcongmadison.org](http://www.firstcongmadison.org)
- Integrity/Dignity  
P.O. Box 730, 53701 (836) 8886
- James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church  
2146 E. Johnson, 53704 (242) 8887

### Services

- Victoria Hewelt Cazel (Attorney)  
6701 Seybold Rd., Suite 103 (270) 1709
- KMA Systems of Madison (Computer Consultants)  
4702 Dutch Mill Road #14 (222) 9128

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317 E. Wilson St. 53704 (255) 8998

## Milwaukee (414)

### Organizations

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P.O. Box 93953, 53203-0953 (291) 0530
- Alcoholics Anonymous  
(Request gay meetings) (771) 9119
- Bi Definition (Bisexual community events)  
315 W. Court St., Suite 101 (299) 9612  
E-mail: [bidef@hotmail.com](mailto:bidef@hotmail.com)
- Brew City Bears (299) 0401  
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- BWMT-Milwaukee (414) 540-9437, ext 3  
P.O. Box 091475, Milwaukee, 53209  
[bwmtilwaukee@aol.com](mailto:bwmtilwaukee@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
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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
- Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)  
P.O. Box 899, 53201



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Symphony Chorus  
Auditions/Info .....414-559-9330  
www.milwaueesymphony.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 Methodist Church  
639 N. 25th St., 53233

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church  
(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

Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)  
2717 E. Hampshire St., 53211 .....964-1513

The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)  
1636 W. National Ave., 53204 .....672-4434

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

St. James Episcopal Church  
833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233 .....271-1340

Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)  
130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 .....273-7617

**Medical**

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)  
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203 .....273-1991  
(800) 359-9272

Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)  
Family Care Center, 1834 W. WI, 53233 .....933-3600

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

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

Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)  
4311 W. Villet, 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

Pulse (Mw, D, F) .....www.pulsemilwaukee.com  
200 E. Washington St., 53204 .....649-9547  
Bar Map: #11

Switch (Mw) .....www.switch.gaymke.com  
124 W. National Ave., 53204 .....220-4340  
Bar Map: #12

This Is It (M)  
418 E. Wells 53202 .....278-9192  
Bar Map: #13

Triangle (M, V)  
135 E. National 53204 .....383-9412  
Bar Map: #14

Woody's (Mw, D) .....www.daveant.com/woody's  
1579 S. 2nd St., 53204 .....672-0806  
Bar Map: #15

Walker's Pint (Wm)  
818 S. 2nd St., 53204 .....643-7468  
Bar Map: #16

**Restaurants**

Azteca  
816 South 5th St., 53202 .....383-8816

Bella's Caffé (Coffee House)  
189 N. Milwaukee St., 53204 .....273-5620

Cafe Knickerbocker  
1030 East Juneau, 53202 .....272-0011

Cempazuchi  
1205 E. Brady St., 53202 .....291-5233

Chip and Pys  
1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon, .....241-9589

Cielito Lindo  
733 South 2nd St., 53204 .....649-0401

Harry's Bar and Grill  
3539 N. Oakland Ave., 53211 .....694-6800

10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)  
124 N. Water 53202 .....347-1962

North Shore Bistro  
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer .....351-6100

Out 'N About (lunch, dinner, Sat. & Sun. brunch)  
.....www.milwaukee-out-n-about.com  
1407 S. Water St., 53204 .....643-0377

Silver Dollar Cafe  
831 South 16th Street, 53204 .....645-8860

**Help Lines**  
Gay People's Union .....645-0585  
Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline (Fri/Sat Eves 7pm-11pm) .....(866) GAY-YOUTH  
Milwaukee Metro .....(414) 272-TEEN

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center  
Information and referral .....271-2656  
Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling) .....271-1560  
Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymously) .....(414) 273-AIDS  
.....(800) 334-AIDS

**Services**

Affiliated Mortgage .....453-6700  
1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218

