

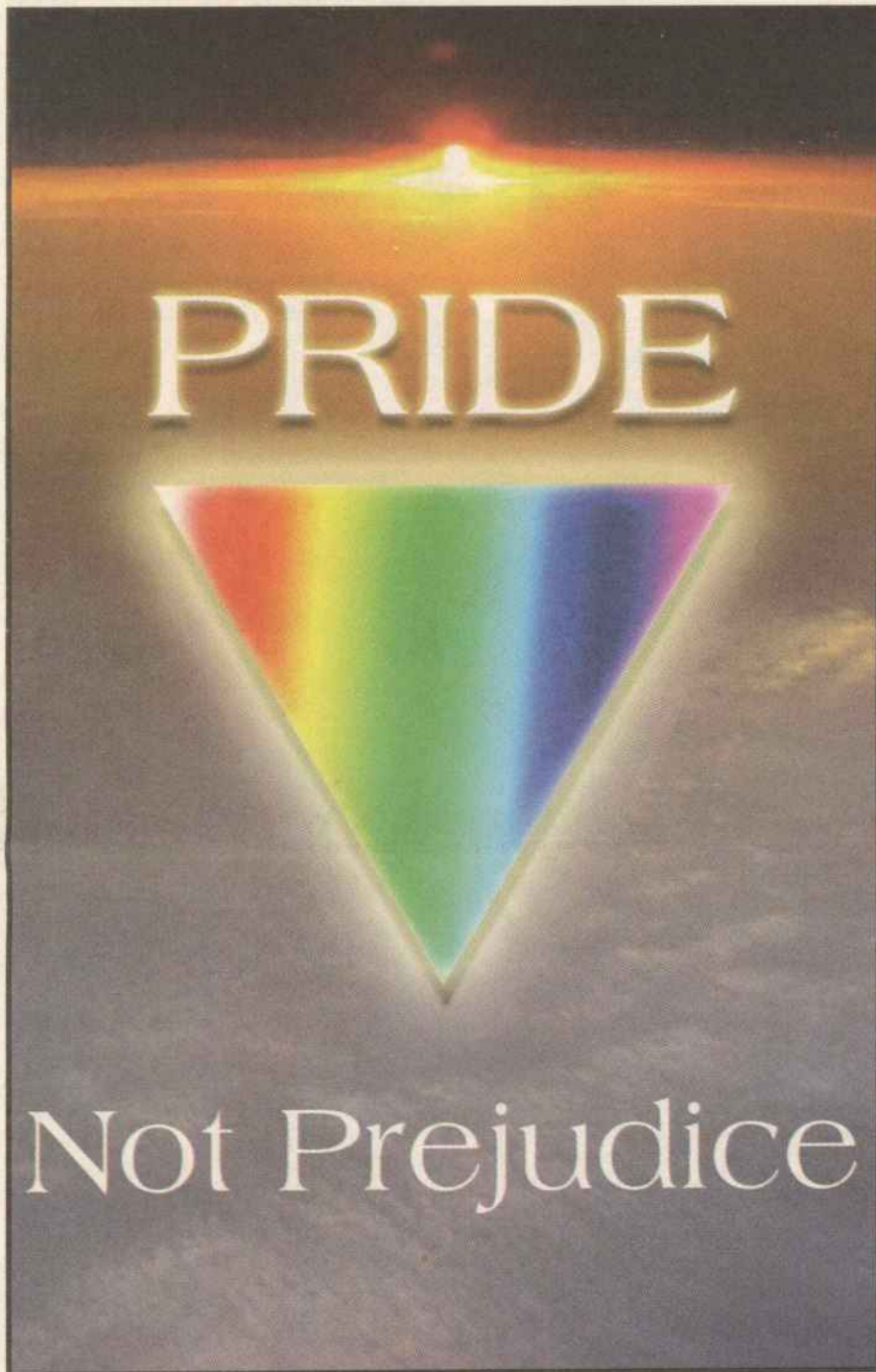
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With the announcement of the national pride theme for 2006 "Pride Not

Prejudice," I started thinking about what it meant. Does it mean that we should show pride in spite of all the

prejudices against us? Or does it mean we should show pride and overcome our prejudices within our own ranks? We like to say that we are the most diverse minority group in America, yet we separate ourselves within our own community in so many ways. So how do we overcome these prejudices in our community?

We can start by changing our attitudes towards each other. For example, a disturbing conversation I had this past spring when I was organizing the Pride Parade. I went up to a person whom I thought of as a friend and asked if he was going to participate in the parade. This person claims to be an avid community activist. He told me that he would not have anything to do with the parade because he was ashamed to be put in a group of people he considered to be "FREAKS." I have to tell you, I was taken back by his comment. I thought, how can he judge anyone as being a FREAK?

Another example is when I was informed by members of PrideFest that there are people in our community who will not support the parade unless the parade route is changed to go to the Pridefest grounds. I understand they have the right to their feelings, I feel it is sad that they feel they have to make a choice between supporting PrideFest or the Parade. Why can't we all support both? Both venues are here for the LGBT community.

I thought we were all in this together! So why are we so separated? I wish I had the answers but I don't.

These attitudes are very common among members of the LGBT Community across the country. Our community has so many different lifestyles and we tend to separate ourselves based on what we like or dislike. I understand that we are all different. I understand that we have different interests and backgrounds. But we have to recognize our differences as a community. We cannot judge each other on those differences or we will surely lose our battle for equality. The LGBT community spans every religion, race, age and social background. More than any other minority group. We need to join together and show the world that we as a community can and will overcome these prejudices. So rather you are black, white, hispanic, male, female, transgender, bisexual, jewish, christian, hindu, muslim, rich, poor, democrat or republican. Rather you are into drag, leather, sports, art or rock and roll. You are a vital part of the LGBT community. You are what makes our community great! So let's all celebrate pride 2006 with our heads held high and our minds open to each others lifestyles. We do not have to like everyone we encounter and we may not agree with each others views. But know that we are a strong 10% of America. We will win equal rights if we stand together as one.

We have seven months before the 2006 Pride celebration. Let's make Pride 2006 the year that we, members of the LGBT community, put aside our differences and truly stand proud of who we are. Let's Show our Pride, not our Prejudices in 2006 and beyond.



PrideFest Retires Debt from 2003

PrideFest held their town hall meeting on October 20th to announce the net income of \$90,000 from the 2005 festival, and the retirement of the debt endured in 2003. About thirty people were in attendance at the meeting. The 2005 town hall meeting was held off until after the audit was completed, but no financial report was made available.

Scott Gunkel, President of PrideFest announced that a new stand-alone Board of Directors of 10 or 12 would be established this year, mostly consisting of

Karen Gotziers, Transition Advisory Development Committee. This was a recommendation that was made in 2003.

In addition it was announced that the Cream City Foundation (C.C.F.) would no longer be acting as fiscal agent for PrideFest now that the debt has been satisfied.

Future plans by the existing PrideFest committee/board is the possibility of merging with the LGBT Community Center to become a 501 C-3 tax-exempt organization.

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PrideFest Retires Debt

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It also discussed the possibility of a charity-giving program from the festival profits. PrideFest is currently a 501 C-4 non-profit organization.

Si Smits, an advocate in the LGBT community, sited that while the festival should share future profits with the community, the Center and its programs, the C.C.F. and PrideFest, who are both housed in the LGBT Community Center would be the only beneficiary of this merger. While they are only a small percentage of Milwaukee's LGBT community, many organizations and groups

would be omitted from receiving benefits of the festival. He suggested that such a giving back program be administered by the PrideFest governing board or independent trustees. He opposed the involvement of the C.C.F. because of their rigid restrictions and guidelines and sited past biased feelings with their structure. Mr. Smits also was skeptical as to the diversity of the new proposed board sitting; that they will probably all be from within the same PrideFest group.

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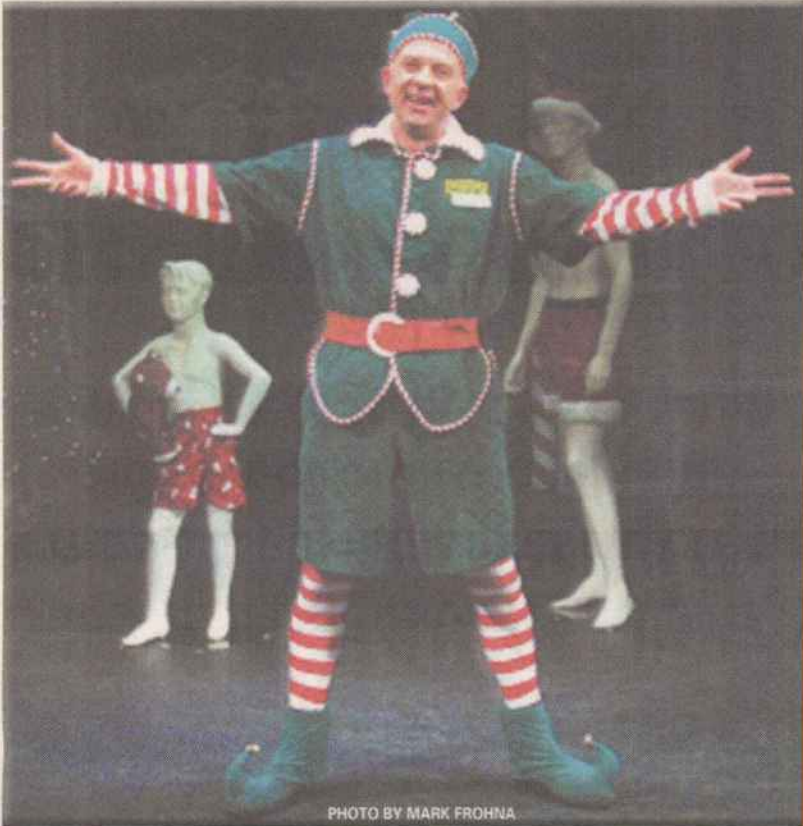


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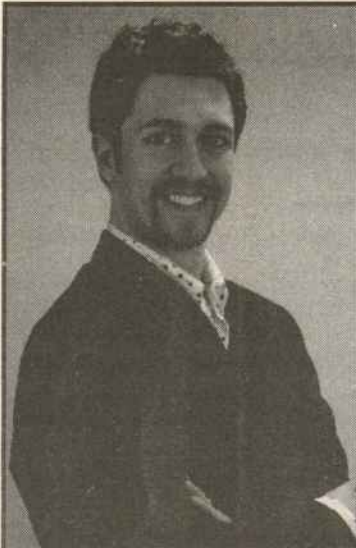
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What Gay Men Don't Know About Lesbians

By L. A. Vess

For some reason, lesbians always find a reason to bring up their ex-girlfriends in conversations. I am no exception - I consider myself a pretty typical gay gal in every way.

A gay boy and I were just chatting recently, and, of course, I brought up the ex. That was not unusual. Eventually, I got to the part where I walked in on her in bed with another woman. Usually I get an 'ah' or an 'oh' or a 'that bitch' out of it. His reaction was, quite interestingly, different. He said, "Women do that, too?"

As the conversation progressed, I realized that gay men (or at least this one) may just have a slightly distorted view of what us lesbians are really like.

