

WILL THERE BE A MILWAUKEE PRIDE PARADE IN 2005?

ONLY IF YOU GET INVOLVED!

A meeting of about a dozen Milwaukee business owners was held on March 23, 2005 at which a decision was made to put on a Pride Parade during the weekend of PrideFest celebration. The parade is not affiliated with the PrideFest organization. PrideFest dropped the parade last year after securing the parade on S. 2nd Street. After the decision was made by PrideFest not to have a Pride Parade in 2005 a group of businesses decided to put on the parade to enhance the PrideFest celebration.

James Kuchta of Outbound Midwest Publications, Inc. has secured a parade route for Sunday, June 12. The staging area will be in the parking lots next to Out N About provided by Rockwell International. The parade route will start on S. 1st Street at Greenfield Ave., proceed west to S. 2nd Street, north on S. 2nd Street and ending at Seeboth. Kuchta stated, "I tried to get a route that would encompass as many of the Bars as possible." The original route proposed by Kuchta was to start on First Street toward Lapham as a wraparound to 2nd Street, proceed north on 2nd Street to Pittsburgh and crossing 1st Street on to Barclay and ending on South Water Street. The City of Milwaukee would not allow closing 1st Street and, therefore, offered the same route which they had approved for PrideFest last year on May 6, 2004.

PrideFest cancelled the parade last year at the last moment, for reasons — unclear. The City had even made detailed provisions for barricades and temporary "No Parking" signs to be delivered for use along the route. If we do the same, the City warned, they will be reluctant to be as cooperative in the future as they were this year. We just want to let everyone know that they need to "Get Involved" to make this event a success in 2005! "We need volunteers and especially, donations."

The cost of the parade is estimated at \$10,000: \$3000 for the Parade Permit; \$6000 for Insurance; \$1000 For Misc. Expenses. The G/L Community Trust Fund which is a non-profit 501C3 organization is acting as the fiscal agent for this year. Si Smits, founder of the G/L Community Trust Fund, agreed to monitor the funds and provide a means for donations to be tax deductible. This also assures the LGBT Community that private businesses are not profiting from funds being raised for the Parade. To donate to the Milwaukee Pride Parade Fund, send check or money order payable to G/L Community Trust Fund Parade Account and mail to C/O Outbound Midwest Publications, Inc., POB 1461, Brookfield, WI 53008-1461. Also, you can donate by attending benefits at various LGBT businesses as they are announced or by purchasing a "Pride Flag" donor card at participating bars.

With less than two month before Pride Weekend we need to raise the money quickly. The Bars are doing their part to help raise the money. Miller Brands has offered some financial support, but falls short of the anticipated expectations. We need to quickly raise \$8,000 dollars in order for the Milwaukee Pride Parade to go on. The Pride Parade Committee pleading with the LGBT Community to stand united with the bars to keep the Milwaukee Pride Parade a tradition.

A website has been established with information about the parade and how to get involved. The website is www.prideparademke.com

The theme of the 2005 Pride Parade is "Laverne & Shirley" with the theme song of "Making Our Dreams Come True." Don't let the parade go by the wayside. Let's all stand together for one common goal—"making Milwaukee's Pride Parade a tradition."

So **GET INVOLVED NOW!**

PrideFest Announces Mainstage Entertainment



Milwaukee, WI - Apr 05, 2005 PrideFest 2005 will host one of the best Pride entertainment lineups in the nation, featuring Taylor Dayne, RuPaul, Jason Stuart, Sophie B. Hawkins, Jade Esteban Estrada and Pamela Means among many other performers. PrideFest will take place at Milwaukee's Summerfest grounds for its ninth consecutive year along the shores of Lake Michigan in downtown Milwaukee on Saturday, June 11th and Sunday, June 12th.

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DEAR RUTHIE

WELL I think I'm just about packed for my much-needed vacation. Where's that checklist of mine? Oh, hear it is. Okay, let me double check that I have all of my essentials before heading to the airport:

Industrial-strength Aqua Net? Check.

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Well, I think that's it, I'm ready for fun in the Florida sun. That's right! I'm headed to Key West, Florida with Pearl, Harriet and a few other gal pals of mine. I'll try to take photos of hot pool boys and put them in my next column in "Outbound" magazine. But for now, let's read a quick letter before saying "adios."

Dear Ruthie,

My boyfriend has lots of disposable income. I don't. Everything we do costs a ton, and he pays for it. He doesn't mind, but I do. I'd like to hear your suggestions for fun things to do that don't cost an arm and a leg.

Signed,
A Friend

Dear Friend,

I received a similar question a while back, and I just want to say that I hope this isn't from the same person. If so, address this issue with your boyfriend, because it sounds like you and Mr. Money Bags haven't worked out the problem yet.

Money is one of the main topics couples argue about. (I think the others are wall-papering and changing the toilet paper.) There's nothing wrong with sitting in on a Saturday night. Make your guy a great dinner or simply surprise him with some easy appetizers and your favorite bottle of wine. Or, pack up a picnic lunch with whatever you've got in the fridge, and head on over to the lakefront. Toss a cheap kite in the car, too, and set it to sail after lunch.

Wanna see some entertainment? Milwaukee is one town where you don't have to pay \$75 for a great show. This city is loaded with small theater companies that deliver great shows for a fraction of the cost that larger theaters charge. Best of all, a lot of these plays, musical reviews and cabaret acts

address the LGBT community specifically!

Consider the latest play from the gang at Off the Wall Theater, for example. "Scenes of Love and Death in the Third Reich" is the incredible true story of Magnus Hirschfeld - the Einstein of sex. Think you know everything there is to know about the history of the Gay rights movement? Did you know that in the 1920s Hirschfeld coined the term Transsexual, opened the world's first scientific sexual institute and fought - literally - for LGBT rights? If not, this multi-media production's for you!

For a few bucks, you can take your boyfriend to see this show about the famous Gay Jewish doctor living in Germany. Learn how he fought Hitler and the Nazis and discrimination. The play runs April 21 through May 1. Call 414-327-3552 for tickets. (Warning: This play contains male nudity, so you may need to be 18 years of age to attend.)

Not into theater? How about a little window-shopping the Gay way? The day of the (ridiculous) browsing fee is over, so make an afternoon of visiting Milwaukee's unique boutiques! No one says you have to buy anything. Just drive around and see what's out there. Stop by the brand new store Always Happy Hour! You'll find the new retail sensation at 316 N. Milwaukee St., just south of St. Paul Ave, right next to Coquette Cafe. There's lots of unique bar- and drinkware to see, and the owners are easy on the eyes, too, I might add.

Speaking of cute retailers, swing by "Bossa Nova" on a nice spring day and introduce yourself to Ms. Ross, the proprietor. There are so many fun things to look at in this store, you can't help but enjoy your time there. You'll find Bossa Nova at 2665 S. Howell Ave.

And day of Gay window-shopping wouldn't be complete without a stop at Outword Books. A cornerstone for Milwaukee's Gay community, the store is located at 2710 N. Murray Ave. You can even saddle your keester up to the coffee bar for a reasonably priced cup of joe.

Similarly, this city is loaded with galleries and museums, many of which don't charge an entrance fee at all. Head over to the Third Ward and do a little exploring. You'll be surprised at what you find.

Listen, honey, I could go on and on about this town, but I've got to get my rear in a cab and off to the airport. Just get creative and check out our marvelous city. You're sure to have a ball without busting your wallet.

You can e-mail Ruthie at ruthie@dear-ruthie.com.

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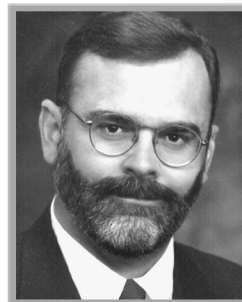
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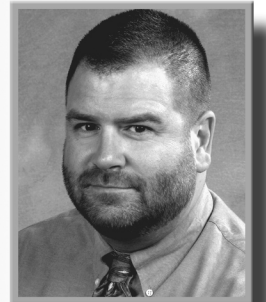
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Doyle Proclaims April Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Shelby Eks

Governor Doyle announced April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the state of Wisconsin. Milwaukee organizations and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee are conducting the Campus Community Sexual Assault and Awareness Month Fair to educate individuals about this sensitive issue.

Wisconsin's Coalition Against Sexual Assault is a branch of the national organization based in Madison. This group carries the motto "Decide to end sexual violence. The change begins with you."

This same coalition has worked with the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center located at 315 West Court St.

Kathy Herbst, director of programs at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, states, "The coalition gave us a grant for sexual assault prevention and education work."

The fair is co-sponsored by the Norris Health Center's Peer Health Advocates, UWM Programming Department, LGBT Center, and Women's Resource Center.

Colleen Bernstein, from Norris Health Center, helped organize the event. Bernstein sent invitations to local organizations, hoping they would show interest.

The LGBT Community Center has offered to table. UWM's LGBT Resource Center normally tables at such events, but felt the LGBT Community Center would be best to attend.

Yves LaPierre, director of UWM's LGBT Resource Center states, "when someone comes in with a problem regarding sexual assault or domestic violence, we normally refer them to the LGBT Community Center. They are a

great resource if a student cannot find help on campus."