A&J Promotions (Promotional Products)  
aandjpromotions@aol.com .....332-9584

Bay Tax Service, Paul Rathjen .....(414) 213-5842

Frank J. Berger, (Real Estate) .....405-7843

B&G Construction .....562-2403

Sean Buckley (Individual Psychotherapy) .....529-0500

Bill Buresh (Real Estate) .....276-4664

Calyx Counseling Center (Kate Weishaar, Ph.D.)  
1840 N. Farwell Ave. Ave. .....276-3388

Carnival Travel, 611 E. Wells St. ....276-6935

Clarity (Writing and Research) .....766-1066

Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel) .....964-7170

Downtown Autobody (Car Repair)  
3425 N. Holton Ave. ....962-1400

Roland E. Daneau, CPA (Accountant) .....282-6160

Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling)  
6510 W. Layton Ave, 53215 .....324-6698

Diva Plumbing Co.  
Residential & Commercial, divaplumbers@aol.com

Dykeman Family Heating (heating/cooling)  
1023 E. Brady St., 53202 .....273-7500

Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)  
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 .....272-2427

Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters)  
N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010 .....963-1657

The Garden Room (Garden Design) .....486-9299

Hairys Hair Bar  
2385 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. ....255-0704

Horizon Travel (Member IGTA)  
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051 .....529-2129

Hume, Attorney Kathleen  
5665 S 108th, Hales Corners, 53130 .....276-8669

Denis Jackson, PhD. (Relational training,  
hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling) .....607-1180

Warren Klaus (attorneys)  
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners 53130 .....384-1640

C.A. Klein (Accounting Services) .....276-8676

Linda Jo Martin (Psychotherapist) .....800-648-6789

Randy Mickelson, (Ernie Von Schledorn, auto sales)  
Saukville/Port Washington .....476-9070, ext. 461

Scott Perkins (Realtor) .....cell: 801-1356

Red Tail Painting & Restoration  
e-mail: redtail@execpc.com

Reiki Master/Wm Jacobs  
(energy balancing) .....668-8860

Side by Side (performers) .....961-2135

Diane Bloom/Sandy Lewis

Jeanie Simpkins, (MS), (counseling) .....282-6160

Jack Smith (Realtor) .....962-4413

home/voice mail .....224-1452

Special Touch Massage .....536-8232

Streff Advertising/Sandy Lewis .....771-8300

7600 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213

The Right Angle (carpentry) .....390-0909

Tech Support (computer technical support) .....698-9493

Third Coast Courier (delivery) .....562-0935

Travel Directions (Travel Agency)  
515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213 .....774-2174

Travel Experience (Travel Agency) .....744-6020

Wauker Photography (Portraits, Commitments)  
by appointment only .....383-0740

Wells Ink, Advertising & Design (Advertising, PR)  
1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, 53202 .....272-2116

**Retail**

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

Absolute Furniture  
5520 W. North Ave .....875-8326

Body Ritual (Body Piercing, Jewelry, Gifts)  
2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202 .....273-3777

Avante Garde (Body Piercing)  
7219 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, 53214 .....607-4068

Clinton Street Antiques  
1110 South First Street .....647-1773

Constant Reader Bookshop  
1627 E. Irving Pl., 53202 .....291-0452

Eyez Unique (optical)  
2238 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. ....481-0868

Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)  
2201 E. Capitol Dr., 53211 .....963-1006

Genesis (custom jeweler, goldsmith)  
6011 W. Layton Ave. ....281-1022

Great Frame Up  
507 E. Silver Spring Dr. ....962-4889

Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)  
Hwy 20, Racine .....886-5111

Grava Gallery (framing)  
1209 E. Brady St., 53202 .....277-8228

Mega Discount Nursery  
1901 E. Rowson Ave., Oak Creek 53154 .....571-6565

Miss Groove (gifts)  
1225 E. Brady St., 53202 .....298-9185

Out of Solitude Jewelry  
918 E. Brady St., 53202 .....223-3101

Outpost Natural Foods  
100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212 .....964-7789  
exchange@execpc.com