Yes, my first ex-girlfriend cheated on me - many, many times. Believe it or not, I didn't even protest at first. (I have engaged in several failed attempts at polyamory.) However, when she ended up bringing a chick home to my bed - that was the last straw. The end was not pretty. In fact, it ended up in a knock-down, drag out fight; including fists and feet. You might say it was a bar brawl, without the bar.

Gay men seem to have this view of lesbians as being sweet, romantic, loyal women who just don't engage in the petty back-stabbing and bed-hopping of our gay brothers. Yeah, right. My friend isn't the first gay guy to not understand how nasty, lewd and sexually inappropriate we can be.

Cruising also came up during this talk. Gay men are 'known' for their bar-hopping and one night stands. Now, this is in many cases a stereotype - but frankly, the gay men I hang out with do seem to engage in more than their fair share of these activities. However, what they

may not know is that we lesbians can be just as bad, if not worse.

I've had my fair share of bar cruising, too. Yes, I've picked up a chick at a bar, made out with her in the car, dumped her at her house and never called. I've also had the same done to me several times. This lesbian has had sex at a truck stop in the back of a 16-wheeler and participated in threesomes, foursomes and public many-somes. (I have calmed down a bit in my older years.)

Women getting smashed on combinations of drinks and illicit substances is also a common site in the lesbian scene. Though we perhaps engage more in the consumption of alcohol rather than meth, we act no less stupid when we're wasted. We too engage in acts of public lewdness and are commonly found doing naughty things in bathroom stalls or parking lots.

One lesbian musician I know even has a 'sugarmomma', a much older woman whom she sleeps with in order to have money and get 'pretty' things. She doesn't love this woman, she just lets her support her in exchange for an occasional roll in the hay.

I am not saying all lesbians are like this; nor are all gay men. However, we do share more in common than perhaps we like to admit. Maybe we lesbians don't want the reputation of only being interested in a chick's assets rather than her 'soul'. Sure, I think all of us girls would like to find that perfect romantic, loyal, sweet woman out there. In our hearts, maybe we would all like to be one of those women as well.

But in the mean time, some of us will keep staring at hotties, picking up tricks and giving people we aren't interested in our incorrect phone numbers.

SLDN Launches Week-Long Salute to LGBT Veterans

(Washington, D.C.) - In celebration of Veteran's Day this Friday, Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) has launched a week-long salute to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender veterans including an online forum of heterosexual veterans supporting their LGBT colleagues; web profiles of LGBT veterans; a San Francisco event honoring the service of LGBT Americans; and a Veterans Day rally in Oakland, California.

According to the Urban Institute, more than 1 million lesbian and gay veterans currently live in the United States. Another 65,000 gays are on active duty and serving in the reserves and national guard.

"America's lesbian and gay veterans have been on the frontlines of every mil-

itary mobilization and have played an integral role in our national defense since the American Revolution," said C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of SLDN. "In 1993, during the debate on gays in the military, there was one area where agreement was universal: gays have served honorably and with integrity. We are a strong nation, and more free, because of the service of gay and lesbian veterans. Their service must be now be made visible and their sacrifice must be honored by allowing future generations to serve openly without the muzzle of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.'"

Straight veterans will write about their experiences serving alongside lesbian and gay troops on the SLDN blog, at www.sldn.org/blog. The SLDN web site will also feature stories of LGBT veter-

ans from Documenting Courage (www.sldn.org/documentingcourage), a joint project of SLDN, American Veterans for Equal Rights and the Human Rights Campaign. And on Friday, Veterans Day, SLDN will salute the service of LGBT veterans at an event in San Francisco. SLDN will also participate in a Veterans Day rally in Oakland, Calif., at noon on November 11. (Event details are online at www.sldn.org/events.)

Since 1993, more than 10,000 men and women have been fired under the military's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual personnel. According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), nearly 800 of those were specialists with 'mission critical' skills such as linguists, healthcare

professionals and combat engineers. The GAO estimates the cost of the military's gay ban to be in excess of \$190 million.

"Lesbian and gay Americans have always reported for duty, and the time has come to allow us to do so openly," said former Army Sergeant First Class Stacy Vasquez, a former military recruiter who is now among twelve lesbian and gay veterans suing the Pentagon for reinstatement in the armed forces. "When we send our fighting forces to liberate the people of foreign lands, those forces should themselves be comprised of liberated men and women. Our troops should be recruited based on their qualifications, not their sexual orientation."

LGBT Activists Mourn the Loss of Rosa Parks

By Ross von Metzke

(Detroit, Michigan) - Rosa Parks, the Alabama seamstress whose soft-spoken refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man triggered the Montgomery bus boycott, the first great mass action in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, died yesterday at 92. Parks died at her home in Detroit of natural causes, according to a spokesman for US Representative John Conyers, Democrat of Michigan.



Today, LGBT civil rights groups are remembering the role Parks played in beginning of the fight for equal rights in America. Nearly 50 years ago, Parks' story began when a white man demanded she give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus. The then 42-year-old seamstress said no. "I had no idea when I refused to give up my seat on that Montgomery bus that my small action would help put an end to the segregation laws in the South," she wrote in her 1992 autobiography, *Rosa Parks: My Story*. "People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that wasn't true. I was not tired physically, or no more tired than I usually was at the end of a working day. I was not old, although some people have an image of me as being old then. I was 42. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

Two black Montgomery women had been arrested earlier that year on the same charge of refusing to give up their seat. Parks was jailed and fined \$14. Parks was an active member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"I think her legacy is the way she demonstrated how one person can make a difference, how a movement is built on the acts of individuals," Lambda Legal executive director Kevin Cathcart told

365Gay.com. "Her inspiration to all of us is that individual people can create great changes."

Following the Stonewall riots in New York City in 1969, a number of the demonstrators said they took their inspiration for protest from Parks.

"Rosa Parks told us to stand up for what we believe in," James Esseks, litigation director for the ACLU, told 365Gay.com.

"While no two civil rights struggles are the

same, she was an inspiration to all of us who are working to make sure America treats all of its citizens equally."

Last year when New Paltz mayor Jason West announced he would perform same-sex weddings despite a state law barring them, he invoked Parks' name. "The people who would forbid gays from marrying in this country are those who would have made Rosa Parks sit in the back of the bus," West declared.

In 2004, San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom made a speech at the John Kennedy School of Government at Harvard said that his issuing of some 4,000 same-sex marriage licenses last year was akin to the actions of Rosa Parks during the civil rights movement.

"With one simple yet extraordinary action, Rosa Parks made our nation a better and fairer place for all Americans," Human Rights Campaign executive director Joe Solmonese said in a statement yesterday. "By insisting on the dignity and respect every human being deserves, Parks boldly moved the country toward fairness. Parks didn't stop on the bus, but kept going, working throughout her life to make the world a better place. With her passing, a true legend is lost but an inspiring imprint will always remain."

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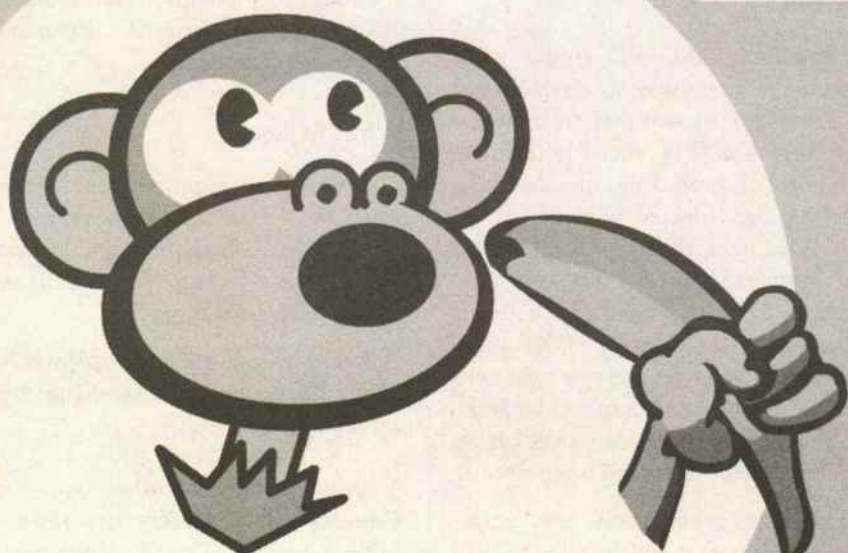


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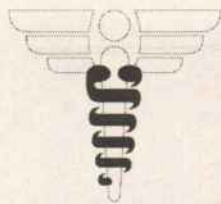
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Home Remedies for Seasonal Flu Treatment Studies Proposed for Avian Bird Flu

By Conrad LeBeau

The seasonal flu is already a deadly killer, but a new and more ominous threat now looms on the horizon. Unless you have been living in a cave for the last several months, you have heard of the avian bird flu. A day hardly goes by where there is not yet another story on the spread of the Avian Bird Flu and a deadly strain called H5N1. It is reported that over 100 million birds in Asia have died from the bird flu or have been killed in an attempt to stop the spread of the disease. Since 2004, over 120 people in Asia who lived in close proximity to infected birds have picked up the virus. The casualty rate for humans infected by the avian bird flu has been a staggering 50%.

Scientists at the U.S. National Institute of Health fear the H5N1 strain of the virus will mutate into a form that will easily pass from person to person and set off a world epidemic that could kill several hundred million people. Meanwhile, migratory birds are now carrying the avian influenza from Asia to Europe and soon the infected birds are expected to arrive in the Middle East and Africa. Earlier outbreaks of two other deadly viruses, Ebola and SARS, have been contained for now. Recently, President Bush has proposed a quarantine to stop the spread of H5N1 if and when it arrives our doorsteps.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Avian Bird flu was first seen in the poultry of Republic of Korea in mid December 2003. Soon it spread to the Asian countries of Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The first cases of humans being infected by the strain of H5N1 avian influenza were reported in January 2004 in Thailand and Vietnam. In the strong warning issued by the United Nations, it was pointed out that bird flu will probably remain for a long time in the countries where the disease outbreaks, and hence strong precautionary measures need to be taken to arrest the virus at its roots. In the avian form, the disease is borne by wild birds, especially ducks, and so it may be difficult to contain the spread of the disease. In the last week of October, 2005, China reported a third outbreak of the bird flu.

The H5N1 strain, considered the most deadly, has been compared to the Spanish flu of 1918 that killed over 50 mil-

lion people worldwide. In October, 2005, CNN reported that scientists in Atlanta, GA, have made from scratch the Spanish flu virus, the first time an infectious agent behind a historic pandemic has ever been reconstructed.

Like the 1918 virus, the current avian flu in Southeast Asia occurs naturally in birds. In 1918, the virus mutated, infected people and then spread among them. So far, the current Asian virus has killed at least 65 people but has rarely spread person-to-person.

But viruses mutate rapidly and it could soon develop infectious properties like those seen in the 1918 bug, said Dr. Jeffrey Taubenberger of the U.S. Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. "The effort to understand what happened in 1918 has taken on a new urgency," said Taubenberger, who led the gene-sequencing team. The virus recreation is detailed in the journal Science and the completion of that gene sequencing was announced in the journal Nature.

The virus was made from scratch, but based on a blueprint from Alaska. About 10 vials of virus were created, each containing about 10 million infectious virus particles, Tumpey said in an interview with The Associated Press. More may be created, he said, to accommodate researchers' future needs.

