



HOMOWNERS

By Josh Aterovis

It's official: We're homeowners. Well, almost official. Our settlement date -- and the big move -- is about a month away, but everything is looking good. It's all happened so quickly my head is still spinning. Our own home...

It's a big step -- but one more and more same-sex couples are taking. According to the 2000 US census, 64% of gay couples owned houses. That's up from 52% in 1990. However, compared to the straight world, that number is still a bit low: 78% of heterosexual married couples own homes.

"Discrimination may be one factor in that, but you could think of other reasons why that might occur," said Gary J. Gates, a research associate at the Population Studies Center of the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. Gays and lesbians tend to live in more urban areas where housing costs are higher and rental properties are more available.

That's not to discount discrimination. An HRC article on homeownership reports that many gay couples have faced discrimination while shopping for a home -- and Federal law offers no protection. The Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968) prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, financing of, or other housing-related transactions based on race,

color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, or disability, but it does not protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

This discrimination could take several forms. Some couples were turned down for housing simply because they were gay. Others have been told they cannot put both partners' names on a homeowner's insurance policy, which is important to do if both partners share ownership of the home. And still other couples have been discriminated against when filing a claim as some insurance companies have attempted to refuse claims or cancel policies on the grounds that the owners are "unrelated."

While there are no Federal protections, fourteen states and the District of Columbia have passed laws that provide civil rights protections -- including protection from discrimination in housing -- for gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. They are California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin. Of those, only California, Minnesota, New Mexico and Rhode Island include protection for transgender people. In addition, there are more than 240 local jurisdictions that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment and, in most cases, housing and public accommodations. About 60 of these also prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or expression. Check with your local government for more information.

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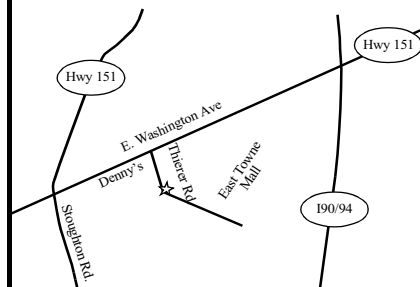
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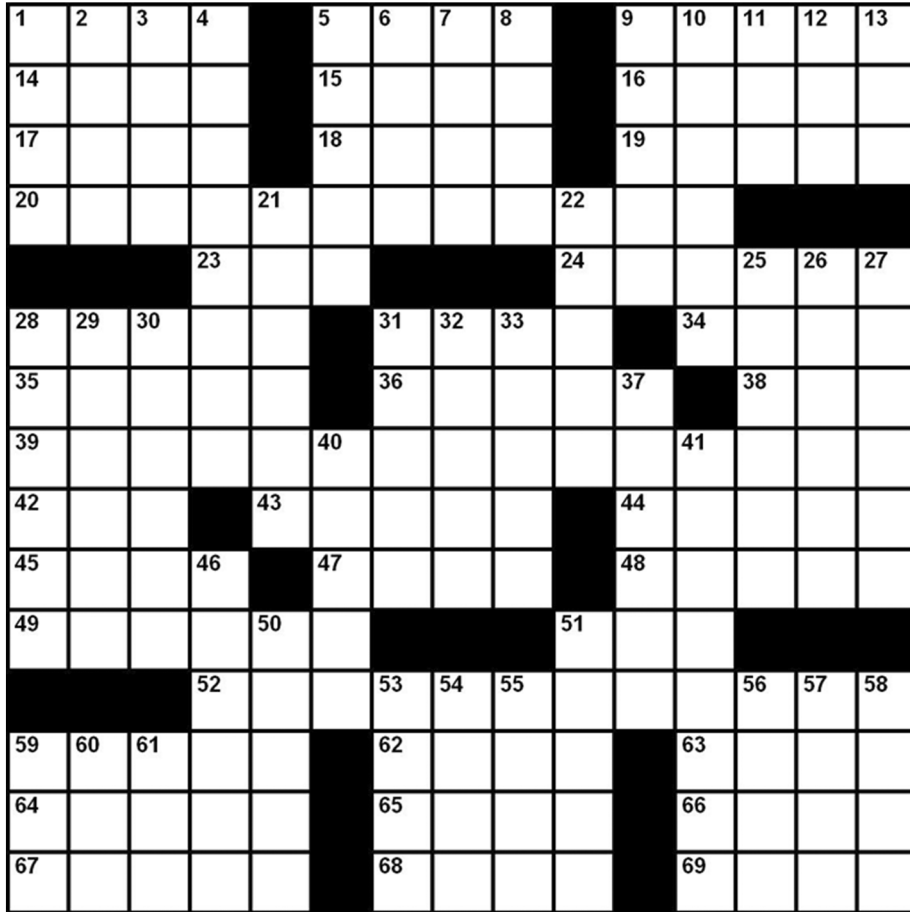
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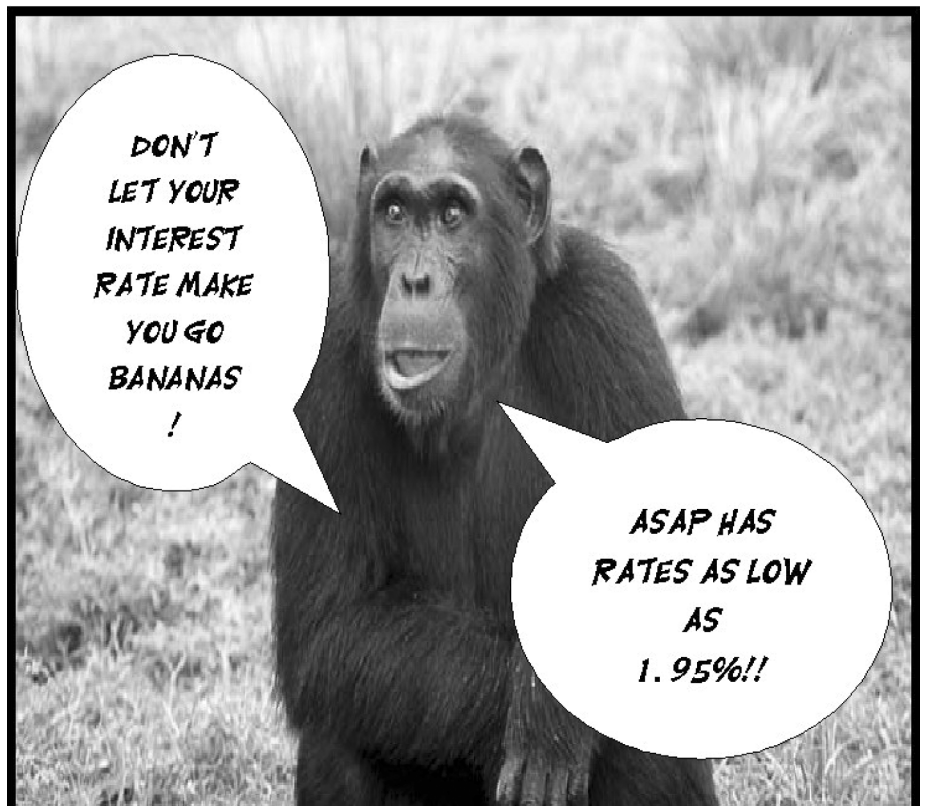
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Lesbian pulps: More subversive than perverse?