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center also has other anti-violence projects regarding domestic abuse. Volunteers from the center will have pamphlets and other materials written by the center available for the LGBT community and its allies.

"The presence of the LGBT community is important and needed in the mainstream. We encourage our allies and support from the broad-based community," states Herbst.

UWM organizations such as Men Taking Action (MTA), the Women's Resource Center, Norris Health Center's Peer Advocates, and many others will be participating at the fair.

Bernstein states, "Men and women are welcome," because sexual assault happens to both men and women, regardless of sexual preference.

Informative items will be given to all participants along with a pack of zinnia seeds, encouraging growth and tranquility.

The Campus Community Sexual Assault and Awareness Month Fair will be held Thursday April 21, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the UWM Union Concourse located at 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. For more information or to aid with the event, Bernstein may be contacted at (414) 229-4716. The Women's Resource Center whom is also co-sponsoring the event may be reached by calling (414) 229-2852.

To become a member or for more immediate help regarding sexual assault or domestic violence, contact the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center at (414) 271-2656.

Lesbian Coach Settles with Texas High School

(Bloomburg, TX) - The National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) and attorney Michael Shirk from the National Education Association/Texas State Teacher's Association have negotiated a settlement agreement on behalf of Merry Stephens, an award-winning basketball coach at Bloomburg High school in Bloomburg, Texas, who alleged that the school was trying to fire her because of her sexual orientation.

Coach Stephens was honored as a "Teacher of the Year" in 2004 and

named "Coach of the Year" in three of her five years as head coach of the Lady Wildcats basketball team. During her award-winning tenure as coach of the Lady Wildcats, Coach Stephens led the team to district, regional and semi-state championships, breaking several school district coaching records in the process. Stephens also received excellent teaching evaluations throughout her tenure with the Bloomburg Independent School District. The Wal-Mart Corporation named her one of its teachers of the year in 2004.

According to Coach Stephens, shortly after Jerry Hendrick was promoted to Superintendent of the Bloomberg School District in August 2003, she was subjected to intense harassment by Hendrick and other school officials because of her sexual orientation. On December 14, 2004, the School Board commenced proceedings to terminate Coach Stephens, with one and a half years remaining in her contract.

"Merry Stephens is an extraordinary coach whose leadership and teaching skills were highly respected on the basketball court and in the classroom," said Shannon Minter, NCLR Legal Director. "This settlement agreement sends a powerful message that discrimination will not be tolerated. The days when schools could discriminate with impunity against lesbian and gay teachers and coaches are past."

In exchange for Coach Stephens' agreement not to pursue further legal action, the district agreed to pay her the full value of her two-year contract. The settlement came days before a scheduled administrative hearing, after School Board President Derous Byers testified under oath in a deposition that the Board's decision to terminate Coach Stephens was based on the personal anti-gay animosity of several school board members. Mr. Byers also testified that several school board members publicly disparaged Coach Stephen because of her sexual orientation, including stat-

ing that she "did not deserve to work" in the district because she is a lesbian.

"In my 15 years of representing workers throughout Texas, rarely have I seen such bigotry and flagrant discrimination," said Michael Shirk, the National Education Association/Texas State Teachers Association attorney who represented Coach Stephens. "Merry Stephens is an outstanding and committed teacher. I hope this settlement will teach the board members who set this in motion a lesson they should have learned a long time ago - that God's grace and the laws of this State protect everyone equally."

"My focus has always been to be the best coach and teacher I can be," Coach Stephens said. "No one should have to endure hostility and prejudice. I hope that by speaking out, I will give others the courage to stand up for their rights."

Helen Carroll, Sports Project Coordinator for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, applauded the settlement. "Coach Stephens' courage in refusing to silently endure this blatant discrimination is an inspiration to the many others in her position; she is a pioneer in changing hearts and minds."

NCLR is a nonprofit legal organization committed to securing the rights and safety of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through a program of litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education. Their web site can be reached at www.nclrights.org

LPGA Star Rosie Jones Re-Signs Successful Olivia Travel Endorsement

(New York, NY) - Olivia, the premier travel and lifestyle company serving the lesbian and gay community, has re-signed 13-time LPGA champion Rosie Jones as an integral piece of its marketing campaign in a continuation of last year's groundbreaking deal representing the first time a lesbian/gay company sponsored a professional athlete.

"We were bowled over by the success of endorsing Rosie Jones this past year and definitely want to continue our relationship with her," said Olivia CEO Amy J. Errett. "This year we expect to increase our visibility as one of the most highly regarded brands in the lesbian and gay community."

"Rosie is a perfect match for us," said Olivia Founder Judy Dlugacz. "She plays with the same intensity and courage that Olivia has demonstrated during our 30 year commitment to empowerment and change."

As part of the sponsorship deal, Jones will continue to wear a hat and shirt with the Olivia logo. In an interesting twist, Olivia is also sponsoring Jones's caddy, her life partner, who also will wear an Olivia hat. Jones will appear in advertising, host trips and make personal appearances on the travel company's behalf.

To celebrate the anniversary of this successful relationship, Olivia hosted a

party for Jones and 1,000 of her fans during the Kraft Nabisco Championship in Palm Springs. Jones will also appear at Olivia's upcoming Golf & Tennis Resort Vacation and she will be onboard an upcoming Olivia cruise where she will offer golf lessons at select ports off the ship.

"I am happy to continue to be a spokeswoman and endorse Olivia, a company whose philosophy of female empowerment I believe in," said Rosie Jones.

A six-time member of the Solheim Cup Team, Jones earned her way onto the LPGA tour in 1982. She has been a fierce competitor with 13 championships and dozens of top three finishes. Jones carded a remarkable career-low 62 and reached \$7 million in career earnings in 2003. In 2004 she tied for second on two occasions: at the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship, where she posted a season-low 66 during the second round; and at the Wegmans Rochester LPGA Presented by Lincoln Mercury. Jones has had an excellent start to 2005 with three Top 10 finishes, including second place at the Kraft Nabisco Championship. Jones' 2005 year-to-date earnings of \$241,925 position her in third place in the LPGA.

For more information on Olivia Travel, visit www.Olivia.com

Lesbian Mom and Daughter Reunited in Lambda Legal Victory

By Ross von Metzke

(Pittsburgh, PA) - A Pennsylvania state appeals court has ruled that a lesbian mom deserves visitation with her daughter though her ex-partner (the child's biological mother) asked courts to grant her sole custody.

"This is a heartwarming victory for our client that will also protect many other families, gay and straight," Alphonso David, Staff Attorney at Lambda Legal who argued the case at the appeals court earlier this year, said in a statement to the press. "The court valued this parent-child relationship the same as any other, and acted to preserve it without regard to sexual orientation or the other parent's bitterness."

In a ruling issued late Monday, a three-judge panel of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania unanimously ruled in favor of the mother, ordering immediate visitation and sending the case back to the trial court with instructions to carry out its ruling.

In the court's ruling, Judge Michael T. Joyce wrote: "Imagine a scenario where the same premise is applied to spouses. It is inconceivable that an embittered spouse who successfully estranges the children from the other spouse, to the point where the other spouse is unknown to the children, should be rewarded by a determination that it shall be in the best interest of the children not to have any relationship at all with the alienated spouse because of the custodial spouse's feelings. The preposterousness of this scenario is equally

applicable to the case at bar, despite Appellant's non-traditional status."

The parents in this case have requested to be identified by their initials to protect the privacy of the child. They were in a long-term relationship and raised the child together for three years. After their breakup in 1996, L.R.M., the biological mother, refused to allow T.B. visits with their daughter, despite T.B.'s daily parental role in the child's life.

The decision reverses a lower court ruling that said that the biological mother was so successful at alienating the child that it was in the child's best interest to remain forever separated from her other mother. In its ruling, the appeals court said the lower court "abused its discretion" in denying visitation to T.B. on this basis.

Represented by Lambda Legal in the earlier stages of the case, T.B. was declared to be the child's parent by both the Pennsylvania Superior Court in 2000 and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2001. In a 5-2 ruling, the Supreme Court recognized the lesbian mother's legal standing as a parent under the in loco parentis doctrine, applying the same rules that the court has applied to other families. The court said a lesbian or gay parent may seek visitation or custody of a child, even if there is no biological or legal tie, if she or he assumed a parental status and performed parental duties over time with the consent of the legal parent.

Mary Cheney Hits Back with Memoir, Due in 2006

By Ross von Metzke

Mary Cheney, the openly gay daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney, has signed on to publish a memoir for a conservative book company.

Though specifics on the subject of the book are being kept quiet, Republican political strategist Mary Matalin, who heads up Simon & Schuster's new conservative publishing division, Threshold, said the book will give Cheney a chance to address all aspects of her personal life.

Cheney's homosexuality became an issue in the 2004 presidential election. According to Matalin, Cheney was barred from discussing her personal life while working as a top aide on her father's 2000 and 2004 campaigns and views the book as a chance to finally speak openly.

"The first time I campaigned with my father, I was 8 years old," Cheney said in a statement to the press. "I've been involved with campaigns as a family member, a staffer and, though I certainly never intended it, as a political target for the other side."