The virus particles are being stored at the CDC, and there are no plans to send samples off campus, said Dr. Julie Gerberding, the agency's director. However, the genetic information sequenced by Taubenberger is being placed in GenBank, a public genetic sequence database operated by the National Institutes of Health. Scientists need access to the research as they try to develop vaccines and antiviral medications against potential future pandemic agents, said Donald Kennedy, editor-in-chief of Science. Presently research is ongoing to develop a vaccine for the bird flu.

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Symptoms of the Flu (including the Bird Flu)

As reported by Medindia.com, include the following

1. Fever.
2. Headache.
3. Tiredness (can be extreme).
4. Dry cough.
5. Sore throat.
6. Nasal congestion.
7. Body aches.

Note: Advanced influenza may end in pneumonia, and in some cases, death.

Treating the flu

Conventional advice for the seasonal flu, any type, is to rest and drink plenty of water. Preventing the seasonal flu requires an annual flu shot vaccination. Meanwhile, due to a number of mishaps in prior years, a growing number of people are distrustful of vaccinations and refuse to obtain them. A drug being manufactured in Switzerland called "Tamiflu" is now back ordered by hundreds of millions of doses from several countries. The worldwide scramble to obtain Tamiflu is ongoing even though experts are not sure how effective it will be against an evolving avian bird flu that infects humans. The cost of Tamiflu, and other antiviral drugs used to treat the flu, even if available, may be unaffordable to billions of persons in the third world. What is really needed is a low cost remedy that is plentiful, affordable and locally available.

NIH studies proposed to find an effective treatment for the Avian Bird Flu

It is important not to wait until a world pandemic is underway to develop and test a number of ways of treating the avian influenza. It is crucial to test now a number of promising treatments in birds that are infected with the H5N1 virus. What helps birds recover may also help humans recover. The National Institute of Health should conduct tests on birds infected with the H5N1 strain of avian flu using several low-cost anti-infective agents alone or in combination. This includes hydrogen peroxide, ozone, grapefruit seed extract and bee propolis.

Hydrogen peroxide, ozone and grapefruit seed extract could be added to the drinking water of poultry infected with the H5N1 strain of the avian bird flu for

a period of about a week. Various concentrations could be tested to find the optimum level that kills the virus and yet does not make the water so bitter that the birds will not drink it. Also, hydrogen peroxide mixed with water or ozonated water could be sprayed on the chickens for topical absorption of the oxidative treatment through the skin. Propolis from the bee hive, could be added to bird feed or administered orally in measured doses. The results should be carefully monitored, recorded and made public so the world could benefit from this research. In a crisis of global proportions where most of the world's poor cannot afford patented drugs, we must use whatever is available that will work and get the job done. The lives of millions of people may hang in the balance.

Home remedies suggested for the seasonal flu as well as the bird flu

Beyond rest and water, you might want to consider one or more of the following:

1. **Hydrogen peroxide** (kills most viruses except those in the herpes family) (2)
2. **Ozone** - kills all known viruses (drinking ozonated water) (3)
3. **Grapefruit Seed extract** - tested effective against 800 bacterial and viral infections.(1)
4. **Bee Propolis** - 4 to 6 grams daily (4, 5)

Other treatments that may be helpful:

Garlic Clove (3 per day)- raw only - eaten with bread or crackers (kills a wide range of viruses and bacteria). **Colloidal silver** - 10 ppm - taken orally or as an inhaled spray (inhibits replication of microbes). **Golden seal root** (antiviral) with Echinacea (promotes antibody production) - 2 grams 3X. Other herbs that may help battle the flu include: **Lomatium dissectum (LDM-100 or Sees-2000)**, **hyssop**, **pleurisy root (to remove water on the lungs)**, **mullein**, **blue vervain and yarrow** (promotes sweating). Vitamins and minerals include vitamin A and D, Vitamin C, Zinc and Selenium.

What to Avoid

1. **Foods and supplements to avoid** when the flu strikes are **milk and ice cream** that stress humoral antibody responses and increase mucus formation in the sinuses and lungs.
2. **Avoid iron and iron supplements** as iron supports and stimulates viral replication.
3. **Avoid aspirin and other Over-the-Counter fever reducers** that only suppress symptoms of the flu as these products suppress the immune response and can prolong the infection.

Costume Crawl 2005





Cordially Yours

By Michael Johnston

Hello again and happy mid-November! It seems like ages since I've been "Cordially yours." An Editorial decision has been made, that we'll get together only once month now in "OutBound News." So, settle back and let's get reacquainted...

Saturday, November 19 Princess Charlotte Lorraine will celebrate the "25th Anniversary of Her Black Dress Birthday." Or in other words her Silver Anniversary on the Stage. The place for this auspicious occasion her Princess Lounge: The M&M Club. Like everything else in her life, this is to benefit others -- The Gay Olympics -- next Summer in Chicago. Charlotte did celebrate her birthday as of late, and as a personal favor to one of her dearest "Royal Subject" Suzi Arnold Co-Chair of The Games she agreed to bring some Royal attention and cash from Brew City for this once in a lifetime Event. (The Gay Games, not the Royal B-Day) Suzi and others will be on hand to bring Milwaukeeans onboard. A virtual list of Who's who have answered the Royal call for a command performance. Not only honoring our very own Princess but to bring awareness to the monumental undertaking, taking place in seven months, 90 miles from here. The Royal festivities are set for 8 PM, so come be a part of a most historic and hysterical night.

David & Tim have a special guest the same night at Boom/The Room Mr. Tyler Riggz of adult film. Perhaps he and Charlotte could have a battle royal over a tiara? Touche!

Thanksgiving Night, Thursday, November 24 "HIT 27 Welcome Show" will take place. Every Thanksgiving weekend since 1979 the old Cream City has been the site to roll your balls and strike up the popularity of this old town. This year is no different. In fact the only thing of change this time 'round, is that "The Welcome Show" has a new home. Boom/The Room will be the new venue! So, "sail the seven seas" with me at our new port of call. I have the naughty nautical pleasure of being your cruise director once again... I just know it will be smooth sailing, so we'll see you on deck around 10 PM.

"Jolly, Holly, Folly - 2005" is being served up on Tuesday, November 29. The Milwaukee Center Arboretum 108 East Wells Street will be the setting for 25 outstanding restaurants pleasing your palates with tempting treats. The party gets rolling at 5:30 PM with cocktails & food and at 7:30 PM. A private performance of "Laughing Stock" by The Milwaukee Rep. will cap off a perfect kick off to the holiday season. For tickets/info/volunteering please call Joseph Brooks/ARCW at (414) 225-1545. This delicious benefit is for ARCW's Medical, Dental and Mental Health Clinics and the Housing, Legal, Food Pantry and Social Support Services that are provided to thousands of People with HIV throughout the state.

This same date marks the opening of Valerie Harper as Golda Meir in "Gold's Balcony." Eight performances running through Sunday, December 4. The Milwaukee Theatre 500 West Kilbourn Avenue (6th & Kilbourn) For reservations to welcome Mrs. Meir home to Milwaukee, please call (414) 276-4545. Quoting my idol Liz Smith "It's A 95 Minute Miracle!"

"Naked Boys Singing" is streaking through New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31. Milwaukee Gay Arts Center 703 South 2nd Street. Call Jeffrey at (414) 248-6481 to get your seat! I had the pleasure of taking in "NBS," and it is a quick witted, fast-paced, tongue-in-cheek, bit of Boy-lesque guaranteed to bring a smile to your face, a blush to your cheek and a night you won't forget. And believe it or not there are even a few heart tugging, thought provoking pieces to ponder on... Bravo Boys - long may you sing, dance and entertain!

The next selections to watch for: Tony Kushner's acclaimed "Angels In America" Part One: Millennium Approaches in January, 2006, eight shows - Extremely limited, call now! "Seduction" by Jack Heifer is slated for April 1 - 8, 2006.

Just in time for those Holidaze, John McGivern returns to town with "Holiday Tales With John McGivern." Featuring excerpts from David Sedaris' "The SantaLand Diaries." Vogel Hall, at The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 123 East State Street. You won't want to miss this special gift presented to brighten up the happiest time of the year. This Production will include John's personal recollections of Christmas' past. Beware adult language, dark humor, suitable for adults. There is nothing like the gift of live theater! For your reservations call (414) 273-7206 \$32. - \$36. www.marcuscenter.org

John will be continuing his ever popular "John McGivern & Friends Late Night At The Rep." Jane WMYX 99 Matenaer and Steve DeClark will be joining the party on Friday, December 9, 11 PM The Stiemke Theater. All for ONLY \$15. Tix (414) 224-9490. Earlier this month I caught John and Friend Vince Vitrano from TMJ4 - What a hoot! A Ninety minute laugh-a-thon!

Men's Voices Milwaukee will be caroling in the sounds of the Season -- Saturday, December 10 8 PM The Helena Zelazo Center UWM their current home. A New Director, a New Board, a New Concert!!!

Salute -- "The Andrews Brothers" by Roger Bean Jumps to revelry now Through January 8, 2006. Governmental confusion (imagine that, if you will) with another more famous Andrews Trio is the basis of this opus at The Stackner. To be called to duty, enlist at (414) 224-9490 At ease.

Milwaukee was fortunate enough to have "Movin' Out" move us all at The

Marcus. The marriage of Billy Joel's music and the fluid dance movements of choreographer/ director Twyla Tharp was in a word -- extraordinary! I was thrilled to be invited to attend their Cast Party. What fun! What energy! I was tired for them... Darren Holden from County Kilkenny, Ireland - mastered the Long Island sound of Joel perfectly, William V. Credell - actually swept Stardust Advertising VIP Bonnie DeLeeuw off her feet -- shocking her mom Lorie and sisters Peggy and Debbie. Tod (with one D) wasn't going to stay grounded for long, he got Brendan (Eddie) King sporting a Badger sweatshirt to lift him to greater heights too! What a lift!

RSVP Productions and The Astor Theater toasted in their Holiday season with Craig Lucas' "Reckless." Billed as a "Bizarre Christmas Fable" -- it was that and more! Carrie McGhee truly shined in the lead role as well as RSVP-ers Cynthia L. Paplaczky, Brian Richards and Kirk Thomsen. RSVP returns to the boards with "Closer" June 15 - 25, 2006. Will they be doing only one word titled properties? Stay tuned!

It saddens me to report the closing of another hotspot in our Community. 1979 brought both Club 219 and Me both OutBound at the same time! Well, after almost 26 years of ruling half of South Second Street - "The Last Dance" was played. Without any fanfare, good byes or parting toasts. Sure there was lots of gossip, suspensions ... hopefully the negative wasn't turned into a reality. Like everything, it had a beginning, middle and an end. I was honored to host HIT's "Welcome Show" on that very same stage that featured the creme de la creme of entertainers: B.J. Daniels, Holly Brown, Ginger Spice, Rona, DeDe, Charlotte Lorraine, Doris DeLago, Lily White, Kylie West, Nova D'Vine -- and I could fill the rest of this column with stars that made their mark and memories there. Let this be a lesson dear readers, support your local drinking spot - so it too, doesn't dry up and disappear...