Outwards (LGBT Books and espresso bar)  
2710 N. Murray Ave., 53211 .....963-9089  
exchange@execpc.com

Popular News (adult books, videos)  
225 N. Water St., 53202 .....278-0636

Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse  
6833 W. North Ave. ....607-9672

Rubin's  
224 E. Chicago St. 53202 .....278-8100

Sportland 2 (motorcycles)  
7221 S. 13th St. ....764-2800

Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)  
1418 E. Brady St., 53202 .....272-6768

Wishful Things (Antiques)  
207 E. Buffalo, 53202 .....964-9799

**Health Clubs**

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

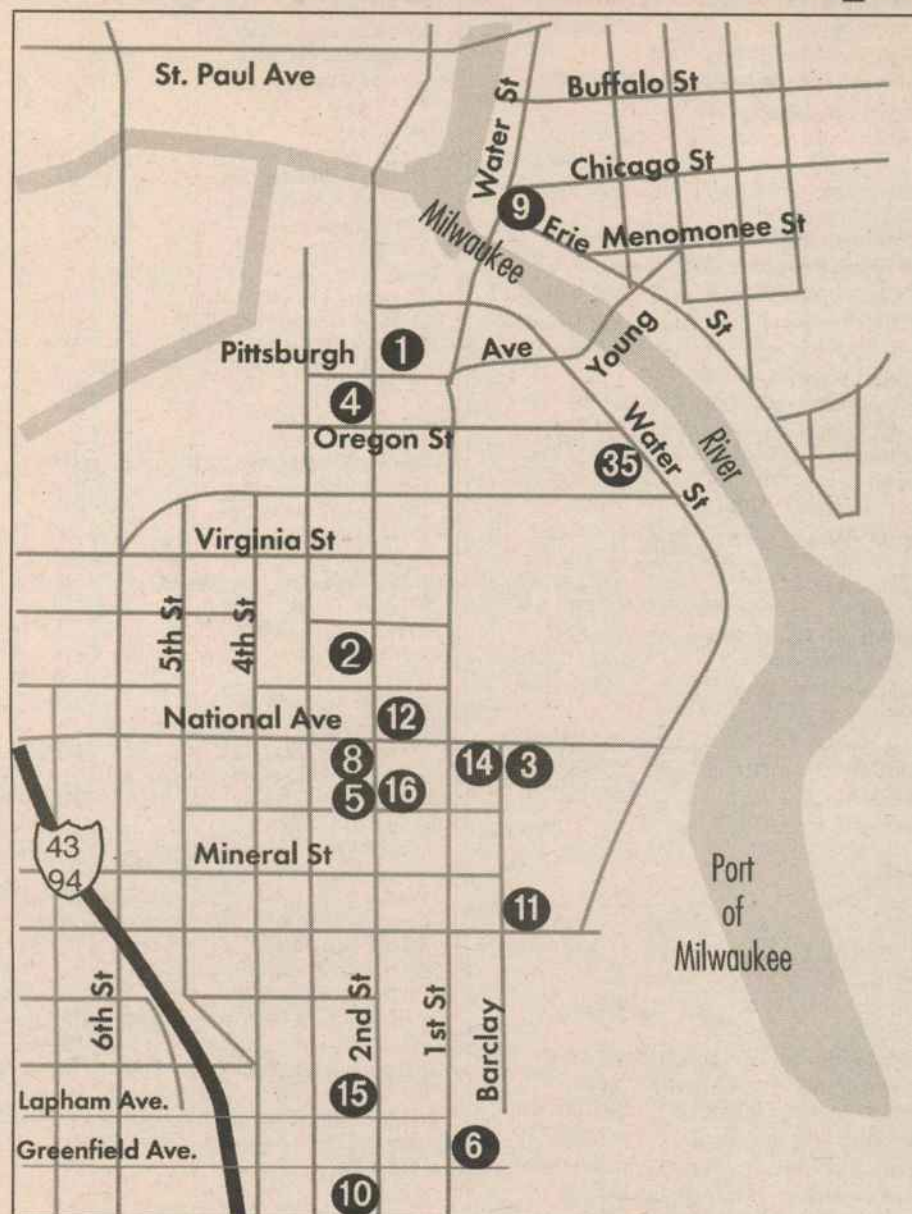
**Central (715)**  
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin  
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Schofield, 54476 .....(800) 551-3311

Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance  
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481 .....(715) 592-6245,  
ext. 5920200

Joseph T. Chojnacki, Ph.D. (Psychologist)  
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449 .....387-5442

The Edgewater - Inn & Resort  
Eagle River, 54521 .....1-888-334-3987  
http://www.edgeinn.com

# Milwaukee Bar Map





GEL Society/Wausau .....848-0608  
 UWSP 10% Society  
 Campus Activities Complex, Box 68  
 UWSP, Stevens Point, 54481 .....346-4366  
 LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)  
 P.O. Box 152, Wausau, 54402 .....848-0343  
 Oz (MW, DJ, V)  
 320 Washington, Wausau 54401 .....842-3225  
 HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education  
 2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481 .....345-6500  
 Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLG)  
 c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449  
 Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim: .....(715) 384-6731  
 Prince Edward B&B  
 203 W 5th, Shawano 54166 .....526-2805  
 Wausau Narcotics Anonymous  
 (ask for Gay meetings) .....536-LIFE  
 Women's Resource Center UWSP  
 336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 .....346-4851

### North Cent. (715)

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

### Sheboygan (920)

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

### Racine/Kenosha

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin  
 1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140 .....657-6644  
 .....(800) 924-6601  
 Club 94 (MW, DJ) .....857-9958  
 9001 120th Ave (Hwy C&I-94) Kenosha 53140  
 Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)  
 Hwy 20 Racine 53403 .....886-5111  
 JoDee's (MW, DJ) .....634-9804  
 2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403  
 What About Me? (WM)  
 600 6th St. Racine 53403 .....632-0171  
 Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting) .....554-6611  
 Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine  
 625 College, Racine 53403 .....634-0659  
 UW-Parkside G/L Organization .....595-2244  
 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141  
 PFLAG Kenosha/Racine .....(262) 649-2729  
 P.O. Box 580058, Pleasant Prairie, 53158  
 e-mail: pflagkenosha@aol.com  
 UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union .....472-5738  
 309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190  
 Wychowolde (Jewelry & Gifts) .....843-4209  
 8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168

### South Cent. (715)

AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)  
 P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545 .....756-2550

### Northwest (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin .....836-7710  
 505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701  
 .....(800) 750-2437  
 AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin .....394-4009  
 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880  
 .....(877) 242-0282  
 Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)  
 PO Box 264, Superior 54880  
 Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast)  
 33 E. Spruce St, Chippewa Falls .....723-0943  
 Eagle Cove B&B (eglcove@cannon.net) .....448-4302  
 W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750  
 GLOBE (Campus Lesb/Gay group)  
 105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701  
 LGBT Community Center of Chippewa Valley  
 (gaycenter@hotmail.com)  
 www.geocities.com/globtcommunitycenter/  
 P.O. Box 383, Eau Claire, 54702 .....(715) 559-5751  
 The Trading Company (MW, DJ) .....838-9494  
 304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701  
 The Main Club (MW, DJ)  
 1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880 .....392-1756  
 Northland Gay Men's Center .....(218) 722-8585  
 8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802  
 Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)  
 Greater Chippewa Valley  
 P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011  
 Q2 (social/support for LGBT youth)  
 P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702 .....836-7710  
 Scooter's (MW)  
 411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703 .....835-9959  
 Trio (Wm)



By Michael Johnston

It's that time of the month — actually it happens twice a month for me — my time for you! I'll stop packing for my Fall getaway to "FantasyFest 25" in Key West to update you. After this column I'm off to The **M&M Club** to celebrate 27 years of magic and memories! Can you believe it?