Cheney has been openly gay for many years. In 1978 she was hired by Coors to clean up their image in the gay community following accusations that the brewing company had campaigned heavily against LGBT rights.

Though many have accused the Cheney's of being too tight lipped with

regard to the issue of gay marriage, during the 2004 campaign, Dick Cheney acknowledged Mary's sexuality openly and said he is not in favor of a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

"Lynne and I have a gay daughter, so it's a subject out family is familiar with," Cheney said at a campaign stop in Iowa. He went on to say he feels gay marriage is an issue that should be left to the states.

Mary Cheney's sexuality unexpectedly became a talking point during the 2004 campaign when presidential candidate John Kerry referred to her being a lesbian during a debate with President Bush, when asked whether homosexuality is determined at birth.

"We're all God's children," Kerry said in response to the question. "And I think if you were to talk to Dick Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, she would tell you that she's being who she was. She's being who she was born as. I think if you talk to anybody, it's not a choice."

Vice President Cheney and his wife, Lynne, lashed out at Kerry for the mention, with Lynne Cheney calling the reference a "cheap and tawdry political trick."

Mary Cheney's memoir is due in the summer of 2006.

A "WTF?!" Review of 'The L Word'

By Genia V Stevens

I've been a regular The L Word viewer since the second season began. Immediately, I was hooked. Prior to having actually viewed the show, I had many ill feelings about the show because I grew bored of seeing one full spread after another of The L Word characters on every lesbian website I visited. I was annoyed there was only one Black character (excuse me, half Black) on the show (in the beginning). I'm still annoyed about that, but I've added new complaints to my list.

Stereotypes are raging like a mad storm on The L Word. I would dismantle the show's stereotypes one by one, but it would require a lot of time and pages of space. I'll start with the character most critics are afraid to touch: Ivan, the transgender female-to-male character who apparently has loads of cash to loan out to his love interest, but not enough cash to complete his gender reassignment surgery. And what is with Ivan's mullet hairstyle? The show's creators go out of their way to give Ivan a mullet when he is in his male-skin, but leaves Ivan's healthy, beautiful, blonde locks intact when showing Ivan as a female.

Let's move on to the lesbian mommy who's behaving badly. It appears the show's creators have snagged the Tina-hides-her-pregnant-belly storyline from all the headlines in the news lately about lesbian birth moms who have decided their former partner has no right to the child they worked to conceive and raise together.

Or, should I say they snagged that storyline from daytime soaps, making lesbian characters behave the way straight characters usually do - lying for months about an unborn child. If that's the case, bravo (I think) to the show for their continued effort to make lesbians look just like heterosexuals.

About that jaded ex lover. Alice once dated Bette for 6 weeks. This little bit of information came out when Alice (who is chasing another woman's fiancée) admitted she was still bothered that Bette broke up with her years ago. That would explain Alice's meddling in Bette and Tina's broken relationship. Hell hath no fury like a jaded ex lesbian lover.

Let's look at incestuous lesbian relationships. We now know that Alice had a relationship with Bette. She's now working her way through the rest of her clique - chasing after one of her friends (Dana) who was engaged to marry another of her friends (Tonya). I won't get started on Alice's annoyance that Tonya set her up on a blind date with a guy - never mind the ignored fact that Alice is bisexual and adamantly defends her right to be bisexual.

What happened to Jenny's hair? After Mark (a new character) told Jenny there was something in a lesbian's haircut that made him think of her as gay, Jenny had her roommate Shane chop off her hair. I

know a lot of lesbians who have long hair (Melissa Etheridge being one of them before her struggle with cancer).

What's with all the unprotected sex? Very rarely do we see The L Word's characters worrying about sexually transmitted diseases, but we certainly see a lot of sex going on. Bad form, people. Really bad form.

I think it's obvious I watch the show for one reason only: to pick apart everything I see. The supposed lesbian sex does nothing for me. I wonder if

my neighbors can hear me screaming, "WTF!?" every Sunday night between 9pm and 10pm.

Genia V. Stevens also writes the SisterTalk blog: <http://sisterstalk.tblog.com> - race, gender, politics, sexuality, education, gay & lesbian alliance, etc.

Stereotypes are raging like a mad storm on The L Word.

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June 25th through June 27th, amateur and professional photographers alike will be joining the Mega Muscle models for the educational expo. Fitness, art and erotic photography will all be a part of this special event.

Mega Muscle Productions is one of the largest fitness and physique production companies in the U.S. and in cooperation with their model management division is bringing its top talent to Las Vegas.

This is an opportunity for photographers to work with Mega Muscle's top talent and gain the experience shooting that Mega Muscle brings to its own productions.

"I have been approached to do workshops, expos or seminars before, but I have always shied away from it as I was never really sure about the legitimacy of the project," says Anthony Catanzaro, one of the contestants on TV's Mr. Romance and a model who will be at the seminar. "With Mega Muscle, I know the level of professionalism that goes into everything they have already produced with me and I have total faith this event will meet their high standards."

Other models attending the expo have participated in similar events. "I have for many years come to the U.S. to do photography workshops," says Canadian actor and fitness model Yvan Courmoyer. "Mega Muscle is the best! Each production I do with Mega Muscle

is better than the previous one and they have all been better than anything else I have ever worked on."

Mega Muscle's founder, Brian Rusch explains the catalysts for the event. "Photographers nationwide have approached me, requesting me to put on something like this. This is a great opportunity for photographers to meet and work with phenomenal talent at a fraction of what it would normally cost them. Most of the guys have never done anything like this previously so it really is a fantastic venue for photographers and models to converge."

"Of course, we want to make sure that both the models and the attendees get the most out of their experience," Rusch continues. "That is why we are keeping the number of attendees at this event low - we want to make sure that everyone gets the attention they deserve."

The Mega Muscle Physique & Photography Expo will be held June 24th through 25th, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The event will incorporate fitness, physique and erotic photography of male models in studio and on location at gyms, resorts and in nature.

The event is open to photographers of all levels and attendees have an option of either attending two or three days.

In addition to one-on-one photo sessions, the expo will offer seminars and workshops on techniques, legal issues and turning your hobby into a profession. For complete details on the event, visit <http://www.mega-muscle.net/seminar/index.htm>



"More Gay Men Injecting Meth"

Gay City News (01.13.05)::Duncan Osborne

Some New York City needle-exchange programs report seeing more men who have sex with men (MSM) injecting crystal methamphetamine.

Positive Health Project began seeing more MSM meth injectors in 2004, said Rafael Ponce, director of health promotion services. Beginning Jan. 21, PHP's facility at 301 W. 37th St. will offer "drop-in hours" on Fridays between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. for MSM with concerns about meth. PHP has asked some gay sex clubs to help publicize its needle-exchange program and other services.

The Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center has also seen an increase in MSM clients injecting meth. Sam Orlando, vital service care coordinator, and another employee have attended gay sex clubs and private parties to demonstrate proper injection techniques.

Staff of both agencies said that while MSM injectors usually understand they should not share needles, they may not know that sharing other items used to

prepare meth for injection also poses a risk for HIV transmission. The practice of "booty-bumping" - using a needleless syringe to inject a meth solution into the anus - is of special concern as it can damage the colon, and, if followed by unsafe sex, facilitate HIV transmission.

The city Department of Health and Mental Hygiene also reports more MSM shooting meth. The department's Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Disease Control Dr. Isaac Weisfuse recently told the New York Assembly's committees on alcoholism, drug abuse and health that "use of crystal meth appears to be increasingly associated with high-risk injection practices, which transmit hepatitis C."

"It started out everyone was snorting and if you smoked it you were an addict," one former user said last year. "Then everyone was smoking it and if you shot it you were an addict. The last time I went out, everyone was shooting."

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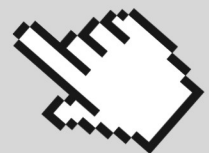
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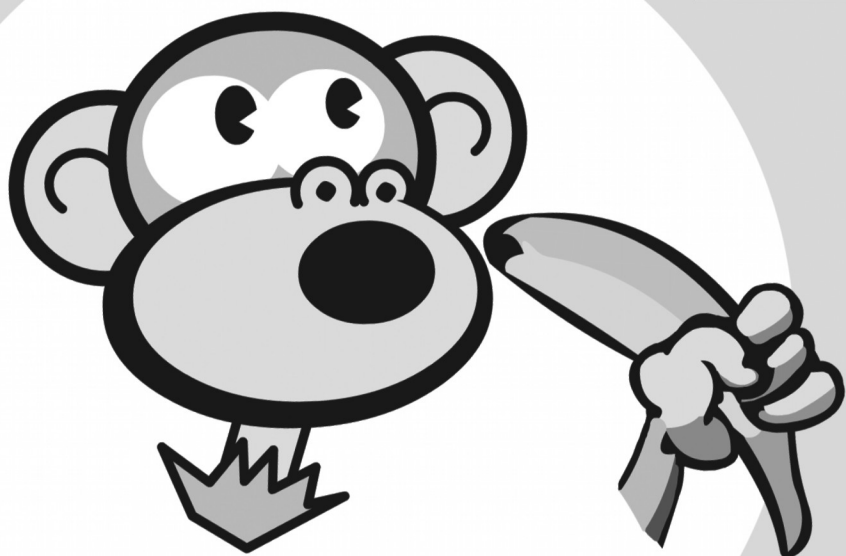
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PrideFest Announces Mainstage Entertainment

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Jason Stuart — Saturday's headlining entertainment will kick off at 7:00 p.m. with Jason Stuart, one of the country's top openly gay actor/comics. Jason has performed at the Montreal Comedy Festival, Town Hall on Broadway and to 100,000 at the Millennium March. As an actor, he has had a recurring role on *My Wife & Kids* starring Damon Wayans, playing a gay family therapist. Jason has been seen all over TV on *Fat Actress*, *House*, *Strong Medicine*, *Providence*, *Will & Grace*, *The Drew Carey Show* and *Charmed*.