Babylon was christened recently and I was there to sip to their success. It's been forever since I saw a line to get into any bar let alone on a Thursday at 11 PM -- one of never-ending proportions! Upstairs at The Trocadero Thursdays 9 PM to Close party with John - The Party Man, dance to the music of DJ John Murges and \$5. Finlandia Vodka Martinis - chin-chin!

Congrats to Pump (Sundays) on their 3rd Anniversary. 722 North Milwaukee after "Desperate Housewives" welcome in the new week, desperately seeking fun at Pump.

I love the new Bag Boyz advertising campaign - showing off all their model-like advocates in stylish little ensembles and most importantly lifesaving messages. One of my all time faves Christian also known to whip up a wicked Bloody Mary at Fluid, is doing quite well in his first semester of law school in Minnesota. He also has found another watering hole to refresh a whole new public.

I had a ball at the "Halloween Ball" at The M&M Club. The party hosts extraordinaire: Jeff, Mark & Todd, Eric & Jeff did it once again. Truly the place to be! Watch out Pearle Mesta! This year they took over the entire establishment

and the result--Party-A-Go-Go! Rona and Chuck were upfront, Debi Vance on the Patio, Ron upstairs all keeping glasses filled and patrons smiling. I loved the lounge sounds of the cast of RiverWest Accordionist. This year my posse saluted "Valley Of The Dolls" - 40 years later! It was kick, to kick up my heels with Velveeta Head Cheez, Charlotte Lorraine and Dear Ruthie all taking to the stage. Talk about flipping your wig! Right, Helen Lawson! Kudos to Peter & Michael as "Count Chocula & FrankenBerry," Thom & his Beau doing the "ABBA Girls 30 Years and tons of fun later" and "Boris & Natasha" all earned top honors with their outstanding, artistic efforts in masquerade. I loved my Valley Girls - Joe, Princess Debbie and Jerry Gin & Tonic. But David Howser's "PeeWee Herman, Chad's "Lucy," Alexis' "Mighty Isis," Debi's "Drew Carey," Karl's "Dracula," Steve S. & Peter "Mr. Northwest 2005-2006" Loomans, B.J. & Rick, Mark "Two Scoops" Horan, "Endora" Kohler - ooh what fun! A decidedly East-of-the-Nile look reigned with Pharaohs, Cleos, Servants And some very interesting Pyramids...

The next afternoon I had the pleasure to be invited to a matinee of The Milwaukee Ballet's "Dracula." If you didn't see it -- shame on you! We have an embarrassment of riches as far as the Arts go... The Ballet outdid themselves, the sets, the costumes of the likes that will be in my memory bank forever! You could certainly count on this Count!

Tom & Donna hosted a most marvelous Halloween dinner party. From the champagne to the banquet to the reading of Poe's "The Raven."... what a charge to spend a night with Jim, Nancy and the legendary Joey Cross star of the Packing House - who's speaking voice is sooo mellifluous it was like a mini concert! The art of conversation was certainly resurrected that night!

The Walker's Point Costume Crawl continues to be hauntingly successful! In spite of a nasty sinus infection, I still popped in at Switch to MC an astounding 17-contestant costume parade. Applause to the winners : "Captain Hook-er & Butt Pirate," "Miss Mardi Gras" and I'm still dreaming of "Jeanie." What a crowd! Loved the Chippendale Chip-ster!

This Is It is the place to be on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturday Cocktail Hour with Gary! Can that man make a Bloody Mary and with that treasure trove of a juke box -- who could ask for anything more?

A special "Thank You" to Dan Petry for his continuing computer expertise and help in getting this column to deadline.

Sorry to report the loss of award-winning Alexis Winters AKA Chad's life partner Paul. Paul fought a very courageous battle with cancer. Through that tough fight, Alexis always stood proudly at his side looking as stunningly radiate as possible and brought such joy to his life.

As always, I just get started and before I know it, there's no room left. have an enchanting Thanksgiving season and until the 15th of next month I shall remain "Cordially yours."

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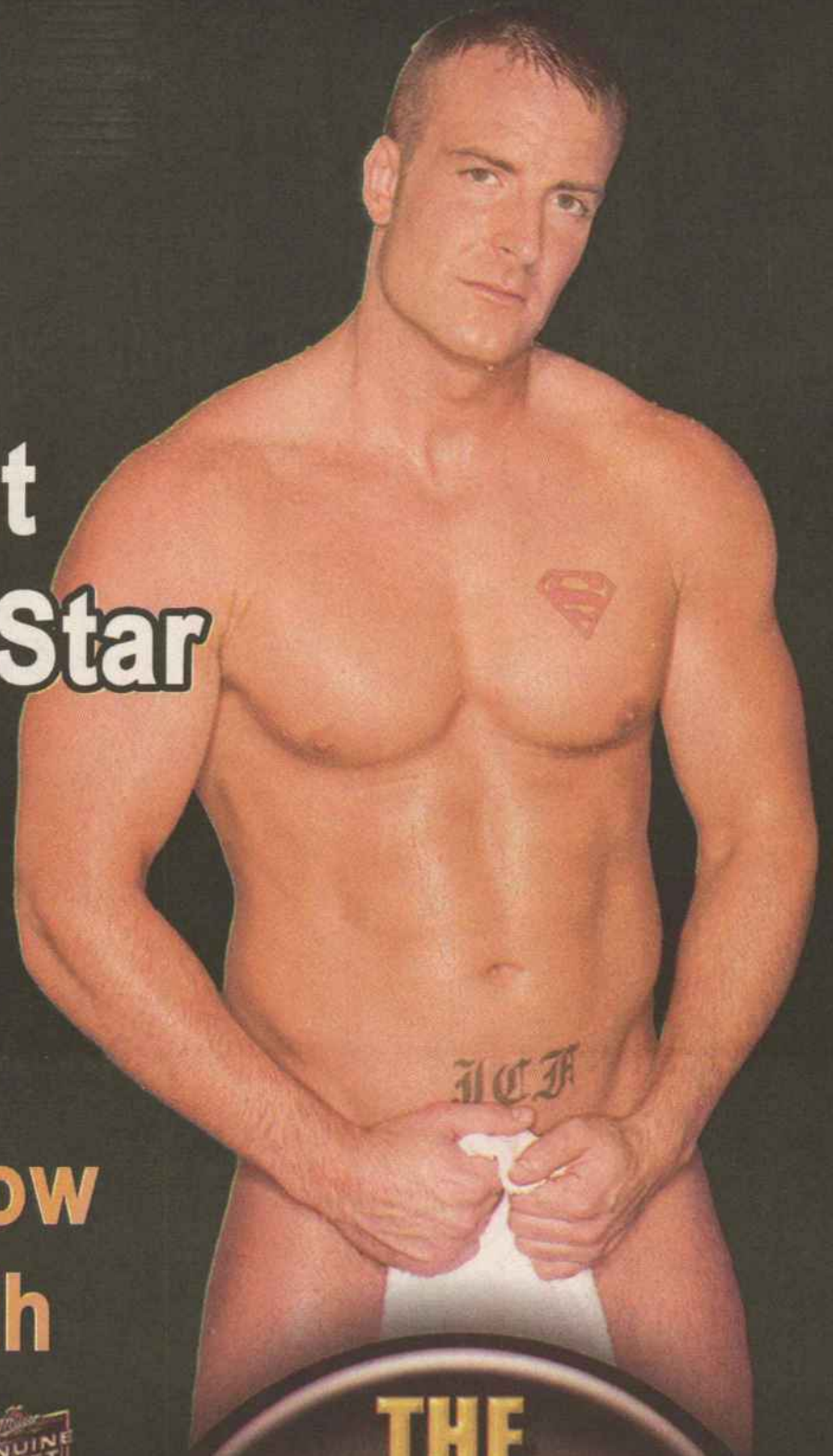
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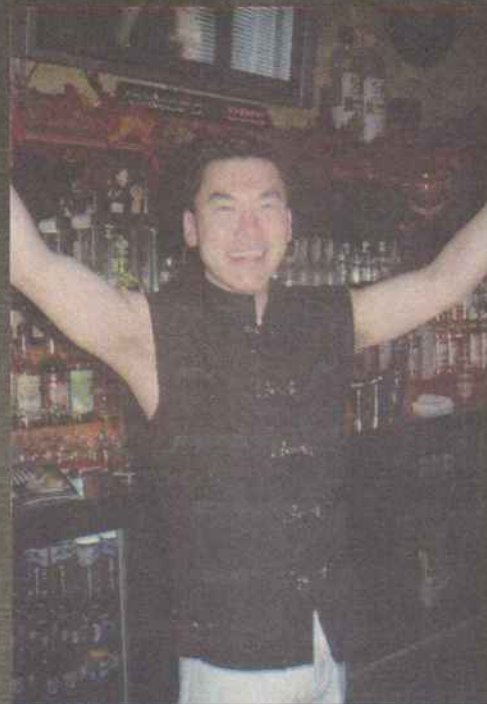
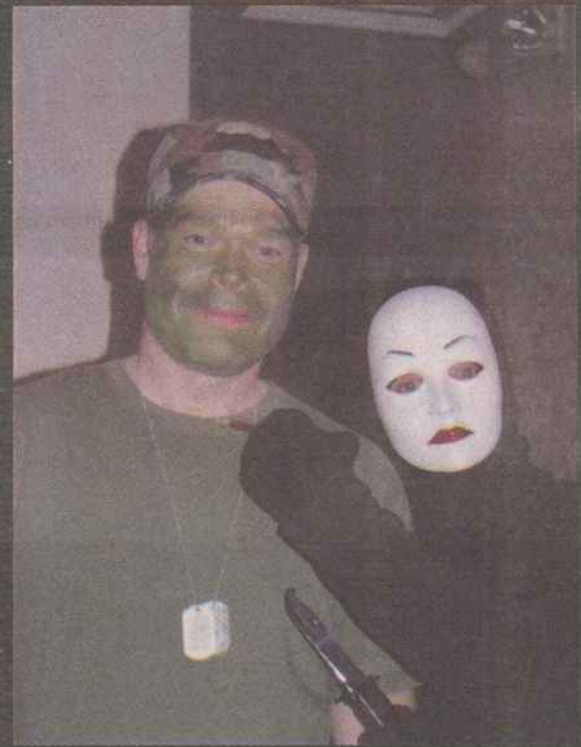


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OUTBOUND DESTINATIONS

Atlantis Travel Company Wins Multiple Awards in Consumer Survey

(West Hollywood, CA) - Atlantis Events, Inc., the world's largest tour operator specializing in gay and lesbian vacations, was recently voted best-in-category for both "All-Gay Cruises" and "All-Gay Tour Operators" by the readers of Out Traveler magazine.

Out Traveler readers voted online for their all-time favorite hotels, cities, resorts, cruises, tours and events in the magazine's first annual Readers' Choice Awards. Atlantis was the only two-time Gold Medal winner among all those honored in 2005.

"We're honored to be recognized by the gay and lesbian traveling public as the leader in the all-gay cruise industry and as a tour operator," said Rich Campbell, Chief Executive Officer of Atlantis. "Atlantis has grown through the extraordinary support of our guests, and we pride ourselves on creating outstanding vacations for the community at an exceptional value."