While thinking of the M's, I know I went on last time about **Rita's** Forty-ish-ish B-Day Show. Since then, I was invited to see the video. Scarier than anything on MTV, I guarantee! The Video Party was fun! Thanks for including me! **Rona** and **Peter**, aka **Margo LaCourt**, had the honor of bartending. **Lee Trudell** masterfully taped us. **Rita** and her Star-lettes were on hand to relive the festivities. **Wilma Finger-Do** of **Fluid** fame with homemade apple butter, **David Howser**, **Ginger**, **Princess Debbie**, **Michael Jonas** alias **Jennifer Jonas**, and **Max**, **Tod** — **Miss Cheri** herself, **Candy Stick**, **Slosha**, **Michael & C.C.**, **Ray Schafer & Kevin Lynch**, **Chad**, The M's very own **DeDe**, **Tony** and **Tony** — the toast of the Glass Menagerie. Again my undying gratitude to: **Goldie Adams** — you give good face, **Christopher** and **Trixie** — better than **Elizabeth Arden**! "Hey There" thanks, **Tony Torti** for giving me a song, and a dashing **DeLago** original fashion!

From one fantasy to another... I had the thrill of a visit to **Ten Chimneys**. The only thing that could make this pilgrimage any more monumental is if the Lord and Lady of the Manor would have been receiving. I can't possibly endorse a trek there more strongly! Talk about REAL stars — **Helen Hayes**, **Laurence Olivier**, **Noel Coward**, **Katherine Hepburn**, **Carol Channing**... If you have any interest whatsoever in Wisconsin folklore, architecture, fine art, gracious living, design, antiques, American Theatre, history ... it is there under those fabled ten chimneys. Thank you **Richard** — a perfect host! If you want your own opportunity to visit Never-Never Land Wisconsin-style, make reservations very soon. The elegant estate closes for the season in November, to reopen in March. I'm already planning a Spring sojourn. To think there was a time people decorated for "a look," not comfort!

I was fortunate enough to take in not one, but two marvelous theater experiences. **The Skylight's** "Little Shop Of Horrors" — what a fun way to usher in a new season! Audrey II was certainly something! I loved the female trio of **Dawn Lyn Miller** (Crystal), **Malkia Stampley** (Ronette) and **Arsene Delay** (Chiffon). Their collective voices created the much needed harmony of survival. **Bill Jackson** added some great moments, too! The opening scene "Skid Row" put me back to the Historic Third Ward circa the late '70s. My, have we grown...

Broadway in Brewtown, even though it wasn't Spring time, with "The Producers" brought much glamour and glitter and welcome entertainment! The sets, costumes, talent of the good old fashioned Vaudeville variety. Just what this troubled world is seeking. No wonder it won all those Tonys! **Brad Oscar** and **Andy Taylor** were quite likable and affable in the roles **Zero Mostel** and **Gene Wilder** immortalized on the silver screen. Of course, this generation knows these characters brought to life by two men named **Lane** and **Broderick**. I had a ball with my Theater partners: **Princess(es) Debbie**, **Charlotte Lorraine**, making this outing even extra special was **DeDe** joining us. The table was rounded out with **Rona**, **Ken** and **Ken** of

### Men's Voices Milwaukee, Baby Jane Hudson and Andy Cicero.

As always, the post-celebration was worth attending back at The M's. Imagine my surprise when I got to meet **Rich Affannato** (Carmen Ghia). Though his stage time is limited his talent isn't, and he certainly knows how to play the "big room!" Who could forget those pants? Hot, hot, hot — woof! Chicago is the next stop where Rich and company will be Producing or re-Producing the continuous laughter at **The Oriental Theater**. That native New Yorker is certainly enjoying his Midwest tour!