By Joy Parks

I've always had the sneaking suspicion that I was born too late. I'm madly attracted to older women. I'm fascinated with the seedier side of our herstory. I love it when women who came out in the bar culture tell me their stories and I do a slow melt just thinking about what it must have been like to be femme in those days, dancing cheek to cheek to a haunting tune on the jukebox with some bad-assed butch in dungarees. Sure, I know there were plenty of downsides to "being in the life", like not being able to be totally open about who you are, and hiding and having to play the game. I honestly don't think I could have lived such a double life. But I'll never know for sure. Still, from this safe distance, there's a sense of romance and danger to those days and something wonderfully exciting, erotic even, about all that secrecy and subterfuge. Perhaps that's why lesbian pulp novels still hold a fascination for all of us. And it's why Katherine V. Forrest's just released Lesbian Pulp Fiction: The Sexually Intrepid World of Lesbian Paperback Novels 1950-1965 is a welcome addition to writings about the pulp genre.

Reading this wonderful collection of selections from classic lesbian pulps is like finding buried treasure. Plenty of writings on the lesbian pulp phenomena have taught us about the lurid covers depicting overly eroticized predatory lesbians, the sin, suffer and repent plots demanded by God-fearing mainstream publishers. And the fact that, while many of these books became a literary refuge for underground lesbians, most were originally written for the titillation of heterosexual males. But Forrest is the first to stress just how well written many of these novels were, to point out how well developed the characters, how powerful the erotic elements and how the "deviant" love between women is often depicted as nurturing and fulfilling. As Forrest notes in her very learned introduction, while the jacket copy on the paperbacks may have enticed mainstream readers to enter a world of decadence and sexual perversity, the actual novels were far less sensational than their sales job, and far more positive and useful to closeted lesbians of the time than a cursory look might reveal. And she supports this unique approach to the pulps with a broad offering of selections from 21 popular lesbian pulps. Along with reclaimed writers, such as Vin Packer/Maryjane Meaker, Ann Bannon

and Valerie Taylor, Forrest also offers up chapters from Ann Herbert's Summer Camp, March Hastings' Three Women, Paula Christian's Twilight Girl and many other long out-of-print and hard-to-find treasures. Perhaps most importantly, her selections from the genre demonstrate the courage and cunning of pulp authors whom she suggests were more subversive than perverse, hiding in plain sight and propagating covert messages to the real "Twilight" girls through easily accessible popular paperbacks.

The end result is the realization that these supposedly tawdry dime novels exposed the seamy side of lesbian life to a straight audience were in reality laying the foundation of a lesbian subculture in a time when there was little chance for one to exist outside the bars and gay ghettos.

Lesbian Pulp Fiction is a wonderful and important book that looks at the pulps from a new point of view and adds much to our understanding of this time in our herstory.

Sacred Classic: Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth-Century America by Lillian Faderman

This important work takes its title from the pulps, and while its scope is much broader, it's the perfection companion read for Lesbian Pulp Fiction. Faderman's scholarly writing reads as smooth and compelling as a good novel and her subject -lesbianism in the 20th century- has the same kind of plot twists and great characters you'd expect from good fiction. Ironically, it demonstrates that attitudes about lesbianism have had little to do with lesbians themselves and related more to how much society needed its wives and mothers from one decade to another. Beginning with pre-Freudian romantic friends and ending with stories from our very recent past, Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers is a necessary read for anyone wanting to better know the richness of our ancestry and it should be gifted to every lesbian on the day of her coming out.

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Walker's Pint Auctions Off Staff To Fight Breast Cancer

By James A. Kuchta

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The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was founded on a promise made between two sisters - Susan Goodman Komen and Nancy Goodman Brinker. Suzy was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1978, a time when little was known about the disease and it was rarely discussed in public. Before she died at the age of 36, Suzy asked her sister to do everything possible to bring an end to breast cancer. Nancy kept her promise by establishing the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in

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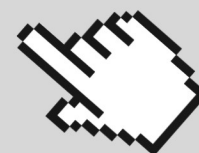


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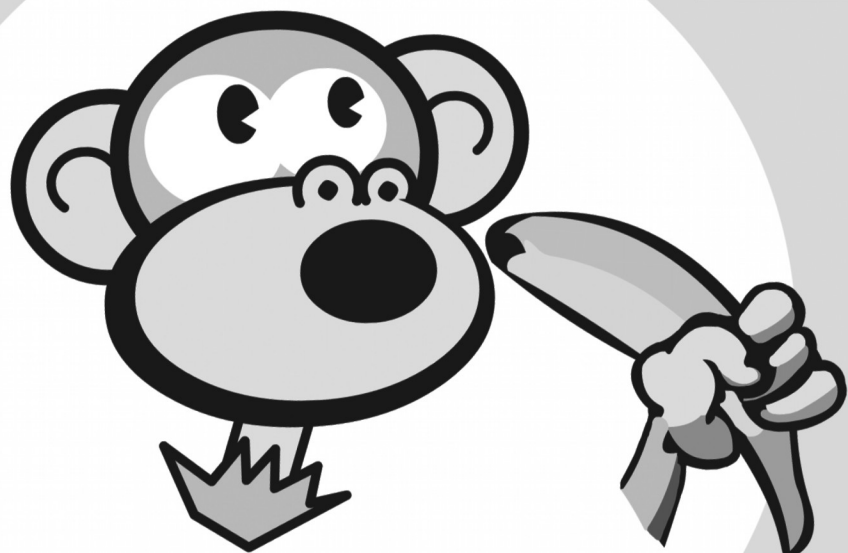
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Bare-Backing - "Tops" Are Becoming HIV+

By Conrad LeBeau

In accepting an offer from the editors of Outbound to write a monthly column on health issues, I had planned to write my first article and share my experiences on how I quit a 30 year smoking habit some 4 years ago. However, that will come later.