In 2006, Atlantis celebrates their 15th year in business with seven all-gay cruises to the destinations that the gay community desires most, including Carnival in Rio, the Eastern and Western Caribbean, Alaska, Barcelona to Venice, and the Mexican Riviera. Its January 2006 sailing on Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas will be the largest all-gay cruise in history, with 3,200 guests.

Atlantis also offers exceptional resort vacations under its Club Atlantis brand, creating an all-gay environment at world-class, all-inclusive resorts in sun-drenched Puerto Vallarta and the Riviera Maya. It also produces several upscale tours, including an all-gay Kenya Safari. In 2005, over 14,000 gay and lesbian guests traveled with Atlantis on their cruise, resort, and tour vacations.

Reservations for all Atlantis programs are available through most travel agencies or directly from Atlantis at 1-800-6-ATLANTIS. For detailed information, visit www.atlantisevents.com.

Make the Yuletide Gay: The London Gay Men's Chorus Festive UK Mini-Tour

The London Gay Men's Chorus, Europe's biggest and best known gay choir have announced a Christmas tour visiting Birmingham, Brighton and London's Barbican Hall of their Christmas show, Make the Yuletide Gay. The tour visits three cities this December:

* Wednesday 14 December, 7.30pm, Symphony Hall, Birmingham. Box office 0121 780 3333, www.symphonycorpus.co.uk/boxoffice

* Saturday 17 December, 7.30pm, Concert Hall, Brighton Dome. Box office 01273 709709, www.brightondome.org.uk

* Wed 21 & Thurs 22 December, 7.30pm, Barbican Hall, London. Box office 020 7638 8891, www.barbican.org.uk

Make The Yuletide Gay is a festive show with a liberal sprinkling of fairy dust. Christmas favourites such as "Hark The Herald Angels Sing", "The Twelve Days of Christmas", "Walking in the Air", "Deck the Halls" and "Let it Snow" are joined by a special Destiny's

Child medley, "Bootylicious!", performed with full choreography.

With special celebrity host Rula Lenska joining the 160-strong choir, the evening promises a hot Christmas carnival, with music, dance and a few surprises.

The show follows a sell-out performance at 2,200 seat Barbican Hall last Christmas, and a year that has seen the Chorus perform in Paris, London's Cadogan Hall and at numerous small gigs.

The shows mark two important milestones for the chorus. First is the debut of Andrea Brown, the LGMC's new Deputy Musical Director, and the first woman to join the musical team. Secondly, the launch of a brand new CD, also called Make the Yuletide Gay which showcases many of the pieces performed at The Barbican last year, and which makes an ideal stocking filler! The CD is available via www.lgmc.org.uk and selected retail outlets.

Charlie Beale, Musical Director of The London Gay Men's Chorus said that this was definitely not just another carol concert:

"We can't wait to unwrap our Christmas spectacular this year, and we're delighted to have the chance to strut our festive stuff in Birmingham and Brighton as well as London. With everything from carols for the audience to join in,

to some beautiful classical pieces and the energy of our Bootylicious medley, you won't find a better way to kick off your holiday season."

Make the Yuletide Gay is a Raymond Gubbay production.

For more information, visit www.lgmc.org.uk

Equality Forum and Blue Ball Join Forces

By Angela D'Amboise



(Philadelphia, PA) - With a combined draw of 50,000 - 75,000 people, Philadelphia's two largest gay events, Equality Forum and Blue Ball, have joined forces to create a week-long dance event and human rights forum featuring panel discussions, symposiums, films, special events, concerts and a weekend of dance events.

The week will kick off on Monday, May 1, 2006 and will culminate in a celebratory weekend featuring the Blue Ball main event on Saturday, May 6, followed by the Sunday Out Street festival, a concert and a dance party.

The partnership between Equality Forum and Sapphire Fund, the organization that produces Blue Ball, establishes Philadelphia as one of a few elite gay travel destinations, including Miami's White Party in November and New York's Gay Pride Parade in late June.

More than 80 regional, state, national and international LGBT organizations will participate in the week's events.

Sapphire Fund was established in 2002 to support the efforts of organizations

contributing to the health and well being of Philadelphia's LGBT community and those who support them.

Sapphire Fund is a non-profit, volunteer organization, conceived and run by members and supporters of the Philadelphia GLBT community. The Fund is an outgrowth of the long-standing annual Blue Ball fundraising event, which was first held in 1991 and has given away more than \$1.5 million to GLBT and HIV/AIDS service organizations in Philadelphia.

Beneficiaries for 2006 include the William Way GLBT Community Center, Mazzoni Center and The Attic Youth Center.

Equality Forum is a national LGBT organization headquartered in Philadelphia. Equality Forum undertakes high impact national initiatives, produces documentary films, highlights GLBT history and presents annually the largest national and international LGBT civil rights forum.

For more information, visit www.blueballphilly.com

Advocate Golf Classic Charity Gold Tournament

(Palm Springs, CA) - The Stonewall Golfers of Palm Springs, CA and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force have announced the details for the 2005 Advocate Golf Classic, Palm Springs charity golf tournament. This 4-person scramble format event will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2005.

The Cimarron Golf Resort, Boulder course has been selected as the host venue for this event with a post-play silent auction and luncheon at Cimarron's 'On The Rocks' restaurant. Two Coachella Valley based charities have been chosen as the tournament's local beneficiaries: Gay Associated Youth (GAY) and the Desert Pride Center.

"The Stonewall Golfers are proud to continue this tradition of teaming up with the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and The Advocate to bring out gay and lesbian golfers while raising funds for the NGLTF and local community charities with the 2005 Advocate Golf Classic, Palm Springs golf tournament," said Jan Stapel, President of the Stonewall Golfers. "Previous years' tournaments have raised over \$20,000 for our charity beneficiaries. This year's event will once again be held in conjunction with the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and The Advocate."

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Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen

How do, boys and girls? Step into my kitchen, pour yourself a drink and sit a spell.

"What's up with Ruthie's column?" you ask. Well, after working in the advice biz for so long, I was ready to shake things up. When the "Outbound News" editors asked if there was anything else I'd like to write about, I jumped at the chance.

That's not saying I'm giving up on advice! I'll still write my advice column for the entertainment guide "Outbound," but I'll do something new for "Outbound News."

I wasn't sure what my new column should focus on, but the experts say to write what you know. Well, you don't satisfy as many husbands as I've had without learning a few tricks in the bedroom or the kitchen. I'm sure folks don't want to read about my experiments between the sheets, so I thought I'd offer a few of my tried-and-true recipes.

As you probably guessed, I'm not exactly Wisconsin's culinary queen. When I step into my trailer's kitchenette, the first things I think about are the shortcuts I can take to get me the hell outta that kitchenette. But like any good Milwaukee girl, I like to eat...a lot. So if I'm gonna jag around in the kitchen, the results better be worth it.

That's what you'll find in Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen: Damn good food that comes together easily. And you can forget all of those fancy-smancy ingredients, too. I don't buy 'em cause when I finally find 'em, I can't afford 'em!

Let's Get Cooking!

I thought we'd start with everyone's favorite finale...dessert. This is the time of year when you're asked to contribute food to get-togethers, so why not bring a surefire winner? These easy sweets involve brandy and Kahlua so they're sure to make spirits bright.

These recipes liven up parties without eating into your free time. That's because neither involves any cooking or baking! You don't even need to turn on a hot plate!

We kick things off by putting a new twist on a seasonal flavor--pumpkin. **Brandied Pumpkin Mousse** is so rich, no one will believe you threw it together with only a few ingredients. Next, you'll



find **Damn-Good Frozen Mocha Pie**. The frosty sensation features a store-bought crust that gets you out of the kitchen fast.

I hope you like my new column, and I hope to find you happily seated in Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen time and again. Now, eat good and shut up!

Brandied Pumpkin Mousse

Serves 12

Whoever said decadence doesn't come easy is either a filthy liar or never tried my velvety mousse. If you're not a brandy fan, simply leave it out altogether.

- 3 cups milk
- 2 boxes (1 ounces each) vanilla fat-free, sugar-free, reduced calorie, instant pudding and pie filling
- 1 can (15 ounces) solid pack pumpkin
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 1 cup thawed frozen whipped topping (a.k.a. Cool Whip)

Pour milk into a large mixing bowl, and slowly whisk in the pudding mixes. Whisk for two minutes or until well blended. Stir in the pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg and brandy. Gently fold in the whipped topping until well blended. Cover bowl and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Refrigerate leftovers.

Ruthie's Tips

- Don't use fat-free whipped topping for this recipe. It won't hold its volume as well as the full-fat variety.
- For a special presentation, spoon the fully refrigerated mousse into wine glasses. Either layer the mousse with

additional whipped topping, or dollop a bit on top.

- If your grocer is out of 15-ounce cans of pumpkin, purchase a 29-ounce can. Use half of it for the mousse and mix the extra with 1.75 quarts of softened frozen vanilla yogurt. Add cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar to taste. Refreeze the yogurt and you've got a second dessert, baby!

Damn-Good Frozen Mocha Pie

Serves 8

A refreshing way to top off meals, each frosty slice offers terrific mocha flavor and a hint of Kahlua. I like to beat the holiday rush by whipping it up ahead of time. Stored in the freezer (for up to 2 months), the pie makes an impressive treat when friends drop by.

- 1 cup 2% milk, cold
- 1 box (1 ounce) vanilla fat-free, sugar-free, reduced calorie, instant pudding and pie filling
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee powder
- 1 container (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 tablespoons Kahlua liqueur

1 (9-inch) chocolate, graham cracker crust

1 tablespoon milk chocolate chips

Pour the milk into a medium mixing bowl. Whisk in the pudding mix and coffee powder; whisk for 2 minutes. Fold in 1-1/2 cups of the whipped topping. Gently stir in Kahlua until well combined. Spoon mixture into crust and sprinkle with chocolate chips. Cover pie and set in freezer for at least 2 hours.

Set pie in refrigerator 30 minutes before serving. Top individual servings with additional whipped topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

Ruthie's Tips:

- When covering the pie, simply invert the plastic dome that came with the crust.
- Omit the chocolate chips and experiment with a chocolate drizzle, warm fudge, decorative jimmies, etc.
- For this recipe, don't use an instant coffee that contains those shiny little crystals.
- If you have an espresso machine, use it, Mr. Fancy Pants! Replace the instant coffee powder with 1 tablespoon of prepared espresso (cooled).

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The Stonewall Golfers is the premier Gay and Lesbian golf organization based in the Coachella Valley, welcoming members of all ages and playing abilities. Founded in August 2001, the club draws its membership from the cities of the Coachella Valley as well as California and Arizona. The Stonewall Golfers organized its first charity tournament in November 2001. For information about the Stonewall Golfers, visit them online at www.stonewallgolfers.com.

Gay Business and Life Expo

(Nashville, TN) - Nashville's first ever GLBT Business and Life Expo will be held November 19 at The Cannery, from Noon to 5 p.m.

The free event, which marks a milestone in Nashville's growing GLBT business community, will allow those who attend to sign up for a chance to win a free trip to Europe, a set of tires from Bridgestone, and network with more than 50 different businesses.

The Expo begins with a lunch and keynote address by Justin Nelson, president of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.). Tickets to the luncheon can be purchased for \$35 and there are only a limited number left.