Taylor Dayne and her band will follow as a featured performer at 8:30 p.m. Highly supportive of the LGBT community, Taylor Dayne stands out as one of music's most dynamic artists. Her versatile and powerful

voice has gained recognition in multiple genres from pop, dance and rock to adult contemporary. Taylor Dayne's unique vocal style has earned her 3 successful albums including the double platinum albums *Tell It To My Heart* and *Can't Fight Fate* as well as the gold *Soul Dancing*. She has sold over 10 million records worldwide, driven by 10 Top Ten Billboard hits, including *Tell It To My Heart*, *Prove Your Love*, *I'll Always Love You*, *Don't Rush Me*, *With Every Beat of My Heart*, *I'll Be Your Shelter*, *Can't Get Enough of Your Love*, *Send Me A Lover*, *I'll Wait*, *Planet Love*, and the #1 smash *Love Will Lead You Back*. She has sold-out 2 world tours and been honored with 3 Grammy nominations. As an actress she has appeared in numerous film, TV and stage roles, including the role of Princess Amneris in Elton John's *Aida* on Broadway. In addition to her chart-topping hits, Taylor will also perform new material from her next album, due out later this year. Be sure to catch the special, *VH1 Remaking: Taylor Dayne*, which will air on April 21st.



RuPaul will close out the first day of PrideFest with an extravagant performance at 11:00pm. RuPaul skyrocketed to international fame with the release of the CD *Supermodel of the World* which was fol-

lowed by roles in several movies, *The RuPaul Show* on VH1, many high profile endorsement deals (including a beauty contract with M*A*C Cosmetics), a best-selling autobiography and world fund-raising for people living with HIV/AIDS. This tour heralds the release of RuPaul's first CD in several years and Ru says, "In many ways I'm going back to my roots. The CD RuPaul

Red Hot has all the sassy elements and bumpin' grooves that I'm known for, but it also provides a deeper look into my world. I'm very excited about performing all of my music for the children at PrideFest."

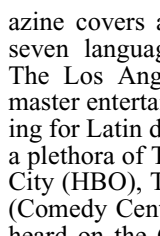


Pamela Means — Sunday's headlining entertainment will open at 5:30 p.m. with Wisconsin-raised, Out (spoken), biracial artist, Pamela Means, who is known for her "kamikaze guitar style" and punchy provocative

songs. Means strays beyond the boundaries of the traditional singer-songwriter genre by incorporating jazz, rock, and blues with an Afro-beat backdrop, creating her own inimitable style and sound. She is winner of the 2004 Outmusic Outstanding New Recording (Female) Award for her self-produced album, *Single Bullet Theory*. Pamela Means was also named Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's #1 Most Wanted New Artist, as well as Wisconsin's Folk Artist of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year, and Best Acoustic Act.



Jade Esteban Estrada will follow at 7:00 p.m. with a dynamic, heat-driven Latin pop set. NBC News calls him "America's Prince of Pride" and *Out Magazine* christened him "the first gay Latin star." He's been gracing magazine covers and thrilling audiences in seven languages and in 33 countries. The *Los Angeles Times* calls him "a master entertainer." After back-up dancing for Latin diva Charo, he appeared on a plethora of TV shows like *Sex and the City* (HBO), *The Graham Norton Effect* (Comedy Central) and his music can be heard on the Golden Globe and Emmy award-winning police drama, *The Shield* on the FX Network.



Sophie B. Hawkins will close out the Sunday headliner performances. Even with hits like *Damn I Wish I Was Your Lover*, *As I Lay Me Down*, and *Walkin' In My Blue Jeans*, it's her explosive live performances that have earned Sophie B. Hawkins legions of loyal fans from coast to coast. In 1992 she emerged from a fierce bidding war with a debut album, *Tongues & Tails* that quickly went gold, earned her a Grammy nomination for Best New Artist, and fired a single, *Damn I Wish I Was Your Lover*, into the Top Five. Another gold album, *Whaler*, followed two years later, along with a single, *As I Lay Me Down*, that would chart in Billboard for a record-breaking sixty-seven weeks. By the time she got to *Timbre* in 1999, she had won universal respect for her rare blend of multi-instrumental and



vocal talent, songwriting craftsmanship, and gutsy honesty. Now Hawkins is lost in the Wilderness, her first independently recorded, conceived and released album. The provocative singer/songwriter declares her freedom with, paradoxically, the most accessible project of her career. Hawkins is thrilled to perform at PrideFest in Milwaukee. Gay Pride events, she says, are "the greatest thing in the world. Being gay is special."

Other performers scheduled at the Miller Oasis for the June 11th & 12th festival are **Mark Weigle**, **Wise Fools**, **Tret Fure**, **Kimi Hayes**, **Pulsation**, **Second Union**, **Dropmore Scarlet**, **Rufus Soulful**, **Iridium**, and **celebrity illusionists Devon Cass as Cher**, **Gary Dee as Joan Rivers**, and **Jeff Murphy as Liza Minnelli**, **Bette Midler**, and **Barbra Streisand**.

PrideFest offers a huge selection of food, attractions and entertainment that are just as diverse as the community that attends this quality event for all ages. All entertainment is included with a general admission festival ticket that can be purchased each day for only \$10.00

About PrideFest, Inc.

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

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Ask any Gay Activist in San Francisco, New York, London, Berlin, or Amsterdam, and they will tell you who Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld was. "THE EINSTEIN OF SEX," they will say. But here in the Midwest, his name may not be familiar to us, even though he had a brother who ran a well known clinic here in Milwaukee for many years. Magnus Hirschfeld was one of the world's first respected sexologists, and the leader of the gay rights movement in German from 1908 until 1933. He opened the world's first Sexual Institute; a clinic that offered marriage counseling, abortion advice, treatment of venereal disease, therapy for confused transsexuals, and activity groups for gays and transvestites. He also became one of the prime targets of Adolf Hitler.

Dale Gutzman, Managing Director of OFF THE WALL THEATRE, has been working for three years on a play about the conflict between Hirschfeld and Hitler, and this April it will receive its premiere performance under the title *SCENES OF LOVE AND DEATH IN THE THIRD REICH*. The play includes shocking new evidence, unearthed only three years ago, that Hitler as a young man was a male hustler and homosexual himself, and then when it became politically embarrassing for him, he not only abandoned his homosexual friends, but had many of them executed. Ernst Rohm, the head of the SA, was one such victim of Hitler's purging. Magnus Hirschfeld had at his institute, thousands of questionnaires filled in by Hitler's top aids, even one from Rudolph Hess, who used the gay name "Schwartz Maria." To obtain these vitriolic files, one of Hitler's first targets when he came to power in 1933 was the Sexual Institute. The films we all have seen of the Nazi book burnings, are taken of the destruction of the Institute and its library.

Gutzman's play traces the rise of both Hirschfeld and Hitler from 1908 until 1933, when Hirschfeld, who was not only gay but also Jewish, took refuge in Paris, and many of his staff were murdered or shipped to concentration camps. It traces the early dreams of both men, and marks the times their paths crossed politically and sometimes violently, as when Hitler ordered Hir-

schfeld killed in Munich in 1928. The amazing courage of Hirschfeld and his staff are astounding, and their continued fight not only for gay rights but for women's rights as well is breathtaking.

Heading the impressive cast for *SCENES OF LOVE AND DEATH IN THE THIRD REICH*, will be Robert Hirschi as Magnus Hirschfeld. Bob has starred for Dale in "THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW," "CABARET," and other shows, and is well known for his outstanding work at numerous local theatres. Playing Adolf Hitler will be Karl Miller, one of the most versatile performers in Milwaukee. Karl has recently appeared at The Skylight Theatre, Broadway Baby Dinner Theatre, and worked with Gutzman for twenty years. Mark Hagan, popular gay actor and performer, will play Dorchen, Hirschfeld's transvestite housekeeper who defies the attack on the Institute almost single handedly, and Kirk Thomsen, who played "Rocky" in "THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW" will play Karl Giese, Hirschfeld's lover. Ernst Rohm will be played by Tom Welcenbach, and Chief of Police Von Treskow by Lawrence Lukasavage.

The play will also include numerous films and slides from the period created by Aaron Kopec, and half a dozen songs, performed by Jeremy Welter as "the Countess" owner of a Berlin cabaret, and Eric Nelson as Rolf, one of the club's stars. Eric was recently in "CABARET" at the Skylight Theatre, and Jeremy was last seen in Gutzman's "HOLIDAY PUNCH." Songs like "Falling in Love Again," and "I Didn't Raise my Boy to be a Soldier," are authentic period tunes, but two special cabaret songs for the show were written by local musician and actor David Kaye. Also in the cast are David Roper, Michael Davis, and James Feeley. David Roper also acts as Technical Director.