During a weekend in June, while attending a backyard barbecue with friends, I struck up a conversation with a friend in his 30's who told me he had unprotected anal sex for several months with another man who did not use condoms - a practice called bare-backing. The experience was total unprotected sex and he told me his friend climaxed inside of him. His "buddy" told him no condom was needed as he was an exclusive "top" and had never had sex as a bottom so he would not have to worry about HIV. For purposes of this article, I will call the top guy "Tom" and the bottom guy "Bob." Now Bob said that Tom had been "doing him" for about 6 months but he also had been servicing several other men as a "top" and never used condoms.

Then, about six weeks ago, as a routine matter, Tom got tested for HIV and was shocked to find out that he was HIV+. Follow up testing confirmed the diagnosis that he had been exposed to the virus that can eventually cause AIDS. Bob said that Tom could not understand how he got the virus or from whom. Several of his sex buddies have been tested to find out who is HIV+. All but one has turned up negative. The partner who tested positive could be the source of Tom's exposure to the virus.

Bob, who was upset by this news and concerned by his own health, imposed a moratorium on himself and stopped all sexual activity for the time being and had himself tested for HIV. So far, his first test, only 3 weeks after exposure, indicates he is negative. However, he is going for another test 6 weeks after the encounter in which he was exposed, so he is not out of the woods yet.

Since this has happened, Bob said he has learned of three more gay men in the Milwaukee area who were exclusive "tops" and were sexually active with friends. They never used condoms and now all three men are HIV positive, having apparently picked up the infection from their "bottom" partners. So much for the myth that "tops" cannot get HIV from their buddies whom they fuck. It is happening here and now and the truth needs to be made known.

Outside of Wisconsin, I have spoken with two other HIV+ persons, one from Illinois and one from San Francisco, in this past month who told me they got HIV infection by bare-backing and having anal sex as exclusive "tops" without using condoms or any antiviral lubricants. These HIV+ tops were having anal sex without any means of protection.

In Africa, women prostitutes who have AIDS have passed on the HIV virus to their heterosexual male clients. While it is believed that males who are HIV+ are more likely to pass the HIV virus to their female partners than vice versa, the infections can travel both ways where no effective barrier against the virus is used. Where sex in the raw is the norm, the transfer of HIV

and other infections from the passive partner to the active top partner continues unabated in heterosexuals, bisexuals and homosexuals. It is already well established that the infected giver of certain body fluids, blood, sperm and seminal fluid, to a person in the anus or vagina can easily transfer the infection.

Without a barrier as a condom or an effective antiviral lubricant, infections that can be picked up not only include HIV, but HCV and HBV (causing hepatitis), PAP, herpes and syphilis. The transfer of viral particles from the bottom partner to the top male may be due to the intensity of sex act itself where there is insufficient lubrication of the penis during intercourse and where the lubricant itself has no inherent antiviral or antimicrobial properties.

It has been reported in various sources that a person with a very low or non-detectable viral load is less likely to pass the infection on to a partner than someone with a high viral load (e.g. a PCR viral load over 100K). It is therefore logical to assume that the higher the viral load, the more infectious the blood and seminal fluid will become and the risk factor of transferring the infection would increase.

Oral sex - Is it safe to suck?

Extra protection with Listerine and Hydrogen Peroxide

Vazquez E. states in Positively Aware (1) that of 548,102 AIDS cases that have been recorded in the United States through 1996, only 17 cases have been linked to oral sex. That is one in 32000 episodes of oral sex. Because of so few documented cases of HIV transmission through oral sex, it is many times safer than anal sex with a condom and by a factor as high as 74 to one. This is

because 1 to 2% of all latex condoms break during either anal or vaginal sex. At two sexual episodes per week, an HIV+ top using a condom will likely infect an HIV- bottom within 6 to 12 months due to breakage of the condom. Comparatively speaking, while you could become HIV+ through anal sex with a condom in as little as 6 months, the same amount of sexual activity limited to oral sex only would take you 37 years to be infected.

There are only a handful of cases where HIV has been transmitted when oral sex has been used exclusively. Oral transmission can be caused by open sores or cuts in the mouth. While HIV transmission from oral sex is extremely low, F. Bouscarat writing in a French medical journal reports oral sexual activity can transmit genital herpes, gonorrhea and syphilis (2). It is always important to ask or know about the health status of any person with whom you want to engage in sexual activity of any type.

While saliva has an enzyme called lysozyme that inactivates the HIV virus(3, 4), it is prudent to not to accept sperm in the mouth and to rinse and gargle with effective antimicrobial mouth washes. As for mouth washes, there are plenty of products on the store shelves that can inactivate HIV and most other viruses. These include 3% hydrogen peroxide solution and Listerine(5). After

Background: Conrad LeBeau has been writing on health issues for the past 19 years. He has written a book on Bio-Oxidative Therapies, one on natural Remedies for Intestinal Health and last year co-authored the Immune Restoration Handbook with Mark Konlee that is published by Keep Hope Alive, a non-profit organization. He currently contributes articles to a quarterly report called the Journal of Immunity, an outreach publication dedicated to the study of nutritional and immune based therapies for HIV/AIDS, cancer, chronic fatigue syndrome, hepatitis and other conditions. The publication can be found online at keephopealive.org.

oral sex, consider swishing and gargling with a mouthful of hydrogen peroxide solution followed by rinsing the mouth with lukewarm water and then to follow that with by a mouthful of Listerine that you can swish and gargle with again. Using Listerine and hydrogen peroxide after oral sex gives you a common sense layer of extra protection. It is better to be safe than sorry. Never try oral sex if you have any open or bleeding mouth sores and never brush or floss or use hydrogen peroxide just before activity. Remember to be careful and that an ounce of prevention is always worth more than an pound of cure.