The exhibit hall and Workshops are FREE and Open to the public from Noon - 5 p.m.

1 p.m. workshop - Gay and Lesbian Health Issues presented by Vanderbilt Medical Center

2:30 p.m. workshop - Success in Small Business presented by Josh Estrin, Concepts in Success, Miami, FL.

4 p.m. workshop - Home Renovations and Expansions presented by Lynn Taylor of Taylor Made Plans, Nashville, TN.

Expo participants will also have the chance to visit the booths of more than 50 companies who have signed up to exhibit their products or materials to the GLBT community, said John Wade, one of the organizers of the Expo, which is sponsored by the Nashville GLBT Chamber of Commerce (NAPP) with American Home Mortgage as the presenting sponsor.

"These are companies who are saying directly to Nashville's GLBT community, 'We want your business.' I hope the community turns out in large numbers to meet many of these gay owned and gay friendly businesses," he said.

The free trip to Europe - which offers roundtrip airfare and lodging for two people for one week in the winner's choice of Amsterdam, Berlin or Paris - is being offered by Traveling Proud to people who come to the Expo to register.

"It will be an exciting and historical day for the Middle Tennessee business community," said Christopher Sanders, president of NAPP. "We are expecting a great turnout. The committee has worked very hard and their hard work will be mirrored in the great success of the day."

In addition to the workshops and booths, a celebrity will be on hand to greet Expo goers. The Lady Chablis, best known for her character in the book and movie, *Midnight In The Garden of Good and Evil*, will be present to

sign copies of her book, other autographs and pose for photos with expo attendees.

The public can see her perform at Play on Friday November 18 and then attend the Expo on Saturday to meet her in person.

Some of the exhibitors attendees can expect to see at the expo:

For more information on the Expo, visit www.nashvilleglbtchamber.org

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These companies are saying, 'We want your business.'

A celebrity, Lady Chablis will be present, too.

Las Vegas Named One of the Top U.S. Destinations for Gay, Lesbian Travelers Worldwide

Las Vegas is among the leading U.S. travel destinations for gays and lesbians, according to a recent study by Community Marketing, Inc., a San Francisco-based market research lab. Twenty-five percent of the 4,000 gays and lesbians surveyed traveled to Las Vegas in 2005, ranking second only to New York. San Francisco ranked third.

The findings help bolster Las Vegas' evolution into one of the world's most exciting destinations with world-class dining and shopping, unparalleled entertainment and top golf courses and spas. Las Vegas hosted 37.4 million visitors in 2004 and that number is estimated to increase to a record-breaking 38 million in 2005.

Las Vegas offers a multitude of once-in-a-lifetime experiences, including the hottest gourmet restaurants by celebrity chefs including Bobby Flay, Hubert Keller, Rick Moonen and Daniel Boulud, as well as unparalleled headliners and productions year-round such as "MAMMA MIA!" at Mandalay Bay, "Jubilee!" at Bally's and Celine Dion's "A New Day..." and Elton John's "The Red Piano," both at Caesars Palace's Colosseum. Shopping has also made its name in Las Vegas with venues such as The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian, Fashion Show, Forum Shops at Caesars and Mandalay Place.

When it comes to nightlife, Vegas' offerings for gay and lesbian travelers are just as impressive. KRAVE, the newest upscale gay and lesbian nightlife experience on the Strip, opened late 2004 with an incredible response from gay tourists

and locals alike. Las Vegas annually welcomes one of the largest gay and lesbian pride festivals in the West, "Viva Las Vegas" which delivers dance parties, top-name entertainment and more set against the glittering Las Vegas Strip. Las Vegas is home to Blue Moon Resort, a gay-owned hotel and property designed with the gay traveler in mind, and Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel, gay-owned-and-operated, bed-and-breakfast and wedding chapel that offers union ceremonies by an Elvis impersonator in the back of his legendary pink Cadillac.

"Las Vegas attracts gay and lesbian visitors primarily for its wide variety of entertainment offerings, as well as for its gaming, architecture, dining, shopping and fun atmosphere," said Thomas Roth, president, Community Marketing, Inc. "As the LVCVA increases its 'gay welcoming' communications, according to focus group participants, it will become even more popular for first-time and repeat visitors from the gay community."

Community Marketing, Inc. used online and field research to survey more than 4,000 gays and lesbians worldwide. Those surveyed answered questions on subjects ranging from the duration of their typical hotel stay to their preferred activities during vacations and weekend getaways and how factors such as a gay-friendly environment influence their travel plans.

For more information, visit www.lvcva.com.

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here! Networks New Foray Into Internet Radio with here! Podcast

here!, America's first gay television network, has announced that it will offer its audience a new here! Podcast. The here! Podcast is accessible through www.heretv.com and iTunes and features audio interviews with authors, actors and other notable personalities throughout the gay and lesbian community.

here! Podcast, hosted by Sara Logue and Josh Rosenzweig, will produce a weekly podcast, each installment running 1 hour in length. Each podcast features highlights of here! programming and upcoming notable events, Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transsexual news, and other information of interest to the here! audience.

At launch, the following guests have been confirmed: playwright Charles Busch; TV pioneer Robin Byrd; the sexy cast of here! Network's original thriller *Dante's Cove*; political pundit Jim Morrison; Chad Allen star of here!'s *Third Man Out*; actress Judith Light, among many others.

For those unfamiliar, podcasts are audio files which can be downloaded from the internet onto an iPod or other digital music devices that support mp3 technology. Similar to a radio interview, a podcast sets itself apart from that medium by making itself available whenever you would like on demand.

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Survey Discusses Stats on Hispanic Same-Sex Households

By Angela D'Amboise

(Washington D.C.) - According to a study using United States Census data, Hispanic same-sex couples make-up more than 100,000 households in the U.S.

While that number is a fraction of the 894,000 same-sex couples living together in the country, that number almost directly matches U.S. Census data for the entire country. Fourteen percent of U.S. residents are Hispanic.

Research also shows that same-sex Hispanic partners are far less likely than their white counterparts to own their own homes and to be U.S. citizens. This information comes from a study by the National Latino, a Coalition for Justice and the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

These same-sex couples also are significantly more likely to be raising children, the study said.

Latino "same-sex couples are no different than any other loving couple," said Lisbeth Melendez Rivera, the spokeswoman for National Latino.

Nearly half (44-percent) of the Hispanic men and women in same-sex relationships report that they are not U.S. citizens,

compared to 5 percent of men and women in white same-sex couples.

"We recognize that Hispanic families in general across this country face economic, language and immigration disparities, but these disparities are significantly compounded for gay and lesbian couples," said Matt Foreman, the Task Force's executive director. "For example, no matter how long a Hispanic gay or lesbian couple lives together, one partner cannot sponsor the other for permanent residency status. If they were married, they could do so immediately."

Attitude against same-sex unions rides high in the Hispanic community, with 64 percent of U.S. born Latinos opposing gay marriage and 77 of foreign born Hispanics declaring same-sex marriage is bad.

FYI

the Grammy Legend Award. He collaborated with lyricist Tim Rice to create the soundtrack to the Walt Disney Pictures blockbuster *The Lion King*, for which "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" won an Academy Award. Recently, Sir Elton was recognized in Los Angeles for his contribution to music and humanitarian efforts by the Society of Singers who presented him their prestigious annual ELLA award.

In the last 15 years, Sir Elton has become a noted humanitarian, particularly for starting the Elton John AIDS Foundation in 1992. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of programs for AIDS

prevention, for the elimination of prejudice and discrimination against HIV/AIDS-affected individuals, and for providing services to people living

with or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.

"The Gay Games also have always focused attention on matters of HIV and AIDS, and they continue to do so through events such as the International Rainbow Run", said Sir Elton. "Many people living with HIV and AIDS have been full participants and some have even set world records. It's a wonderful event that encourages fitness and personal best for people of all ages and abilities".

"We feel truly honoured that Sir Elton John has accepted our invitation to become an Ambassador for the Gay

Games", said Roberto Mantaci, Co-President of the Federation of Gay Games. "For many years, he has been an 'ambassador' for the entire LGBT community, particularly through his charitable work, and his contribution has been immense".

"We look forward to working with him to spread the word to more people in the world about the Gay Games", Mantaci said. "It is also no understatement to say that Sir Elton maintains a performing schedule requiring fitness and endurance that should inspire anyone now in training for next year's events in Chicago".

The Gay Games Ambassadors program was started prior to the 2002 Gay Games VI in Sydney. Charter members were actor Judith Light, Olympic gold medal swimmer Bruce Hayes, former U.S. Ambassador James Hormel, and photographer Tom Bianchi. In addition to Sir Elton John, the Gay Games Ambassadors now also include cycling champions and Olympic medalists Petra Rössner and Judith Arndt, former U.S. professional football players Dave Kopay and Esera Tuaolo, tennis legend Billie Jean King, rock star Melissa Etheridge, actor/director Amanda Bearnse, powerlifter Chris Morgan, former professional baseball player Billy Bean, champion figure skater Rudy Galindo, Olympic trampoline champion Ji Wallace, and Leigh-Ann Naidoo, South African Olympic beach volleyball player.

For information about the Federation of Gay Games, go to www.gaygames.org. For information about Gay Games VII in Chicago in 2006, including details on how to register, go to www.gaygameschicago.org.

Sir Elton John Joins Gay Games Ambassadors

(San Francisco, CA) - The Federation of Gay Games has announced that Sir Elton John has become a Gay Games Ambassador.

Sir Elton said, "I am thrilled to be involved with the Gay Games. For more than two decades the Gay Games have turned a well-deserved spotlight on athletic and cultural performances by members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and their friends from around the world."

The Gay Games Ambassadors are an international group of prominent individuals supporting the goals and principles of the quadrennial Gay Games. First held in 1982, Gay Games VII takes place in Chicago, USA from July 15-22, 2006.

Music has always been at the centre of the Gay Games, from band and choral events to the always-inspirational opening and closing ceremonies, with numerous pop, classical, jazz, R&B, country and other styles featuring prominently in other performances throughout a Gay Games week.

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"Thousands of musicians have participated in the cultural festivals of the Gay Games", said Sir Elton. "I'm proud of them and what they have accomplished at the Games and in their home communities. Along with the athletic participants, they challenge the stereotypes from which oppression grows and consequently bring the world closer

together".

Sir Elton John's career has spanned more than 35 years as one of the world's most successful touring artists and one of the top-selling solo artists of all time. He has sold close to a quarter of a billion records worldwide, with more than 100 U.S. Hot 100 chart singles, 12 multi-platinum, 23 platinum and 33 gold U.S. albums, and 29 consecutive U.K. Top 40 hits, earning 35 gold and 25 platinum albums.

Among countless honours, Sir Elton has received multiple Grammys including

Subaru Exec to be Honored as Gay Marketing 'Visionary'

Tim Bennett, director of advertising, Subaru of America, and the visionary behind Subaru's path-breaking gay and lesbian marketing campaigns will be presented with the first "Visionary Executive" award from the Commercial Closet Association at an exclusive reception with 200 advertising, marketing and media executives and music from Centaur DJ/Producer Randy Bettis, delicious hors d'oeuvres, BV wine and cocktails from Absolut.