Performances dates are April 21,22,23,24, 27,28,29,30, and May 1. Performances on Wed. and Thurs. are at 7:30 PM, on Fri. and Sat. at 8:00 PM, and on Sun. at 4:30 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 (\$24.00 for special reserved seats) and may be ordered by calling (414) 327-3552.

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Hot Water, Something You Want to Get Into, for Once

By **Shelby Eks**

Hot Water, located at 818 South Water Street on Milwaukee's East Side, opened New Years Eve 2004. This uniquely designed haven is hidden, curving off the more commonly known National Avenue.

Owner of Hot Water, Paul Mueller, purchased the classical building over twenty years ago and has done all the remodeling himself.

Hardwood floors lead to a bar beneath groupings of delicate pearl lights. An astonishing 1904 Tiffany from Loramor Mansion in Lake Geneva displays various hues of green.

Soothing music, including the Bee Gees and Barry White, play amongst incoming guests. Cream painted brick walls add to comfort along with a tranquil piano in the left corner. Individuals are welcome to illustrate their talent as pianists.

Another amazing open piano rests on the bar. This piano shell holds various bottles of liquor available for drinking pleasure. A stainless steel bar adds to the unique design, all remodeled before opening-day.

Mueller states, "Many people tell me they feel like they're on someone's loft."

This statement is not hard to believe. Diverse paintings decorate the bar background and an ocean-blue wall. Wooden chairs are available at the bar along with comfortable cushioned seats against wall backs.

A large space is available for those wishing to dance the night away. Four wooden pillars surround the dance floor, matching the nudity of the apparent wood ceiling.

A good time is not hard to find at Hot Water due to its many weekly evening events running Wednesday-Friday. Wednesday fosters the West Coast Milwaukee Rebels during their swing group. Instruction is provided, but many individuals attend to listen to music accommodated by Mueller to fit the mood.



Thursdays are highlighted by the Cream City Swing Group, also known as CC Swing. CC Swing's own DJ sets up equipment to play the latest in new remixes. On Saturday's, one may also find CC Swing cutting the rug.

The LGBT group, Shoreline, meets each first and third Friday of the month. This country dancing group welcomes all individuals to join in and participate in the excitement found in their different dancing techniques.

aside for the LGBT community.

Something Mueller wants to stress is, "We enjoy everyone, no matter who they are."

Mueller got involved with the nightclub business because of his jazz singing background and love for the social aspects of owning a club. Mueller made the right selections concerning design and making others feel welcome.

The atmosphere reaches Mueller's goal of feeling "homey." Meeting new people is not difficult in this comforting hot spot. The low lighting produced by white, fanning chandeliers encourages mingling.

Zach St. Martin, a bartender states, "we accommodate for any dance groups. We've also had live music and are looking for more performers."

The future seems bright for Hot Water. Mueller is currently in the process of creating a regular event for Sunday nights. Drink specials include \$2 tap-pers from 7 p.m.-9p.m. on Sunday evenings. More specials are to be introduced in late spring and summer.

"Right now I normally make cosmos and martinis," says St. Martin, "but we're going to have a happy hour."

Mueller will be making an innovative art piece including framed instruments and is in the process of designing Hot Water's own website, www.hotwatermilwaukee.com.

Extended summer hours, upcoming events and specials lead to excitement on Mueller's part.

"I think this summer is going to be really hoppin'," states Mueller.

Hot Water is open Wednesday-Sunday from 7 p.m. until bar time. For more information call (414) 383-7593.

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The Domes

A Child's Garden of Wonder

By **Shelby Eks**

More commonly known as "The Domes," the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory fosters plants welcoming spring to the Milwaukee area.

The Domes located on 524 S. Layton Blvd. consist of three distinct domes, each with its own theme including Arid, Tropical, and Show.

The Arid Dome has both old and new world plants. Such plants have adapted to environments where water is scarce. They must survive through drought and intense heat exposure.

Species of arid plants come from Madagascar, the Canary Islands, North America, southern and eastern Asia, and South America. Each geographical area is represented in a specific location with labels, providing accuracy of plants for visitors.

Most individuals think of cacti as the only arid species of plants. In reality, cacti survive only in North, Central, and South America. Other desert plants such as trees, shrubs, and bulbs are presented from around the globe.

Chile peppers are featured in the Arid Dome oasis as well. Chiles are one of the top 75 most consumed plants in the world. Other fascinating facts can be found in each unique dome.

The Tropical Dome shelters plants accustomed to rainforests. Over 1,200 species of birds, iguanas, and plants contribute to the vibrant atmosphere. Familiar plants are often put in homes to add color. Such plants could be orchids, ferns, or marantas.

Illustrated in the Tropical Dome is the emphasis of vertical and horizontal growth. Vines reach upward toward the glass, searching for sunlight. Impatiens and caladium decorate the floor of this paradise, creating horizontal growth while stimulating the senses.

Waterfalls and birds can be heard throughout the dome. Visitors are welcome to take snapshots of their surroundings not seen in the wild of the United States.

The most popular dome at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory is the Show Dome.

Kristine Ciombor, conservatory director states, "all of our domes are popular but during this time of year, the Show Dome is the most popular."

The Show Dome has had over 150 themes since its opening in 1964. The current theme, "A Child's Garden of Wonder," will be displayed until May 30, 2005. Another theme was "Greatest

Show on Earth," which had a circus motif featuring live animals and a tent.

The current display consists of lilies, snap dragons, heliotrope, and other magnificent, lush plants. A pond is surrounded by foliage and a small bridge, allowing children to make wishes. A sand box also welcomes children and families to the Show Dome.

With the consistently changing Show Dome, something is always new at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Center.

Ciombor says, "We have a real variety of themes. 'Summer in Provence' is a French-themed garden we are planning to have."

The fall will be represented in the Show Dome with "Wisconsin Autumn" and "Fall Orchids" from Sept. 16 to 18. A spectacular "Rainforest Night" will hit the scene in October.

During winter months The Domes are also open for business. "Frosty Fun" will arrive in time for the holidays.

The Show Dome not only houses themed displays, but after-hours parties as well. Weddings are held with reservations. Corporate parties and personal celebrations are also enjoyed during evening hours.

The Domes welcome all individuals to experience the beauty of plants. Children from schools enjoy fieldtrips. Families, businesses, and private citizens sponsor The Domes, believing they add to the Milwaukee community.

For more information on the Mitchell Horticultural Conservatory visit www.countyparks.com or call (414) 649-9800.



"Virtually every type of business has had a party in there," Ciombor states, "We accommodate for events with seating and other requests."



Gay Games VII General Registration

Gay Games VII General Registration is now open. Details are available online. Chicago organizers wish to remind the world's athletes that many sports have limited space. Sailing has already reached its capacity, Golf is nearing capacity, and 4 other sports are nearly 50% full. "Only by registering now can you ensure your space is reserved," said Nancy Harris, Gay Games VII Sports Consultant. "We don't want to disappoint those who intend to play but wait too late to register."



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Parade Information

The Parade for 2005 will be taking place on Sunday, June 5th. Line up for the Parade will commence at 12:00pm. Step off will be at 2:00pm SHARP. Any units not checked in by 1:30pm will be placed at the back of the lineup.

Parade Rules and Regulations

The Parade entry fee must be paid when you submit the parade application. Signs or banners containing the names, logos, or other representations of groups or businesses that have not paid an entry fee will not be allowed to march. No group will be exempt from the entry fee.

All organizations, groups, vehicles, and the like shall be considered "units." All units will respect the rights of other units to take place in the Parade. The Parade Coordinator shall approve handouts or giveaways on a case-by-case basis. These must be cleared beforehand, and will not be permitted if they are presented for approval during the lineup, or the day of the Parade.

Standards of Conduct

Use your judgment when representing your group. The following regulations must be complied with.

1. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS!** Consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs during the lineup, or actual Parade is immediate grounds for expulsion from the event.
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6. At no time shall any units endanger the safety of themselves, other units or spectators.
7. Units agree to follow the direction of the Milwaukee Pride Parade Coordinators, Milwaukee Pride Parade Security, and the Milwaukee Police Department.
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10. Applications are subject to approval by the Milwaukee Pride Parade. Milwaukee Pride Parade reserves the right to reject any application it believes would be inappropriate given the nature of the event.
11. **Throwing Objects IS NOT PERMITTED.** The Parade Coordinator shall approve handouts or giveaways on a case-by-case basis. These must be cleared beforehand, and will not be permitted if they are presented for approval during the lineup, or the day of the Parade.
13. Any parade unit in violation of the above rules and regulations will be ejected from the Parade will be ejected from the event.
14. Milwaukee Pride Parade reserves the right to reject or deny any parade applications given the nature of this event.
15. All registered units must be in their designated line-up position by 1:30 PM on Sunday, June 12th. The judges will be taken through the line-up area for a preview of all entries at that time. Any units not registered by 1:30 PM will be removed from the judging form to facilitate the judging procedure during the parade.