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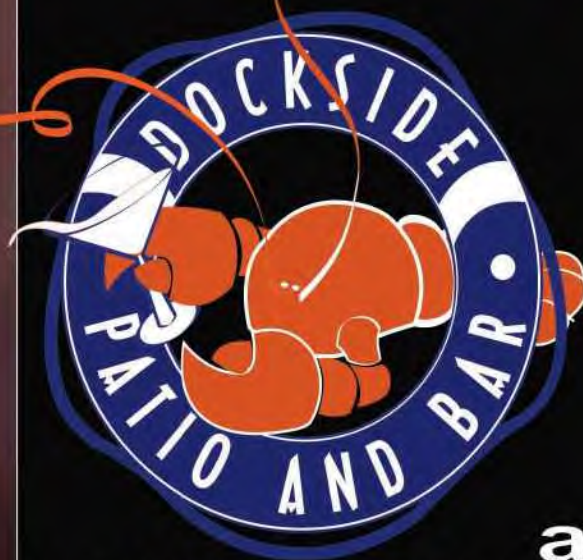


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"Naked Boys Singing" will be staged in the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center, 703 South 2nd Street in downtown Milwaukee.

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"SISTER'S BACK AND THAT IS VERY, VERY GOOD!" declare the critics about the LATE NITE CATECHISM sequel, LATE NITE CATECHISM 2

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MILWAUKEE, WI - The long awaited sequel to the comedy hit, *Late Nite Catechism* will be presented at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts in Vogel Hall September 27 through October 23.

The Los Angeles Times declares LATE NITE CATECHISM 2 "funnier than the original!" This time around Sister tackles sin and is the undisputed conqueror! Armed with banners, filmstrips, mimeographed handouts, historical facts and hysterical insights, she conducts her class into convulsions of laughter. Picking up where she left off in the original, Sister begins with an affectionate look at women's religious orders which leads to her own 'confession' about the goal of every nun - to get herself into heaven first and then bring along as many of the faithful as possible, thereby securing her own wings and possibly the salvation of countless others.

Now, in LATE NITE CATECHISM 2, it's up to Sister to save the souls of those assembled - AKA the audience! Beginning with an overview of heaven and hell as a Catholic version of Chutes and Ladders, she is soon offering her own suggestions for celebrities who might end up sharing digs with the devil, as

well as a list of new sins for the new millennium. (Needless to say bobble head dolls of the holy family is right near the top).

Maripat Donovan's LATE NITE CATECHISM 2 is 'blessed' with all the wit, wisdom and wackiness that made the original an international hit. "Who knew damnation could be so much fun!?" (LA Times). Join the 'flock'; see LATE NITE CATECHISM 2.

Sister will appear Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Saturday matinee at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Sunday, August 28 at noon and are \$32 and \$36 and are available by calling the Marcus Center Box Office at 414-273-7206 or through Ticketmaster at 414-276-4545 or by logging onto www.ticketmaster.com.

Groups of 15 or more should call (414) 273-7121 x210 for information and reservations.

The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts is partially funded by Milwaukee County.

Comedian Suzanne Westenhofer Performs in Milwaukee

Nationally-known stand-up comic Suzanne Westenhofer returns to Milwaukee this Fall. Sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance, Suzanne brings her unique brand of humor and fresh and provocative view of the world to the Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts at 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd. on Friday, September 23 at 8pm.

One of the first openly lesbian comedians to perform "gay" comedy to straight audiences in mainstream comedy clubs, Westenhofer appeared in 1991 on a ground-breaking episode of the "Sally Jesse Raphael Show" called "Breaking the Lesbian Stereotype . . . Lesbian Who Don't Look Like Lesbians." Says Suzanne, "I still get mail from people who tell me how much that show changed their lives. It changed mine, too."

Suzanne has appeared on "Comedy Central", "Evening at the Improv" and "Politically Incorrect" as well as starring in her own HBO special and producing award-winning CDs. Described as both the "girl next door" and a "brazen hussy", she's a quick-witted personality

whose material keeps changing - sometimes on the spot.

Tickets for the September 23 performance are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Outlets include the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center (315 W. Court St.), OutPost Foods (100 E. Capitol Dr. & 7000 W. State St.), Broad Vocabulary (2241 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.), OutWords Books (2710 N. Murray) and the LGBT Resource Center at UW-Milwaukee (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.).

Tickets can also be purchased through September 9 on-line by credit card at www.lesbianalliance.org or mail-in (include SASE) by check to LAMM, 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee 53212.

Suzanne's performance is co-sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center/UW-Milwaukee, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Q Life. ASL Sign Language Interpreter will be provided and special seating available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.



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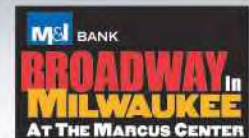
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Montreal Welcomes Gay & Lesbian Travelers

Mounties, mountains and maple leaves may be ubiquitous Canadian symbols worldwide, but the country is also recognized for its openness, acceptance and tolerance. The most recent illustration of these qualities-Canada became the third of only four countries in the world to legalize gay marriage.

Montreal, one of Canada's most cosmopolitan cities, boasts a vibrant gay and lesbian community, exuberant nightlife, incredible festivals, romantic ambiance and an incomparable joie-de-vivre, making it an attractive destination to travelers from all walks of life.

Montreal's thriving gay and lesbian community is one of the largest in the world per capita, estimated at 10 to 15 per cent of the city's population of three million.

The heart of this vibrant community, some 340,000 strong, is undoubtedly centred around what is fondly known as 'The Village'. With its colourful restaurants, unique bars and exotic clubs, not to mention drag show cabarets, The Village offers visitors an incomparable energy and atmosphere.