Commercial Closet Association, the acclaimed non-profit project that proactively educates marketers and ad agencies to encourage them to avoid stereotypes and improve inclusion of gay images in the most powerful cultural medium of our time -- mainstream advertising.

WHEN: Monday, November 21, 2005. Reception begins 7:30PM (main event). Special VIP Reception at 6:30PM.

WHERE: Kodak One Gallery, 102 Wooster Street, SOHO, New York City

TICKETS: Individuals: \$130 in advance \$175 for VIP

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WHY: "In its ten years as a gay market pioneer, Subaru has led the way not only among advertisers, but among all marketers reaching out to gay and lesbian consumers, and helping lead the way to inclusive mainstream commercials as well. Tim is the driving force behind that, and we're honored to present this award to him."

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Visit www.CommercialCloset.org for the world's largest online archive of gay and lesbian-themed television commercials from around the world (over 3,000+ examples), and a leading source for news and opinions on gay issues in advertising.

Bush's Latest Supreme Court Nomination Raises LGBT Eyebrows

By Angela D'Amboise

(Washington D.C.) - LGBT groups Monday were quick to criticize President Bush as pandering to the far right by choosing jurist Samuel Alito to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. They expressed particular doubt as to Alito's willingness to protect the rights of LGBT and HIV-affected people. Alito's nomination comes on the heels of hopeful Harriet Miers bowing out of her nomination last week after scathing attacks from the extreme right.

Legal experts and activists from across the spectrum agree that Alito, 55, has been a consistently conservative voice on the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals since he was seated there in 1990 by then-President George Bush Sr.. Some have nicknamed him "Scalito" and "Scalia Lite" because his judicial philosophy so closely mirrors that of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. "You can't get much more conservative than Sam Alito," legal scholar Jonathan Turley told NBC's Today Show on Monday.

Unlike Harriet Miers, Alito has a long record of legal opinion and ideology, and 15 years of decisions that may be at odds with gay and lesbian equality, LGBT activists say.

Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese criticized Bush for choosing

to "placate the far right instead of appealing to the fair-minded values of the American people."

"President Bush capitulated to the howling from the extreme evangelical right and threw them red meat in the form of U.S. Circuit Court Judge Samuel Alito," said Matt Forman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "The country will now be put through a wrenching, divisive and damaging confirmation process. One more travesty inflicted on this nation by the president and his right-wing allies."

Most of the nomination's harshest critics have slammed Bush for allegedly conspiring with right-wing activists in choosing Alito. The Washington Post reported Monday that Bush consulted the conservative, anti-gay organization Concerned Women for America to ensure Alito was acceptable to them.

The revelation, and the likelihood that Bush consulted other anti-gay organizations, should raise alarm bells for LGBT citizens, said Eric Stern, Executive Director of the National Stonewall Democrats.

"Americans need to know why right-wing activists, the same ones who rejected Miers for not being clearly conservative, are practically salivating over this nominee. These anti-gay organizations are on President Bush's speed dial," Stern said.

rather our own distinct community of individuals."

Anderson-Minshall told the Herald she freely uses 'queer', formerly a slur, to include not only lesbians but "bisexual women and lesbian-identified transgender women." In the editorial, by New York Times columnist William Safire, he notes the media is notoriously shy to

use the word homosexual, especially as a noun, because of the emphasis that the word places on sexuality.

Until as recently as the mid '70s, the American Psychological Association associated the word homosexual "with deviance, mental illness and criminal behavior," which has led to a "negative stereotype."

1st World Outgames Swells to 9,480 Participants

(Montréal, CA) - "With now 9,480 people registered," explained Ms. Louise Roy, CEO of the 1st World Outgames, "numerous prestigious partners, notably the Governments of Canada and of Québec, the City of Montréal, Tourisme Montréal, along with major sponsors, including Bell Canada, Labatt and Radio-Canada, and a solid team in place, we now know that we will attain our objectives on every level. We will have at least 16,000 participants and 250,000 visitors in Montréal in 2006. We will host the largest LGBT sport and cultural event ever held!"

A fall promotion offered teams and groups registering before October 31, 2005 discounts on the registration fee. Late registrants for the promotion will have until November 30 to benefit from the offer.

Participants come mainly from North America with 53%, Europe at 34%, Oceania (Australia and New Zealand) at 9%, Africa at 2% and South America and Asia at 1% each.

The Outgames will offer a program of 35 sports, 6 cultural activities and an International Conference on rights from July 26 to August 5, 2006. In addition, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the Olympic stadium will be televised by Radio-Canada, a first for an LGBT event, Diane Dufresne and the Cirque du

Soleil are already confirmed for the Opening Ceremony, and 3 mega-parties will be organized by the BBCM Foundation (internationally known for organizing the Black & Blue Festival for the past 15 years).

31 SPORT FEDERATIONS SANCTION THE 1ST WORLD OUTGAMES MONTRÉAL 2006

A total of 31 mainstream Québec, Canadian and international sport federations have agreed to sanction events in the 1st World Outgames Montréal 2006, a first in the history of an LGBT sport event.

GETTING READY FOR NEXT YEAR

"The dream we have been following in Montréal for the last five years is about to become reality," concluded Louise Roy, CEO. "We have been living an incredible adventure in synergy with the LGBT community in Montréal, and our partners and sponsors. As we travel around the world to meet with people who will be coming here next year, we are absolutely thrilled with the enthusiastic welcome we receive wherever we go. On behalf of Montréal 2006, I would like to thank all of those, both here and abroad, who have put their trust in us and tell them that they will be very proud of the 1st World Outgames."

For more information, visit www.montreal2006.org

'Gay' Reference to Men and Women Out of Fashion?

By Ross von Metzke

(Washington D.C.) - According to a recent article in the International Herald Tribune, the word 'gay' no longer pertains to both men and women, as evidenced by a series of articles the paper referenced in the investigative feature.

Take, for example, a recent article about a referendum coming to a vote in Maine. The Associated Press reports that opponents of broadened civil rights protections for homosexual men and women claim that such legislation, already signed into law by the governor, would "grant a new status to gay men and lesbians that could open the door to same-sex marriage."

Another story, this one appearing in The New York Times, reports from Nairobi, Kenya, that in a referendum revamping that nation's constitution, "there has been disagreement on whether the language opposing discrimination would protect gay men and lesbians, who are scorned here."

The story, appearing in the weekend edition of the International Herald Tribune, questions why the word 'gay' is no longer encompassing.

"Historically, gay represented both homosexual men and women and technically still does," Chris Crain, editor of The Washington Blade and The New York Blade, told the Herald. "But a number of gay women felt that gay was too male-associated and pressed to have lesbians separately identified so they weren't lost in the gay-male image."

That push led to such organization names as the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and The Gay and Lesbian Task Force. In fact, The Washington Blade began in 1969 as The Gay Blade, a play on an old expression about a gallant. Diane Anderson-Minshall, executive editor of Curve, a lesbian magazine in San Francisco, said she agrees that the one-word adjective was expanded to set homosexual women apart.

"When, in the queer world, you say 'the gay community', the majority of the time that conjures up San Francisco's largely male Castro District, or West Hollywood or 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy', so interjecting the word lesbian into the mix is a necessary reminder that (lesbians) are not simply a subset of that larger male world but

Michigan Halts Health Benefits for Gay Couples

By Angela D'Amboise

(Lansing, MI) - The Michigan Court of Appeals issued a temporary halt this week to a ruling that allowed governments and public universities to provide health insurance to the partners of gay employees.

The dispute goes back to Michigan voters' approval almost a year ago of a constitutional amendment that made the union between a man and a woman the only agreement recognized as a marriage "or similar union for any purpose."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan filed suit, and in late September, Ingham County Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk ruled that public-sector employers can offer domestic partner benefits without violating the amendment.

Republican State Attorney General Mike Cox is now appealing that ruling and had asked the appeals court to delay Draganchuk's decision until the higher court decides the issue.

Cox, with the support of a number of Michigan based conservative groups, argue that the constitutional amendment prohibited Kalamazoo and other public

employers from providing same-sex benefits in future contracts.

A spokeswoman for Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm said Granholm was "deeply disappointed" with the delay.

Health benefits were also included in labor contracts negotiated with state employees. Granholm put the benefits on hold while awaiting the ruling but now is asking the state Civil Service Commission to approve them.

The parties' legal briefs are due in early December.

"It's possible a decision could be reached by the end of the year," ACLU spokeswoman Wendy Wagenheim said, according to the Associated Press.

The ACLU, representing 21 gay couples who filed the lawsuit over the issue of domestic partner benefits, argued the stay does nothing to prevent the state or Kalamazoo from providing same-sex benefits because same-sex benefits were allowed before Draganchuk's ruling.

Hot Nude Yoga Box Set

Get in shape for the holiday season!



Hot Nude Yoga founder Aaron Star has teamed up with Queer Eye for the Straight Guy director Michael Selditch and award-winning producer and editor, Rob Tate to present a four DVD Hot Nude Yoga box set featuring quality yoga instruction along with sexy young men demonstrating the positions nude. Thus, making it much easier for the gay man to stay focused and discover the benefits of Yoga, Hot & Nude, like most of the finer things in life.

Beautifully shot in widescreen format, these comprehensive video's that make up the box set, Virgin, Strength, Partner and Tantra play like a documentary while providing quality yoga instruction. The men arrive at Aaron's sun-filled loft in the heart of Chelsea, and the hand-held cameras seem to be everywhere at once, as the students warmly greet one another and take off their clothes for a delicious yoga session with Aaron.

The Hot Nude Yoga series begins with VIRGIN, Disc 1, designed for the beginner yoga student, or the yogi who wishes to take a more gentle approach to his practice. Playfully titled Virgin since nobody ever forgets their first Hot Nude Yoga class.

Disc 2 is STRENGTH. This body strengthening workout provides a challenge, pushing the limits, while offering detailed instruction on how to improve ones yoga postures.

Disc 3 is PARTNER. This exciting program is designed to be practiced entirely with another person. Partners will be guided through an enjoyable sensual experience of touch and body contact, helping manipulate each other into yoga postures they would never have been able to achieve on their own.

Disc 4 is TANTRA. This fourth DVD cannot be purchased on its own and is only available in the box set. In this exclusive session, Aaron teaches many of the techniques featured in his Hot Nude Yoga classes with an emphasis on mutual body contact. Taking up where the PARTNER disc leaves off, TANTRA promotes and encourages touch and breath, while arousing all ones senses. This practice is a unique way for partners to take their relationships to a higher, more sensual plane while infusing a touch of spirituality into their sex life.

Shot on a crisp autumn evening in Aaron's moonlit Hot Nude Yoga studio in Chelsea New York, this beautiful yoga DVD is the perfect compliment to every yoga practice or date that never leaves the house. You might have heard rumblings about Aaron Star's Hot Nude Yoga classes. Maybe you've thought about taking a class or wish you could be a fly on the wall, but either don't live in New York City or are new to yoga and a bit bashful. Excuses no more. For the first time ever, Aaron has opened his private sensual yoga classes to a film crew and chosen a hand-picked group of students to get nude in front of the cameras so home viewers can learn and participate in a real Hot Nude Yoga class.