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OUTBOUND SPORTS

By David Wilcox

SSBL Volunteers at Miller Park

SSBL, Milwaukee's Saturday Softball League, is volunteering at Miller Park for home games to raise funds for SSBL. Numerous SSBL persons are participating and the money is rolling in.

"This would be a great way for SSBL to get a good name for itself, right off the bat," says Brian Reinkober, SSBL Commissioner.

SSBL brought in \$2175 the weekend of April 1-3. According to Reinkober, the money raised will be split among the NAGAAA World Series team that SSBL is required to send, 3 Kosmos tournaments in Fall of 2005/Winter of 2006 and Spring of 2006 and the Dairyland Classic for 2005. Any money left over will go to fund SSBL's reserve funds for 2008.

The Ramrods Get On Top in Madison Darts

The Ramrods have moved out into a commanding lead in Madison's Gay Dart League. Meanwhile the Token Lesbian and Studmuffins battle each other for 3rd and 4th while slowing moving in on the Sharp Shooters 2nd place spot.

The week 6 results are as follows:

Team	Wins		Team	Wins
Token Lesbian	6	at	G-Spots	3
Ramrods	8	at	Dart Fairies	1
Sharp Shooters	4	at	Studmuffins	5

The week 7 results are as follows:

Team	Wins		Team	Wins
Dart Fairies	2	at	Token Lesbian	7
Studmuffins	3	at	Ramrods	6
G-Spots	5	at	Sharp Shooters	4

The week 8 results are as follows:

Team	Wins		Team	Wins
Ramrods	8	at	Sharp Shooters	1
Token Lesbian	4	at	Studmuffins	5
G-Spots	3	at	Dart Fairies	6

Bringing year-to-date standings to:

Place	Team	Wins	Place	Team	Wins
1	Ramrods	52	4	Studmuffins	34
2	Sharp Shooters	39	5	Dart Fairies	29
3	Token Lesbian	36	6	G-Spots	26

Registration Begins for Second City Tennis

Chicago's Second City Tennis League has set its registration day for Saturday, April 23rd. All abilities are welcome to sign up. Those interested should go to Sidetrack (3349 N. Halsted) between 4pm and 6pm.

Second City Tennis (SCT) is a not-for-profit subsidiary of the Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association (CMSA) and organizes tennis and related social activities serving the gay and lesbian community of Chicago.

SCT has been offering tennis programs since 1987, formed its first Board of

Directors in 1998 and currently has over 450 members. SCT members include men and women at all skill levels, living throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.

SCT leagues and programs include a summer singles league, a singles challenge ladder, a winter doubles league, an annual member party in February and other programs and events. Each August, SCT also hosts the Second City Tennis Classic, a regular stop on the Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA) 40-tournament worldwide tour.

Chicago Gay Games Seeks Ceremonies Proposals

Chicago Games, Inc. (CGI), host organization of the Gay Games VII Sports and Cultural Festival scheduled for 15-22 July 2006, is seeking proposals from companies interested in bidding on the production of the Opening, Closing and Awards Ceremonies associated with the international event. The events will be

held in Soldier Field, Wrigley Field and Millennium Park, respectively.

Gay Games VII will bring together 12,000 participants from over 70 countries to participate in 30 sports and 4 cultural events during eight days in July of 2006. Sports, culture, arts and social events will be enjoyed by the partici-

pants and tens of thousands of fans, enriched by an Opening Ceremony at Soldier Field in downtown Chicago (15 July 2006), a Closing Ceremony at Wrigley Field on Chicago's north side (22 July 2006) and Nightly Awards Ceremonies at Chicago's Millennium Park from 17-21 July 2006.

CGI seeks one or more show production companies to create, manage and produce the Opening Ceremony, the Closing Ceremony, and the Nightly Award Ceremonies. Interested Opening and Closing Ceremony production companies should have previous experience in large-scale production in outdoor sta-

diums. Interested Awards Ceremonies producers should have previous experience in production of large staged outdoor events. The proposal filing deadline is May 2, 2005.

To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals, send a brief letter including company background, web site URL and contact person. Address the letter to Greg McNitt, CGI Board member and Ceremonies Committee Co-Chair, and email to jobs@gaygameschicago.org. Please reference "Ceremonies RFP Request" in the subject line of the email message.

Different Spokes of Madison Sets 2005 Schedule

Different Spokes, Madison's LGBT bicycling club since 1993, has begun scheduling its 2005 rides and events. Each year sees about a dozen varied rides and a few auxiliary events.

The main events are rides on lesser-traveled roads or trails. Most routes have short and long routes to accommodate riders with different interests and abilities. Different Spokes asks its regular riders to contribute \$5/year to help pay for printing and mailing of their ride calendar.

This year's first two rides are shorter which helps riders get back in the groove for the summer.

On Saturday, April 17, the Capital City Trail is planned - a 20 mile ride with rolling hills. The group meets at 11am in the south parking lot of Olin Park.

The Paoli ride is on Sunday, May 1. This is a 28-mile ride which begins at the Mills Street entrance to the Arboretum by Vilas Park. Riders should meet at 9:30am.

For more detailed and upcoming ride information, visit <http://personalpages.tds.net/~rherbst/>.

The league got off to a rocky start last year, with several no-shows and lots of drama about equal distribution of ability among the teams. Nonetheless, the league ended on a strong note and looked good to go for the coming years.

Madison Gay Softball League Ready to Go but Short of Goal

After several months of recruiting, and not a little controversy, Madison Gay Softball is ready to begin its second year with its first night of games on May 9.

Despite some of last year's players being labeled as unwelcome, the league managed to scrape together six teams of softball players, two teams short of its stated 8-team goal.

This year, there are no major changes, except for the league beginning under the looming threat of a lawsuit. More details will be forthcoming in future issues of Outbound News.

Fortunately for fans and players, the majority of the drama is going on behind the scenes and folks can look forward to a fun season of softball. Scores and stats will be printed here as well so stay tuned.

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Gay Bishop Fights Claims that He Called Jesus a Homosexual

By Ross von Metzke

(Manchester, NH) - The United States' first openly gay Episcopal bishop is lashing out against claims that he has identified Jesus as a homosexual.

"I can assure you with absolute certainty that was not my implication, and certainly not anything I ever said," Bishop Gene Robinson told New Hampshire's Union Leader.

Robinson told the Union Leader he has been "flooded with angry messages" with regard to Weblog comments responding to a speech he made at a February 13 forum on sexual issues held at Massachusetts' Christ Church.

Robinson said he was attempting to make the point that the idea of the traditional family is fairly recent and, even for his time, Jesus could be viewed as having led a non-traditional life.

"Interestingly enough, in this day of traditional family values and so on," Robinson says in a recording from the forum on the church's Web site, "this man that we follow was single as far as we know; who traveled with a bunch of men, although there were lots of women around; who had a disciple who was known as 'the one whom Jesus loved';

who said 'my family is not my mother and father, my family are those who do the will of God' - none of us like those harsh words. That's who Jesus is, that's who he was, at least in his earthly life."

Robinson said pointing out that Jesus was not married with children is a far cry from labeling him homosexual. Robinson continued by saying that he has nothing against the traditional family.

"I'm a product of it," he said at the Massachusetts forum.

The Episcopal Church has 2.4 million members and is part of the 77 million-member Anglican Communion, which traces its roots to the Church of England. Views of homosexuality in the church are varied and Robinson's 2003 ordination has sparked its share of controversy and widely divided leaders in the church.

FYI

Companies will sell clothing, music and health products at the center, which is sponsored by Passport Magazine and Gay-Day.com.

Official Gay Day merchandise will also be for sale.

On Friday, the welcome center will run in conjunction with the 13th Gay and

Lesbian World Travel Expo, which is also located at the Wyndham. Geared toward consumers, the show features more than 50 suppliers of travel such as airlines, tour operators, and rental car companies. It is sponsored by Travel Alternatives Group (TAG), OutTraveler Magazine and American Airlines.

The Expo is attracting exhibitors outside of your typical travel companies, according to Gay Day Partner Brian Bottorff.

"We are especially pleased to welcome more than 16 convention and business bureaus, which represent major cities that realize the importance of gays and lesbians to their growth and long-term success," said Bottorff, who is quick to point out one omission. "At this point the only city not committed, unfortunately, is our own Orlando."

Besides exhibitors, the welcome center will also house the box office in charge of ticket sales for parties and theme parks. Entertainment throughout the day on Friday and Saturday will include nationally known DJs, comedians, magicians and other performers

The welcome center hours are Friday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 7 p.m. For additional information, visit gayday.com.

Gay Games® Chicago Sponsors Gay and Lesbian World Aquatics Championships in Atlanta

(Chicago, IL) - The organizers of the next two gay and lesbian world aquatics championships - taking place in Atlanta in 2005 and in Chicago in 2006 - have joined forces to support each other's event.

The Atlanta Rainbow Trout, host of the 2005 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics (IGLA) Championships, have announced Gay Games Chicago as the first Gold Sponsor of their event scheduled for July 20-25, 2005. IGLA 2005 will feature diving, water polo, swimming and synchronized swimming. With more than 1,000 participants expected from throughout the world, events will take place at the Georgia Tech Aquatics Complex (site of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic swimming and diving competitions) and the Washington Park Natatorium. Online registration for IGLA 2005 opened Thursday, 31 March 2005 at .