"One of the things that makes Montreal such a great city is the way it embraces all types of people and cultures," said Dimitri Antonopoulos, General Manager of Le Place d'Armes Hotel & Suites. "Montreal comes alive in the summer with world-class, unique festivals, and the gay and lesbian community especially puts on some incredibly dynamic events."

Montreal's vibrant GLBT events and festivities take place throughout the year. During the summer, Divers/Cite offers a seven day Pride Celebration, featuring indoor and outdoor events such as the Night Parade, Community Fair, Le Grand Bal Disco, La Grande Danse and more. In October, the Black & Blue Festival, one of the largest gay festivals in the northern hemisphere, offers a weeklong celebration of gay culture through social, cultural and sports events, and of course, its famous theme parties. (www.diverscite.org or www.bbcm.org)

In 2006, the international spotlight will be focused on Montreal as the city hosts the 1st World Outgames, a major athletic and cultural celebration bringing people together from all over the globe. The event, held from July 26 to August 5, is based on the principles of Participation and celebration, Respect and fairness, Innovation, Diversity and Empowerment (PRIDE). The weeklong

Outgames will comprise 35 sporting events and four cultural activities in venues around the city, including an international conference on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights entitled 'The Right to Be Different'. (www.montreal2006.org)

"We are extremely proud that Montreal will host the first-ever Outgames next



year. The celebration will be the largest cultural and sporting event the city has seen since the 1976 Olympics," said Jean-Yves Duthel, spokesperson for Montreal 2006. "We estimate the games will have approximately 16,000 participants, and that over 250,000 visitors will flock to Montreal for the event."

"Landing the 1st World Outgames is an incredible achievement for the city, and we're pleased to welcome organized GLBT groups or individual travelers from around the world," said Kevin Gillespie, General Manager of Hotel Nelligan. "Boutique hotels in particular are small and intimate, with personable staff providing a welcoming, homey environment that many travelers appreciate. And Hotel Nelligan's strategic location in Old Montreal puts visitors close to restaurants, attractions and the downtown core."

For visitors looking to kindle a little romance, Montreal is the perfect vacation spot. The city was named one of the top 10 romantic destinations for gay and lesbian couples, according to Gay.com, one of the largest Internet portals for the GLBT community.

"Romance is one of the things we do best," said Dina Antonopoulos, General Manager of the Auberge du Vieux-Port. "This 27-room inn is the location of numerous wedding proposals all year round, and we often have entire wedding parties staying here. Now that Canada has legalized gay marriage, I'm sure we're going to see even more engagements."

Dykapalooza Comes to NYC, Provincetown

By Angela D'Amboise

(Ventnor, NJ) - New Jersey writer, comedienne and theatre and stage technician Jeanie Antolini will bring her "one and a half" woman show Dykapalooza to the New York International Fringe Festival in August.

The show, which will run August 12-28, heads to New York following successful runs in Philadelphia and throughout New Jersey. A humorous exploration of human sexuality asking the question, 'Do we choose or are we chosen?', Antolini will follow the New York run with a performance at Provincetown's Fringe Festival Women's Week.

The New York International Fringe Festival (FringeNYC) is the largest multi-arts festival in North America, with more than 200 companies from all over the world performing for 16 days in more than 20 venues.

Antolini grew up in Atlantic City and briefly attended Philadelphia College of Art. She has been working in the theaters of Atlantic City since the early 1980's and currently lives with her partner and three cats on the waterfront in Ventnor, NJ.

For further information, please contact The New York International Fringe Festival at www.fringenyc.org or visit www.dykapalooza.com.

Disney Vacation Club says "Welcome Home" to GLBT members

Can you only travel gay if you are gay? Nope!
Travel in Disney Style

By Joe Kelly

American businesses are starting to notice that GLBT individuals and families are a powerful group of spenders.

The travel industry has noticed that we like to travel and will spend extra for welcoming accommodations. Orbitz.com nationally advertises to the GLBT demographic and supports the ads with a special set of WebPages. Companies like Atlantis Events cater directly by offering gay cruises and all-inclusive resort vacations.

There are mainstream vendors in the travel industry that want our money too. One of those opening the doors may be a surprise, Walt Disney World.

Walt Disney World is known for forward thinking and has been offering same-sex couples health and other benefits for years. There is also an annual event called Disney Gay Days the first weekend of June that attracts tens of thousands of GLBT people. While not presented or funded by Disney the event is openly welcome.

But a little known secret is how welcome GLBT families and individuals are as members of the Disney Vacation Club (DVC). The club works much like other timeshare programs but with the magic only Disney can offer. By joining, families can lock-in the cost of future accommodations at today's rates. Since Vacation Club accommodations are world class you simply cannot go wrong with this program....and remember....we are welcome!

When my partner and I attended a sales meeting we were excited to hear that we were not the first gay couple to inquire or purchase a membership. Our "guide"

seemed almost trained in speaking with GLBT couples. She spoke of others who had come before us and explained that she gets the same questions from all of us. To these questions she gave a simple....welcome home!

One of the ways DVC helps GLBT couples join is by writing the contracts with a right to survivorship. This way if something happens to one of you the other gains ownership without much fuss.

So why would a gay couple choose to join. There are many reasons! There are Disney Vacation Club resorts in Orlando Florida, Vero Beach Florida and Hilton Head Island South Carolina. Or you can exchange your DVC points for vacations in over 500 resorts throughout the world, many of which get great reviews from GLBT travelers. If choosing an Orlando vacation Walt Disney World has lots to do including Cirque du Soleil and great night life at Downtown Disney.

I have stayed in One DVC resort, my parents have stayed in three others and we are taking two trips this year using our membership. Accommodations are wonderful, staff and amenities and top notch and the magic of Disney is everywhere. There is even a website for gay members (unofficial) called gaydvc.com with more information and tips for GLBT members of the Disney Vacation Club.

Happy Traveling

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DEAR RUTHIE



ALRIGHT, listen up! My name is Ruthie, and I have something to ask: What the hell is going on in Milwaukee?

I know this isn't the sort of column people turn to for editorial crapola, but that's what you're gonna get this time!