Aaron Star has been running his Hot Nude Yoga classes in New York City since 1998. He also runs retreats and teacher training workshops in Paris, London, Costa Rica, Hawaii and exotic locations such as Ohio, Texas, Baltimore and every where else in North America where gay men can be found. New groups of men in smaller Gay communities than NYC continue to form under Aaron's guidance to practice Hot Nude Yoga.



Divisive Politics to Blame for Discrimination in Texas

"Education is a long-term effort that cynical politics can never stop," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign said today's vote denying marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships to same-sex couples will seriously harm thousands of Texas families.

"Education is a long-term effort that cynical politics can never stop," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "These amendments are part of a long-standing effort by the extreme right to eliminate any legal recognition for gay people and our families. The volunteers and hard-working team at No Nonsense in November should be proud of their work against this amendment. This fight for fairness isn't over and we won't give up."

Texas joins 17 other states with constitutional amendments denying marriage to

same-sex couples. The amendment in Texas not only prohibits marriage but also threatens civil unions and domestic partnerships that are widely supported by most Americans.

In addition to activating over 30,000 members across the state, HRC and its Texas leadership contributed over \$100,000 to the No Nonsense in November campaign. Three HRC staff members have been in Texas to work with the campaign, helping to turn out the vote, recruit volunteers and activate the student vote.

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Resounding Defeat of Discrimination a Victory for Maine and the Country

"Understanding overcame fear and fairness overcame discrimination in Maine," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "We have been enormously proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with statewide leaders in this fight, since day one through today's victory."

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign celebrated today's vote by Maine citizens ensuring protections for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. To help defeat today's ballot initiative that would have repealed the state non-discrimination law, the Human Rights Campaign provided a large amount of on-the-ground staff, significant fundraising assistance, media assistance, strategic assistance, volunteer recruitment and more than \$150,000 this year alone in financial contributions to Maine Won't Discriminate, including financing their field efforts, early polling and seed money for early staffing.

"Understanding overcame fear and fairness overcame discrimination in Maine," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "We have been enormously proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with statewide leaders in this fight, since day one through today's victory. Winning these campaigns has always been about strengthening the foundation of understanding. We're so proud to have played such a big role in laying that groundwork. Mainers today sent a strong signal that discrimination has no place in their state. We congratulate the voters, volunteers and hard-working team at Maine Won't Discriminate for this victory."

"The Human Rights Campaign was an essential partner in this fight from day one. The Human Rights Campaign's early and substantial support was the key to making this victory possible

tonight," said Jesse Connolly, campaign manager for Maine Won't Discriminate. "Education has always been a long-term effort and this vote shows that the longer the conversation can happen, the better off fairness will be in the end. Mainers have been building understanding for years now and today is the culmination of those conversations."

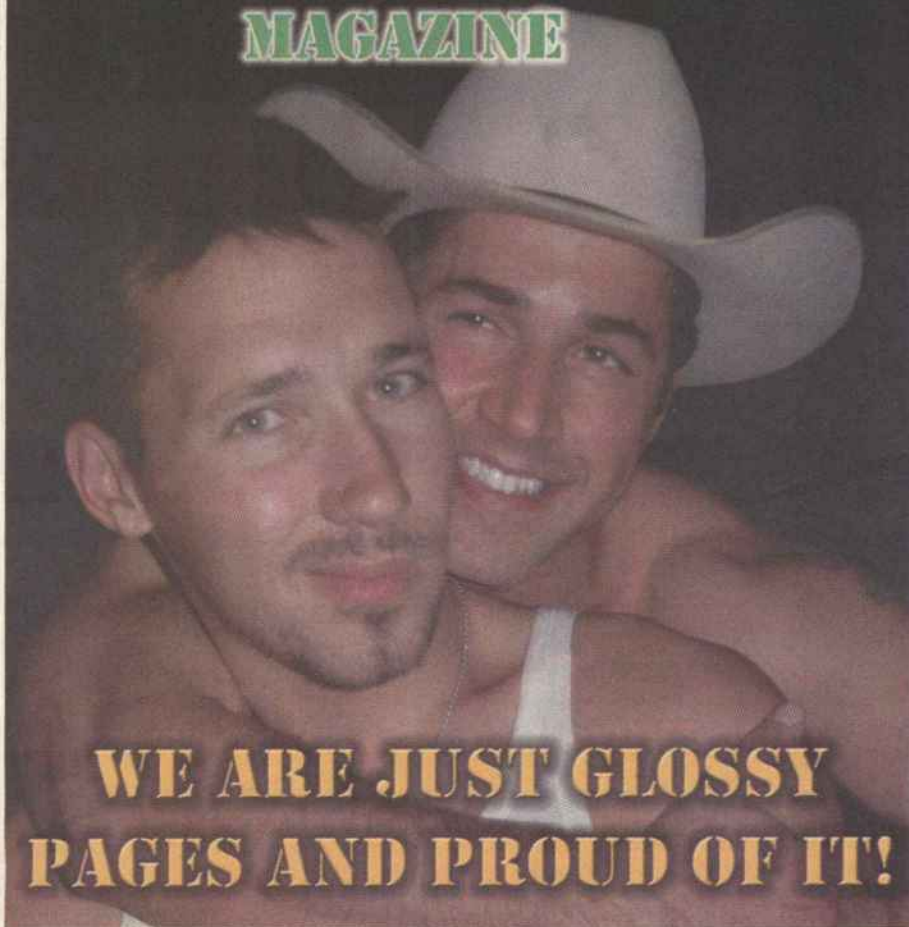
HRC has been working with Maine Won't Discriminate since the first time this repeal made the ballots. This year, HRC provided more than \$150,000 this year alone to defeat the referendum and significant staff resources. By Election Day, more than 25 HRC staff members will have traveled to Maine to work directly with the campaign.

The sexual orientation and gender identity inclusive non-discrimination bill passed both houses of the Maine Legislature in March of 2005 with strong bipartisan margins and was signed into law by Democratic Gov. John Baldacci. This was the third attempt to repeal the measure and the first time voters approved the law.

Maine becomes the final New England state and the 16th state overall to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation and the 6th state to outlaw discrimination based on gender identity. For a map of these states, go to www.hrc.org/stateantidiscriminationmap.

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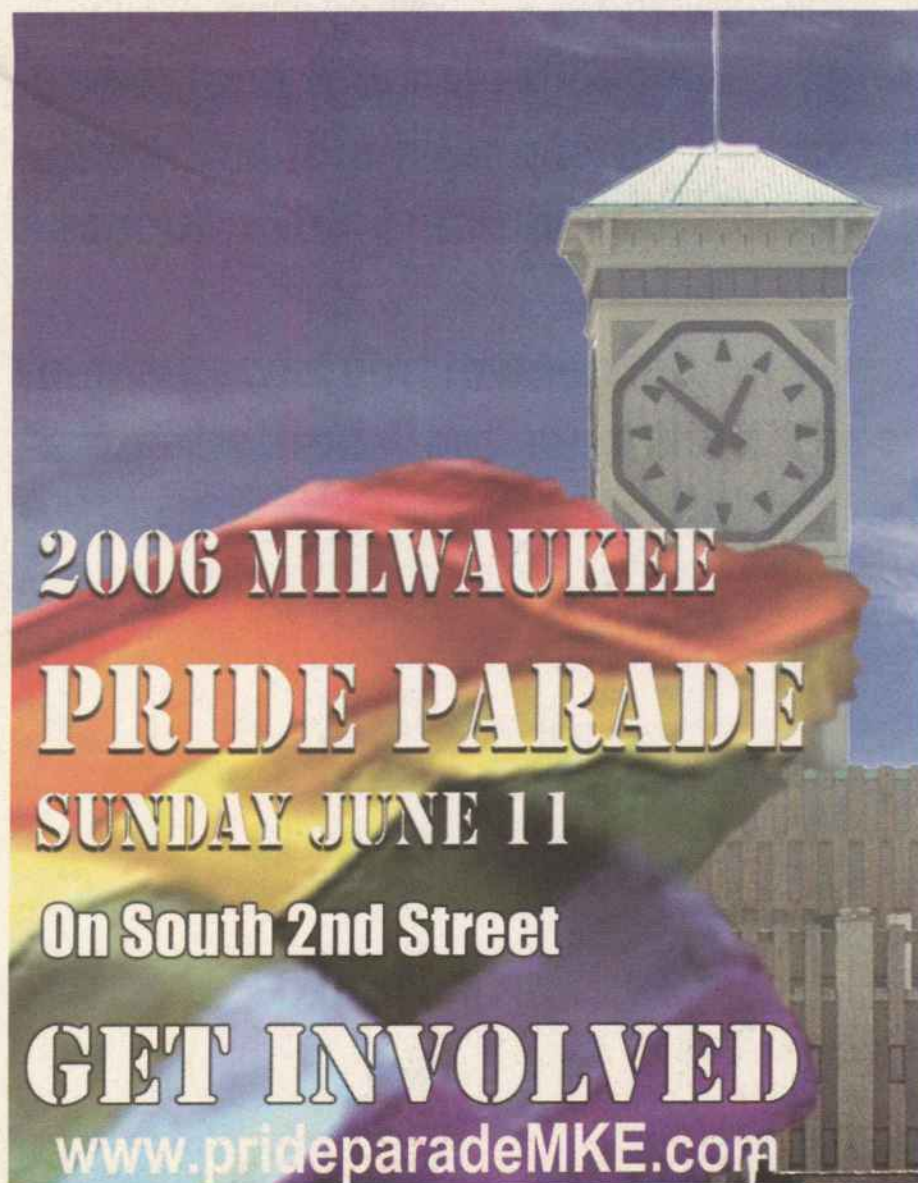
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Pathfinders (youth counseling, shelter), 1614 E. Kane Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202, (414) 271-1560

PrideFest (Annual Pride festival), 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, <http://www.pridefest.com/>, (414) 272-3378

Project Q (Youth Program of the Milwaukee LGBT Center), 315 W. Court, Milwaukee, WI 53212, <http://www.projectq.org/>, (414) 223-3220

Queer Program, The (Cable TV Show), P.O. Box 090441, Milwaukee, WI 53209, (414) 265-8500

Rainbow Alliance at UWM, Box 122, 2200 E. Kenwood Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211, (414) 229-6555

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

Riverwest Rainbow Association, 1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212, (414) 225-1645

SAGE Milwaukee (for older LGBTs), P.O. Box 510492, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0091, <http://www.sagemilwaukee.org/>, (414) 224-0517

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA), (414) 299-0755

Shoreline (country dancing, instruction), P.O. Box 510283, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0051, (414) 747-0388

Silver Space (for older lesbians), c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., Milwaukee, (414) 271-2565

SSBL (Saturday Softball League), P.O. Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0091, (414) 454-9204

Two Spirit Society (Indigenous LGBT People of America), 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, (414) 985-5151

WI. Legislative Hotline, (800) 362-WISC

Wisconsin AIDS Library, (414) 225-1539 (800) 359-9272

Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymus), (800) 334-AIDS

Wisconsin DHFS HIV/AIDS Program, P.O. Box 2659, Madison 53701-2659, (800) 991-5532

Wisconsin Haverim (GLBT Jewish Group), <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WisconsinHaverim>, (414) 202-8074

Wisconsin Outdoor Women (outdoor sporting events), P.O. Box 94, Hales Corners, 53130, (414) 427-2082

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