Chicago hosts Gay Games VII Sports and Cultural Festival from 15 to 22 July 2006. Every four years, IGLA suspends its regular championships in favor of the Gay Games aquatics program. Gay

Games wins recorded by IGLA team members, including numerous world records set at past Gay Games, are recognized as IGLA records. IGLA leaders play an integral role in ensuring that the highest standards of quality are met during Gay Games aquatics events. As many as 1,500 people will participate in aquatics at the 2006 Gay Games in Chicago. Registration for Gay Games VII is now open at .

"We are thrilled to be affiliated once again with the IGLA Championships and are excited to be working with the Atlanta team in advance of IGLA 2005," said Suzi Arnold, Chicago's Board Co-Chair and Co-Chair of the Sports Committee. "IGLA and the Gay Games share a special bond that stretches back to the founding of IGLA after Gay Games II in San Francisco in 1986. IGLA last came to Chicago for its championships in 1993 and we are excited to welcome the world LGBT aquatics championships back in 2006."

Registration for Gay Games VII is now open at www.gaygameschicago.org

Largest Display of Rainbow Flags in GLBT History

(Philadelphia, PA) - Center City Philadelphia will be decked out in 140 Equality Forum Rainbow Flags, in addition to 40 Equality Forum Rainbow Flags on Independence Mall, for Equality Forum 2005 & National Celebration (April 25 to May 1). The 180 eight-foot by four-foot Rainbow Flags make this the largest display of Rainbow Flags in history.

"The Rainbow Flag represents the diversity of our community," said Malcolm Lazin, executive director of Equality Forum. "The 140 Rainbow Flags in Center City Philadelphia reflect our visibility, while the 40 Rainbow Flags on Independence Mall, the site of the National Celebration, symbolize 40 Years and 40 Heroes."

The National Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the GLBT Civil Rights Movement will be on Sunday, May 1 on Independence Mall. The 16-hour National Celebration includes a Gay Pioneers & 40 Heroes Tribute in front of Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Through an international process, 40 Heroes were selected for their leadership over the last 40 years.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission will unveil a Historical Marker designating the area around Independence Hall as the site of the first organized and annual gay and lesbian civil rights demonstration (July 4, 1965) during the National Celebration. This Historical Marker is believed to be only the second official marker to designate a site significant to the GLBT Civil Rights movement.

"We started hanging the Rainbow Flags in early April," Lazin said. "By the time Equality Forum 2005 & National Celebration kicks off, Rainbow Flags will hang on every pole around City Hall and on many major streets. They will help

greet guests from North America and Europe."

The first organized and annual demonstration for gay and lesbian civil rights was held in front of Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell on July 4, 1965. These "Annual Reminders" were held in Philadelphia, D.C. and New York from 1965 to 1969 and led to Stonewall in 1969.

Equality Forum 2005 & National Celebration (April 25 to May 1) features over 100 programs, including 14 parties and 40 special events. More than 105 state, regional, national and international non-profit organizations and 30 national and international GLBT executive directors will be participating. Thirty states, D.C. and Puerto Rico will hold State Receptions on Saturday, April 30.

The 16-hour National Celebration on Independence Mall includes the Gay Pioneers & 40 Heroes Tribute, the SundayOUT street festival, screenings of the documentary Gay Pioneers, an Interfaith Service with Bishop Gene Robinson at historic Christ Church, a Gay Icons Pavilion at the Independence Visitors Center, Conversations with Gay Leaders at the National Constitution Center, a National Celebration Concert with Cyndi Lauper, celebrities, and parties.

There is no registration fee for Equality Forum 2005 and all substantive events including the National Celebration are free. Twenty Center City hotels are offering lowest rate.

For more information, visit www.equalityforum.org

Gay Day Welcome Center & Travel Expo

(Orlando, FL) - With more than 115,000 guests expected, Gay Day weekend is becoming a key event for companies targeting gay men and lesbians. A welcome center and travel show at the

Wyndham Palace Resort and Spa in the Walt Disney World Resort are attracting more than 80 businesses, along with convention and business bureaus from 12 cities and countries around the world.

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Cordially Yours

By Michael Johnston

An Interview with John McGivern

Hello again and welcome to a new twist to "STILL Cordially Yours," For this effort, I will hopefully still be sharing with you. This time however it's a visit with John McGivern. So you think you know everything there is to know about Milwaukee's favorite son - I invite you to setback and continue to read what John has to share with Cordially yours. John McGivern is everywhere these days - a "Hot Property" -- Radio - WKLH 96.5 FM Mornings with Dave & Carole, Television - WTMJ Fridays at 11AM, Print - Milwaukee Magazine and soon to what brought him to these outlets the Stage with - "Shear Madness" at Vogel Hall The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts Beginning Thursday, May 12 running through Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day) -- so far...

Cordially Yours: Do you feel any pressure being a representative of the Gay community?

John McGivern: No, I don't really feel that I have taken on the responsibility of representing any community. I feel I represent Milwaukee.

C.Y. Can you put into words not only the importance of your acceptance as a performer but as a Gay performer?

J.M. It's very important to me. Milwaukee Magazine sites me as a major celebrity in this tight, conservative city, and how this city has turned. I am humbled and grateful. The acceptance! As for being Gay - I was listed as funny, kind and third as being Gay. It's shows the growth of our city in the last ten years. Not known as just a Gay performer. The article calls me Milwaukee's own Ellen Degeneres. People are sooo kind to me. Last year seemed to be the turning point.

C.Y. Do you feel the impact in today's society - keeping theater alive- and why it seems you are continuously successful in every project you do?

J.M. It's hard -- mass appealing projects that bring the people in. Give people something that they don't have to think about it or wonder what was that about, keep it simple - you don't have to figure it out. It's your responsibility to do something, someone wants to see.

C.Y. Are you afraid of being typecast?

J.M. No, I think I'm not afraid. There's a real similarity in my roles. But I'm more afraid of not working. It's a gift! I'm not Tony Whitcomb in "Shear Madness", that's me, but waaaaa -- over the top.

C.Y. Of all your many shows - "Shear Madness", "Fully Committed", "The Odd Couple", "Santa Land Diaries", "Kabul- The Homecoming" to mention but a few -- What was your "favorite"?

J.M. "Shear Madness". I loved "Santa-Land" too. Of course my own stuff... My own stories. I have been very fortunate to do over 27 engagements since the first of the year doing my stories for major corporate engagements. Being

their entertainment for the evening --- the exposure!

C.Y. Isn't it wild how you chose an old warhorse like Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" and now there is talk of a revival on Broadway with Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick?

J.M. Norman Moses actually suggested doing "The Odd Couple" backstage while we were doing "Madness." A good director like Ed Morgan who I met when I did "Lovers & Executioners" with The Rep. has been a part of all these productions too, someone I trust and who understands me.

C.Y. What was it like having Jack Klugman one of the stars of the television version of "The Odd Couple" sitting in on your first rehearsal?

J.M. Jack Klugman was in town doing his one man show -- produced by Gary Marshall. I had worked with Gary in "Princess Diaries." He remembered working with me. Jack was a great guy, answered questions, took pictures...

C.Y. What is your "Dream Part"?

J.M. I don't know, I'm not sure... I'm too old to play "Pippin", maybe his Grandmother! My dream -- doing my stories on Broadway... I would love to do!

C.Y. For you which is harder -- comedy or drama?

J.M. My drama is kind of funny! I don't get asked to do drama that often. People expect to laugh -- when they come to see me.

C.Y. Would you ever consider doing a musical-comedy like: "La Cage" or "Sugar" or "Charley's Aunt"? I list these three for the perceived Gay theme.

J.M. That would be fun! I would love to "La Cage" it would be fun -- but I can't sing it. My early stuff was musical in Atlanta, DC then Chicago. Chicago was so huge, all the outlets I couldn't get looked at. No call backs... Of course it wouldn't bother me if there was a Gay theme. I'd love that!

C.Y. Who makes you laugh?

J.M. Professionally? Margaret Cho - I think she is dirty and funny, Louis Anderson used to make me laugh before he got so serious about his weight and all -- kind of sad. I loved "Beauty Shop" I screamed! Queen Latifah is so beautiful!

C.Y. Who are your idols, icons -- the people you admire most?

J.M. My family, my brothers and sisters iconic in my mind. Bruce Jordan who owns "Shear Madness" started with nothing and built an empire. He had a belief in himself and a project and has taken it all over the world. He remains totally accessible and kind. A good guy! He made it all happen and never gave it up.

C.Y. Is this what you wanted to be when you were growing up?

J.M. I wanted to be a Priest, for forever - I didn't give that up, until I was in my mid-twenties.

C.Y. There is a similarity between being a Priest and a performer.

J.M. Trust me, I just don't have as many shows on Sunday. Since 1980, this is all I wanted to do. I went into treatment in 1989 for a bad Cocaine/Alcohol addiction. My family kidnapped me from Chicago and did an intervention.