I can't tell you how sick I am of turning on the local news or picking up a paper only to learn of another Milwaukee shooting. Worst of all, the majority of incidents involve kids and young adults. These kids aren't allowed to buy spray paint or certain over-the-counter drugs but they're roaming the streets, packing heat?

This newfound outburst of violence hit home recently. A friend of mine (a local bar owner) was the victim of a point-blank, near-fatal shooting. The rumor is that the gunman was well under the age of 18.

This was one of several shootings that very same night in the Milwaukee area. And a few days later, in what "The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel" called "a rash of unconnected violence," a 20-year-old and a 19-year-old were both shot to death. And between late July 4 and early July 5, 13 others were injured due to gun play, including a young teenager.

Homicides on the Rise

This is particularly discouraging since last year Milwaukee's homicide rate (88 people) was the lowest the city had seen in 16 years. By the end of June 2005, a total of 57 people were murdered in the city—an increase of 33% when compared to the same time period last year.

Perhaps most disturbing is that many of these tragedies stem from what seem to be minor altercations. A Milwaukee deputy police officer told reporters that much of the fighting is "so small and insignificant" that it's hard to understand how the arguments "escalated to a homicide."

Why are these minor arguments turning into bloodshed? Why are we losing patience with one another so easily? What are these young people so angry about?

While this column was surely inspired from the shooting of a friend, I've been concerned about this issue for awhile. In the end, I can't help but wonder if the problem isn't that we've become a society where each generation places less value on human life than the generation before it.

Prioritizing Our Values

We live in a society where items are more disposable than ever before, and each generation is more accustomed to

throwing things away. For instance, we seldom take our TVs down to the fix-it shop anymore. We think, "Why should we when we can just purchase a new television?" Will the next generation even know what a TV repairman is?

Obviously I'm not comparing televisions to human lives, but I'm wondering if we've inadvertently allowed this concept to cover too much ground? As sick as it sounds, is it possible that many of our young people have linked the "carefree ease" of disposability to human lives?

I fear that more and more young people simply don't value life as earlier generations did. Perhaps that's why guns are so quickly drawn. The stakes of human lives aren't as highly valued as they once were.

I'd like to add that I'm not saying this is a Milwaukee issue. (Cities our size have noted spikes in homicides this year, too.) I do wonder, however, if it's an American-thing, a human-thing or a generational-thing.

What Can We Do?

Right now, some of you are saying, "Ruthie's not telling me anything I don't already know." For that, I'm sorry. I wish I had more answers, but I don't.

I can tell you, however, that the Mayor, the police chief and several government agencies are working on this problem. Milwaukee has also seen heroic attempts by many communities to address violence. We've also seen more church groups, businesses and schools work together to stop the bloodshed and steer children in proper directions.

Maybe we shouldn't have giggled so much at Hilary Clinton when she suggest that it takes a village to raise a child. Maybe it's an ever-present sense of community that will set Milwaukee neighborhoods on a healthier path.

I attended a neighborhood rally recently. The group was tired of violence and rallied to end it. Even though I don't live in this community, the rally's spirit of change was infectious. People even brought their children, and an overwhelming feeling prevailed that change and peace is possible when we join forces, stare down fear and work together.

Can we return to a time when everyone believed that the most valuable, most irreplaceable thing in life is life itself? I truly hope so.

Have an opinion you'd like to share with Ruthie on this topic or another issue? Share it with her at Ruthie@dear-ruthie.com.

HOMOwners

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Even if you're fortunate enough to live in one of these states or municipalities, you may not be protected from all forms of discrimination. For example, while Maryland prohibits discrimination in housing, gay couples still face an unfair transfer and recordation tax. This past legislative session, a bill was passed that would have eliminated what is called the "gay tax" on homeownership by exempting committed same-sex couples from the taxes involved in transferring the title of a home owned by one member of a couple into both members' names. The Republican governor, Robert Ehrlich, vetoed the bill, along with another that would have created a statewide a registry of life partners granting eleven rights dealing with health care and end-of-life arrangements, most of which cannot be achieved through advance directive, power of attorney, or will.

But what if, like Jon and I, you decide to make the leap to homeownership in the face of discrimination. What should you be looking for?

#1: Gay or Gay-friendly Realtor
Your first step will be to find a gay or gay-friendly realtor. You want someone who will understand your circumstances and lifestyle. This may be easier than you think, thanks to the services of online referral services like GayRealEstate.com or HomeLounge.com. Our agent, while straight, was not narrow. He treated us like any other young couple searching for their first home.

#2: Your Dream House
Once you have a realtor, be sure to tell him or her exactly what you are looking for. Don't be afraid to be specific, but also be realistic. If you have a list of twenty things you're looking for in a house, what are the chances of finding one with all twenty? You may have to decide what you can and can't live without. For instance, Jon and I wanted an older, two-story house with a big backyard for entertaining, preferably in the country. Unfortunately, there wasn't much

that fit that description that fell within our price range. When we were shown the house we ended up making an offer on, it was perfect except for the fact that it wasn't in the country. We decided that the gorgeous hardwood floors outweighed the in-town setting.



#3: Location, Location, Location
When you find a house you like, be sure to look into the location. Will it be a safe area for a gay couple

to live in? Get a crime report from the police department (or online if it's available). Talk to your potential neighbors. Educate yourself about the area. More and more gay couples are moving out of traditionally gay neighborhoods. We were a little wary of the area our house was located in... until we

talked to the neighbors. A fifteen minute conversation with the lady next door really eased our minds.

While there are no Federal protections, fourteen states and the District of Columbia have passed laws that provide civil rights protections -- including protection from discrimination in housing -- for gay, lesbian, and bisexual people.

#4: Protection
Once you've found the right home in the right neighborhood, don't forget to get the right protections. There is much complicated, additional legal work required to ensure the survivorship rights of both partners in the event of breakup or death. I know, this isn't what you want to be thinking about

in the midst of such a joyous occasion, but you need to plan ahead for all possibilities. In addition to certain title provisions, other legal documents may be needed. Be sure to consult an agent experienced in such areas, or find a good attorney knowledgeable in LGBT law.

Now that all that's out of the way, it's time to start planning your housewarming party. Be sure to invite everyone you know. You get more presents that way.