I'm looking soooooo forward to catching **Sondheim's** "Saturday Night." The **Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre** is running their take on this rarely if ever done piece three weeks only, Oct. 23 - Nov. 9. It's a Milwaukee premiere! **ARCW's** head Bag Boy **Daniel Klingler** is featured!

Continuing on this spiritual plane, "Jesus Christ Superstar," the Webber/Rice mega-hit, is returning to the boards. The **Lake Country Players** will be doing this all-time family fave Nov. 7-8 and 14-15 at 8 p.m. with a matinee on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. It will be staged at the Arrowhead High School North Theater in Hartland and is \$13 in advance, \$15 at door. For tickets and more info, call (262) 36-SHOWS.

Proving once again my life is one big trivial pursuit, I had a "winning" time of it at **HIT's** Annual Trivia Contest. I'm indebted to **Tony Torti**, **Judy**, **Karen**, **Jeff L.** and **Jerry Skals** — my intellectual teammates. Again, you guys made me look real good! The taste of victory is so sweet! Who knew **Meg Ryan's** real name?

A special "Thank You" for the palate-pleasing prescription provided by **Bill Wardlow** at **Fluid**. You surely know what the "Doctor McGillicuddy" orders!

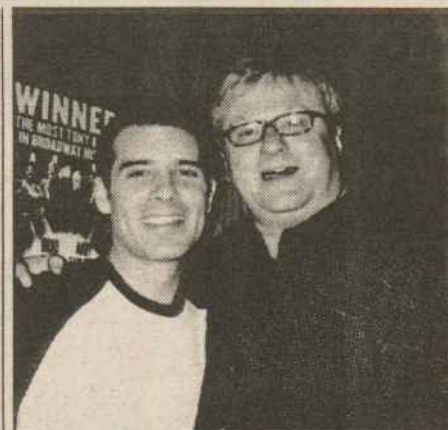
The **Feingold Fundraiser**, you read about in C.O. — was quite the fantastic fete! No one knows how to host a soiree of serious note like **Dr. Robert Starshak & Ross Draegert**. It was at their beloved Birch Lodge I met **Howard Dean** (you never know where his address will be in the not so distant future...). But back to the present — their Oct. 10 event was the place to be! Helping to make the difference were: **Dick Myers & Steve Brondino**, **John Griffith**, **Terri Gabriel & Brenda** "The Mad Hatter" **Lewison**, **Ruth Irvings & Amy Shapiro**, **Leonard Sobczak**, **Carlton Stansbury**, Esq. & **George Marek** all enjoying **Dennis Buettner's** Roof Top Garden. The **ARCW** contingent of **Doug Nelson**, **Paul Milakovich & Todd**, **Molly Herrington** and **Daniel Klingler**. **Tony Rhodes**, **Scott Munoz**, **Jack Cramer & Scott Gunkel** all mingling with mayoral candidate **Tom Barrett**. Rounding out the room were **Marquette's** Gay/Straight Alliance and several be-dazzling **Bag Boyz** from UWM.

Congrats goes out to **Carl Bogner** for yet another highly successful **2003 LGBT Film & Video Festival**. What a glittering premiere at The Oriental!

Saturday, Oct. 25, **The Harbor Room** will host a "Pump-Kin Carving Contest." **Gregg** was kind enough to ask me to judge — look out Judy! I have a robe... and you should see my gavel! Alas, FantasyFest 25 prevents me from attending. But don't let that stop you from impressing Milwaukee with your sculpting skills!

Oct. 28 marks the last Wednesday of the month. At **Boom** that means "Hump Night." This is a special one, **Tim's** New Decade Birthday! As a special bonus there will be a Mystery Guest...

## CORDIALLY YOURS



Rich Affannato from "The Producers" and yours truly.