I was at DePaul Hospital in January 1990, stayed here for outpatient treatment met a guy named Joe Rogan and that spring told him I wanted to do stand up. I wanted to be a well known Gay Stand Up Comedian. He said "You go girl." Joe and his partner have a ranch in the Kick-a-Poo Valley, 38 horses, beautiful cabins, here we both have gone after our dreams, and we're living it! I had a lot to say -- that's why it worked for my stand up career.

C.Y. Were you the "Class Clown"?

J.M. No, I don't want to be pointed out even today. Too uncomfortable.

C.Y. You never work blue - obviously by choice - is there a specific reason as to why?

J.M. See me in a Comedy Club, I do...

C.Y. Now you do a real touching one man show - ALA Will Rogers, so very profound -- your story telling of your childhood. You've been successful as the Comic Genius of Vogel Hall. And a major motion picture with Dame Julie Andrews! What is your preference?

J.M. I loved working with Julie very sweet, very supportive, very kind! After every shot "that was great, that was brilliant!" Annie Hathaway was sweet too! Doing a film is a very long process, 6 am - 9 PM - no life, a long day. A combination of all of it: Radio, TV, Stage, the Magazine, Teaching at UWM, Corporate stuff -- I like staying very busy. KLH - has been very good to me this past decade with Dave & Carole.

C.Y. You have chosen to live here in Milwaukee, do you feel it interferes with your career goals? (Not living on either coasts?) More movies? Broadway? Prime Time TV? Cable TV - where you made a sensational debut? Is this in your future?

J.M. Comedy Central, HBO - 1994, 96, 99 It provides national work in theaters that did, Gay programming. Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Miami, Boston, Philadelphia ... Then I traveled everywhere! Headlining in Des Moines! Comedy Clubs people do not come out to see You, they're - just out for a night.

C.Y. Where do you see yourself career-wise in the next decade?

J.M. Here! Continuing, new projects, see what's coming, what the offers are. If I can - I do it... I'll be doing the Community Center's big event Saturday, October 15th Northern Lights at Potawatami. I can't wait, should be fun.

C.Y. When did you realize you were Gay?

J.M. Pre-Puberty. I was born this way -- thank the Lord! Left handed too!

C.Y. Was it difficult to accept yourself... Coming out to your parents/family?

J.M. It was, it was the Catholic background, I was the only one they knew - until they thought about old aunts or uncles... that had same-sex roommates.

But today on the mantle in my home is a family portrait with everyone including my partner Steve. My nephews and nieces have been apart of a generation of accepting and understanding.

C.Y. Do you feel any conflict being openly Gay and Catholic?

J.M. I do - BUT, I feel welcomed in my parish, by my Priest, by the congregation. I have tried other faiths, religions, practices -- but it's my dogma who I am. I am a Catholic, it's apart of me.

C.Y. You've proven yourself a very strong individual career-wise sustaining a successful tenure on the stage -- but even deeper with beating your addictions. Would you care to share with our readers how you've survived?

J.M. It's not a battle anymore - I can't believe it's been so long that I have been clean. I thank the Lord for the memory of it. None of it was purposeful, I wasn't trying to hurt anyone. The great support of my family made for my survival.

C.Y. There is a lucky man in your life now - someone to share all this with does he have any problem being with a household name?

J.M. No - he's good with it. When we met he didn't even know who I was! Or what line of work I was in.

C.Y. Do you realize the importance you play in our lives as a role model? When we were coming up, there really wasn't a Gay figure to emulate. Anyone, anywhere representing us adding a sense of normalcy to our lives. I think, you show the youth of our community you can be who you are and make it after all -- any comments?

J.M. So sweet, that's great... so very kind! Paul Lynde? Ten years ago it was a risk being on KLH, it was brave of them to do it. My audience is so across the board, it's great. We're all much more similar than not and we have to learn to accept it. We all have fears...

C.Y. It is said "Let No Man Write My Epitaph" - OK, here is your chance, what would yours be?

J.M. Oh my Lord! When people have spewed hate about me being Gay - I say they are going to be so shocked when they die and go to Heaven and I'm their roommate!

C.Y. In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity to meet with me, to answer all these questions and sharing so much with all of us -- Is there anything you would like to say to the OutBound readership?

J.M. Come to the show! This community is a really a great one to live in. If you were born and raised here -- move away, see what is out there and then come back. It's wide open -- dream something and make it happen. This city will allow it!

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ARCW WELCOMES SECOND NURSE PRACTITIONER WINSOME PANTON

Milwaukee, March 9, 2005 - Nurse Practitioner Winsome Panton has moved her practice to the rapidly expanding AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Medical Clinic, starting March 7.

Panton joins a medical staff of 8 professionals, including ARCW Infectious Disease Physician David Fisk, M.D., Nurse Practitioner Sharon O'Dwyer, and Registered Nurses Marilyn Ottum and Sara Freedman.

Panton received a BSN and an MSN from Marquette University and is an HIV-experienced Nurse Practitioner with seven years of nursing experience. Panton praised the breadth of ARCW's wrap-around services.

"HIV care cannot take place in isolation," said Pantan. "A team approach is important and ARCW's multidisciplinary approach is a model of care that gives patients access to mental health services, dental care, housing, a food pantry and other services. Some of these basic needs have to be met before patients will engage in and be successful with medical care."

Panton most recently practiced at Aurora's Positive Health Clinic, which is slated to close in mid-April. Panton is transferring her practice to the ARCW Medical Clinic, which now serves more than 400 patients. With the closure of the Positive Health Clinic and Pantan coming to ARCW, the ARCW Medical

Clinic is experiencing a surge in female patients as nearly half of Aurora's patients were women. To date, 65% of Aurora's former patients who are newly enrolled at ARCW are women.

"Many female patients feel more comfortable with a female provider and HIV is no different in this respect," said Pantan. "I am committed to working with women to overcome the barriers they face which might be economic, social or emotional so that they are engaged in medical care. I have experience taking care of women with HIV as well as pregnant HIV patients and I look forward to continuing my practice at ARCW."

With this new growth in staff and patients, the ARCW Medical Clinic has become the largest HIV clinic in the Milwaukee area. To accommodate this growing patient load, ARCW will be hiring a second infectious disease physician and building out a fourth exam room.

Panton said she's looking forward to continuing to serve HIV patients through her practice at ARCW.

"I like the constant challenge of the disease and the idea that there is always something new on the horizon giving hope to patients living with the disease," said Pantan.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (Request gay meetings), (414) 771-9119

Bi Definition (Bisexual community events), 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, Suite 101, (414) 299-9612

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

Brew City Bears, P.O. Box 1035, Milwaukee, WI 53201, (414) 299-0401

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Counseling Center (LGB & discussion groups), 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202, (414) 271-2565

Cream City Chorus, 315 W. Court, Milwaukee, WI 53212, <http://www.creamcity-chorus.org/>, (414) 276-8787

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Cream City Squares (Square Dancing Club), (414) 445-8080

DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression), P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, WI 53201, (414) 278-0323

Fest City Singers (gay choral group), P.O. Box 11428, Milwaukee, WI 53211, (414) 961-0713

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Galano Club (chemical free recovery club), 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, <http://my.execpc.com/%7ereva/>, (414) 276-6936

Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw., (414) 462-8404

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

Gay Youth Milwaukee (peer group meetings), P.O. Box 090441, Milwaukee, WI 53209, (414) 265-8500

Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline, <http://gym.8m.com/>, (414) 272-TEEN

Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM, (414) 229-6402

Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG support/social), P.O. Box 44211, 53214, (414) 297-9328

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

GLEAM/SPECTRUM (GLBT Employees of SBC), P.O. Box 254, Milwaukee, WI 53201, (414) 482-4310

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

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

HRL-Pac (Political Action Committee), P.O. Box 510407 Milwaukee, WI 53203-0074, <http://www.hrl-pac.org/index.html>, (414) 319-9863

Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support), P.O. Box 27041, West Allis, 53227, (414) 548-4344

LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee), 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, (414) 272-9442

Log Cabin Republicans-Wisconsin (Gay Republicans), P.O. Box 199, Milwaukee, 53201, LCCWI@aol.com, (414) 299-9443

Marquette Gay/Straight Alliance, Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233, (414) 288-6873

Men's Voices Milwaukee, 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, (414) 765-9198

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club, (414) 704-1688 (Brian)

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

Milwaukee GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social), P.O. Box 1900, Milwaukee, WI 53201, mkegamma@execpc.com, (414) 365-3453

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court, Milwaukee, WI 53212, <http://www.mkelgbt.org/>, (414) 271-2656

Milwaukee Symphony Chorus, (414) 559-9330

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

New Beginnings PENPALS (Mo. newsletter), Box 25, Westby, WI 54667

Orgullo Latino (a Latin Pride), c/o Murguia, 1532 N. Astor St., Milwaukee, WI 53202, (414) 276-8546

Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group, (414) 963-9833

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG), 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, (414) 299-9198

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

Pride in Wisconsin Government, c/o OutReach, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701, <http://my.execpc.com/%7edross/pride/>, (608) 255-8582

PrideFest (Annual Pride festival), 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, <http://www.pridefest.com/>, (414) 645-FEST

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/anonymous), (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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