Man Jailed for Head-Butting DJ Playing 'Gay' Music

By **Ross von Metzke**

(London, UK) - As reported by Gay.com.uk, a British man has been sentenced to spend three months behind bars after attacking a nightclub DJ for playing what the attacker alleged was a "gay" anthem.

Forty eight year-old Roy Nash attacked DJ Andrew Cleeson after he began playing the Wham hit "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go" at the popular Dorset club.

According to The Sun newspaper, Nash told club-goers he took offense at the song because he believed it made the club sound like a "gay" night. Wham lead singer George Michael is openly gay.

Nash had previously complained about the music to club promoters, claiming that much of it was too gay. The club DJ said he was spinning a variety of hits from the last three decades.

In the attack, Cleeson's nose was broken and he required medical treatment.

He said he had been aware of Nash at previous events, where he had taken offence to David Bowie songs, saying they were "too gay" to be played in the club either.

"All I was doing was putting on requests that tend to be ones that everybody knows," Cleeson told the newspaper. "But when I played 'Wake Me Up Before You Go Go', he got up and head butted me."

Nash admitted to the attack before he was sentenced.

Nash's defense blamed the violent outburst on too much alcohol, which "brings out the worst in him."

FYI

By **Ross von Metzke**

(Chicago, IL) - The parents of fallen soldiers and war veterans

stood alongside Ald. James Balcer Monday to publicly denounce the actions of an anti-gay religious group that holds rallies at soldiers' funerals.

Standing before the eternal flame in Daley Plaza, Balcer, who represents the 11th Ward, called the actions of members of Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas "hateful."

"We believe these protesters have stooped as low as possible," he said. "Those who are protecting our nation provide the fundamental right of the 1st Amendment. But to protest at funerals is wrong."

One of the parents, Jim Frazier - whose son Jacob was killed in Afghanistan in 2003 - spoke at the news conference, saying American families had the right to bury their loved ones in peace.

"Our freedom of speech is the cornerstone of what makes America great and

fighting, a second perpetrator hit him in the head from behind.

The perpetrators fled.

It happened so fast that neither the victim, who was treated and released for face and head injuries at St. Vincent's Hospital, nor his friend were able to describe the attackers to investigators.

Soldiers' Parents Denounce Anti-Gay Funeral Demonstrators

must be maintained" Frazier said. "But as a society of compassionate human beings, we can and should vehemently, and I mean vehemently, reject the abuse and fraudulent use of our most fundamental right."

The protest group has grabbed attention across the country by showing up at memorial services and shouting anti-gay slurs while holding brightly colored signs with slogans that read "God hates you" and "Thank God for dead soldiers."

Shirley Phelps-Roper, one of the church's 100 members and the daughter of its founder, Rev. Fred Phelps, said they picket at soldiers' memorial services to deliver their message, which is that America is doomed.

She said they single out military funerals because soldiers, like all Americans, have been taught to accept homosexual behavior, as well as other sinful acts. Rev. Phelps has long been an anti-gay demonstrator. He is best known in the gay community for picketing at Matthew Shepherd's funeral.

Balcer announced he plans to introduce a resolution in the Chicago City Council denouncing the group.

Colorado DA Won't Press Hate Crime Charges in Gay Man's Slaying

By **Ryan Trundle**

(Montrose, CO) - Montrose County prosecutors said they will not pursue hate crime charges in the slaying of an openly gay man, a move that has Colorado gay rights activists disappointed and wanting answers. Todd Fiske and Adam Hernandez were advised of several new charges facing them this week, including conspiracy to commit robbery and intimidating a witness or victim. But an anticipated hate crime charge was not read.

Those new charges are in addition to first-degree homicide charges filed Friday in connection with the killing of 36-year-old Kevin Hale.

Hale had told police he was being threatened because he was gay. His body was found in a town park July 30.

Assistant District Attorney Mark Adams said pursuing the case as a hate crime, which can enhance a sentence, could happen later. In the mean time, prosecutors were seeking to have Fiske and Hernandez held without bail.

The Colorado Anti-Violence Program and Western Equality, two Western

Slope groups, said the enhanced penalty is not the reason they are asking prosecutors to seek the hate crime aspect of the case.

"We are asking the DA to do this because violence targeting members of specific communities has a significant ripple effect," said Avy Skolnik of the Colorado Anti-Violence Program. "These crimes send messages to other (LGBT) people that they are not safe in the world."

Tammy Gonzales, Hale's former wife, said Hale told her he was worried someone was trying to kill him. The two divorced in 1997 when Hale announced he was gay. The couple have a 13-year-old son.

Hernandez has previous convictions for criminal mischief and violating a restraining order, according to Montrose County court records. Hernandez had also been arrested four times for petty theft or shoplifting, according to the newspaper which reviewed police records.

Fiske has no prior record of arrest by the Montrose Police Department.

NYC Gay Man Attacked Walking to Nightclub

By **Ross von Metzke**

(New York, NY) - A gay man was verbally assaulted and then severely beaten early Sunday morning on his way to the Roxy in Manhattan's Meat Packing district, police reported Monday.

The man was walking to the popular nightclub, which is gay on Saturdays, with a male friend when they were

approached by two men. The first man yelled an anti-gay slur, and then both perpetrators assaulted the pair, according to police. It is one of two attacks from Sunday which the Police Department says they are investigating as possible hate crimes.

Neither the victim, who is black, or his friend, who is white, were identified by police. The nightclub was hosting a

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Cordially Yours

By Michael Johnston

And now once again it's "Cordially Yours,."

In my continuing effort in profiling people who are making a difference, allow me an opportunity to let you get to know Joe Pabst -- a little more than you already do. "A Portrait of a Philanthropist: Joseph R. Pabst".

Cordially Yours: What provoked you to form your own charitable foundation?

Joe Pabst: First of all -- it's a fund, within a foundation, The Greater Milwaukee Foundation. One of the things that brought about the desire was that I often make gifts with stock. Smaller organizations that I maybe particularly interested in didn't always have brokerage accounts. I needed a way to sensibly transfer stock into cash. So it seemed a good way to do it and The Greater Milwaukee Foundation has been very helpful.

C.Y.: The times that we now live in have been referred to as the "Me Generation," how is it you still continue with the "old school" notion of noblesse oblige?