**Christopher Krimmer**, my Legal Eagle extra ordinaire has stepped down from **ARCW** and heading for our state capitol. Rest assured, partner **Jim Moore** will stay with the **Wisconsin AIDS Fund**. He's just planning an extra long drive in each day.

A Tim-Less **Troy** was spotted out & about — seems #51 is his lucky number...

It's great to see **Botanas**, my pet 5th Street eatery, is expanding as I do. **Crystal** and **Angel** as well as the rest of the staff always make me feel so welcome! Continued success **Jaimie**!

Love was all around at **Taylor's** yearly customer appreciation party. "The Love Party" is always to die for... Dan is the consummate host! It was a joy catching up with **Antonio Riley**, the toast of the **Doyle Cabinet**.

The **Men's Voices Milwaukee** (MVM) will be in concert for the Holidays Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. in "Christmas Is..." at UWM's Helene Zelazo Center, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tix are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Welcome back home town favorite and flawless photographer **Jeff Edwards**! He and his **Jeff K.** have relocated from Kansas City and are currently taking South Milwaukee by storm.

The A. in **Joey A.** stands for available! Get your dance cards out fellas...

**Dan P. & Michael** are making quite the couple, aren't they?

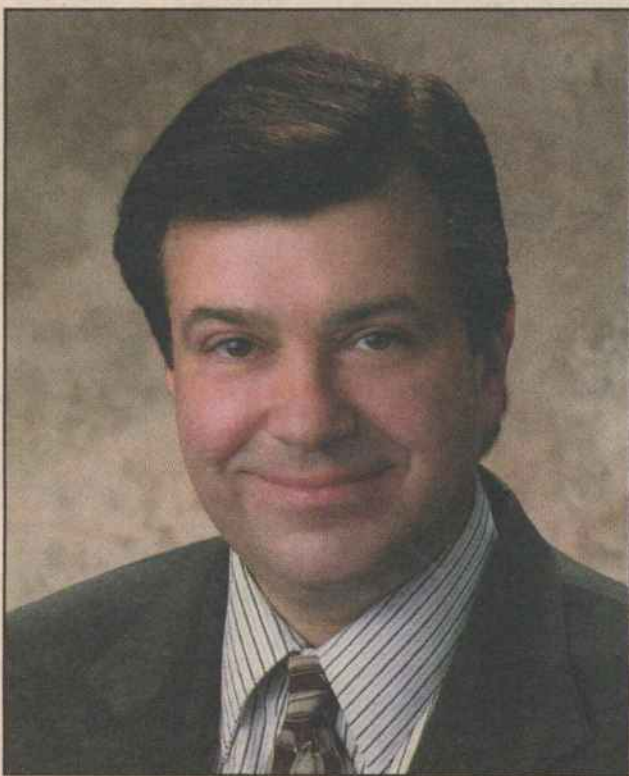
**Michael McKinley's** award-winning decorating talents can now be appreciated at From Afar, 320 E. Clybourn St.

Thank you, **Wisconsin Cream City Chorus** for asking me to host your "Night at The Bistro." **Paula Foley Tillen** certainly knows how to evoke a joyful sound from her devoted Choristers. They'll be going into their 17th year of song this April. CCC's next production will be: Saturday, January 10: "Saturday Night At The Movies" at **Plymouth Church** on Milwaukee's elegant east side.

The same night, **Clay Maverick's** return to **Boom** was much heralded and enjoyed by a SRO crowd. The fun I shared with **Paul Milakovich & Todd**, **Col. Ed.**, **Ryan & Matt** (ress), **Michael Casper**, **Jerry Skals**, **Todd**, **Jeff Gosseck**, **Jeff B.**, **Jeff S.**, **Todd Richards** — everyone was there, including advice goddess "Dear Ruthie"! Ooh, what a night...

Remember, it's the glamour, not the grammar! Gathering stories and photos from Key West, I still remain "Cordially Yours,"





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