J.P.: I'm certainly a product of the "Me Generation," too! But, I think I feel a serious responsibility, on some level, to give back to the community. Focus your interest, you can't give to everything. Those things I fund are of interest to me. Few people -- if any at all, can give to everything. I am very focused within animal welfare concerns and most recently LGBT community concerns.

C.Y.: What is the most difficult aspect of running your philanthropic agency?

J.P.: All the requests! Where to draw the line... I wish I could do more.

But you have to draw the line, be very discerning.

C.Y.: What is the greatest joy in running your own fund?

J.P.: Greater joy, however small, I made some life better. Letting a project move on with less burden. Let them do what they do... a greater freedom. For instance, I contribute to Men's Voices Milwaukee (MVM) allowing them to focus on music, singing, performances, not fund raising -- making money. They work hard with practice sessions, sectionals... Do they have time with the rest of their lives to raise money?

C.Y.: Are all the causes you endow -- of the Gay nature?

J.P.: No, a few that aren't: "Pets Helping People" animals visiting hospitals, hos-

pices, facilities for the challenged -- whatever that challenge may be. The Ozaukee Humane Society, "Horses With Heart" in Arizona and various wildlife agencies. In a very small way -- whatever small way may mean.

C.Y.: What are the responsibilities of the fortunate recipients of your gifts?

J.P.: Gifts are restricted to specific areas of an agency, where it can best be utilized. I don't have the funds to say "do whatever you want".

C.Y.: Do you monitor or keep tabs on where and how your funds are utilized?

J.P.: Yes -- to some extent. I'll ask for the financials. I don't lord over my giving. Everything has it's limits. Making sure the gift is being used correctly and wisely.

C.Y.: You promote the idea, that everyone can have their own charitable fund. It is more important that you GIVE, than the AMOUNT. Could you explain your theory?

J.P.: With my Fund - I'm very fortunate to work with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. There are economic entry levels -- from acorn level building up on it - even small, fosters good. An entity that does good after your gone. A legacy. This way, you're insuring your interest are taken care of.

C.Y.: Where do you see the future of your fund? (Your goals for it --)

J.P.: I hope it grows, funding more things. It's exciting to see it grow. To have it's capacity to take on a life of it's own.

C.Y.: How do you see our Community, as far as Contributors?

J.P.: I think it's fractured. I admire the Heavy Hitters and we all know who they are. I'd like to see more from all sections, even the \$5. - \$10. gifts. Giving is more important than financial gain and trappings. We all want more -- it's only human. Money doesn't buy happiness, it makes your existence easier. Keeping in mind, what is for the greater good.

C.Y.: What are your "Pet Causes" and Concerns?

J.P.: Animals and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual Issues -- seeking only to help LGBT causes that affects the ENTIRE community. Gays AND Straights - all embracing. MVM - serves the whole community. Their audiences are made up of: young, old, gay, straight, rich, poor, men, women...

C.Y.: On a personal level -- You are seen as a "Man about town", as quite the "Party Animal," "Circuit Boy" - I think sharing your reality side with the Community allows them the complete picture. Would you care to share a day in the life...

J.P.: I have no idea I'm seen as those -- Certainly not a "Circuit Boy"! "Man about town," Bon Vivant - perhaps, I'm extremely private. I like to have fun -- who doesn't? My days are often quite wonderful! I wake up thinking, planning -- how to make it so. I love walking my dog, Fuzzy - age 11. Alterra Coffee - religiously, bike rides, I love restaurants, my friends, small dinners at my friend's homes.

C.Y.: Out of all the places you could reside in the world, you choose Milwaukee - may I ask why?

J.P.: It's apparent, my family connection. I have lived in Arizona, New York, Chicago I choose Milwaukee to get in touch with my roots. It's this community that provides me, with my life. I was born in Arizona, Prep Schools out East, NYC with my Grandmother in the 80's. Many life experiences... Nothing ever felt like "HOME."

C.Y.: You are an Heir to a highly regarded family in these parts, an envious lineage, pedigree if you will -- how

do you deal with that kind of accountability?

J.P.: Questionable envious lineage? Like Kleenex! Double-edged sword. Unfair perceptions. An Heir that shares with many, many others! I am the Great, Great Grandson of: Capt. Frederick Pabst, August Uihlein and Fred Vogel. They all worked VERY hard, from humble beginnings to make a contribution. You should never hide where you come from -- have a respect for your family. Accountability, assumptions -- people think I have a fabulous life with no worries. Everyone has worries, gut-wrenching difficulties, pain, loss -- that's life. Great wealth, great tragedy, great pain. How much you have -- tragedy, sorrow - - it happens to all of us!

C.Y.: Was it difficult for your family to accept you? Was it difficult for you to accept them?

J.P.: I occasionally spar with my family. Brought up absolutely average-like everyone else, life lessons -- low key. Not hiding who I am, what I do, I tend to be more reactionary -- my family is very conservative. I'm a button pusher. Mutual power -- always Love! Parents never wish to have a Gay child. The pitfalls, the pain - they want you at a better place. I didn't come out to them until I had a person in my life -- and wanted to share it all! My Father -- wanted his children to be happy.



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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

BWMT-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 091475, Milwaukee, WI 53209, <http://members.aol.com/bwmtmilwaukee/>, (414) 540-9437, ext 3

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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.creamcitychorus.org/>, (414) 276-8787

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

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Firebirds (L/L group), P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159

Front Runners (running group), (414) 332-1527

G/L Community Trust Fund, P.O. Box 1686, 53201, (414) 643-1652

Galano Club (chemical free recovery club), 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212, www.galanoclub.org, E-mail: mail@galanoclub.org, (414) 276-6936

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

Gay Straight Alliance (Waukesah 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

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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

Midwest Prairie Faeries (Radical Faerie Group in Madison) prairiefaeries@earthling.net, (608) 246-8515

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 Pride Parade, Inc., P.O. Box 1461, Brookfield, WI 53008 <http://www.PrideParadeMKE.com> (414) 915-3806

Milwaukee Symphony Chorus, (414) 559-9330

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

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

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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

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/anonymously), (800) 334-AIDS

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

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